

EDUCATING WORLD CHANGERS

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Early Ed students will be dismissed on Friday, December 16, at 11:00 AM. 9th - 12th grade students who have exams will be dismissed at 11:15 AM. Kindergarten - 8th grade students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. There will be no after school care on Friday, December 16. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4. Have a great break!

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The Early Ed and Lower School concert will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 15. Additional information was sent home with your child last week.



LUNCH ORDERING

Lunch ordering for January is available until December 15 in FACTS.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking to add substitute teachers to the list of amazing subs we already have. If you are interested in educating world changers as a substitute teacher, please contact Mrs. Sondgeroth at beth.sondgeroth@cornerstonechristian.com for additional information.

SEMESTER EXAMS

High school students will follow a special Exam Week Schedule December 13-16. Students will only be required to be on campus during scheduled exam periods. Please refer to the schedule Mr. Rassi sends out for full details. 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. Students are not allowed to transport other students away from school unless parental permission has been secured prior to departure from campus.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and come cheer on the Jr. High Boys Basketball team tonight at 6:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Cornerstone students (Kindergarten—8th grade) and staff will kick off Christmas break with caroling on Friday, December 16th from 10:50 - 11:20 AM in the gym. Parents are invited to attend.

BECAUSE YOU ASKED!

Many have asked for gift ideas for teachers. We have put together a binder to help parents know very specific ways they can bless the Cornerstone staff, and you can find it in the office. This binder contains a list of "Our Favorite Things." Stop in the office to browse through the binder any time.

BLESSED TO BLESS

A Cornerstone alumna nominated CCA to receive books from the Toys for Tots Literacy Program in cooperation with UPS. Many of these books are being added to our school libraries. In addition, books are being sent to Freedom International School in the Dominican Republic. All Early Ed - 8th grade students will be choosing two books, one to keep and one to give away. Please pray with your student about an opportunity to bless another child with a new book. We are thankful for this wonderful opportunity to promote literacy and giving this Christmas season.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

For the safety and efficiency of our morning drop-off routine, please adhere to the following guidelines:

· Pull up to the northernmost stopping point (colored

pylons to the north of the crosswalk).

- · Be sure students are prepared to exit the vehicles. If your child requires your assistance with coats, backpacks, lunch boxes, instruments, etc., please park in a parking
- spot, and we will escort him/her across the crosswalk. Drivers should not exit vehicles in the drop-off lane.
- · All students should unload through the passenger side doors.
- · Never pass a stopped vehicle in the drop-off area, unless directed to do so by school personnel.

It is our desire to make this process as smooth and safe as possible while avoiding back-up on the road or in the parking lot. Thank you for doing your part to keep our students safe!

OUTDOOR GEAR

Boot season is here, and Kindergarten—5th grade students need tennis shoes each day they have PE. Please send a pair of tennis shoes to be left at school. Lower school students will go outside for recess unless it is raining and/or the windchill temperature is below 20° F. Please also send a coat, hat, and gloves to school each day.

SNOW? SAY IT ISN'T SO!

In the event of an unplanned cancellation or school wide early dismissial due to inclement weather or other reasons, parents will be notified three ways:

- •Parent Alert (via email or text message)
- •Alert notice on school website
- •WJBC 1230 AM radio live broadcast or wjbc.com

We will make every attempt to make any such decisions by 6:30 AM. If school is cancelled, games and practices may be cancelled at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

DOUBLE YOUR GIVING

State Farm, Country Financial, and Caterpillar will match employee contributions to Cornerstone. December 31st is the deadline to make your donation to be included as a Charitable Contribution in your 2022 tax return. Those of you working toward your State Farm Good Neighbor Grant of 40 volunteer hours must complete that by December 31st 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 Ciara Corley for more information.

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS

Winter athletic seasons have started, and family athletic passes are available for \$65 in the office. The family pass allows your immediate family to attend all Cornerstone Home Events (except any postseason play). Stop by and purchase your pass today!

Coming up.....

<u>Friday (12/9)</u> JH Boys Basketball (Ugly Sweater Night)vs. Trinity Lutheran at home @ 6:00 PM; HS Boys Basketball at Peoria Christian HS @ 6:00 PM

Saturday (12/10) 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball at Eastview @ 3:15 PM; HS Bowling at Hoopeston @ 10:00 AM; HS Girls Basketball at Decatur Lutheran @ 3:00 PM; Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Ridgeview at home @10:00 AM

Monday (12/12) JH Boys Basketball vs. Epiphany at home @ 6:00 PM; HS Girls Basketball at Blue Ridge @ 5:30 PM Tuesday (12/13) HS Exams; 8th Grade Boys Basketball at Calvary Christian @ 5:30 PM; HS Boys Basketball at Harts-

burg-Emden @ 6:00 PM

Wednesday (12/14) HS Exams

Thursday (12/15) HS Exams; EE and LS Music Concert @ 6:00 PM

Friday (12/16) HS Exams; Christmas Caroling @ 10:50 AM; Early Dismissal @ 11:00 AM (EE) & 11:30 AM (K-8th); HS Boys Basketball at Fieldcrest HS @ 5:30 PM *Visit the website calendar for more details.