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#### From the Superintendent's Desk

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The start of a new school year brings some unknowns and questions. Will I do well in my classes? Will I find a good friend to sit with at lunch? Will my team win this season? Will I find my locker on the first day of school?

These questions may change a bit depending on your age or your personality, but the "what if" questions of life can bring uncertainty and sometimes even fear. What if I cannot find my locker? What if I do not make a friend? What if.....

But what I have found in my life is that the Lord wants me not to focus on the "what if" questions, but instead focus on the "why not" questions. Why not make this the best school year? Why not make lots of new friends? Why not do your best in each class? Why not live wholly for the Lord?

In fact, the Lord speaks to His people in Deuteronomy 31:5b-8, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

You see, the Lord was saying to His people, "Why not"- Why not trust Me? Why not be strong and courageous? Why not conquer the land the Lord has promised?

The Lord, Yeshua, the God of promise, the God of eternity, says to you today, "Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. I am with you and I walk before you. I will not forsake you. And now, do My work." Walk in the "why not" of your day and not in the "what if".

The Lord will give you the strength and provision to do His good work. What grace!

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Psalm 31:24

## **August**

Aug 6-7	<b>Book Covering Session</b>	
Aug 6-12	Teacher In-service	

Aug 12 Back to School Tea<mark>cher Meet & Greet</mark>
Aug 13 1st Day of High School; Noon Dismissal

Aug 14 1st Day of K-8; Noon Dismissal, HS Full Day

Aug 15 1st Day of Pre-School
Aug 15- 16 High School Retreat
Aug 16 1st Day of Pre-K

Aug 19 Kindergarten Begin Full Days

Aug 20 Picture Day
Aug 22 PTF Social

Aug 23 Middle School Retreat

## September

Sep 2 No School, Labor Day

Sep 3 Midterm

Sep 9 Midterm Grades Out

Sep 9 Parent Meeting, 7pm

#### **Notes from the Front Office:**

We will begin serving Hot Lunch on Thursday, August 15th!

Orders for August are due in the Family Portal by Thursday, August 8th.

Payments for lunches are due the first day of school; we operate on a pre-pay basis only. Please note, there has been a small increase in the cost of both hot lunches and milk.



Stay connected with your Cornerstone family by following our social media page:

<u>Cornerstone Facebook Page</u>





#### August 12th

Back to School "Teacher Meet and Greet"

On Monday, August 12 from 4-6pm the school is hosting a time to come and meet your teacher!

One of the trademarks for Cornerstone and the blessing of our families is your commitment to volunteering at the school.

Please sign up HERE if you'd like to help us out
this year as a Lunch, Recess or Morning Greeter
Volunteer.
Thank you!

### 2024-2025 Cornerstone Christian School

#### **Theme Verse:**

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#### **CORNERSTONE'S**

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT \*

# Kelly White First Grade Teacher

Mrs. White grew up in a small Nebraska town called Brainard where she had a graduating class of 29, so Cornerstone has a familiar feeling to her, community. Kelly's family has been at Cornerstone for 5 years. She has worked for the school the last 2 years as a para and this year will be her first-year teaching 1st grade. To get to this point has been a true God story! Through the summer, she spent a lot of time organizing her room and is so excited to have students learning, building friendships, and deepening their faith.

She and her husband, Dana, have been married for 17 years. All four of their children attend Cornerstone. Olivia (17) a junior, Sully (14) a freshman, Bennett (11) sixth grade, and Cora (6) a first grader. They spend a lot of time in the bleachers cheering on their favorite athletes. Olivia participates in volleyball and the 2x state champion cheer team. Sully plays football, basketball, and archery. Bennett plays flag football, basketball, and archery. Cora is very creative, and they constantly have art supplies out at home.

During downtime, Kelly enjoys baking and gardening. As a family, they like to hike, play board games or cards, puzzles, and snuggle up for a movie night. Once a year, the White family tries to take a little trip to see a new part of the country. They have attended Lifegate Church for the last 8 years. This is where Kelly has deepened her own faith and continue to learn who our God is and how much He loves us.

**Favorite Scriptures:** 

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions- it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your hear and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12: 29-31





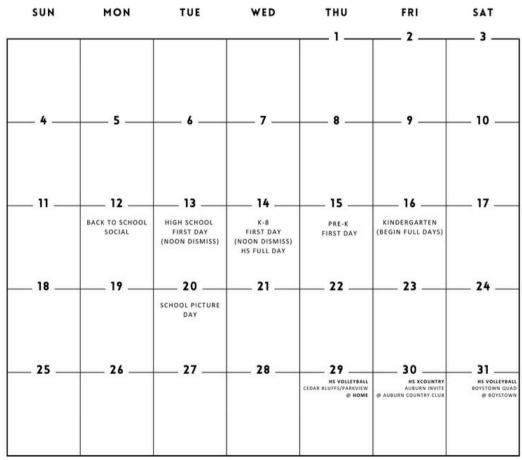
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