



4TH GRADE JERUSALEM PROJECT



Our 4th graders will be sharing the joy of Christmas by delivering cookies and Christmas cards to our Cornerstone neighbors **today, December 13.**

COMBINED CHAPEL & COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Parents, mark your calendars! Combined Chapel/Coffee Connections is **this Monday, December 16.** Coffee Connections starts at 8:00 AM in the Forum Room. Drop off the kids, and come down for some coffee, light refreshments, and a great time to meet new friends and catch up with the old ones! Combined Chapel (all school) begins at 9:20 AM in the gym that day. Join us as we worship together as a school in this once-a-month Combined Chapel.



EE-5TH GRADE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

It's a big night for our lower school students **Monday, December 16!** Fourth grade String Club will open the program with their prelude at 5:45. Early Ed will sing at 6:00 immediately followed by the lower school Christmas program presented by grades K-4 and the 5th grade choir students. At 7:00 5th grade music, band, and string students will perform. We invite all parents, grandparents, and friends to join us for this great celebration of the Christmas story!



Sounds of the Season

CHAOS OPEN GYM

All 6th-8th grade students are invited to the Open Gym at Cornerstone **Saturday, December 14, from 7-9 PM.** Activities include light refreshments, games, and plenty of FUN! Questions? Contact **Angie Halvorsen.**

School will dismiss Friday, December 20, at 12:00 PM and resume Monday, January 6.



A WORD FROM MR. PAVEY

Please join me in wishing the best to our Director of Advancement, Danielle Garey, who has made the decision to leave Cornerstone at the end of this semester after eight years of excellent service. Danielle has served with distinction at Cornerstone since 2011 during which time she has served as a first grade teacher, Director of Admissions, and, most recently, Director of Advancement. In her role as Director of Advancement, Danielle has been responsible for new programs including the Family Referral Incentive Program while continuing to promote business partnerships within the community. Additionally, Mrs. Garey has helped guide the school through the adoption of significant, positive changes in the student assistance program and extended excellent care to our donors and families.

Although we are sad to see Danielle go, I am pleased to inform you that God, as always, has gone before us and provided an excellent candidate to replace her. Ciara Corley joined the Cornerstone staff last spring to fill an immediate need for an office receptionist. She has been a wonderful addition to Cornerstone and learned the job very quickly. When Danielle's decision to leave was announced, Ciara immediately inquired about the job responsibilities and qualifications. She felt God was calling her to a new, even more challenging role at Cornerstone. She will begin training for her new role immediately and will assume the position after Christmas break. Mrs. Corley and her husband, Todd, have three children-all attending Cornerstone: Campbell, 2nd grade, and Monroe and Truman, both Early Ed students.



HANDICAP PARKING REMINDER

Please do not leave your vehicle unattended behind those parked in the designated Handicap parking area. Visitors have been unable to leave due to this. Thanks!

SEMESTER EXAMS

High school students will follow a special Exam Week Schedule **December 16-20**, which was emailed earlier. Please be sure your student gets plenty of rest during exam week.

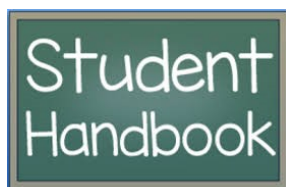


Regarding Driving: While Cornerstone is a closed campus, we do allow students to leave during Exam Week if they have completed testing for the day. **If students plan to leave and return to campus later in the day, written parental permission is required.**

Students are not allowed to transport other students away from and back to school, unless parental permission has been secured prior to departure from campus.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

All requests to change student schedules must be made within the first week of classes at the beginning of each semester. A Schedule Change Request form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Students submit completed request forms to the office and must report to assigned classes until they receive notice of approval. (pg. 19 of the Parent/Student Handbook)



CORNERSTONE STADIUM SEATS

Many of you have been asking about Cornerstone stadium (bleacher) seats. As a minimum order of 10 is required before we can purchase these, we are creating a pre-order list. Please contact the office, if you would like to be included in this list. These stadium seats can be safely used on our bleachers and will provide great support during games! The seats sell for \$45 each.

STAFF EXTRAVAGANZA

An annual event you won't want to miss! Join us on the last day before Christmas Break as the Cornerstone staff appears in ways you've never seen them during the Staff Extravaganza. The fun begins at **10:30 AM Friday, December 20**, in the gym! Dismissal will immediately follow.



DOUBLE YOUR GIVING

State Farm and COUNTRY Financial will match employee contributions to Cornerstone. December 31 is the deadline to make your donation to be included as a Charitable Contribution in your 2019 tax return.

Those of you working toward your State Farm Good Neighbor Grant of 40 volunteer hours must complete that by December 31 as well.

We are grateful these opportunities are available as another way the Lord provides for His school.

Thank you for taking advantage of these programs. Please contact our **Advancement Office** for more information.

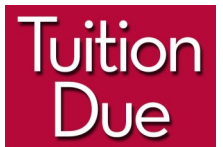


GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!

We still have some stylin' Cornerstone cell phone ring stands available for sale in the office. Get yours today for only \$5 each.

SEMESTER TUITION

Second semester tuition payments are due January 1. In order to be included in the 2019 tax year, *checks must be dated and received no later than December 31.*



For your convenience, we are happy to accept post-dated checks prior to Christmas Break. For the exact amount due, please refer to the statement emailed earlier this week. Questions? Contact **Mrs. Mettrick** in Student Accounts.

JH SCHOLASTIC BOWL

All 5-8th grade students (and their parents), interested in Scholastic Bowl are invited to the informational meeting **Tuesday, December 17 at 3:40** in the library. Please contact **Mrs. Weller** if you have any questions.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for your participation in this semester's literacy event, The Arctic Adventure Book Fair. An incredible 907 books were purchased. Thanks also to the parents and staff who worked so hard to make our event a success. Not only were all of those books placed in the hands of students, but our library will gain many new books as well. We hope you all enjoy curling up with a good book over Christmas break!



CORNERSTONE PRAYER CIRCLE

Would you like to pray for Cornerstone but don't know where to start? Or, do you already pray but would enjoy the company of others who pray for the school? Join the moms who meet **every Wednesday morning at 8:15** to pray in the Conference Room. No one is required to pray aloud and everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact **Sandi Shearin**.



COMING UP.....

Friday (12/13) 4th Grade Jerusalem Project; Creators Club 3:30pm; JH Boys Basketball vs Trinity Lutheran @ Bloomington 6:00pm; HS Boys Basketball vs Roanoke-Benson @ Roanoke 6:00pm

Saturday (12/14) HS Boys Basketball (Freshman) vs Heyworth @ Home 10am; CHAOS Open Gym 7:00pm

Monday (12/16) Coffee Connections 8:00am; Combined Chapel 9:20am; HS Semester Exams; EE-5th Christmas Program 5:45pm

Tuesday (12/17) HS Semester Exams; JH Scholastic Bowl Meeting 3:40pm; HS Boys Basketball vs Calvary Christian @ Home 5pm; HS Girls Basketball vs Calvary Christian @ Home 6:30pm (Not-So-Silent Christmas Apparel Night!)

Wednesday (12/18) Prayer Circle 8:15am; HS FCA 7:20-7:50am; HS Semester Exams

Thursday (12/19) HS Semester Exams; JH Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's @ Home 6:00pm (Ugly Sweater Night!); HS Boys Basketball vs Arthur-Okaw @ Arthur 5:00pm; HS Girls Basketball vs Arthur-Okaw @ Arthur 6:30pm

Friday (12/20) HS Semester Exams; Staff Extravaganza 10:30am; Early Dismissal 12:00pm

Christmas Break December 23– January 3

Monday (01/06) School Resumes; HS Girls Basketball vs Arthur-Okaw @ Home 6:00pm; HS Winterim Begins

*Visit the **website calendar** for more details!

Doug Pavey, Head of School

Beth Sondgeroth, Upper School Principal
Sue Chambers, Lower School Principal
Alyssa Garvin, Early Education Director

Danielle Garey, Director of Advancement
John Schwartz, Athletic Director
Austin Parker, Spiritual Life Director