

The Cornerstone Contact

August 29, 2023



From the Office:

Hello, and welcome to a new year. We pray that everyone had a wonderful summer break.

We have gained quite a few new students from a few different families as we begin this our 22nd year at Cornerstone. We extend our welcome to a family who are not really strangers but are. Mrs. Kooiker will now be bringing her children along to school each day :) Joining their mom here are; Sydni (Soph.), Kolt (Gr. 8), Skarlett (gr. 5) and Kase (gr. 1). We welcome the Sterk family who come to us from Colorado, we will have in our classrooms, Kaitlin (Jr), Ruben (gr.8), Jenell (gr.5) and Elise (gr. 3). We also welcome David Zhu to grade 4 and his parents Bart Zhu & Yang Dong. They come from across the border in Surrey and have now moved to Lynden. In our freshman class we welcome Mason D who joins his sisters here at Cornerstone from down the road as he has graduated out of Covenant. Welcome also to Mr. S. Chase who is not really "new" to us either but is new to teaching here at Cornerstone. We hope the adjustment will be easy for you .

Also in our first grade class—we welcome a few new families but also some younger siblings of those already attending Cornerstone. New families in grade 1 are J&L Lindeman J&J VanSabben, A&M Vreugdenhil, & B&J Faber families. The first grade students we welcome in are: Tory F, Olivia K, Raylon L, Liam V, Selena V, Kaitlyn T, Lane S, Maxwell C, Ezra C, Hunter B and Easton P. We hope you all feel at home quickly as you begin your schooling here at Cornerstone. As for new teachers along with Mr. Chase, we welcome Mrs. Gonzalez who we will need to wait a little while to actually meet as she adjusts to being a new mom of little Genesis before starting up her task here. We thank Mrs. Kottelenberg who will be teaching her gr.3/4 classes for the first term. We thank Debbie J who will step in and monitor her Spanish 11 & 12 classes. Welcome back to those also returning as student, teacher, volunteer, parent for another year here at Cornerstone. We pray we all have an enjoyable year and we wish you all a fabulous start to the year!

We have one teacher returning but under a different name. We extend our congratulations to Miss Kingma who shall now be known as Mrs. Groves. We hope those students in Gr 4 who had her last year as Miss Kingma can make the transition easy enough :) Congratulations to you and Nate and we pray the Lord blesses you with a long and happy marriage.

Happening this week:

Fri: Forms returned
Mon: Labor Day—No School

Birthday Greetings:

Today: Ryland F.



TTC Driving Schedule

Freshman Class (leave school at 1:50pm)

No TTC this week.

Sophomore Class

No TTC this week.

Next Week:

TTC Driving Schedule

Freshman Class (leave school at 1:50pm)

Schedule coming - check email

Sophomore Class

Schedule Coming - Check email

From STAMP

Attached are the pizza forms for the first 5 months of the year.

Please return by Friday, September 8, 2023 so we can get everything arranged and ready. We are looking at September 19th for the first pizza day.

Stay tuned for more info from STAMP as we get up and running.

From the Cleaning Lady:

See attached paperwork for cleaning list and info.

Lisa Pelleboer -

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Cleaning Schedule:

This Week: Aug 29—Sept 1

Corrie Klos

Next Week: Sept. 4—8

Trina V, Kaylene H, Lynzi S, Joanna B

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1st & 2nd G R A D E

Memory Work: **Grade 1:** Hy.56:1

Grade 2: Hy.72:1

Next Week: **Grade 1:** Ps. 100:1

Grade 2: Hy. 78:1

~~ From Mrs. Kruyswijk ~~

Welcome to grade 1&2! It is a pleasure to have your child in class! I'm so excited to have each student here. We will be diving into playing and learning together and establishing basic routines this week.

BIBLE:

Creation Days 1-4, Genesis

MATH 1

fewer and more, ten frames, dice games, left and right, graphs, writing 1-5

MATH 2

one more, one less with numbers to 100. left and right review, day of week, birthday graph, beginning to write numbers 1- 1000 on a scroll!

HISTORY

What did people use before a computer to write?

ART: Sea turtles with value

GEOGRAPHY

Next week we will begin to study continents around the world. We will begin with Australia. If anyone has items that can be brought in to show the class on Wednesday, Sept. 6 (after lunch) we'd love to see!

FOR FUN:

Students are welcome to bring their own balls, mitts, jump ropes, scooters, etc. for recess

~~ From Mrs. Kooiker ~~

Hello! I'm excited to be your child's Language Arts teacher! This week we will be focusing on getting to know one another along with beginning our learning together. In both classes, I will be reading "A Letter From Your Teacher On the First Day of School" by Shannon Olsen, and we'll be working on a booklet together that will help us learn more about one another. We'll begin our phonics/reading lessons with our VoWac curriculum. VoWac stands for Vowel Oriented Word Attack Course. Last year was our first year using this Orton-Gillingham based curriculum and we were happy with the results and are looking forward to using it in 1st – 4th grade Language Arts classes at school this year. We'll also begin our work on reading comprehension, grammar, usage, mechanics, vocabulary and writing. Please feel free to stop in and visit our classroom anytime. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

1st Grade:

VoWac: Lessons 1 – 3 readiness (letters and sounds)

Stories & Vocab: "Wolf," "The Three Little Pigs," "Little Red Riding Hood,"

"A Letter From Your Teacher on the First Day of School" By Shannon Olsen

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics: Capital letters

Writing: choose a topic, capitalizing sentences, work on booklets

2nd Grade:

VoWac: Lessons 141 & 142

Stories & Vocab: "Come Back Jack," "Ant and the Three Figs"

"A Letter From Your Teacher on the First Day of School" By Shannon Olsen

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics: Common and proper nouns, subject and object pronouns

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3rd & 4th G R A D E

Memory Work: **Grade 3:** Hy.41:3

Grade 4: Ps.12:4

Next Week: **Grade 3:** Hy. 82:1

Grade 4: Ps. 14:1

~~ From Mrs. Groves ~~

Welcome back to the beginning of another school year! I hope you all had a fantastic summer vacation. I am thankful for the care and provision that God gave us over these past months and that we all are returning to school ready to take up our tasks again. I am so excited for a great year, full of learning and growth. Please refer to the note that went home today with your child which gives a lot more details about our classroom and the different subjects being taught. May God give us all strength and wisdom as we begin this new year!

Bible (¾):

Tue- assembly

Wed- day 1 and 2 of creation

Thurs- day 3 and 4 of creation

Fri- day 5 and 6 of creation

Math(3):

Wed-tell and show time to the hour, solve elapsed time problems

Thurs- graph data on a bar graph, read a graph

Fri- identify digits and writing two-digit number

Language Arts (3):

Spelling: open and closed syllables

Reading: *Amos and Boris*

Writing: types of writing

Handwriting: introduction to course, manuscript review, L, I, T, O, A, D

Grammar: periods, capital letters at beginning of sentences, choosing strong ideas

Your child will be coming home with a book from school today. Third grade students are expected to read at least 15 minutes every night. This can be from the book they choose at school or a book from home. The students have been instructed to write down the title of the book and how long they read in their agendas. Please make sure you sign next to this in the agenda so that I know you are checking this.

History (¾): introduction to Ancient Egypt

PE (¾): Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate PE attire.



~~ From Mrs. Stevens ~~

This is an exciting week as we begin our journey into **4th grade Language Arts**.

Reading: We'll begin our first Unit: Risks and Consequences with a discussion about the theme and reading an excerpt from "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh".

Grammar/Writing: Lots of writing, cursive writing practice and learning about good sentence structure is planned for this week.

Spelling: VoWac is a new program for the 4th grade. We'll focus on an introduction this week of "CLOVER" and words using ph /f/, kn- / n/. No spelling word list or test this week.

Homework: All 4th grade students are expected to read 20 minutes every school night. The students have been instructed to write down the title of the book and how long they read in their agendas. Please make sure you sign next to this in the agenda so that I know you are checking this.

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5th & 6th

G R A D E

Memory Work: **Grade 5: Hy.6:1**

Grade 6: Hy.46:1

Next Week: **Grade 5: Ps.4:3**

Grade 6: Ps. 10:1

~~ From Mrs. Van Hofwegen ~~

Welcome back to school! I can't believe how fast our summer went. Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable summer. It's always a transition for students and teachers to adjust from summer schedule to school schedule. Thankfully, it's a short week this week so we can gradually adjust to going back to school. Our school theme is "Living in the Spirit." In Galatians 5:16 it says, "Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

A newsletter was sent home with your child that we looked at during school. Please take time to review it with your son/daughter.

As far as volunteers are concerned, we could use a math marker for 5th and 6th grade on Wednesdays, a math marker for 5th grade on Tuesday who can rotate with Liana every other week, a volunteer to help students with math on Tuesdays for 30-60 minutes. Thank you, parents, for your willingness to mark and for reaching out to me. I'm amazed at how quickly the schedule filled up this year. You don't need to mark math until next week. The schedule is listed below.

Some needs for our classroom are plastic cutlery and paper plates.

Tuesday

Memory work: 6th Hymn 6:1 and 5th Hymn 46:1

Devotions: Mrs. Van

Math: Introduction to Math

Reading: Read own book

Writing: Writing Composition

Music: No music this week

Geography: Landforms

History: The Age of Exploration

Wednesday

Devotions: Kaylyn

Bible: Intertestamental Period

Math: Lesson 1 (half lesson)

Reading: Read own book

Daily Language Review Week 1

Writing: Summer Vacation

Typing

Science: Questioning

Thursday

Devotions: Josiah

Bible: Intertestamental Period

Math: Lesson 1 (half lesson)

Handwriting

Reading: Read own book

Writing: Summer Vacation

Science: Teamwork

Art: Sketchbook, name tag

Friday

Devotions: Lukas

Bible: Maccabees, Pharisees, Sadducees

Math: Lesson 2

Reading: Read own book

Writing: Final

History/Geography: Landforms

Current Events: God's World News: Mrs. Van



Math Markers:

Monday: 5 & 6-Rianne/Michelle

Tuesday: 5 & 6 - Liana F

Wednesday:

Thursday: 5 & 6 Lisa P

Friday:

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Memory Work: **Grade 7: Ps. 51:4**

Grade 8: Ps. 51:4

Next Week: **Grade 7& 8: 2 Timothy 3:16 & 17**

~~ From Mr. Houweling ~~

Please see the welcome note that was sent home with your child and by email for details and plans for this school year.

It's good to be back!

S. Houweling



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General News:

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 4: Labor Day
Sept. 13: Picture Day
Oct. 6: PD Day—No School Students
Oct. 9: Columbus Day - No School
Oct. 27: PD Day—No School Students
Nov. 10: Veteran's Day Observed—No School
Nov. 17: High School 1st Qtr Reports
Nov. 20, 2:1: HS P/T Conferences
Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Day—No School
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Break—No School

Ladies Aid:

Cornerstone Cafe - Food for Purchase

Please take a look in the kitchen fridge and freezers for leftover fair food available for purchase. Below are a few of the items for sale however there is more available, please have a look!

Beef Patties - \$10/10 patties

Bagels \$3

Hamburger Buns \$4.49

Sweet Potato Fries \$6.98

English Muffins \$4

Sliced White Cheese \$14.44/120 slice

Coupon books!

A new school year a new reminder that we just have 31 coupon books left! In case you are new to the school and want a coupon book or are coming back to school and used up your other coupons, feel free to pick up one or two books at the front desk. Each book is \$15 and payment can be made in the ladies aid box or via venmo (info on coupon box). Please contact Fiona or Clarissa with any questions.

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