

# The Lynden LINK

## ~ Chairman Report ~

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We are into the 4th quarter of the school year now, and the Board continues to make plans for the next school year. As you heard, we were able to hire a full-time teacher for the 5-6 class, but we are still working on hiring a part-time teacher for the 5-6 math and language arts split needed for next year. We are open to finding a new teacher, but if that is not possible, we have a plan to cover this requirement internally. Building a teaching schedule is definitely a significant effort. There are quite a few moving pieces that have to be considered in a 1-12 school with close to 20 full and part time educators! The Board can assist, but this task largely falls on the principal, so we are grateful for her efforts in this area.

As in previous Links, I would like to touch on the Strategic Plan. Last time, we went over Goal 2 (Infrastructure and Campus Resources). This time, we're highlighting Goal 3: Membership and Community Engagement - Communicating and promoting our mission and vision. The strategic plan projects that this is how things will look when this goal has been met:

1. Parents fully support CCS's vision, mission and goals and are familiar with the Parent Handbook.
2. Alumni are informed and involved members of the school community.
3. Donors are informed about how their funds are used in fulfilling CCS's mission.
4. The school's online presence is visually appealing and informative.
5. The LINK newsletter is an attractive and purposeful publication

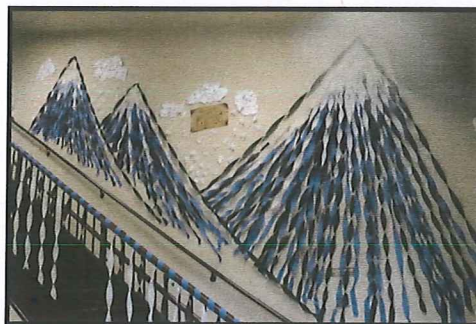
that exhibits CCS's mission in action.

6. CCS's Parent Information Evenings are promoted and followed up on.

7. Enrollment from the local Reformed Community is increased, especially in the High School.

As with other goal areas, we have ongoing work here, but much has been accomplished as well. As a Board member, I can attest that we are well-supported by the parents in fulfilling our mission. I think that we have a reasonably good understanding amongst the membership of key policy items in the Parent Handbook, and the society members are kept well-informed by various means. As noted in a previous Link, we are seeing increased enrollment from the local Reformed community. The Board will be evaluating our progress in these areas in more detail over the next months.

Please remember that we have the Spring membership meeting coming up on May 13. We hope to approve the 24-25 operating budget, and we will have more information on the building expansion project. Keep an eye out for the agenda. Thank you for your support of the school, and may God bless our work as we finish out this academic year.



Living  
In The  
Spirit

Ps. 51:10

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### Upcoming Dates

May 3 - PD Day - No School  
May 24- Sports Day  
May 27 - Memorial Day-No School  
May 28 - Sports Day Backup  
June 7 - Eighth Grade Graduation  
June 13 - Last Day Of School  
June 14 - Senior Graduation

Create in me a clean heart, O God - Psalm 51:10

Next LINK Submission

Due Date:

June 19, 2024



## ~ From the Ed Comm ~

The Education Committee has a number of things on the go!

In addition to reviewing our current science curriculum, we are also drafting a Science Rationale to capture the foundational thinking of our science program here at Cornerstone. The rationale focuses on three key points, which are further elaborated upon with a God-honoring reason as well as the antithetical reason for studying science:

1. To know God better
2. To be better able to care for our fellow Man
3. To be better able to care for God's creation

The Library Committee, which is under the purview of the Ed Comm, has been very busy keeping our library well stocked with literature that provides students with opportunities to discover God's world, beauty, and truth through a wide variety of books. We encourage parents to come and check out the fun displays, and also to assist your kids in using this valuable resource by helping them to find and return their books on time so they can take home some new adventures. The library is also available for middle and high school students via a self-checkout system. This is a great alternative to having to sift through a lot of junk at the public library. The librarians always welcome book recommendations or requests for books on various subjects, from students or parents.

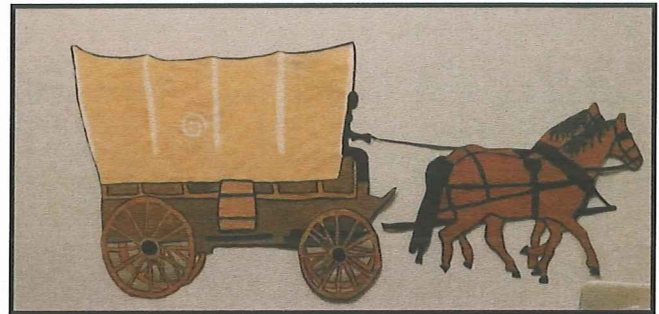
On Monday, April 22nd, we have one more evening of Senior Project Presentations which will wrap up the projects for this year! We have enjoyed presentations on a variety of topics. It is rewarding to see

these kids work hard at their projects and stretch themselves even further with their final presentations.

We'd like to remind everyone of our upcoming Parent Information Evening to be held on Wednesday, April 24th, starting at 7:30pm in the CCS gym. Carl Nienhuis will explore the connection between Christianity and sports. We would love to see a great turnout! The students in grades 7-12 will also have the opportunity to hear Mr. Nienhuis speak that same day at the assembly which starts at 12:45pm. Parents are also welcome to attend the assembly!

Finally, we wish the juniors and seniors a safe, fun and blessed trip to the East Coast in a couple of weeks. We also give thanks for God's blessings on us during this school year so far, and pray for continued strength and stamina for students, teachers, support staff and administrators alike as we near the end of the school year.

Janice DeMooy, on behalf of the Education Committee



## ~ From the CBM ~

Our main focus as of late was the spring cleanup. Thank to all who made time to help! Some of the areas of focus were pruning the healthy hedges and removing dead ones. There was weeding and bed maintenance that was done. We edged and cleaned up the playground areas and edged around the sidewalks. We pressure washed around the whole school. There was special attention to cleaning up around the water tank and mower shed. Thanks again for all your hard work everyone!

Outside of the spring cleaning of the school some of

the items we are focusing on is acquiring a floor cleaner as the current one is failing. We are actively working with the building committee to determine our roles for the upcoming school expansion. We are also nailing down the specifics with Inspire so that we can have them back again this summer.

We hope everyone is enjoying the sun lately and we thank God for the beautiful weather and allowing us to help run our school in a small part, thanks so much!



## ~ From the Cornerstone Education Scholarship Committee ~

Eight years ago, the Board of the CCS Society formed a committee with the mandate to put together a scholarship fund for Cornerstone seniors and alumni seeking to obtain a teaching degree. Our goal is to promote careers in the teaching profession among our graduates and alumni, with a long-term view of ensuring staff for Cornerstone Christian School.

This year, with multiple applicants, we would like to raise funds so that we can financially assist these students with their goal of becoming teachers. Contributions of any size would be gratefully accepted. Would you consider making such a gift? Donations can be made by check, payable to Cornerstone Christian School Society. Please note in the check's memo that

it be directed to the CCS Education Scholarship Fund. Donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be passed on to the bookkeeper, anyone on the Education Scholarship Committee, or sent to Cornerstone Christian School, c/o Education Scholarship, 8872 Northwood Road, Lynden, WA 98264. Please forward donations by Friday, June 7, 2024.

If you have any questions about the scholarship, please get in touch with one of the committee members.

Thank you,  
Melanie Kottelenberg & Stephanie Bareman  
CCS Education Scholarship Committee

## ~ Scrip News ~

Those that participated in the Scrip program would have received your rebates as of now and congrats to those who have saved hundreds of dollars off their tuition payment for May!! Woohoo! Keep up the work to save \$\$\$!!

We are here to inform you also that there are some local businesses that are giving back 15%, one of them being FOOD PAVILION!!!!(but we still must use up the 10% cards first□)

Here is a list: Avenue Bread, The Bourbon, Cancun Mexican, Chihuahua Mexican, Coconut Kenny's, Food Pavilion, Gateway 1890 Grill, Hinton's, Marta's,

Newsroom Pub/Daily Scoop, Rusty Wagon/Rustler's and The Mill at Seventh.

If there is interest in anyone ordering anyone of these cards for future use, we will pick the top 3 favorites and have them on hand for your convenience. We already order Food Pavilion so it would be 3 other ones. If interested let Janet Brown know by April 30. I will share with you the top 3 that won.

We're all about saving you money off your tuition!!

Clarissa Chase  
Janet Brown 360-220-3489

The Horticulture class delivered all the garden boxes on a rainy Friday morning! They rose to the challenge of weather, getting dirty and getting ready to garden!



*Thank  
you*

Harry F for making the boxes  
Al S for the compost  
Bernice V for the truck  
Leo C for the bags of soil



## ~ From the Ladies Aid ~

Spring is here and that means the Plant Sale Committee is in full swing! If you would still like to help out at the sale, please connect with Janice Dykstra to see when and where they could use your help. And don't forget to stop in April 26, 27 or May 3, 4, 10, or 11 to add some plants to your flower beds and gardens!

Ladies Aid recently purchased 4 large white cano-

pies. These are available to rent so talk to a Ladies Aid board member if you are interested.

The volunteer blitz poster will be up soon in the school foyer. Please stop by and take a look at the different fundraisers and committees that need volunteers and consider how you can help!

On behalf of Ladies Aid,  
Jessica Chase

## ~ From the Principal ~

Writing a LINK submission is a reflective time for me. It's time to take a moment to review the pulse of the school. How have things been going since the previous LINK article? I'm pleased to report that it has been going well. There is always something to keep us busy in a school with both elementary and high school. Both divisions recently completed learning terms, so reports went home and in the elementary wing conferences were held. Parent-teacher conferences are so important for communication. Teachers certainly appreciate the time to meet with parents and learn more about their students and I trust you, as parents, appreciate the opportunity to meet as well and understand your child better from the teacher's perspective.

### Looking back

In addition to working with the students, the teachers have been busy with professional development. At the professional development day on March 15th we were able to listen to some recent lectures by Mark denHollander, an instructor at the Covenant Can. Ref. Teachers' College. He spoke to us about the Hallmarks of Reformed Education (mentioned in a previous LINK) and how this impacts the work we do with our students. We want to create a conceptual framework that bridges the gap between the philosophy and theory and the practical application of learning and assessment. For example, what does it mean to be covenantally founded and enmity surrounded when a student is learning math or using technology? If we say our students are confessionally grounded and unity-bounded, how does that impact what we teach? These are questions we wrestle with when we write curriculum and are busy with professional development. This year the EdComm and staff are taking a closer look at the science curriculum. These same questions apply, and teachers were asked to think about what 'enduring understandings' we want to ensure that our students are grasping each unit. Of course, we want

certain content covered, but how do the hallmarks influence this subject area? This work requires some deep thinking, but is a very good process to work through.

The week after Spring Break was Spirit Week, and our whole school STAMP team did a great job of creating a beautifully decorated school with a number of scheduled fun events. Walking through the school last week took one across the river and down to the mountains. The pile of furniture in the hallway reminded us how the pioneers had to jettison their belongings along the Oregon Trail. Pictures of animals roaming prairies were in the hallways, and the mountains of the west rose up to majestic peaks on the tall walls of the gym foyer. The annual popsicle stick hunt had students checking for popsicle sticks all over the classrooms and hallways. This is a great way for the tops of the bulletin boards to get dusted! Most of the hidden sticks are found that day, but it's always fun to find them weeks and months later, too. New this year was "Anything But a Backpack" day for high school. Students had to bring their books to school in anything but a backpack, so wheelbarrows, soup pans, suitcases, laundry baskets, a saddle, and even a kayak lined the halls that day. To cap off the events of the week, the students all participated in a games afternoon. It truly is a delight and a blessing to see the juniors and seniors interacting with the primary students. It is one of those times when the blessing of being a 1-12 school is very apparent.

Another special event at school is hot lunch day. The ladies of that committee organize several of these hot lunches throughout the year, and moms get a turn on the schedule to help out. I want to use this opportunity to thank you all for these efforts. It's a real highlight to have such a special lunch on those days. It's always delicious, albeit a bit of a mess-creator, but certainly appreciated.



### Upcoming Events

As the school year is in the final months, we still have some big events to look forward to. For our juniors and seniors, the trip to DC is on everyone's mind. The students and their chaperones head out on April 29th, and Lord willing return in the wee hours of May 7th. We are grateful for this opportunity for them and wish them safety on their travels and a fabulous conclusion to their U.S. government studies.

What else is on the schedule? Speech contest on May 16th. Sports Day on May 24th. Grade 8 grad on June 7 and Senior grad on June 14th. There will also be field trips and overnight trips tucked in these final weeks, too. A volunteer thank you event will be organized also. Amongst all these things, I assure you that learning continues to take place. High school students are learning how to respond to evolutionary theory. Middle school students are learning how to be successful in public speaking. Long division is introduced in third grade. Primary students are working on how to conduct an interview. There is a lot to get through before the doors close in June.

### SOGI

SOGI, if you aren't aware, is an abbreviation for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. It is an acronym coined on the west coast that is slowly gaining traction as it moves east. Recently I was able to attend a conference in Calgary organized by the Reformed Curriculum Development Committee (RCDC) on this topic. Attending the conference with me were principals and teachers representing various schools across Canada. In preparation for the conference we were asked to read at least one book on this topic written from a Christian perspective. Having read a few of the recommendations, I have a better understanding of the "how did we got here" question. Once in attendance we heard from Jojo Ruba, (Christian apologist), Rev. Chris Gordon, (author of *New Reformation Catechism on Human Sexuality*), Rev. Keith Davis, (pastor of Calgary URC) and both John Wynia, (League coordinator) and Mark den Hollander (instructor at Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers' College). Each of these speakers really led us to turn to God's Word as the foundation when we talk about this issue, like any other. The organizers grouped us into fours and we were tasked with creating "enduring understandings" and big ideas surrounding this issue. Big ideas like "When our identity is in Christ our relationships are impacted" or "I am created in God's image, and His design (for me) is very good." With each big idea there are more specific

understandings such as, "God's intentional design for humans as male and female was very good Gen 1:27, or "students will understand that when their identity is restored by Christ, they are able to fulfill their calling, leading a thankful and content life fighting against sin."

On day two we were grouped again to discuss the books we had read. The goal here was to create material that could go back with us to our schools and be put to use. Some of the material is for school staff to be better prepared to discuss this topic, and others could perhaps be used with upper high school.

What became clear to me was the importance of talking and thinking about these Big Ideas with all our students, in age appropriate ways. A firm understanding of who we are, and how this impacts our relationships is immensely important for all of us, including our students. I'd like to recommend the books we read as literature for our community to become familiar with as well. The catechism by Rev. Gordon is a small, but powerful resource. Love Thy Body by Nancy Percy, especially chapter 1, helped me understand the "how did we get here" question. A Strange New World, by Carl Trueman, traces the development of identity politics. Do Not be True to Yourself is a shorter read and written for graduating seniors. While the SOGI topic may be a turn-off title for some of you, I was encouraged by the focus on God's word and the desire to build a positive atmosphere that allows us to stand alongside each other for support, and to help each other lead obedient lives according to all His commandments.





# 2023/2024 School Calendar

## August

29- First Day of School

## September

4- Labor Day

13- Student Picture Day

## October

6- PD Day

9- Columbus Day

27- PD Day

## November

10- Veteran's Day

14 - College & Careers Evening

17- HS 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr report Cards

17 - Thanksgiving Program

20,21- High School P/T Conferences

23- Thanksgiving Day

24- Thanksgiving Break

## December

8- Elem 1<sup>st</sup> Term Report cards

11- Early Release -11:55am

11,13- Elem P/T Conferences

22- Last Day of 2023

25- Jan 5 – Christmas Break

## January

8- First Day of 2024

15 - Martin Luther King Day

## February

1- HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Reports

5,6- HS P/T Conferences

16- PD Day

19 -President's Day

29- Mid Winter Break

## March

1- Mid Winter Break

15- PD Day

22- 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Elem Report Cards

25- Early Release (11:55am) P/T Prep

25/27- Elem P/T Conferences

29- Good Friday

## April

1-5- Spring Break

12- HS 3rd Qtr Reports

18- Grandparents Day

## May

3- PD Day

9- Ascension Day

24- Sports Day

27- Memorial Day

28- Sports Day Backup

## June

7- Eighth Grade Graduation

13- Last Day of School

14- Senior Graduation

## Board

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Staff & Membership Admin	Jan Kottelenberg
Building Liaison:	Harvey Pelleboer
IT Liaison:	Dave Hofford

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Gavin Willis	

## Ladies Aid Committee

Pres - Bea Kleyn	VP - Malorie Burger
Sec - Jessica Chase	Treas -Jolene Vreugdenhil

## Staff

### Office Administration:

Debbie Johnson - Principal, Art 7-10
Kari VanDiest- Secretary
Karla Leyenhorst - Bookkeeper

### Full Time:

Jeanette Janssen - Science 7-12, Math 9-12
Jolene Groves- PE, Bible, Hist. 3/4, L.A., Math 3, PE, Science Gr.1/2
Lynette Van Hofwegen - Gr. 5/6
Stephen Chase - PE 5-8, Eng 9-10, Hist, 7-10, Per Fin 9
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Wayne Chase - Bible 9-12, Math 11, English, & History 11/12

### Part Time:

Christine Hofford - Ed Support
Hannah Gonzalez - Spanish 11/12, Sci, Music, Geog. 3/4
Janice Dykstra - Ed Support Director
Jolene Vreugdenhil - Culinary Arts 11/12
Julie Thompson - Ed Support
Karen DeMooy - Art 3/4
Kathleen Stevens- Yearbook, L.A 4
Katrina Lodder - Ed Support
Kaylene Hofford - Ed Support
Kristina Wendt - PE HS
Melanie Kottelenberg - Music 5/6
Shari Kruyswijk - Gr.1/2 Bible, Math, Music, Art, History
Sharon Veldman - Culinary Arts 11/12
Tessa Kooiker - L.A. 1/2

### Library:

Debbie Johnson
Michelle VanDriel
Rianne Kruyswijk
Sarah Wielenga



### The Art of Writing: A Lifelong Journey

Since our earliest years, we've been working on the exciting quest of mastering the written word. Writing is a complex tapestry, woven with threads of symbolism, semantics, graphophonics, and syntax. It's a skill that demands unwavering practice, dedication, and a keen understanding of how texts work.

As children, we learned to translate our innermost thoughts into a series of meaningful symbols, each carefully crafted to convey a specific message. This process, while seemingly simple, is a profound feat. It requires a delicate balance between precision and creativity, ensuring that our words not only communicate but also captivate, control, manipulate, and amuse our audience.

The grade 7/8 class, throughout this year, has been on this journey of writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. This past week, the students were tasked with a unique challenge: to compose a Cornerstone School Reflection in cursive writing for their grandparents. This assignment not only tested their writing abilities but also their understanding of purpose and audience – two crucial elements that shape how we craft our words.

Traditionally, teachers provide scaffolding to guide students through such tasks. However, in this case, the scaffolding was removed, allowing the students to flex their writing muscles and showcase their true potential. The outcome was nothing short of wonderful, a testament to the dedication and hard work they had invested throughout the year.

Writing is an art form that transcends mere communication. It is a window into the human experience, a canvas upon which we paint our thoughts, emotions, and perspectives. As the students continue their journey, they will undoubtedly encounter new challenges and opportunities to refine their craft, for writing is a lifelong pursuit, ever-evolving and ever-captivating.

In the following pages, we have included a selection of these exceptional reflections, each a unique tapestry woven by the skilled hands of our young writers. May the Lord continue to bless their efforts and may their efforts serve as an inspiration for all who embark on the journey of mastering the written word.

Mr Houweling, grade 7/8 teacher.

### Grandparents Reflection

Tracy

I am so very thankful that I was born to strong Christian believers. Since my parents have, and do spend much time in God's word, I have the ability to do so as well. My parents have encouraged me, and helped me to understand not only God's words, but also His laws, commandments, and promises to us, His children. In following this, my parents have enrolled me in an amazing Christian school that I have been able to attend for the last 3 years. I realize how much closer I have gotten in my personal relationship with/to God, and how much more I have learned about Him.



Something that I know I will enjoy and am looking forward to, is the camping trip that we get to go on towards the end of the year. I, along with my classmates, will be able to visit Mount Saint Helens this year, camping in tents, and enjoying the great outdoors.

Throughout the year we also endure the normal, everyday subjects of school life. Every morning we begin our day by singing praises to the Lord and taking our time to memorize Bible passages. Our teacher, Mr. Houmeling, then delivers the carefully articulated Bible lesson that he has prepared to the class. Currently, we get the privilege to dive deep into the world of Church History, having discussions every Friday morning. Throughout the afternoons and mornings we also have other subjects such as History, Math, Science, Grammar, Reading, and Writing. These subjects come with a diverse amount of tasks, such as weekly Spelling tests, Vocabulary tests, and Math tests. We are also currently reading the Hobbit in class which includes a quiz per chapter. We have also had the privilege of being able to enjoy a plentiful mixture of activities. We started off the PE year by enjoying soccer. Following that, we've played basketball, volleyball (my personal favorite), and we're now currently in our baseball unit. Following these, we will begin to train for Sports Day by doing track and field with our assigned partners.



another part of seven and eighth grade is setting goals for ourselves each term. For this last term, my goal is to study harder. I feel that if I power through, and get all of my work done on time, I will be leaving plenty of time for myself to study for tests and achieve more significant grades. I found it easy to get distracted a few months prior, so I will count on myself, as well as my peers to remind me, to work hard.

Overall, I really enjoy school. I am so thankful that I can receive a Christian education. Through though I have encountered challenges throughout the year, I am very glad that I can find ways to overcome them. I love coming to school each and every day to not only see my friends, but also learn more about God's world around me and how it works.

Vincent

## Grandparents Day

On this Grandparents Day, I am reminded of the immense love and wisdom that my grandparents have shared with me throughout my life. They have been a source of inspiration and guidance to me as because both of my grandmothers have volunteered with missions both at an older age.



I am also thankful for Mrs. Christian school where my teachers care about me as a student by teaching me and my classmates in the way we should go on in our Christian lives. Some things they teach us that I have particularly enjoyed are the family ancestry timeline and learning about King David. My teacher makes lessons interesting and alive because they are energetic and enthusiastic in their teaching.

My favorite subject in school is history because my teacher Mr. Chase, goes into depth with the information and he really gets into his lessons. My favorite unit from him was the Renaissance unit. My favorite class from Mr. Howling is bible because he is great at telling the bible story and he goes down deep into

When I graduate from high school I am thinking of being a mechanic or trying to go big in hockey. If I become a mechanic my mentor to be Jan Vaneabben (Vocelyn's husband). Jan inspired me to be a mechanic because he let me take apart an engine that he got from a car. I'm inspired to go big in hockey because of Dad, he got MVP and I've always been, I'm going to do that someday.



In conclusion this Grandparents Day I'm happy  
you came it has been good to see you this side of  
the continent.

## Grandparents Reflection

Ruben Sterk

The Lord has provided me with many blessings,  
but I'm especially thankful for a Christian school  
to go to.

I'm in 8th grade now and have 11 people in my  
grade. This is a big change from my school in  
Colorado, where I had about 140 kids in my grade.  
The people in 8th grade have been really welcoming  
and I never feel left out.

I have so far received a rich education this  
year and I am excited to learn more this term. In  
church history we are learning about the time  
when Jesus got crucified. Every Friday we have a  
Bible discussion and talk about what we learned  
that week. Other than Bible class, most of the other  
subjects have stayed the same.

This school has also provided me a big  
opportunity to try new sports. Basket ball is  
the first new sport I tried at Cornerstone.  
Although I didn't like it very much, I am glad I  
tried it. Another new sport that I tried was  
vollyball. The vollyball season is still going on and  
I am really enjoying it. We haven't lost a game  
yet. In PE we are playing baseball. This is also  
a sport that I have never played and I am  
really enjoying it.



In History class, we have been learning about the Middle Ages through the 19th century. We've completed many group projects, and they've been enjoyable!

## Grandparents Day Reflection

April 2024

Emmu Davis

I cannot believe that we are already in the 3rd term of the 2023-2024 school year! The past two terms sure have flown by! From playing soccer in the beginning of the year, to composing narratives for the writing contest, these past two terms have been hectic!

There are so many things to be thankful for in relation to the Christian school that I attend. We are taught in the fear of the Lord. A Christian education is very important for our well-being, and we should not take it for granted. As covenant children, we learn together about God and His world in which we live. At school, we pray, we sing praises, and we read God's Word together. A Christian school and community is something to be thankful for!

In the grade 7 & 8 classroom, we have a lot of fun together! We are given a lot of responsibility, and I'm thankful for that! Mr. Howeling taught us some alternate lines to songs in the Book of Praise, and it's a lot of fun to sing them!



In Science Class, Ms. Janssen has taught us about the Earth and its systems. We've dealt with the Old Testament in Bible Class, and now, we are learning about the history of the church. I feel that the most important things we have been learning about are in Bible/Church History. We learn about the history of God's people, and more about God!

When I graduate school in five years, I hope to become a teacher. I enjoy learning and I want to help others learn! I always think about how I would teach concepts differently than my past teachers if I was a teacher, and I want to put those thoughts and ideas into practice.

In conclusion, life at school is very interesting and fun! Although it has its ups and downs, we make it through each day by the grace of our God. Education is a gift from God for us to learn and grow, and we should use that gift each and every day, every hour, and every minute.



## Grandparents day reflection

Lucy

Wow! This year has really flown by. From basketball season to watching I am David, the 7<sup>th</sup> classroom has grown so much physically and spiritually together. I would also like to thank my teacher, family, and friends and God for supporting me throughout my journey. My school year has involved many enriching activities in all my subjects.

I am extremely thankful that my grandparents raised my parents in a christian community and family, so I could be too. I am so thankful that I am able to go to church and go to a christian school without being persecuted. It is truly a blessing, even though it might not seem like it. I am also so thankful for all of my family and friends that encourage me to do my best and serve the Lord with all my heart.

School for me is usually good. The part I like most about school is seeing my friends. I love to talk with them, and laugh with them but still of course do my work. Sometimes with all of the things around you, things can be very distracting, but I try to keep focus as well as I can. When I graduate from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I hope to be ready and prepared for high school.



Ellie

4/8/24

## Grandparents' Reflection

A place where youth and education fill the hall. From short to tall God made them all.

School is a place for flourishing and learning. In many schools across the nation, and around the globe, children don't get a chance to bloom, or even receive a solid educational foundation. It is such a blessing to be able to receive a Christian education. I am glad I can attend a private, Christian school, wherein I learn to grow my abilities and talents of which I can use to prosper.

Throughout this school year we have studied many things. From the greatness of our Creator and how His world works to the way of the English language, we have done it all. I feel Bible is important because it shows us how to live and to walk while still following His commandments. We have learned about being pilgrims on our way to our Heavenly dwelling place. In Science we have learned about God's world and how it works. In P.E. we have played soccer, basketball, and volleyball. In our P.E. volleyball season we went undefeated and won the championships. We are



learning to do away with childish things, and will remember to practice that.

Our teacher, Mr. Kluweling, has given us unusual desk changes to practice responsibility. This responsibility is not only practiced inside of the classroom, but also outside. By teaching us how to be responsible we can flourish later in life.

We read a novel in the second term: Clann David. In this novel there is a boy, David, who is fleeing north to find freedom. This book is during World War 2, so David has trouble keeping himself alive. In his adventures David not only finds freedom, but also God. He uses God as a life line, and tries figuring out the roots of prayer.

All in all, I am thankful for the Christ based education I can receive here at Cornerstone. I will continue to the end of this year living in the Spirit!