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CORNERSTONE
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Educating World Changers

HOCO 2019 IS HERE!

Homecoming week starts next week. This year's theme is Fujiwhara because when Cyclones come together, we're unstoppable!



THE DANCE

The high school dance is **Saturday, October 5th** in the Forum Room at Cornerstone. Tickets for the dance are \$15 each and are available in the office. Any Cornerstone student bringing a non-enrolled guest to the dance must complete and submit the *Guest Permission Form* (also available in the office) by the end of the day Thursday, October 3rd.

DRESS-UP DAYS

While the dance is just for high school students, the rest of the week is for everyone! Below are the Homecoming Dress-Up Days for Homecoming week.

- * **Monday (9/30) Tourist Day.** Wear your favorite travel gear!
- * **Tuesday (10/1) Disney Day.** Dress as your favorite character or grab your friends and form a whole cast!
- * **Wednesday (10/2) Class Color Day.** After the storm, comes the rainbow! Classes compete to see who wears their colors best on this day!

EE & 6 th	Tie Dye	3 rd & 10 th	Yellow
K & 7 th	Purple	4 th & 11 th	Orange
1 st & 8 th	Blue	5 th & 12 th	Red
2 nd & 9 th	Green		

- * **Thursday (10/3) Crazy Day.** Let your crazy shine this day!
- * **Friday (10/4) Green and White Day.** Let us see your Cyclone Spirit!



Fall Break
October 10-11
No School



HOMECOMING WEEK FOOD DRIVE

During the week, color teams (see previous) will be competing to bring in the MOST items for the Ministry & More Food Pantry. Items most needed include: instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, pasta sauce, mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soup, laundry and dish soap, bars of soap, and hygiene items. **Items can be brought in beginning this Monday, September 30th.**

FRIDAY FUN!

Finally, you won't want to miss the annual Tiny Float Parade through the hallways at **1:30 PM on Friday, October 4th.** The Pep Rally will begin immediately after the parade.

That evening, be sure to come back to watch the annual Battle for the Brick! A lively basketball game between staff and students (former and current) for possession of the coveted Cornerstone Brick. The game starts at 7:00 and there is no admission charge. After the game, stay for the bonfire (weather permitting)!



JH BOYS BASKETBALL MEETING TODAY

A meeting for all 5th-8th grade boys and their parents interested in participating in junior high basketball this year will be held **today, September 27th at 3:30 pm in the Forum Room.** If your student is interested, but you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Coach Matt Nicolas at 309-826-0541 or by email (mnicolashr@gmail.com).



EARLY ED FIELD TRIP

The 4/5-year-old Early Ed classes will be traveling to Sugar Grove Nature Center **Thursday, October 3rd.** Students will participate in a nature walk and explore Imagination Grove. A great day to experience God's beautiful world!

HELP NEEDED

The Cornerstone music department needs your help with tuxedo fittings this year! We could use several people to help with alterations needed on the pants and jackets worn during performances. If you have this special talent, or know of someone who does (grandparent, neighbor, or friend) and would like to help, please contact **Mrs. Hagberg** by Tuesday, October 1st. Thanks!



COMBINED CHAPEL/COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Combined Chapel/Coffee Connections is **THIS Monday, September 30th!** Coffee Connections is 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. Join us as we worship together as a school in this once-a-month Combined Chapel!

ENDS OF THE EARTH

At Cornerstone we believe that part of a Distinctive Education is building in the practice of certain habits of spiritual formation. One of those practices is that of giving. We consider giving the natural response to God's mercy and grace to us through Christ. This formational habit is practiced through our "Ends of the Earth" offering taken at our monthly Combined Chapel. This offering is used toward our Acts 1:8 program which equips students to serve locally and abroad. Specifically, the offering is used toward sending Cornerstone students to serve on a short-term basis with international ministry partners in Africa and South America. Lower School (EE-5th grade) students are encouraged to bring their offering throughout the month to be collected in their homerooms and then, presented during Combined Chapel. Upper School students can make their contribution during Combined Chapel. We are excited for how God will grow us this year in our generosity as Christ-followers. Will you please consider partnering with us in this offering? Thank you!

CORNERSTONE APPAREL

In case you missed it last week, the new Cornerstone apparel store is now open!



Get your CCA spirit wear [here](#). The store closes at midnight on **Monday, September 30**. Items will ship out three to four weeks after that. This year the store includes trucker hats and fleece joggers! And, don't forget, Cornerstone scarves are also available for purchase in the office for \$20 each. Guaranteed to up your swag game in a hurry!



DAY OF PLAY

Stop by and say hi at the Cornerstone booth **Saturday, September 28th** during the Day of Play in Uptown Normal 10 AM—3 PM. We'll be all aglow!



SPRING FORMAL—NEW DATE!

Please be sure to edit your calendar for the high school Spring Formal dance. **The new date is Saturday, May 2nd.**

AFTER SPRING FORMAL EVENT MEETING

While the Spring Formal dance is a long way off (**May 2nd**), it takes lots of planning to organize the super fun After Spring Formal Event! All high school parents interested in helping plan this event are invited to the meeting **Friday, October 4th at 1:00 PM** in room 315 (Mrs. Blakemore's room). If you have questions about the event or this meeting, please contact Jerica O'Connor by cell (309)660-2423 or **email**.

ITS NEW, IT'S FUN!

Do you know friends or family that would love to see what Cornerstone Early Ed is like? Then tell them about Early Ed Story Hour - new this fall! Each month non-enrolled preschool-age students are invited to the story hour with Miss Garvin. Two-year-olds come on the first Tuesday of each month while 3/4-year-olds come on the second Tuesday of each month. Both start at 9:30 AM. Caregivers stay with the preschoolers for an hour filled with literature, music, and hands-on-activities! Contact our Early Ed Director, **Alyssa Garvin**, for more information.



DECORATING AND DONUTS

What would you do for a free donut? How about come out to the school for a fun morning with friends? All high school students are encouraged to come to the school **Saturday morning, October 5th at 9:00** to help decorate for the dance later that night. Mrs. Carrington will make work seem like fun as she always does, and the donuts are FREE! Make plans to be there!



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

All high school girls interested in playing basketball this year are invited to the open gym **Tuesday, October 1st from 3:30-4:30 PM**. A parent informational meeting will follow at 4:30 in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact **Coach Johnson**.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Founder's Banquet is **Thursday, October 17th**. There is no cost. More details coming soon. Book your sitter now!

FROM THE HANDBOOK

Food, candy, and beverages may only be consumed in designated areas during approved periods and may not be carried into classrooms or common use spaces. In order to maintain order, cleanliness, and safety, only water bottles will be allowed in classrooms. In addition, no food or beverage items may be left on top of lockers. (page 29)

COMING UP.....

Friday (9/27) 4th Grade Field Trip; Senior Service Trip

Saturday (9/28) JH Coed Cross Country Olympia Invite @ Stanford 9:00am; HS Boys Soccer vs Uni-High @ Urbana at 10:00am

Monday (9/30) Coffee Connections 8:00am; Combined Chapel 9:20am; HS Boys Soccer vs Central Catholic @ Home 4:30pm

Tuesday (10/1) EE Story Hour 9:30am; HS Girls Volleyball vs Deland-Weldon @ Deland 6:00pm; HS Boys Soccer vs Judah Christian @ Home 4:30pm

Wednesday (10/2) Prayer Circle 8:15am (Everyone is invited!)

Thursday (10/03) Early Ed Field Trip; JH Soccer vs Calvary @ Home 4:30pm; HS Boys Soccer vs Calvary @ Normal 4:30pm; JH Girls Basketball vs Uni-JH @ Urbana 6:00pm

Friday (10/4) Homecoming Parade 1:30pm and Pep Rally; JH Coed Cross Country Kingsley Invite @ Fairview Park 4:30pm; HS Boys Soccer vs Pleasant Plains @ Home 5:00pm; Battle for the Brick 7:00pm

Saturday (10/5) Homecoming Decorating & Donuts 9:00am; HS Girls Volleyball Calvary Christian Invite @ Normal 9:00am; HS Boys Soccer vs Fisher @ Home 10:00am; Homecoming Dance 7:00pm

***Visit the [website calendar](#) for more details!**

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