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CCA^{2}DAY

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Educating World Changers

COME SEE US!

Cornerstone will have a spot at the Day of Play in Uptown Normal on Saturday, September 26th. Our booth will be located near the Children's Discovery Museum. Stop by and see us from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM and register to win a prize.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

Cornerstone will once again host the North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCP) College Fair on Thursday, October 1st from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Representatives from nearly two dozen Christian colleges will be present. Register at ChristianCollegeFairs.com. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS

Family athletic passes are available for $70 in the office. The family pass allows your immediate family to attend all Cornerstone home events (with the exception of postseason play). Stop by and purchase your pass today!

APPAREL STORE UPDATE

Items ordered from the school store that closed last week will be distributed next week.

ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC

Get ready for a new and improved CCA All-School Picnic during Homecoming Week! Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of food, fun, and community on Tuesday, October 6th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

This evening is a great opportunity to meet other CCA families and staff, connect with friends, play yard games, and cheer on our CCA athletes. Come early for the

soccer game at 4:30 PM, then stick around for volleyball games beginning at 6:00 PM.

Tony's Tacos and Healthy in a Hurry will be set up in the circle drive from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. We will have a complimentary popcorn bar and bottled water available for CCA families to enjoy. Whether you purchase dinner from one of the food trucks or pack your favorite picnic meal, we hope you'll make an evening of it!

Come for the food. Stay for the games. Connect with the CCA family.

HOMECOMING 2026

Prepare yourself for a TRULY AWE-INSPIRING celebration of "Cyclones Around the World." Homecoming Week is October 5th – 12th. Homecoming is a week for the entire school to celebrate.

Students and teachers will celebrate with dress-up days and other fun activities throughout the week. While Saturday night's dance is just for high school students, the rest of the week is for everyone! Below are the Homecoming Dress-Up Days:

Monday (10/5): It's a day of transportation inspiration, dress up like a train conductor, pilot, cruise ship captain, etc. However you travel, make sure you arrive in style!

Tuesday (10/6): The holidays are always the busiest time of the year for travel! Dress up for a merry Christmas vacation, a lucky St. Patrick's Day adventure, a patriotic Independence Day trip, or a rockin' New Year's Eve getaway.

Wednesday (10/7): Get ready to step into the past - or the future! Choose your favorite decade to "visit" and dress up in the fashions that define it!

Thursday (10/8): Class Color Day: Rep your class color and go all out for our annual school picture!

- EE/6th Grade: Tie-Dye

- K/7th Grade: Purple
- 1st /8th Grade: Blue
- 2nd/9th Grade: Green
- 3rd/10th Grade: Yellow
- 4th/11th Grade: Orange
- 5th/12th Grade: Red

Friday (10/9): Cyclone Green and White Day: Wear your Cornerstone spirit wear for a green and white overload.

*Please note that all dress-up outfits must meet handbook appearance guidelines.

We will have an all-school pep assembly on Friday, October 9th at 2:00 PM in the CCA gymnasium. All parents are invited to attend. HS Soccer will celebrate Senior Night at the soccer game beginning at 4:00 PM. Battle for the Brick will also be held Friday, October 9th at 6:00 PM. Come out and watch our faculty and staff take on our HS students in a kickball game on the CCA baseball field.

Saturday (10/10): Dance decorating begins in the Forum Room at 9:00 AM. We will need lots of hands to transform our Forum Room into a WORLD-CLASS GALA! Our Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, October 10th in the Forum Room from 7:00 - 10:00 PM. Tickets are $20 per person and will ONLY be sold during HS lunch from Monday, September 28th - Friday, October 2nd. Guest permission forms are limited in number and must be returned to Mr. Rassi by 3:30 PM on Friday, October 2nd. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Also during Homecoming week, color teams (listed above) will be competing in a food drive to bring in the MOST items. Items most needed include: boxed mashed potatoes, cereal, canned soups, pasta and sauce, ramen noodles, shampoo, paper towels, and bath tissue. The team that brings in the most items will earn a pizza party. Items can be brought to school beginning Monday, October 5th.

Finally, classes will compete in a Door Decorating Contest. The class creating the best decorated classroom door will win a trophy.

Let's make this week a WHIRLWIND of fun by going full out each day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please plan to join us for our annual Founder's Convocation on Thursday, November 5th as we celebrate 30 years of God's faithfulness at Cornerstone. Bring the entire family for a night of worship led by students, staff and the CCA family.

PLEASE JOIN US!

It's been said prayer is the most important thing we do at Cornerstone. You are invited to join the parents and grandparents that meet every Wednesday morning at 8:15! Please stop in the office to see where the group is meeting to pray. This committed group prays for your children, the staff, and the needs of the school. Everyone is welcome! Can't make it in person? Then be sure to check out ccaforward.com for more ways to pray for our school.

DOUBLE YOUR GIVING

Did you know that State Farm, Country Financial, and Caterpillar will match employee contributions to Cornerstone? December 31st is the deadline to make your donation to be included as a charitable contribution in your 2025 tax return. State Farm employees may also take advantage of the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant. SF employees who volunteer 40 hours and submit their hours through the SF portal meet the requirements of the GNG. Cornerstone receives a $500 grant per employee per year for those who volunteer 40 hours. We are grateful these opportunities are available as another way the Lord provides for His school. Thank you for taking advantage of these programs. Please contact Ciara Corley for more information.

CHAPEL INFORMATION

Chapel is an exciting part of the week at Cornerstone. Each Friday, students from all grades will gather together to worship through student-led worship and preaching from the Bible. We have 3 chapel services each week:

- EE/Lower School Chapel (Early Ed - 5th Grade) meets from 8:25 AM - 9:15 AM in the Forum Room
- Jr. High Chapel (6th - 8th Grade) meets from 9:25 AM - 10:15 AM in the Forum Room
- High School Chapel (9th - 12th Grade) meets from 10:45 AM - 11:35 AM in the Forum Room.

The entire student body gathers once a month for Combined Chapel in the gym from 9:25 AM - 10:45 AM. **Our next Combined Chapel & Coffee Connections of the year is Friday, September 25th!** All parents are invited to drop off the kids for school and come down to the Forum Room at 8:15 AM for coffee, refreshments, and a time of community before chapel begins at 9:25 AM. No reservations are required, and there is no charge!

LUNCHES

All lunches must be ordered in advance through FACTS. The 15th of each month is the last day to order lunches for the month immediately following. Lunch ordering for November will be available on October 1st in FACTS. Please see Lunch Ordering Instructions within the "Quicklinks" section on our website for complete details and instructions.

PIZZA LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

The most popular lunch we offer is our Thursday Pizza Hut lunch. In order to serve our hungry students, we need a group of volunteers to help us each week. Generally, this is a once-a-month commitment for about an hour during each lunch period. Schedules are very flexible, and no experience is necessary. This is one of the most fun ways to volunteer at school and get to know other parents! There are still opportunities for parents to sign up! Please use the following sign-ups to serve our wonderful students:

Lower School Upper School

Please contact Michelle Clemons at jmclemons602@gmail.com with any questions.

Coming up…..

Friday (9/25) Coffee Connections/Combined Chapel; Senior Trip

Saturday (9/26) Day of Play @ Uptown Normal; JH Soccer at Yorkville; JH Cross Country at Olympia MS @ 9:00 AM; HS Cross Country at Maxwell Park @ 9:00 AM; Varsity Volleyball at Calvary Academy (Springfield)

Monday (9/28) 7th Grade Field Trip; HS Girls Tennis vs. Gibson City at Evergreen @ 4:00 PM; HS Boys Soccer at Central Catholic @ 5:30 PM

Tuesday (9/29) 3rd Grade Field Trip; US Army Representative Visit; JH Cross Country at Eastview @ 4:00 PM; HS Cross Country at El Paso @ 4:15 PM; HS Girls Tennis at Mahomet-Seymour @ 4:30 PM; HS Varsity Volleyball at Deland-Weldon @ 6:00 PM; JH Girls Basketball vs. Chester-East Lincoln @ 6:00 PM

Wednesday (9/30) 4th Grade Field Trip; 6th Grade Field Trip; HS Boys Golf IHSA; HS Boys Soccer at Peoria Christian @ 5:00 PM

Thursday (10/1) Christian College Fair; HS Girls Tennis vs. St. Teresa at Evergreen @ 4:00 PM; HS Cross Country at Maxwell Park @ 4:15 PM

Friday (10/2) HS Girls Tennis at Bloomington HS @ 1:00 PM; JH Cross Country at Trinity Lutheran @ 4:30 PM

Saturday (10/3) Marching Band at Illinois Valley Central HS; JV Volleyball at Judah Christian; Varsity Volleyball at Calvary Christian; HS Girls Tennis at Bloomington HS @ 8:00 AM

*Visit the website calendar for more details.