

The Cornerstone Contact

December 18, 2023



From the Office:

Good Morning!

Here we are on the cusp of another calendar year coming to an end. The Lord has been so good to us! We are so blessed!

Before we end for the year of 2023 there are a few more days of school with a few fun activities involved in the classrooms before then. As a school we will enjoy comfy day on Thursday.....hopefully that doesn't get everyone in the state for next week and we forget to show up on Friday. On Friday we will have afternoon activities for the students. Gr.7-12 will head to Volli in Bellingham and our elementary students will enjoy a movie. We will end the calendar year with singing carols in the gym. A reminder to the parents that 1) you are invited to this carol sing at 1:30 and 2) students will be **dismissed at 2pm on Friday**.

Can you drive for Volli? Still looking for a few more drivers for this. Please let Kari know ASAP if you are able admin@cornerstoneschool.us

Romans 12: 1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season.

"Get all warm and cozy because it's Comfy Day on Thursday, December 21st!"

STAMP

Happening this week:

Tues: Pizza Day
Wed: LINK Submissions Due
Thurs: Comfy Day

Birthday Greetings:

Wed: Cody K
Thurs: Mrs. Dykstra
Fri: Kiersten V
Sat: Shane S
Sun: Jordan D
Dec. 27: Ty B

Dec. 28: Sydni K.
Dec. 28: Mrs. Van Hofwegen
Jan. 3: Sean T
Jan. 5: Joey B
Jan. 6: Kierra B
Jan. 6: Olivia K



TTC Driving Schedule

Freshman Class (leave school at 1:50pm)

Mon: Lynzi S & Sara D

Wed: Rianne K & Kelli K

Sophomore Class

Leave school at 8am—Leave TTC @ 10am

Thurs: **To:** Tessa K **From:** Alyssa B

Fri: **To:** Katrina L **From:** Christine H

Next Week:

TTC Driving Schedule

Freshman Class (leave school at 1:50pm)

Jan. 8 Driving Schedule

Mon: Sara D & Sharon V

Wed: Janice D & Ang D

Sophomore Class

Leave school at 8am—Leave TTC @ 10am

Jan. 11 - **To:** Katrina L **From:** Alyssa B

From the Cleaning Lady:

Lisa Pelleboer -

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Cleaning Schedule:

This Week: Dec. 18 - Dec. 22

Joanna B, Karen B, Amanda C, Bea K

Next Week: Jan. 8 - Jan. 12

Julie T, Kari V, Krissy L, Leanne V

General News:

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 22 - Last Day of 2023

Dec. 25 - Jan 5 - Christmas Break

Jan. 8 - First Day of 2024

Jan 15 - Martin Luther King Day - No School

Feb 2 - HS 2nd Qtr Reports

Feb.5/6 - HS P/T Conferences

2024 Coupon Books

Thanks to everyone that bought books for the 2023 year. The school made \$709 from the sale of the coupon books. We purchased 200 books and sold all of them (except for 10 books that went missing with no payment).

200 books have been purchased again for the coming year and are at the front desk of school again. Please be extra diligent to make a payment if you grab a book. Missing books take a lot out of our profit and we would hate to have to move them away from the front desk because it makes it so convenient for anyone needing a book.

Please come and purchase them as needed. Our goal is to sell them all by June this year as we got them two months earlier than last year. Any questions please reach out to Fiona or Clarissa.

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Memory Work: Grade 1: **Grade 1 & 2: Luke 2:29-32**

Next Week Memory Work: Grade 1: Ps.124:1 Grade 2: Ps.95:5

1st & 2nd G R A D E

~~ From Mrs. Kruyswijk ~~

Have a blessed Christmas and wonderful days celebrating and enjoying the break!

BIBLE

M - Exodus 10-11

T - Exodus 12

W - Exodus 12

Th - Review

F - Test and Bible Memory Quiz

MATH 1

Adding and subtracting with 1, 2 and 3

Numbering a clock face

Counting even and odd numbers

Symmetry

See links below for great computer number games!

MATH 2

We have finished volume 1 of our math book! Congrats!

It looks like the guest visitor to teach us cribbage will come after the break.

To practice for speed on this check out <https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/smoothie/> and <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition>

and <https://www.fun4thebrain.com/g/addition/harvesthoot/>

GEOGRAPHY: Polar Lands: Students can bring something this Wednesday for show-n-tell the represents something in the Arctic or Antarctic areas.



Grade 1/2 Classroom:

No nuts in lunch or snacks!

Especially no peanuts, walnuts, pistachios, cashews

There are few exceptions. Almonds, hazelnuts and coconuts are allowed.

~~ From Mrs. Kooiker ~~

We do have spelling tests on Friday as this is a full week of school. (Note: Please study list A unless I have contacted you and let you know that your child should study list B instead.) For first grade, I've also included a list of all the sight words that your child should be very familiar with at this point in the school year. I hope you all have a very blessed Christmas, celebrating our Savior's birth.

1st Grade:

VoWac: Lessons 61-62 - initial blends

Spelling A: of, grab, press, crutch, brick, drum, crop, crab, was, brush, truck, drill

Spelling B: when, thin, fish, sash, jet, much, shut, chop, shed, rich

Sight words we have learned so far: the, is, who, said, says, you, come, some, do, what, mother, of, was, want, have

Stories: "Our Class Trip," Christmas books

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics: assessment on commas and capitalization, plural nouns, past tense verbs

Writing: Christmas journaling, paragraph writing

2nd Grade:

VoWac: Lesson 183-185 – syllable division – VC/V

Spelling: syrup, thirty, Wednesday, mother, hydrant, system, twenty, crayon, here, shy, brother, type, style, nylon

Stories: Christmas books

Vocab: compound words

Grammar, Usage, Mechanics: linking and helping verbs, prefixes

Writing: paragraph format

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Memory Work: **Grade 3: Luke 2:29-32**

Next Week Memory Work: Grade 3: Ps.96:1 Grade 4: Ps.141:2

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~~ From Mrs. Groves ~~

It was so great to have the opportunity to meet with you all last week and discuss your child's progress at P/T conferences. This week is going to be a busy and fun one! Thursday we will have a Bible test with review sheets being sent home on Tuesday. This Wednesday students will have art instead of PE. On Friday we will have a combined language arts class with grade 4 with Christmas activities. Then, in the afternoon we have more fun activities planned with grades 1-6 and an early release at 2 pm. I strongly encourage students to read a lot over the break and to do Xtramath. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and an enjoyable break!

Bible (¾):

Mon: the golden calf
Tues: Moses pleads for the people
Wed: review
Thurs: test
Fri: Christmas caroling with grades 1-6

Math(3):

Mon: subtraction facts of 2, -2, fact assessment on x7
Tues: written assessment, measure with cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons
Wed: write a part of a set as a fraction
Thurs: subtract a multiple of 10 from a number using mental computation, estimate the difference of two two-digit numbers
Fri: square numbers, identify perfect squares, simplify expressions with exponents of 2

Language Arts (3):

Spelling: er, ir, ur
Reading: *Through Grandpa's Eyes*
Handwriting: page 82-85
Grammar: similes and metaphors

History (¾): Alexander the Great and Egypt falls to Rome

PE (¾): Tuesday



~~ From Mrs. Gonzalez ~~

Science: We are beginning a study on the structure of the earth which includes plate tectonics, mountain formation, volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis.

Geography: We will be mapping out the major mountain ranges in the world.

Music: Renaissance Music and Singing some Christmas music

~~ From Mrs. Stevens 4th Gr Lang. Arts ~~

It was wonderful to meet you all at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. I failed to mention that if you ever have a question or concern please don't hesitate to contact me. This week we will be having a "special" activity day on Friday as we celebrate the end of our school week before Christmas break.

Reading: "The Milkmaid and Her Pail"

Vocabulary: provide, imagining and vanished

Sentence: complex, interrogative, S-Vt- IO-DO

Part of Speech: interjections (review)

Writing: grouping together ideas and details

Spelling: contractions

Homework: Spelling and reading homework this week. Don't forget!

~~ From Mr. Houweling 4th Gr Math ~~

Are you hearing your child singing those times-tables? It would be very helpful if they had a poster of times-tables in their room so they can practice them :)

This week's math lessons are as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4th	L56	L57	L58	L59	L60

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5th & 6th

G R A D E

Memory Work: Grade 5 & 6: **Luke 2:29-32**

Next Week Memory Work: Grade 5: Ps.90:1 Grade 6: Ps.86:4

~~ From Mrs. Van Hofwegen ~~

Thank you, parents, for taking the time to meet for Parent Teacher Interviews. I always learn more information about each student when we meet. I'm thankful that we can work as a team to encourage your child.

Each student is asked to bring a box of candy to share for decorating the houses. For Secret Santa, there is a schedule for each day what your child needs to bring. Each gift needs to be labeled with the person's name so I can put it in their bag. Students need to come to school with their gifts ready to go. On Friday, there are fun things planned for the day.

For reading, students need to read a chapter book each night. There will be a vocabulary quiz on Wednesday. Have a wonderful Christmas Break! Enjoy your time with family and friends! Have a great week!

Monday

Devotions: Jeremy
Bible: Review and Test
Math: Lesson 56
Reading: [Pages in My Head, "Little Things of Sissa"](#)
Writing: 6 Traits
PE
Science: Motion and Forces
[Secret Santa: Favorite Joke](#)

Tuesday

Devotions: Kaylyn
Bible: Jesus Heals the Blind Man
Math: Lesson 57
Grammar: Review
Buddy reading
Reading: Pages in My Head, "Little Things of Sissa"
Writing: 6 Traits
Music(1) Recorder Warm-up: p. 23- 24 (F#). (2) Focus: Christmas Carol Booklet p. 1 - 5.
(3) Listening Links Assignment: On Tuesday, students will be assigned their first listening links homework reviewing all the pieces we have enjoyed in music appreciation time in class so far this year. They will be bringing a hard copy home, and you will also receive an email with more information and all the links for students to click on. The assignment will be due after the Christmas Break (Tuesday, January 9th). Enjoy the music and have a blessed Christmas! ~ Mrs. Kottelenberg
History: French and Indian Wars
Secret Santa: Favorite Bible Verses

Wednesday

Devotions: Josiah
Bible: Jesus is Rejected
Math: Lesson 58
Reading: Pages in My Head, "Little Things of Sissa"
Typing
Science: Investigating Motion and Forces
Secret Santa: Candy

Thursday

Devotions: Lukas
Bible: The Twelve Are Sent out
Math: Lesson 59
Library
Reading: Pages in My Head, "Little Things of Sissal"
Art: Gingerbread Houses
PE
Secret Santa: Words of Encouragement

Friday

Devotions: Jace
Singing with 1st and 2nd graders
Math: Lesson 60
Reading: Pages in My Head, "Little Things of Sissa"
Writing: 6 Traits
Movie
Christmas Sing-A-Long
Secret Santa: \$10 Gift



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Memory Work: Hy.19:1 Grade 8: Hy.19:3

Next Week: Grade 7 & 8: 1 Cor. 13: 1-3

~~ From Mr. Houweling ~~

Despite the prevailing "darkness" of winter, the light of God's Word made flesh radiates in our hearts and lives, dispelling the darkness. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." May the light of the gospel beam into the hearts of those who live in darkness,. May we let our light shine before others, so they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Our grade 7/8 "entertainment committee" has organized a Secret Santa for this coming Friday to the value of \$10 each. In the afternoon, we have the wonderful privilege to enjoy some fun at Volli in Bellingham. <https://vollientertainment.com/volli-bellingham/>

Many thought that the multiple choice test for Bible would be "easy". Much to their surprise, it's actually more difficult than you think, and you absolutely have to study for it.

Here are some noteworthy things for the week ahead:

Homework Due:

- Friday:
- Memory Verse
- Bible Test 13
- No Spelling Assignment this week

Everyday:

- ACC: Is your child reading?
- Math corrections and completion of lesson work
- Dictation Assignment

Memory Verse

- **This Week:** Hy 19:1 (7) Hy 19:3(8)
- **The first week back in January:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

Book Selling Presentations

- **Fri: Dec 22nd:** Lily
- **Fri: Jan 12th:** Cassie
- **Fri: Jan 19th:** Taleesha
- **Fri: Jan 26th:** Kaitlyn
- **Fri: Feb 2nd:** Vincent

Bible Study Lessons this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
L79 The War with Benjamin	L80 Othniel and Ehud	L81 Deborah and Barak	L82 God Calls Gideon	Test on lessons 79-82	L83 Gideon's Victory by Faith
Judges 20:7- Judges 21	Judges 3	Judges 4 & 5	Judges 6		Judges 7

7/8 Math Lessons:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L58	L59	L60	Inv 6	L61

Devotions this week:

Mon: Taleesha, **Tues:** Annemarie, **Wed:** Kaityln, **Thurs:** Vincent,

Devotions the first week back in January:

Mon: Josh, **Tues:** Kolt, **Wed:** Meleah, **Thurs:** Cody, **Fri:** Lleyton

Text of the week: "But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship". Galatians 4:4-5

Have a blessed week, Christmas and Happy New Year.
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