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Cornerstone Christian School

## ~ Chairman Report ~

Recently I had the opportunity to visit and experience what attending class at Cornerstone is like and seeing the teachers and staff hard at work. A couple times a year, a member of the school board and the education committee visit the school. Lisa Pelleboer accompanied me as a member of the Ed Com and I was there on behalf of the board. This visit gave us an up close look of the atmosphere and relations between teachers and students.

One might ask what it is that we were looking for or why these visits are really necessary? For the board and Ed Com to do their work well it is important that they have a clear knowledge and interest in how things are being taught and received in our school. Does the atmosphere and lessons being taught reflect our Reformed faith as well as the discipline and behavior of the students? Do we observe good communication, respect for one another and an atmosphere that would be pleasing to our Lord?

It is good to be reminded from time to time of our mission statement... *"To assist parents in educating the children of the covenant as part of their preparation for a life of Christ-centered service and stewardship in the kingdom and Church of God."* Does our school live up to our mission statement and purpose...? Is the teaching and atmosphere in the school visibly Reformed? As parents, and even grandparents, we are called to instruct our covenant children / grandchildren in the way that they should go. Cornerstone Christian School should also be an extension of this pursuit of knowledge to equip our youth for this life of Christ-centered service. This is a great responsibility that the school must fulfill.

As representatives of the parents, board members must be interested and knowledgeable of what is happening in the school and ensure that our goals are being fulfilled. One important way to do that is to visit the school and observe firsthand what is happening in each classroom. We can thankfully report that we had a wonderful visit. We could witness a welcoming and enthusiastic atmosphere throughout the school. We

were able to witness a distinctly Reformed atmosphere from the opening assembly, walking through the hallways and in all of the classes we visited. It was a joy to see the teachers in action... and the attentive students... well, most of them :).... We are truly thankful that we have been blessed with a great staff at Cornerstone. Let us all pray regularly for our teachers, that God would grant them the strength to carry out their difficult tasks each and every day. Let us also pray that the students may have receptive hearts to the knowledge that is being communicated.

Our theme this year is, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life." February is mission month at Cornerstone as well as Valentines day on the calendar and perhaps a time that the heart strings are pulled a little tighter. One can't help but notice the handmade signs on doors and walls at the school advertising homemade goodies, cinnamon rolls and even Krispy Kreme donuts. There appears to be a friendly but also "fierce" competition to raise the most classroom funds for mission. I'm told the prize is a classroom pizza party for the classes who raise the most. I can't help but think this also presents a great time to instill a joy of giving in the hearts of our students and of becoming eager participants in His kingdom.

Let's all continue to strive for a knowledge and true faith that involves the whole person- the head, the heart and the hands.

May our children truly grasp the beauty of God's kingdom through every day assignments taught through every day instruction in Bible or science and that their hearts would be stirred to live lives of service to Him.

The board and the committee's continue to do their work diligently. I'd like to thank all those involved with the day to day operations of the school... which is almost everyone! Especially those who worked to get the greenhouse up and running with heat, installing growing beds, filling



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## Upcoming Dates

Feb 26—Elem Term 2 Reports
Mar 2&4— Elem P/T Conferences
Mar 3—Spelling Bee (School)
Mar 5—Quad School Spelling Bee
Mar 20—HS 3rd Qtr Reports
Mar 27—Spring Concert
Apr. 6- 10 - Spring Break
Apr 16—Grandparents Day
Apr. 24—Social Studies Fair

growing beds, storage cabinets, work tables and generally making everything look nice around the building! A hearty thank you to all who made this happen. Your work is much appreciated and we look forward to seeing the beautiful results of these efforts!

The board is busy this time of the year making preparations for next year, especially as it relates to staffing needs. We can report that most of the current teachers plan to return next year, something the board is very thankful for. The board is looking to fill two positions: a middle and high school and 3/4 elementary teaching positions. You may have received the notice earlier this week, that the board has hired a new High School History/English teacher for the 2020/21 school year. John-

Mark Stromberg, a local Lynden resident, has accepted our middle and high school teaching position. He is a recent graduate from Dordt University. John-Mark is a member of the Lynden URC church. We are extremely thankful that the Lord has provided for the school in this way. We look forward to having John-Mark join our staffing team! We covet your prayers as we work to filling our final position.

On behalf of the board, I would like to express thanks to our extremely dedicated staff, volunteers, committee members, sub-committee members and all those who have a hand in making Cornerstone Christian School function like a well oiled machine! May God bless Cornerstone Christian School!

## Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life". Proverbs 4:23

### ~ Treasurer Report ~

The financial position of the school continues to remain in a strong position. Thanks to all who contribute financially, but also through volunteerism or otherwise. It all helps!

As we enter the last half of the fiscal year, we send a quick reminder to remember make your operating pledge donation if it hasn't been paid yet.

Thank you to Nathan Chase for his efforts on the Finance Committee, as he has now completed his term. Much appreciated, Nate! We will look to fill a position or two to serve on the committee in the Fall.

Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers over the years with the Bun on the Run Fundraiser. It has helped raise funds for the school and provided a decent return on volunteer hours invested. However, with decreased sales and greater challenges generating sales from the community abroad, the Finance Committee decided it to

be best to not continue with this fundraiser at this time. Thankfully, we have a number of other very worthwhile fundraisers. Quality of fundraiser, rather than quantity of fundraiser approach, seems to be a good formula for our community. It avoids less volunteer burn-out.

The planning for this year's Homestead 15 Run is well underway. The date is set for Saturday April 25. There again is a 5k, 10k and 15k. Why not sign up and get training? You can sign up at this website: [www.runsignup.com/homestead15](http://www.runsignup.com/homestead15). Please pass along/'like'/share any advertising you may see on Facebook to your friends to help spread the word and get as many runners as we can. If you would rather not participate in the run, please consider whether you would be willing and able to help that morning. If you helped along the route at our last run (September 2018), we would love to have you back at the same location. Please let Katrina know if you can help!

### ~ IT Report ~

In the past few months, most of the IT committee's work has been regular troubleshooting of problems with operation equipment. We've been addressing problems with printers, chromebooks, desktops, security cameras, wifi, and others.

Ongoing connectivity issues with the school's existing wifi are making it clear that we should do something to update the system. The committee believes the best option is to invest in a Ubiquiti Unifi Line so that we have a more reliable connection, and also so that we can monitor connection droppage issues in the future. We have

conducted a trial run of this hardware to the satisfaction of staff members.

The committee is in the process of purchasing the hardware necessary to have the Ubiquiti system running consistently and reliably throughout the entire school building. In addition to this, the committee has made plans to improve the hardware used at the school by continuing to replace older chromebooks, and by purchasing new wireless doc cameras for classroom use.

Kind regards, The IT Committee

## ~ Education Committee Report ~

Nice for the students and staff to have a long weekend recently. A break from official learning can give opportunity for other activities with family and community, learning opportunities for the staff with other schools and a well deserved break!

Currently the Education Committee continues to work on Bible and Church History curriculum. This is a rather large task but we are making headway! Rationales are being drawn up and resources studied. The Bible is so incredibly written that even after hundreds of years we are still learning new ways to study, learn and understand Scriptures. God is an amazing God.

In addition to curriculum review, we have also just begun to look at what a typical Cornerstone graduate looks like

at the end of their time at CCS. More about that to come. We are also looking forward to the presentations for Senior Projects coming up next month. Students are hard at work and the fruits of their labor will become evident!

You can all look forward to another evening at the school that highlights yet another one of the myriad ways of learning that goes on day by day. High school students hope to present on various topics in a workshop format. We look forward to watching the action on March 31. See future notices for details.

May God continue to bless our efforts.

On behalf of the Ed Comm

Jeanette Bouwman

## ~~ Save the Date ~~

### Parent Information Evening

### March 31, 2020 at 7:30 pm





## ~ College & Careers ~

As spring and the end of the school year begin to loom on the horizon, it is a great time for students to begin to prepare and plan for what comes after high school. Senior students who intend to go to college or university should already have their applications submitted and should expect to hear about their admission status soon, if they haven't already been notified (financial aid applications and the FAFSA should already be completed as well). Many scholarship applications are due soon as well; check the school website for a partial list of local scholarships. For students in their junior year, spring is a

great time to take the SAT for the first time, with test dates available in March, May, and June.

We also want to thank outgoing committee members Debby Lodder and Ben Faber for their years of service and valuable contributions to the committee. At the same time, a warm welcome to Ryan VanDriel and Laura Faber who are joining the committee; we are very thankful for your willingness to serve!

On behalf of the College and Careers Committee,  
Gavin Willis

## ~ Principal Report ~

Life and learning at Cornerstone Christian School continues to flourish under the blessing of the Lord! We're thankful for a positive culture in the classrooms and hallways, for dedicated teachers and volunteers and a beautiful, warm facility to work in each day. We appreciate the encouragement along the way too; just last week our board/ed comm visitors wrote the following: *What a gift to be part of a Christ centered school community! From the school devotions in the morning, to the many scripture verses posted on walls, the love the teachers have for the students and the healthy respect students have for teachers - it's a joy to see teaching and learning being done to the glory of our Heavenly Father.*

We're glad our visitors got a sense of what we generally experience on a daily basis!

### Horticulture Course

There's been plenty of exciting progress in and around the greenhouse over the past month. Inside, a new heater has been installed, the beds (with dirt) are in place and there are plants growing in flats on the donated tables. Mrs. Heather Johnson, our expert and enthusiastic horticulture teacher, has six high school students under her tutelage during the first go-round of this half-credit course. She has plenty of interesting learning experiences planned including a legacy project. This project will see the students working together to build a hydroponic growing station to include a 'pond' of live fish.

On the outside, I'm grateful for the work that Rick Faber is doing with his machines and expertise to prepare a gravel area on the south side, which will serve as a 'selling station' for our plant sale. This area will be beautified with some split rail fencing and posts. On the northside, between the greenhouse and the water tank, we have plans to landscape and plant an ornamental garden.

A hearty thank-you to Raymond Faber, Marty Vreugdenhil and a number of trades for their work in pushing this project along. This hands-on elective opportunity is very exciting for our students and we look forward to working side-by-side with the Plant Sale

Committee to give the students a great learning experience. Feel free to swing by any time to check out the latest progress in this area of the school!

### Basketball Season

This past week our basketball season came to a close. It was a memorable season in a number of ways. While winning is not the main goal of the program, all our teams could savor their fair share of wins as a reward for effort on the court. Our high school teams could enjoy some tournament play and for some, an overnight trip to Vancouver. Two new coaches jumped in with both feet and were always ready to take on the next challenge and make themselves available for extra-scheduled games. There were also challenges to overcome at times including injury, a lack of focus and teamwork, blaming-the-referees-for-losses attitudes, selfishness, pride, a lack-of-love for the opposition and so on. No one is surprised when the well-spring of our hearts overflow with sinful attitudes and motives on or off the court. That is why we have Christian adult coaches, who have played, who have struggled with the same attitudes and can lend their support to encourage, direct and guide our players. Our hope is that all our players have grown in their love for the game, but more importantly, a desire to represent Jesus Christ in the 'heat' of the game and in their reflections after the game.

I would like to give a BIG thank-you to our dedicated coaches: Ms. Janita Willis & Johanna Bareman (MS girls), John Vreugdenhil (MS boys), Aaron Bosscher & Kieran Willis (JV Boys), Ken Bosscher & Ruben Bosscher (Varsity boys), and Janice Dykstra & Trina Visser (HS girls). Your commitment to our teams is much appreciated and we salute you for the many hours you've given to help our players grow. Enjoy a restful off-season!

### Upcoming Events

The students in grades 1-6 are singing and practicing their lines in readiness for our spring concert on March 27. Mark the date! In April, we look forward to hosting all our grandparents on Thursday the 16th.

Further down the track, we are hosting a History Fair on April 24. I don't believe we've had a History Fair focus in the past, so this will be a new and exciting opportunity to let the creative juices flow in this learning area. All our teachers have interesting plans to make the evening interactive and engaging for you (and the students!).

### New Teacher

We are delighted to welcome John-Mark Stromberg to our teaching team for next year. He has recently graduated from Dordt University with a Bachelors in History. We're thankful that he and Mr. Chase were willing to be flexible with their teaching assignments; each of them will take one of the high school English classes going forward. John-Mark looks forward to using his time between now and August to map out some unit plans, completing some readings, and participating in some summer professional development in the area of Christian Worldview and apologetics.

### Call for Teachers

A new teacher added to the ranks is always a reason for thankfulness. It is true: God provides and we have experienced his provision over many years at Cornerstone. However, this reality should not cause us to rest on our laurels. In fact, as our church communities continue to grow numerically, so does the need for more teachers in our Reformed schools. For your consideration, I'd like to leave you with a few paragraphs from colleague Kent Dykstra, principal at Credo Christian High School, who wrote the following in a recent parent newsletter:

*Increasing teacher supply should be a priority for us, and this issue has had the attention of all of our local school boards. At the recent Principal's conference in September 2019, the principals agreed that working together is vital, since relying only on local efforts is unlikely to produce healthy results. It is in the best interests of all our schools to have a healthy mobile teacher supply. Efforts are underway to develop a national strategy for Reformed schools: a*

*few weeks ago, Otto Bouwman and I travelled to Ontario to meet with a committee formed by the League of Canadian Reformed School Societies (which represents schools in Ontario) and discuss ways that we could cooperate. Initial planning has begun to develop concrete collaborative actions at a national level to reduce our national teacher scarcity. We understand that this will be a long-term process.*

*What might that action look like? What are some factors that discourage our young people (and middle-aged people) from taking up the teaching profession? Salaries are one factor, but are certainly not everything. We may have to look farther afield to other countries, like our predecessors did. We may need to make it easier for our students to choose teaching as a career by giving financial assistance for those who perhaps have a degree and are considering teaching are considering obtaining an education degree.*

*The best long-term strategy is to increase the status of the teaching profession. The afore-mentioned salary grid plays a part here, but so does the way that we as teachers and community members talk about the profession. In this regard, it's something that we can all do. Encourage young people with potential to consider university studies. Encourage people already in a career to consider switching to the profession. Be positive about education as a field that is worthy of service.*

*Our schools are blessed financially, but without teachers, healthy bank balances do us little good. The issue of teacher supply is a challenge that needs to be owned not just by administrators and boards, but by entire school communities. May God grant us as church communities the wisdom and resolve to tackle this issue and ensure that our classrooms are led by competent, passionate professionals who in turn draw others into their profession.*



## ~ Ladies Aid Report ~

2020 has arrived and with it, a number of fundraisers which are already off and running!

The Entertainment Coupon books is the first one for this year, and is already in progress. The books will be distributed on March 2 and then its sell, sell, sell! This is a relatively easy fundraiser and each book sold is a \$5 profit! More information can be found in the weekly school Contact newsletter.

A new fundraising opportunity arose in the past month... The Wild & Wonderful Spring Market! The Cornerstone Cafe has been asked to be the food vendor for a market that will be taking place at the Ferndale Events Center on March 27, 28. We are grateful to have been asked and think this would be an exciting (once-off for now) fundraising opportunity and hopefully also more recognition for our booth at the fair and in the community. This sounds like a fun event with great vendors participating and we encourage you to stop by and sample some favorites of the cafe as well as some new tasty options. A big thanks to Lydia and Helena for taking on this exciting venture!

The plant sale committee, with help from the high-school horticulture class, has been hard at work getting Plant

Sale 2020 off the ground. The greenhouse is heated, and the annuals are already growing. It's looking to be an exciting year for us, but we need your help. Please plan on joining us at the greenhouse on Wednesday, March 18 (school hours) for a planting party. We will endeavor to pot all of our perennials that have been dug out of peoples' yards. The plant sale will take place, DV, April 24-25, May 1-2, and May 8-9. Save the dates! Thanks in advance for your help.

Plant Sale Committee: Bernice, Joyce, Karla, Leshia, Janet, Christine, Malorie, Hannah, Ranelle

We can be very thankful for the various opportunities we have in raising funds for the school. It's your school and when everyone puts their shoulders to the wheel, the responsibility doesn't just fall on a select few. The committees put in a tremendous amount of voluntary labor. If you're not in a committee, please consider helping out in various ways such as helping with a shift or offering babysitting services! We look forward to a productive year but only with the Lord's blessings.

For the Ladies Aid: Fiona Houweling

## ~ From our Fifth & Sixth Grade Students ~

# Sonnets

*Horses by Kayleigh Davis*



Horses are super fun to ride  
They are swift and have gentle eyes  
When you ride, it feels like you glide  
Horses flick their tails to shoo away flies.

They run, they trot, they gallop too,  
Horses have shiny manes, and braided tails  
When they get out, what will they do?  
Out of the stall, from fields to trails.

They jump obstacles around four feet  
Horses love when their owners groom  
Put on a saddle, and have a seat  
When horses roam, they need lots of room.

Owners style their horses manes so nice  
Horses are very precise.

*Hamsters by Adam De Boer*



Hamsters can be very very fun  
There is no need to take out your gun  
Give them some toys and let them climb  
They will get used to you over time

Hamsters need a cozy cage and some food  
That will probably put them in a good mood  
They are just like furry little ferrets  
Except they eat lots of juicy carrots.

They give you a warning when they chatter  
But that doesn't really matter  
They love to eat yummy delicious treats  
But I don't think they like beets.

I had a hamster, but he died one day  
That's all I can really say.

### Shoes by Kyle DeMooy



My new white squishy shoes are brand new  
It's about time I got new shoes  
My old shoes were stinky and gross and brown  
Those old shoes were not suitable for town.

My new shoes are funky and sassy  
My friends think they are classy  
If I stay home or if I go out,  
Everyone's tongues are sticking out

Those shoes are making me have a great day  
My new shoes are cool what can I say?  
These shoes make me walk with a little swagger  
I'm rocking in these sneaks like Mick Jagger

My shoes have an inch thick of air  
They make me walk without care.

### Candy by Claire Doornbos



Do you want a delicious treat?  
I think this is something you'll like  
This is a treat that cannot be beat  
You will cheer up at its sight.

This fantastic treat's name is candy  
And it's the perfect thing for you  
Candy is very, very dandy  
It won't make you say "ew, boo!"

It comes in many different flavors  
Like cherry, cotton candy, and bubblegum  
It is something you can savor  
Here, let me give you a bag of some.

So, if you want a delicious treat  
Then candy is the treat that cannot be beat!

### My Dog by Fei Kobes



My dog is a crazy little puppy.  
She always loves to ride on big fat boats.  
She loves to stare at my pretty guppy.  
My puppy lives in very tiny moats.

Running and jumping she does all long day.  
She will run in weather like rain and fog.  
She catches and plays all through the month May.  
In the smelly bog she plays with a frog.

She runs home and we give her a sweet-smelling bath.  
After her sweet bath she plays with Sandy.  
My sweet dog comes home and helps me with math.  
Then I give her sweet sugar candy.

She is very fun to play with and chase.  
She is a dog to carry in a case.

### A Snow Day by Mya Kruyswijk



I wake up and gaze out my window  
I am so excited for what my eyes see-  
Mountains of glistening, white snow!  
Into my snow stuff I go quickly.

I go outside into the freezing snow and air,  
But I'm toasty warm in my fluffy coat.  
Trudging in my boots, snow in my hair!  
I see snowflakes fall and float.

I love playing with my siblings in the snow,  
Making snow dens and throwing snowballs  
Until mom says, "Kids! Time to go!"  
I try to get my snow pants off, but then I fall!

We sit by the fire to warm our toes,  
Our noses as red as Rudolph's nose!



### **Summer by Jessie Veldman**



Summer is a really cool season  
The beautiful splash of the blue pool  
Do I have to give my silly reason  
It is so much fun and it is so cool

I love going fun places and camping  
I love staying up super-duper late  
We play and play and then we are sleeping  
We sleep and sleep and soon the part I hate

Until soon we need to get out and up  
But then we get up and we go swimming  
And then I walk to my mom and grab a cup  
And then very soon while I'm drinking

I see mom in the refreshing blue pool  
And then soon enough I feel super-hot!

### **Dogs by Dylan Van Driel**



Some people say that dogs are a chore  
And some people say that they are a bore  
They whimper, they bark, they poop, and they pee  
But I think all dogs are just right for me

Dogs are a joy, if you treat them just right  
Like what kind of toys and dog foods they like  
If you treat them right, they'll be your best friend  
They'll love you and lead you until the end

Dogs can play fetch if they're in the right mood  
And if you don't walk them, your shoes might be chewed  
If you go out, your dog will be missed  
And when you come home, you're sure to be kissed

I think that dogs are cute and adorable  
Life without dogs, would make life horrible

### **My Old Red Crayon by Zachary Veldman**



My old red crayon used to have big long hair.  
He would always follow me everywhere.  
I really tried to get him from the back.  
Two seconds later, I heard a loud crack!

I looked at the crayon, all sad and red.  
So, I taped him together and put him to bed.  
Then, suddenly out popped a random shoe,  
And a pencil popped out with a large crew.

The pencil stole the red broken crayon.  
So, the crayon roared like a great lion.  
The pencil and his crew ran off in the night,  
So, then we went to bed and hit the light.

The next morning, the big crack was gone!  
So, the crayon and I sang a short song.

### **Food By Casey Vreugdenhil**



Food is always good to eat  
Fruit is good for your body  
Our bodies get iron from meat  
Vegetables keep us healthy.

Chocolate and candy are very sweet  
Maybe not the best for our teeth  
But they are sure a yummy treat  
So, make sure you brush your teeth.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner  
Are the main meals in a day  
But snack time is the winner  
At least that's what I say.

Our bodies get energy from food  
Which keeps us in a good mood!



### Garbage by Evan Brown



We throw stuff away every single day  
Food, paper, plastic and old, broken toys  
Throw away a banana, it will decay  
Trash gets tossed by girls; trash gets tossed by boys

Done with an item? Throw it in the can.  
Then every week, drag it out to the road.  
Watch your trash get scooped by the garbage man.  
In the garbage man's truck is a big load.

Garbage is very dirty and smelly  
All the flies fly around the dirty trash  
Take a whiff and feel sick to your belly  
If you touch it too much, you'll get a rash

Next time you have something to throw away  
Just remember the price there is to pay.

### Cats by Ally Davis



Cats are a joy when you walk in the door  
They rub your legs and purr and purr  
And when they are done your legs are sore.  
And cover you with their glorious fur.

If you lock them in their cage, they will rebel.  
If you don't give them food, they will be crude.  
And if they make a mess you might tell  
Your cat not to a mess so rude.

There are lots of good things you know!  
They are always friendly and loyal.  
They are super cute and fluffy though  
Around your feet too much they will coil.

Cats will always be by our sides  
Though the food bowl will be the first abide!

### Nerds (candy) by Liana Kleyn



Nerds are the yummiest candy!  
I love to eat it with Mandy.  
I wish I could have it every day  
I eat them when I'm standing and when I lay

It is Ashtyn's and my favorite candy  
Never know if it will come in handy  
Nerds come in all pretty colors.  
But you have to pay some dollars.

Nerds come in blue and orange and red  
Sometimes I have them with my bear named, Ted  
They have a lot of sugar and are not healthy  
If you want one hundred Nerds, you will have to be wealthy.

All candies are good, but Nerds are the best.  
But these are the best in the west.

### Color by Hadley Lodder



This is the color of many things  
It's the favorite color of tons of people  
It's not the color of things that sting  
It's also not the color of an eagle

This is the coloring of blueberries  
The bright sky is this color  
People often say the color varies  
So, as you know it's not a unicolor

People repeatedly confuse it with turquoise  
This color is not at all unknown  
If it is your favorite color that's your choice  
This is not at all the color of stone

This is the very cool color of blue  
I am very sure that you knew!

### Hockey by Noah Pelleboer



Nothing compares to the sport of hockey  
In hockey, you strike, shoot and pass  
Hockey dressing rooms smell like lots of sweat  
In hockey you sometimes body check

Lots of Canadians play hockey  
Zambonis sweep the ice before you play  
Lots of people get injured in hockey  
Hockey is a world known popular sport

In hockey goalies have lots of padding  
In hockey players have lots of padding  
Hockey is also an Olympic sport  
Hockey players play for the NHL

NHL is National Hockey League  
Hockey is one of my favorite sports

### Months by Sydney VanDiest



January is like February  
Snowing and the temp is below freezing.  
In March and April, the temperatures vary.  
Because of the flower buds we are all sneezing.

May and June are two months of the spring season.  
It is annoying when you get a bee sting.  
July and August are the only reason,  
That the teens out there are not texting.

September and October transition to fall,  
These are my favorite because there are leaves.  
November, December, that's it and that's all.  
We are thankful that we can give and receive

I hope you like my descriptive poem,  
I hope you keep it on a special gem.

### Snow by Ashtyn VanDelft



I love to play in the freezing snow.  
Snow is wet and as cold as ice.  
Looking at the snow, it is very white glow.  
Would you agree that snow is nice?

Snow is fun because you can make snow men.  
When you're outside your face gets very cold.  
With big snowballs you can make a den.  
Everywhere people say that snow is bold.

You can slide down a snow hill with a sled.  
Snow looks like it could be fluffy.  
You can make snow into a bed.  
When you're in a fort, it can be comfy.

Snow is always great to have around.  
I am happy when there is lots on the ground.

### My Class by Mrs. Van Hofwegen



[This Photo](#) by Un-  
They are so beautiful and so very young  
They come to school with smiles on their faces.  
These children I briefly move along.  
Each child goes to their desk to take their place.

In the class, they look up willing to learn.  
Raising their hands and asking good questions.  
They come to school each day, wanting to return  
Making a long-lasting impression.

The bell rings, and the day is already done  
"Wait? What do we have for homework?" they say.  
Students pack up their back backs and someone  
Says, "Thank you for teaching me...thanks a ton!"

That is sweet music to a teacher's ears.  
Her students are a blessing all these years!



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

**We invite you to apply for Cornerstone Christian School's**

## **2020 Education Scholarship**

### **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.
- Be pursuing a course of study with the goal of a career in Christian education, e.g. be enrolled in an education department, or specialized course areas.

### **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.
- Provide 2 letters of recommendation.
- Include a general budget demonstrating financial need.
- Provide a transcript demonstrating academic standing.
- Be submitted to the CCS Principal by March 31, 2020.

### **The Education Scholarship will:**

- 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, demonstrated commitment to Reformed education, and financial need.
- Be determined by June 1, 2020 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 the following Education Scholarship Fund Committee members. We look forward to hearing from you!

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# 2019/2020 School Calendar

## August

27 – First Day of School

## September

2 – Labor Day

26 - College Christian Fair

## October

10- In Service Day

11– Fall Break

14 - Columbus Day

16 - PSAT Testing

25 - HS 1st Qtr Reports

28 & 30 - H S P/T Conferences

## November

11 - Veteran's Day

22 – Elem 1st Term Reports

25 – Early Release (11:55am)

25 & 26 - Elem P/T Conferences

28 – Thanksgiving Day

29 - Thanksgiving Break

## December

21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Break

## January

6 – First Day of School 2020

17 – HS 2nd Qtr Reports

20 – Martin Luther King Day

21 & 22 – HS P/T Conferences

## February

14 – Prof. Development Day

17 – President's Day

26– Elem Term 2 Report Cards

27 & 28 – Mid Winter Break

## March

2- Early Release (11:55am)

2&4 – Elem P/T Conferences

20 – HS 3rd Qtr Reports

27 - Easter Program

## April

6-10 – Spring Break

10 – Good Friday

## May

6 – Public Speaking Contest

21 – Ascension Day

25 – Memorial Day

29 - Sports Day

## June

1 – Quad School Track Meet

5 – Eighth Grade Graduation

11 - Last Day of School

12 - Senior Graduation

## Board

Chairman:	Tim Faber
Vice-Chairman:	Marty Vreugdenhil
Secretary:	Raymond Faber
Treasurer:	Kyle Lodder
Ed Comm Liaison:	Jon Dykstra
Staff & Membership Admin	Clarence Kobes
Building Liaison:	Marty Vreugdenhil

## Building/Maintenance Committee

Jeremy Bouwman	Nathan Burger
Dave Hofford	Mark Veldman
Marty Vreugdenhil	

## Education Committee

Stephanie Bareman	Jeanette Bouwman
Jon Dykstra	Darryn Kleyn
Lisa Pelleboer	

## IT Committee

Eric Brown	Stephen Chase
Reece Lodder	Aaron VanDriel
Marty Vreugdenhil	

## Finance Committee

Brian Hendricks	Steve Hofford
Katrina Lodder	Jon Kruyswijk
Leanne Veldman	

## Library Committee

Shona Doornbos	Debbie Johnson
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## Ladies Aid Committee

Janice Dykstra	Fiona Houweling
Katrina Lodder	Krissy Lodder

## Administration Staff

Darryn Kleyn	Principal
Karla Leyenhorst	Bookkeeper
Kari VanDiest	Secretary

## Teaching Staff

### Grade 1/2:

Shari Kruyswijk	Bible, Math, History, Art
Janet Faber	LA, Music, Science
Darryn Kleyn	PE

### Grade 3/4:

Debbie Johnson	Bible, Math 3, LA3, Science
Antina Chase	L.A. 4
Jenny Tiemeyer	History/Geography
Stephen Houweling	Math 4
Darryn Kleyn	PE
Karen DeMooy	Art

### Grade 5/6:

Lynette Van Hofwegen	
Janita Willis	PE
Melanie Kottelenberg	Music

### Grade 7/8:

Stephen Houweling	
Janita Willis	History, PE
Debbie Faber	Art
Jeanette Janssen	Science

### High School:

Wayne Chase	Bible/History/Math
Debbie Faber	Art
Darryn Kleyn	PE, Web Design, Bus. Math
Janita Willis	English, Yearbook
Jeanette Janssen	Science, Math
Darlene VanStaalduinen	Spanish
Heather Johnson	Horticulture