

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100 ESV

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From the Superintendent's Desk

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*Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head*

*The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

The Christmas season brings the sweet strains of many beloved Christmas carols including many beautiful songs that we recall from youth. As children, we sang the simple yet profound truths of Christmas within the carols, songs of the "good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

In addition to the beautiful Christmas carols, comes the wonderful scents and smells that are part of our holiday traditions. It may be the fragrance of a fresh cut tree, the scent of hot mulled cider, and the aroma of gingerbread and sweet treats. But what scent was on Mary's mind as she recalled that first Christmas morning? It was not the fragrance of fresh pine or even cinnamon rolls, it was the odor of cattle, straw, and perhaps the smoke of a small fire. She welcomed the Messiah into a Bethlehem stable, cradling the Creator and King of Kings to her heart.

Within Scripture, the Lord has spoken of scents, aromas, and fragrances when we are instructed to "spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him as we walk through our daily lives, appointed by the Lord as men of sincerity, commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ."

II Corinthians 2:17

This Christmas season, as commissioned and appointed by God, spread the aroma, the scent, the fragrance of Christ to your world. Be to those around you the sweet aroma that draws them to His heart of love and grace. But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. II Corinthians 2:14-15

DECEMBER

Dec 5 K-5 Christmas Program
Dec 11 MS/HS Christmas Program
Dec 19 Second Quarter Ends
Dec 22-31 No School; Christmas Break

JANUARY

Jan 1-5 No School; Christmas Break
Jan 6 Grades Sent Home
Jan 19 No School; M.L. King Day



Notes from the Front Office:

you're invited

2025 CCS Christmas Programs

Elementary Christmas Program
Friday, December 5th at 7pm

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Middle and High School Christmas Program
Thursday, December 11th at 7pm

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Location: Bellevue Christian Center



INCLEMENT WEATHER: SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Cornerstone follows the Bellevue Public School District in the closing of school due to inclement weather and icy roads. A parent alert text or email will be sent to communicate all snow days.





IN THE CLASSROOM



3rd Grade Derby!

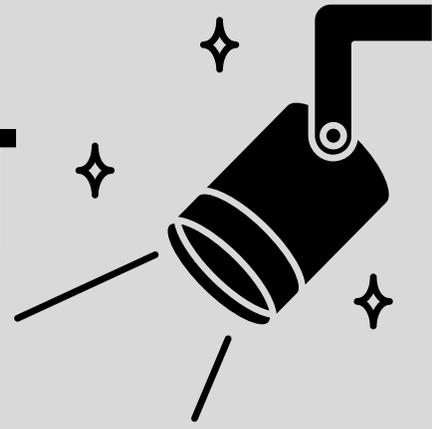


It's Derby time for our third graders! Third Graders spent time creating derby cars. The students voted for best design and Parents were invited to come and see the derby cars race for the fastest car!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jaclyn Therkildsen *Art Teacher*



CCS welcomed a new art teacher this year, Mrs. Therkildsen. Both originally from Omaha, Jaclyn and her husband, Chance, have known each other since their elementary school years. They married and together have two children. When it came time to choose a school for her own children, Mrs. Therkildsen was drawn to Cornerstone because of its strong alignment with their family values. The school's commitment to excellence in all areas—including discipleship—has continued to stand out to both Jaclyn and her husband.

Mrs. Therkildsen now serves as Cornerstone's Pre-K through high school art teacher. With a background in art education, she hopes to inspire students in the same way her own art teachers inspired her. Before joining Cornerstone, she spent several years as a stay-at-home mom and worked in various creative roles, including dance instruction and annual design. Eventually, she felt called to serve the Cornerstone community not only as a parent, but also as a teacher and now an archery coach.

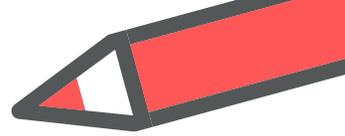
Her husband, Chance, is a crane operator with American Crane and also volunteers as an archery coach at Cornerstone. Together, their family enjoys spending time outdoors whenever they can.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 ESV

*DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING,
BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND
SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET
YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO
GOD.*





STUDENT GALLERY



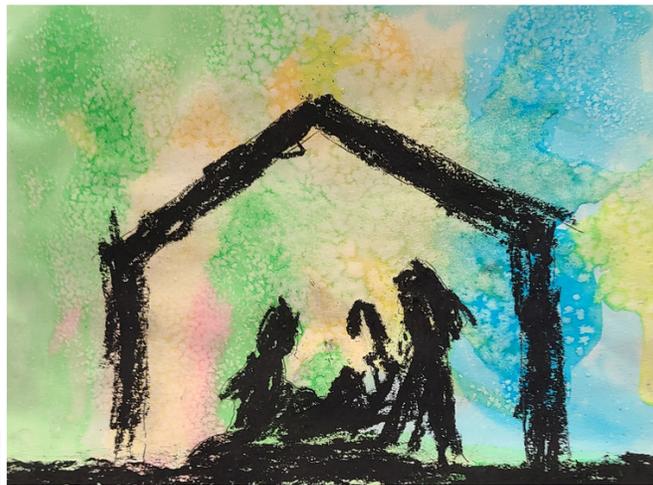
1st graders working on Kusama dot painting



Dinos



Nativities



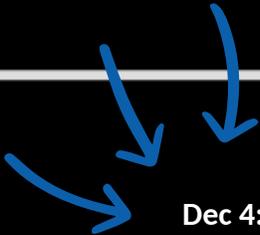


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PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our annual Thanksgiving Meal Lunch a success!





- Dec 4:** HS Boys Bball vs Brownell, JV@5:15pm V@7pm
- Dec 9:** HS Boys Bball vs Mead, JV@5:15pm V@7pm
- Dec 15:** HS Boys Bball vs College View Academy, TBA
- Dec 19:** HS Boys Bball vs Wahoo Bishop Neumann, JV@5:15pm V@7pm
- Dec 20:** HS Boys Bball JV Tournament, TBA
HS Boys Bball vs Shelby Rising City, V@3:30pm



DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Advent Calendar

Lauren Ibach & PAPER PEONY PRESS



1 THE GOSPEL Genesis 1:1-2 John 1:1-5	2 THE GOSPEL John 1:9-14	3 THE GOSPEL Colossians 1:15-23	4 THE GOSPEL Ephesians 2:1-10	5 THE GOSPEL John 3:16-21
6 THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6	7 THE GOSPEL Romans 15:13	8 FULFILLED PROPHECY Genesis 3:12-15 Hebrews 2:14 1 John 3:8	9 FULFILLED PROPHECY Genesis 12:1-3 Matthew 1:1	10 FULFILLED PROPHECY Genesis 49:10 Hebrews 7:14
11 FULFILLED PROPHECY 2 Samuel 7:12-13 Isaiah 9:7 Luke 1:31-33	12 FULFILLED PROPHECY Psalm 2:7 Psalm 89:26-27 Hebrews 1:1-5	13 FULFILLED PROPHECY Isaiah 40:3-5 John 1:6-7 Luke 3:2-6	14 FULFILLED PROPHECY Isaiah 7:14 Matthew 1:23	15 FULFILLED PROPHECY Jeremiah 31:15 Matthew 2:16-18
16 FULFILLED PROPHECY Hosea 11:1 Matthew 2:13-15	17 FULFILLED PROPHECY Micah 5:2-5 Matthew 2:6 John 7:42	18 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 1:26-35	19 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 1:46-55	20 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:1-7
21 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Luke 2:8-21	22 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Matthew 2:1-12	23 THE CHRISTMAS STORY Matthew 2:13-23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Galatians 4:4-5 Hebrews 2:9 2 Corinthians 8:9	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Isaiah 9:6-10

QUESTIONS FOR JOURNALING & PERSONAL REFLECTION

- 1) What attribute or truth about God stands out to me in this passage?
- 2) How does this passage impact humanity or me personally today?