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~ Chairman Report ~

Mid-winter is upon us, and we are officially past the halfway mark of the school year. Teachers and students are well into the rhythm of their work as we could thankfully note during recent teacher visits. Those visits were a good opportunity for us new Board members (Jan Kottelenberg, as SMA, and myself) to meet face-to-face with all the teachers and staff.

We really are blessed with an enthusiastic and capable staff! They each have a slightly different role, and we could get a sense of the ownership that each one takes for the needs of those unique roles. I also had an opportunity to do a regular school visit (conducted every other month by one member of the Board and Education Committee). Again, this was a great way to see the teachers working with different ages and abilities and tailoring the educational process to fit.

At this time of the year much of the Board's work involves plans for the next school year. You already know that we will be losing some teachers and staff: John-Mark Stromberg, Jenny Tiemeyer, Darlene VanStaaldunin, and Gavin Willis. Mikayla Vandeburgt also will be leaving us in April, and will not be returning next year. We are grateful to each of them for their contributions to CCS! As mentioned in an email to school members and also seen in the church bulletins, the Board is advertising in order to fill these positions.

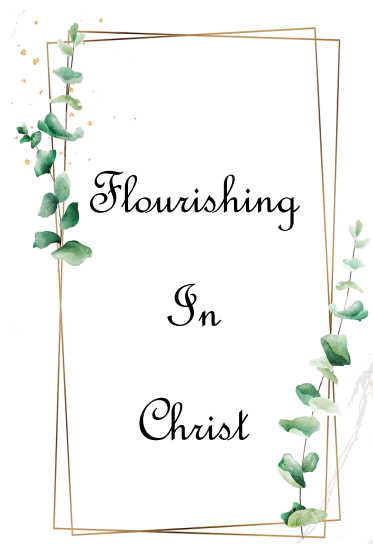
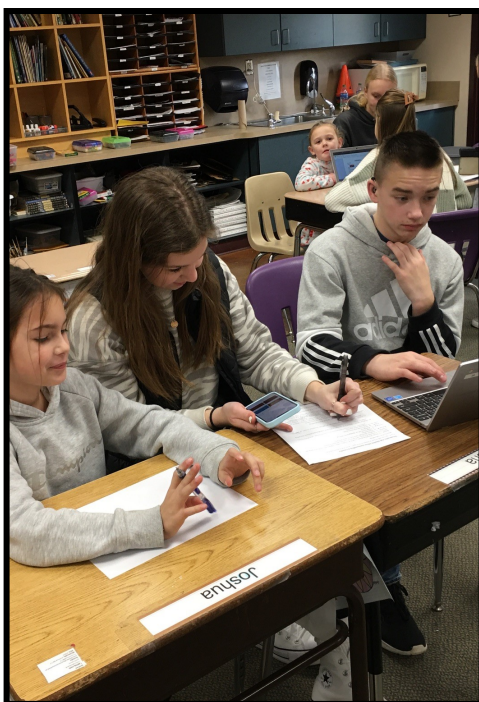
The building expansion committee has been making good progress. They are close to providing the Board with a plan and budget. We look forward to receiving this infor-

mation and continuing the forward momentum with this exciting project!

The Board also continues to work with the strategic plan, which dates back to 2017. This has been a helpful way for the Board to make improvements across a wide range of topics, also in areas that would otherwise fall by the wayside.

Finally, we would like to welcome our new member families: Aaron and Heidi Bosscher and Peter and Kelsey Kingma. We are thankful for this continued support from our local community!

For the Board, Steve Hofford



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Upcoming Dates

Feb. 27 - Elem P/T Conferences
Mar 1 - Elem P/T Conferences
Mar 17 - PD Day: No School Students
Mar 31 - HS Third Qtr Reports
Apr 3-7 - Spring Break
Apr 7 - Good Friday
May 5 - PD Day
May 18 - Ascension Day
May 26 - Sports Day
May 29 - Memorial Day

~ Treasurer's Report ~

It's Budget Time!! Once again numbers are getting compiled for the annual budget for 2023/24 school year. This always brings interesting challenges, with some of our teachers moving on, and in turn finding new teachers and salaries to match, making sure our compensation and benefits maintain standards that are fair and attractive, coming up with real numbers for things such as our pledge drive, or making the difficult decisions on whether tuition should be raised (or not). All this in an especially weird economic climate pushing costs of living for all of us into areas we are not used to. It's at a time like this I like to look back and think of situations our

school society has been in, when we didn't know where the funds would come from. We continually can see the Lord's hand throughout the history of our school. It is amazing to be living under the grace of our Savior! Let's trust in him as we build this budget together, and continually practice looking back at the abundance which he provides for us. We look forward to presenting a budget that is lean, yet fair, and provides for our excellent teachers and their families, and also allows our committees to perform the tasks needed for the daily operation of the school. Thank you to all involved in compiling these numbers for our budget.

~ Education Committee Report ~

As spring arrives, as Education Committee we look forward with great anticipation to four evenings of Senior Project Presentations. Once again, a wide range of projects will be presented by our 12th grade students. Building and restoration projects, internships, job shadows, writing, designing....

We continue to be busy with reviewing the Language Arts Curriculum at our monthly meetings. We appreciate the feedback received from the teacher surveys and are working on some areas that could be improved.

Steve Hofford and I were able to visit the school a few weeks ago. We could attend classes from first to twelfth grades as well as Special Ed. What a blessing it was, to experience the dedication of the teachers and the energy of the students, under the capable leadership of Debbie Johnson!

The end of the year 2022 also meant saying fare-

well to two members whose terms on the EdComm were completed. Thank you, Lisa Pelleboer and Stephanie Bareman! Your contributions to the committee were greatly valued and will be missed. At the same time, we look forward to the enthusiasm and knowledge our two new EdComm members, Janice DeMooy and Jon Dykstra, will bring to the table.

And finally, Save the Date! The EdComm is planning to host a Parent Information evening on March 14 beginning at 7 pm. The topic of "Apologetics" will be introduced by Wayne Chase then Jeanette Janssen will zero in on how she applies that in her teaching of evolution. It promises to be a thought provoking and timely evening. We look forward to seeing you there!!

For the Education Committee, Debby Lodder

~ Cornerstone Foundation ~

To all current, and future (nudge-nudge, wink-wink), members of the Cornerstone Christian School Society herewith is a brief snapshot of the ongoings of the Cornerstone Foundation Board since our last report in The Link.

In the Fall of 2022, we did complete the set-up of an investment account with Heritage Wealth Advisors, a private advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial. At the time of this writing, we have not yet initiated the transfer of any funds into this account however, at our last meeting, on January 10th, we made the deci-

sion that we would begin to invest a small amount of funds from our current Money Market account beginning this February. We based this decision on the fact that the investment market has showed some good stabilization over the last few months as I would imagine can be attested to by those of us with IRA's or 401K plans which generally have seen significant improvements as of late, although probably not yet to where they were 24 months or so back.

~ Cornerstone Foundation ~

Our current plan is to make an additional transfer sometime in May dependent upon two things: 1). the economic outlook (is the market maintaining and/or growing) and 2). any needs expressed by the Cornerstone Christian School Board as it relates to the near-future expansion plans. We are basically looking to take a conservative drip-approach to our investment going forward.

During the fall we were also able to update our commitment to FFRE, our Canada-based foundation that provides an opportunity for our family, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ that live north of the border to make charitable donations to Cornerstone Christian School. Our yearly reporting / filing requirements have been completed and we are thankful that David Doornbos was found willing to continue to be a member of this Foundation's board. I would be remiss in not pointing out that the school's need/desire to expand our building capacity makes FFRE an ideal vehicle for donations from Canada to be specifically targeted for that construction project. The laws in Canada are a bit picky around charitable donations that are disbursed to organizations that reside outside of the country – monies that are donated to FFRE are required to be directed to specific projects when they are transferred, and a building project meets those requirements.

At our January meeting we also reviewed our financial situation, the treasurer reported that our total bank balance as of 12/31/2022 was \$217,909.25, which reflects yearly donations of \$25,400.00 and accrued bank interest of \$470.95. Although the donation number does fall short of our initial goal for the year, it is without a doubt something for which we as a School Society should give thanks!

Every gift we receive is a testament to the long-term support of Christian education within our church and school community and shows that the Lord continues to bless and provide through His people.

Considering the upcoming school building expansion and current economic factors, such as the substantial increase in the cost of living, the CF Board has set what we consider to be a realistic fundraising goal for 2023 of \$25,000.00. Look for a report to come at the Spring School Society meeting at which time we will also be presenting 2 names for consideration to fill a current vacancy on the CF Board.

That's all for now, enjoy the mid-winter break.

Derek Willis



~ From the CBM Committee ~

Hello all, let's catch up!

The CBM has been active lately in a lot of great ways to improve and upgrade the school. You may have noticed a number of new signs around campus. These are to aid general traffic flow and to keep us all safe, especially the kids. There are fire lane/no parking signs that are up now to give first aid responders and fire personnel a place to park close to the school if that is needed, God willing it is not. One sign you may find inside the school will remind you of the fact that the school runs on a septic, so be kind to it and be mindful of what you let down the drain.

Speaking of, we have been very active with toilets, bathroom doors and sinks. They seem to like to

give us grief. There has been a number of fixes to the lights damaged by balls in the gym. The garbage area has been upgraded with a cardboard/paper bin so those types of items now have a better home than the ground. Hopefully we won't have to take care of shoveling or de-icing any more this year but when these issues do arise we have tools and salt at the ready.

Finally, we are working on separating out the two zones of the school when it comes to alarming them, that should be functional soon. Until next time, may God bless our fun committee and the school we enjoy working on!

For the CBM, Josh Burger

~ From the IT Committee ~

So, what has the IT Committee been working on? First of all, we can report that the security camera system is complete. You may recall updates in the last several editions of the LINK on the incremental progress of this project. As of early January the last camera (in the gym) is installed and is now functional.

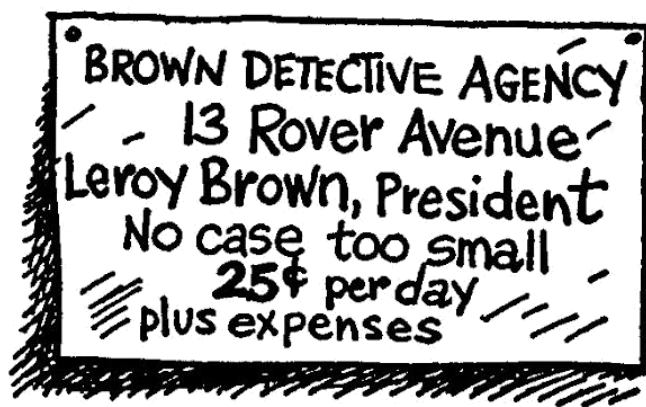
Another recent IT item: a teacher sent in an email with a screenshot of a scary alert: "Shared drive storage full," indicating that the staff might soon be unable to save new files to the shared workspace. A little research showed that there's plenty of storage space left for the school's use. A couple setting changes and we customized the individual size limits to give some breathing room on this particular drive.

Over the past months the ITC processed several requests from staff to block or unblock particular websites. This is pretty typical with the content filters that we use at the school. They just need to be fine-tuned for particular cases. However something like that can be frustrating in the middle of a science lesson—not be able to load the video you had in the lesson plan, right Miss Janssen? Hopefully it wasn't too inconvenient.

Also, the Board's Strategic Plan instructs various committees to create a tracking system for many of the assets throughout the school. In response the ITC is completing a Google Sheet listing of iPads, computers, photocopier, etc. We will note useful life and estimated repair and/or replacement costs for each type of item. Keeping this inventory will allow the ITC and Board to determine a rotating schedule for replacement of tech equipment over a ten-year span. This will hopefully reduce unexpected large expenses. One example how this inventory will be useful: We have received reports that the photocopier seems to be nearing the end of its useful life. With a piece of equipment relied on so heavily, we always need to have a working unit. When simple repairs will solve the problem we do that. But when it really needs to be replaced we want to be prepared with money in the budget. So, the ITC may be recommending some spending in that category for 2023/2024 year. Also in next year's budget we are planning to replace some of the older desktop PCs used by the teachers, as

well as buying a couple new(er) printers.

Did you hear that the Geography Fair project took a funny turn a couple weeks ago when Mr. Houweling broke the Internet? WAIT...don't get the wrong idea! Don't bother searching it up; you won't find any videos of him that caused global shock and excitement; he wasn't trending in the top 10 in internet searches. Not that kind of breaking...We realized after re-reading the note that it was really more that he just happened to be the one to report the slowdown that made working on the project nearly impossible. But we were worried there for a minute, Mr. H. Our own Mr. Brown went totally IT Geek, reviewing activity logs, and found a probable cause. While our wifi network is capable of handling a large number of devices (such as all the students working simultaneously on the geography project), in reviewing activity logs Mr. Brown observed that iCloud consumed a whopping 60% of the entire day's internet traffic. The foyer AppleTV alone accounted for 34% of the day's bandwidth! We are hoping that turning off the AppleTV during working sessions improves things. Seems like those Apple devices are pretty hungry. Mr Houweling, just leave your quarter with Mrs. VanDiest, please.



On Behalf of the IT committee,
Ian Davis

~ Principal Report ~

As I sit down to write this LINK's submission, the sun is shining and the blue sky is a cheery sight to all. Can we really put away our winter gear and plan for spring? While I can't speak with the authority of Randy Small, our local semi-famous weather guy, I certainly see a lot of planning for spring over in the greenhouse. A quick question in the hallway with our plant sale chairlady revealed an astonishing amount of plants are already planted in the greenhouse. Students from the various grades will be providing assistance in numerous ways when possible. It's a great tie-in to many of our Science units. For the younger students, pinching off flowers during elementary recess is kind of fun sometimes! While winter can be dark and wet, spring always does come, for God has promised "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen 8:22

School Life

With a heading like 'school life' I want to create a picture of what has gone on inside the Cornerstone walls since the last principal's report. We were able to perform our Christmas concert in January. It brought great joy to share this with you all. January and February have also been great months for getting a lot of school work done in the classroom! With several solid five-day weeks in a row, the amount of instruction and learning that can take place is notable. For example, our newest readers have moved from closed syllable words like *mat* and *scrap*, to reading words that change with the 'magic' *e*, that makes the vowel say the long sound, but doesn't say anything itself. So now *mat* reads as 'mate', and *scrap* becomes 'scrape'. They even know how to read 'plume' and can tell you what it means! This same group of learners also knows their doubles +1, so facts like 7+8 are becoming 'easy'. Their classmates in second grade are now able to sort three-digit numbers in order from smallest to greatest, and both grades are pros at using the greater than, less than sign!

If we make a jump over to the middle school level, we find students who are doing an amazing job in writing. The somewhat tedious grammar and mechanics of writing is bearing fruit! Their teacher is seeing great improvement in their writing. In addition, as they work with their current novel it's exciting to see them make connections to the text and to reflect on the why and how of the writer's work.

Then we get to the upper grades. Some students there are in some of the final months of their Corner-

stone educational journey. But before they finish up, there are creatures to dissect (crayfish, pigs and sharks to name a few), formulas to learn, equations to solve and novels to read. And don't forget Reformed Studies that takes the students on an academic journey through the New Testament. There's a lot to cover!

After one week of school in January, the high school students completed their second quarter and then we knew that half the year was behind us! Interviews took place and everyone dove back into their work with a fresh start.

The year 2023 also means another basketball season. Many students really enjoy this other facet to their learning. The team spirit that develops and the skills learned on the court are very worthwhile and this is another blessing we can experience at Cornerstone.

In February, the biggest thing on our agendas outside of the regular classroom work has been the Geography Fair. All the students in the school have been allocated to one of the 34 teams. This is a team of mixed ages, and every team focuses on a different country. During our work periods the energy in the school is palatable.

We got to enjoy another hot lunch just before the mid-winter break. It is such a treat for students and teachers (Parents, too, I suspect) to have this delicious meal prepared for us. It may be a little thing, but it's a really nice thing. Thank you to all the moms who take their turns helping out with this.

School Aims

The mission of the school is to "assist parents in educating the children of the covenant" and as the last seven Link articles have attempted to highlight, we take this seriously. The school board, over the years, has worked with this mission statement and also developed more specific aims to have success in achieving this. The final aim on this list states that Cornerstone aims to "provide an orderly and secure atmosphere conducive to the attainment of good education." What does this mean and what does that look like? In starting to answer this question, we can highlight the covenantal aspect of our school. We are a community that seeks to help and support one another. This is true in a church, congregational aspect, but carries over to the school situation just as well. I see a unique feature of Cornerstone being that we are a 1-12 school, with both spontaneous and purposeful interaction between the grade levels. There is a sense of needing to look out for one another.

Being part of a covenant community has responsibilities. Students are required to follow the rules. These rules are not put in place to create behavioral hoops the students need to find their way through, but in order for everyone to be able to work and learn in a safe and organized environment. While flexibility is a good attribute to have, it cannot become the defining feature. Consistency is a key part of the overall picture. Students need to feel safe, and to know they are being treated fairly. Of course, it is good to insert here that fair does not mean equal. Each student and each situation is different, but we certainly strive to maintain that each student is treated fairly!

I'm thankful to say that bullying is not a prominent trait of school culture. However, it would be foolish to think it doesn't exist at Cornerstone. A lot of bul-

lying is subtle. The familiarity that exists amongst us is such an incredible blessing, but it also comes with some negatives. The question needs to be asked 'When does teasing move from fun to bullying?' It's not okay for students to say whatever they want only to follow up with "I was only joking". This does happen, and we cannot laugh it off and chalk it up to kids being kids. James writes in Scripture about the trouble our tongues can get us into. We really could show improvement in this area! We strive to "provide an orderly and secure atmosphere" for our students, and this is part of that also. I don't want to end on a negative note, for I really am proud of our school's culture. We are a family at Cornerstone. We laugh a lot and encourage and support. We are a blessing to one another. We praise God for His blessings upon us. May He continue to cause us to flourish in Christ!

Parent Information Evening

March 14th 7:30-9:00pm

Join us for an informative and engaging evening discussing the topic of Apologetics. The evening will begin with a short introduction by Wayne Chase giving an overview of apologetics at Cornerstone. The main portion of the evening will be led by Jeanette Janssen, who will lead our learning specifically on the topic of Evolution as it is taught here.

We are looking forward to you joining us for a great evening!

~ Building Committee Report ~

The building committee has been hard at work the past months. We have been able to meet several times already. The school board provided a mandate to the committee with the requests/requirements needed. You, the membership, also gave your thoughts via the survey sent out at the end of last year. Thank you to all who participated and left valuable feedback for the committee to consider. We also met with the staff in order to get their take on the expansion and hear what they had to say and what they thought was valuable to include.

With all this information we went to work fitting this into a layout that would work well with our current layout and also allow future expansion down the road. A plan is currently being drafted in order to fine tune and show the membership at a future

meeting. We are also currently receiving cost estimates on all scopes of work involved. We have heard from the membership and their desire to perform this heavily with volunteer labor. Fear not, we will be able to fill your Saturdays for a while in the coming year. It's exciting to be part of a project like this as a community.

We look forward to presenting further when plans are drafted and budgets are in. We look forward to the challenge of designing, building, and budgeting a well thought out project where we can all be involved and Cornerstone Christian School can benefit our community for years to come.

The Building Committee,
Marty Vreugdenhil, Brian Hendricks,
Clarence Kobes, Raymond Faber,
Kolin Veldman, Ben Faber

~ Ladies Aid Report ~

Since we had nothing really significant to report on in the last Link issue, we can now give you an update on a few of our upcoming fundraisers.

Coupon books: The fundraiser selling Ebenezer coupon books for 2022 is finished! Considering the amount we purchased to begin with, we did extremely well in selling them! Below is a breakdown:

Purchased: 750 books

Sold: 661 books

Donated: 30 books (New Way Ministries in December)

Unsold: 59 books

The fundraiser made a profit of \$2094. Thank you for all your efforts in both buying and selling the books for yourself and to the wider community.

And now on to the next one!

For this year, we purchased just 200 books and are not asking you to go door to door to sell them. We will have them available on the front desk for you to buy and if you have a friend or neighbor interested, they can buy them through you or they can come to the school. For a short time, they will also be availa-

ble at the Green Barn. The books are priced at \$15 each with \$5 from every book going to the school. We look forward to making an easy \$1000 profit for the school with your help!

Plant sale: We have been busy filling the greenhouse with hundreds of beautiful plants. A few key dates to know: The actual sale will be April 28/29, May 5/6 and May 12/13. We will have a **CCS Potting Party on Wednesday, March 29**. Though we haven't recruited "the lady with the clipboard" to sign you up, the need is as great for your attendance at the Potting Party as well as a shift at the actual Plant Sale event. The old adage aptly applies: many hands make light work.

Spring Membership Meeting: We have set the date for our annual spring membership meeting for **March 7th at 8pm** in the ARC church basement. Please mark your calendars.

May God bless our efforts in raising funds for our school!

On behalf of Ladies Aid, Ang Davis

~ From Mrs. Van Hofwegen's 5th/6th grade class ~

Sonnets

The Beach by Kiersten Van Delft



In the summer you can go to the beach.
At the beach you can play in the ocean.
In the ocean there are creepy leeches.
When you go to the beach, put on lotion.

When nobody is there, it's very calm.
When you are really hot, have an ice cream.
When you are at the beach, apply lip balm.
If you see a leech, make sure you don't scream.

When its time to leave pack up and explore.
Make sure you've checked and packed everything up.
Sometimes you wish you would have lots, lots more.
Make sure you didn't leave behind your pup.

The beach is the place to go when you're down.
When the day is over you'll have a frown.



Milkshake by Justin Veldman

Have you ever tried a yummy milkshake.
Once you finish, you will be sugar rushed.
You will jump with joy and make an earthquake.
If you do not try it you will be crushed.

So go to the store and buy one of those.
So lay down your bills, don't worry they're nice.
The cold milkshake will freeze down to your toes.
But be aware, they might give you head lice.

When you look there are so many flavors.
But look closer, the flavors are absurd.
Like cranberry chocolate cricket wavers.
There's even a flavor that tastes like bird.

So anyway, when you go to the store,
Open the door, walk in, and buy some more.

Noisy Farm by Kaylyn Bouwman



I like to go to a big noisy farm.
Sometimes on a farm they have a red barn.
Maybe you have lots of things in your shed.
You will get tired and end up in bed.

I would have lots of weird plants.
I would have to buy a pair of work pants.
I would like to have my own special pet.
If I had animals, they should not fret.

I would have cows, pigs, chickens and horses.
I would have lots of different courses.
I would have food for my cute animals.
I would like to have a big, fat camel.

My farm, when I get older will be great!
When I feed them, I will never be late.

Changing Seasons by Sophia Dykstra



At the beginning of every year's start
The season is all cold and snowy white.
After the gift wrapping gets torn apart
We celebrate the New Year with some light.

Soon the white snow melts, and it becomes spring.
Flowers blossom, the air smells very nice
With new leaves, let all the creation sing.
A mouse has babies, and there are small mice

After spring comes hotness and sunny days
Out comes the beach ball and the volleyball.
On the sandy beach we make some nice plays
It is much easier when you are tall.

The seasons summer, winter, fall and spring
Are all wonderful, let us praise our king.

Hockey by Josiah Chase



Hockey is by far my favorite sport.
Even though I've never been to court.
My favorite team is Stanley Cup Champs
But of course, they did not give the clamps

In ice hockey, you will need a pair of ice skates.
So get on the slick ice and slack to plates
I've never been that good at hockey.
But not as bad as being a jockey.

A big fighter is Adreas England
No, he would never raise a dentist fund.
I also love to collect hockey cards.
I will never ever need to use guards.

After all hockey is really quite fun
And of course, you will need the quite bright sun!

Australia by Lukas Faber



Your tan body will get burned by the sun.
The warm Australian wind is blowing
On the hot sandy beach you might run fast
You will probably hear the crow crowing

The Kookaburra's might think you are funny
The Kookaburra's start laughing loudly
Kangaroos don't like when it is sunny.
Because the kangaroos get burnt badly

The summer there is winter here.
If you go there you might see some cricket
If you are in the state, you are not near
Go to Perth on a train buy a ticket!

Australia is a great place to be.
All the animals are fascinating!

Getting Up by Jace Kruyswijk



"Get out of bed!" my brother blared at me.
"Leaving in five!" my sister yelled, "hurry!"
My eyes are glued, shut with thick, yellow crust.
My mouth feels like it's full of dry, dust.

My body feels as heavy as cement.
But my mind tells me to "Get out of bed."
But my best pants are in the wash. I lament.
I look in the mirror, I see bed head.

Jump in the shower. The water is cold.
Slip on the soap, whack my head on the tap.
Dry off with the towel, it's full of mold.
Trip down the staircase, I hear something snap.

Don't hear a sound, so I crawl back in bed.
I wake up, Phew! Just a dream in my head.

Hockey by Thomas Leyenhorst



Hockey is really super, duper fun!
Hockey, you could practice all day, all night.
During hockey, you can not eat a bun.
During hockey, you should not have a fight.

In hockey, it's best to take your own shot.
In hockey, you have to shout the big call.
In hockey, the coach lesson he taught.
For hockey, you can not play in the mall.

In hockey, you shoot too high in the sky.
And you have to try score in a big bin.
And a hockey game you have to say hi.
Go Canucks and their mascot's name is Fin.

In hockey, you have parts that should not tear.
Put on your skates, make sure you have a pair.

Camping by Sawyer Stap



Camping is so fun. It keeps in the sun.
You can play in the sun and all the fun
When you camp in the sun, it is so cool.
You will always get away from that school.

You have to hook up your trailer with a strong chain.
To hook up your trailer, you need a brain.
To go camping, you need to book a lot.
Sometimes, mostly you can bring a small tent.

Only sometimes you can bring a small pet.
If it gets hurt, you should go to the vet.
During camping, you should go fishing.
But you really can't forget your hunting.

Camping is always in the deep and wild.
Go out there in the wild, and don't be mild!

Cars by Chase Veldman



Cars are very, very nice. They catch mice.
I will win a race over and over.
If it had a car, it would look like lice.
If I had a car, it would have a cover.

My car is a very, very nice Ford.
My car will go vroom, vroom and win the race.
After my car goes, it will get floored.
My car is awesome, it is owned by Chase.

My car is awesome, I love it a lot!
My car is the best car in the whole world.
When I speed, the cops will make me get caught.
I was about to win and my car curled.

Cars are very nice, you should have your own
My car smells like very dirty cologne.

Camping by Jake Veldman



You'll love camping; it's the best thing to do!
On the way there you'll have to use the loo.
You can go biking, or play in the lake.
You can eat junk food or make a milkshake.

Camping is awesome; it's so much fun!
Roast marshmallows or take a little run.
Go to the beach and surf the massive waves,
Explore new things like a really, dark cave.

Go to the beach and make a big mud pit.
Maybe your small enough to sit in it.
If unfortunately, it starts to rain,
Do something inside and use your big brain.

Go camping! It's the best thing you could do.
Don't play too rough, or you can wreck your shoe.

Snow cone by Lucy Brown



You should definitely try a snow cone.
Don't worry it does not taste like a bone.
It will probably melt in the hot sun.
It will leave the sweetest taste on your tongue.

You can put your favorite flavors on.
Do not put the flavor on that is lawn.
I'm sure you will love this delicious treat.
It will make you feel very, very, sweet.

This is the best snack in the summertime.
It doesn't taste like a penny or dime.
Even my pets love this delicious ice.
Snow cones can prevent you from having lice.

My personal favorite flavor is grape.
And you can mold it into any shape.

Mystery Islands by Emma Davis



Located beyond the United States
Lies a land full of beaches and palm trees.
You must take a plane to get to this place.
This place that is by a handful of seas.

This mysterious place is humid and hot.
These islands have beaches that have white sand.
But this place might have crocs, so don't get caught.
You can relax on the beach and get tanned.

There are many hotels with stunning views.
You can come here for a nice vacation.
It's so humid, I'm sure it's in the news.
These islands are God's unique creation.

I'm not sure if these islands have llamas.
These stunning islands are in the Bahamas.

My Bunny by Lily DeBoer



I have the best and most, cutest bunny.
I am sure he has the biggest tummy.
I am the most surest he had honey.
He probably said in his head, "yummy!"

He likes to run outside and play a lot.
He is also a lazy bunny too.
Sometimes I think he is a big, big dot.
He sneaks up behind me and replies "Boo."

He likes to eat treats and loves to eat food.
I pet my cute bunny when he is sad.
My bunny is sometimes in a bad mood.
My bunny stomps his foot when he is mad.

I am very sure my cute bunny is cute.
If you say he is not cute, your are mute.

Summer by Cassie DeMooy



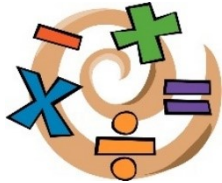
Summer is the hottest time of the year.
The flowers start sprouting out of the ground.
You jump into the lake with scuba gear.
You build a sandcastle out of a mound

Relaxing on a chair with a milkshake
And biking with your friend around your town
You go tubing with your friends in a lake.
Going to the fair, you will see a clown.

You go on vacation in the summer.
And walk around the campsite with your friend.
Sadly, we have to leave, what a bummer!
I really wish this didn't have to end.

It was great! A wonderful time I had.
Now we are going to school, I am glad.

Math by Taleesha Houweling



Math seriously though, who made it up?
Like how many tablespoons in a cup?
All the numbers and problems hurt my head!
Math is a harder subject like I said.

There is addition, multiplication.
Math terms like division and subtraction.
So many things to learn and memorize.
I think that it is meant to traumatize!

But if I try harder to do my best.
I'm sure I will do better on my test.
That grade on my test was the best I've had.
I guess math isn't exactly that bad.

Now if you all hate math because of me...
I guess, I should probably say sorry.

Cocoa by Kaitlyn Kleyn



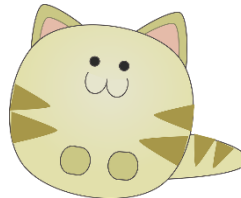
Cocoa is my bunny, she is so cute!
Cocoa is very naughty, but so mute.
Cocoa is very nice she loves to eat.
Cocoa, my bunny hates to eat gross meat.

When I put Cocoa on the ground, she runs.
I love to snuggle her; it is so fun!
Cocoa is a lop bunny; she is so fat.
Cocoa is super scared of the big cat.

My bunny, Cocoa can hop and can crawl.
When I first saw her, she was so, so small.
Cocoa has very, very floppy ears.
Sometimes Cocoa is sad and she has tears.

Cocoa loves her food; she plays tricks with it.
Cocoa loves her food but she sometimes quits.

Cat by Vincent Klos



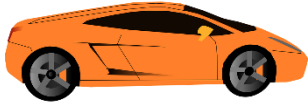
My cat is very fluffy; he is fat.
My cat has a scratch not to eat a rat.
My flat, fat cat used to be very small.
When we got boots, he was not very tall.

My cat loves having many, many baths.
My cat really, really hates math.
Yesterday, I bought my cat a big post.
My cat certainly does not like to roast.

My cat is fat but still likes to eat meat.
My cat really loves to eat meat not feet.
My cat really loves to play with my dog.
My cat does not live in the thick dark smog.

My cat really hates eating a big frog
And he always writes it down with a blog.

The Car by Joshua Kobes



There was a very, very, fast car.
The car was so fast it went super far.
When at the races, it never came last.
I'll tell once again, it was very fast.

There are many cars that are very small.
Some of the trucks are very, very tall.
On the road, you name all the trucks you know.
Some of the super, tiny cars are low.

Some cars can go 80 miles per hour.
After going that fast, it will taste sour.
And some people like the truck brand Ford.
Some of their trucks are very lame and bored.

They can get all the way from here to there.
Some nice people show them off at the fair.

Forest by Lleyton Lodder



The sun rises behind the massive trees.
You might try to build a very cool fort.
You will find a big nest of harmful bees.
You might find an awesome camping resort.

There will also be a very big stump.
You will probably hear a creepy noise.
If you want a break, sit on a big bump.
You don't want to get stuck with some bad boys.

Tonight the owls will come out to play.
You might also want to build a cool swing.
The owls go back to sleep in the day.
The awesome owls have very cool wings.

I hope you all know about forests now.
You might even want to raise an eyebrow.

Lake by Jude Pelleboer



I like to tube behind the fast fun boat.
On the fast boat you do not want a goat.
At the lake, don't go onto the big mat.
Do not go on the mat or crush the rat.

There might be a massive boat in the sky.
In the boat, you do not want a big fly.
If you go, go in the middle of May.
I jump off the diving board at the bay.

When I go to the lake, I like to swim.
At the cabin, there might be rotten trim.
If you go to the big wood, find some tin.
I like to go in the woods and spin.

If you go to the lake don't have a zit.
When you want to go tubing, do not quit.

Hockey Game by Elijah Vanderlinde



The fans have a big day in front of them.
The rink is just like a busy bee hive.
The players line up to sing the anthem.
The puck is dropped, the game is now on live.

A forehand backhand deke by Petterson
To Hughes, shot right through the goalies five-hole!
Mc David to Makar to Mackinnon
Pass to Petterson for a one-time goal!

Now the fans have a chance to win a car!
Here comes Zibanajad the other way.
Being up a drive! Hit the Crossbar!
Come on! Come on! Come on! The fans all say.

The Atlantic Allstars end up winning.
Not like in baseball in the ninth inning.

Are you a Cornerstone senior or alumni with plans to become a teacher?

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Eligible applicants will:

- Be a CCS senior or alumni.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Be accepted to, or be currently enrolled in, a post-secondary institution.
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Applications should:

- Include a 800-1000 word essay that introduces the applicant, summarizes post-secondary courses relevant to teaching, describes volunteer experience working with children, and articulates the applicant's view of Christian education.
- Include a general budget demonstrating financial need.
- Attach 2 letters of recommendation.
- Provide a transcript demonstrating academic standing.
- Be submitted to the CCS Principal by March 31, 2023.

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- Promote careers in the teaching profession among our graduates and alumni, with a long-term view of ensuring staff for Cornerstone Christian School.
- Be awarded to applicant(s) based on scholastic achievement,
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- Be determined by June 1, 2023 as applicants and funds allow.
- Be dispersed in September directly to the successful applicant(s)' institution upon proof of enrollment.
- Be funded largely by donors in our community, on a year to year basis.
- Be administered by the CCS Education Scholarship Fund Committee.

For more information, please contact a CCS Education Scholarship Fund Committee member.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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2022/2023 School Calendar

August

30- First Day of School

September

5- Labor Day

October

7- PD Day

10- Columbus Day

28- PD Day

November

4- 1st Qtr report Cards HS

7,8- High School P/T Conferences

11- Veteran's Day

18- Elem 1st Term Report cards

21- Early Release -11:55am

21,22- Elem P/T Conferences

24- Thanksgiving Day

25- Thanksgiving Break

December

20 - Christmas Program

21- Last Day of 2022

22- Jan 4 – Christmas Break

January

5- First Day of 2023

16 - Martin Luther King Day

20- High School 2nd Qtr Reports

23, 24- HS P/T Conferences

February

3- PD Day

22- 2nd Term Elem Report Cards

22 - Geography Fair

23, 24,27- Mid Winter Break

27- Elem P/T Conferences

March

1- Elem P/T Conferences

17- PD Day

31- HS Third Qtr Report Cards

April

3-7- Spring Break

7- Good Friday

May

5- PD Day

18- Ascension Day

26- Sports Day

29- Memorial Day

June

2- Eighth Grade Graduation

9 - Last Day of School

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