



CORNERSTONE
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WELCOME BACK

This special “Back-to-School” edition of CCA2Day should answer some important questions you may have. Please read it carefully so you’ll know exactly what to do to be ready for school! For more dates, check out the [website calendar](#)!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

School Hours

Early Ed Half-Day Students (8:30 AM - 11:00 AM)

Early Ed Full-Day Students (8:30 AM - 3:00 PM)

Kindergarten-5th grade (8:20 AM - 3:10 PM)

6th-12th grade (8:10 AM - 3:15 PM)

SCHOOL SUPPLY AND SET-UP DAY

Monday, August 17th (8:00 AM - 5:30 PM)

Beginning Friday, August 7th, families can access the Sign-Up Genius and choose a time slot to deliver school supplies and set up lockers on Monday, August 17th.



Teachers will be available to meet students and families from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM in the classroom on this day. Check out the information below for more information.

Students (Early Ed — 12th grade):

Drop off:

—School supplies (Kleenex, sanitizer, copy paper, antibacterial wipes, & baby wipes will be checked off and collected in the front hallway). All other school supplies will be placed on desks in classrooms (1st grade) or put in lockers (2nd - 12th grade). School supply kits ordered in the spring will be distributed on these days.

- Medication/Medical Forms
- Vehicle Identification - make, model and license plate number (HS drivers)

Pick up:

- Car signs for dismissal (Early Ed - 8th grade)
- Standardized Test Results
- Parking tag (HS drivers)
- 2025 - 2026 Yearbook (if ordered in the spring)

2nd-12th Grade Students Only:

Please put all school supplies in your locker and set up/ decorate your locker during your scheduled set-up time. See page 33 of the Parent/Student Handbook for information on permitted locker decorations. Be sure to check FACTS (available on Wednesday, August 13th) in order to know your locker assignment.

NEW THIS YEAR - all 6th - 12th grade students will have textbooks placed in your locker prior to this day. Students: Please review your schedule to ensure that you have received the textbooks that correspond to your courses.

Please note: Cornerstone relies on families to bring ALL supplies listed on the supply list. We carefully count and consider the needs we will have throughout the school year.

CCA APPAREL FOR SALE

We are excited to offer CCA apparel for sale at our School Supply/Set-Up Day. There are a number of options this year. Ordered pieces will be paid for at time of pick up (cash or check only). Please pre-order shirts [here](#) by noon on Friday, August 7th to ensure we have what you want. We will have limited shirts available for purchase on Monday, August 17th, if you miss the pre-order deadline. We will set up a new apparel store in September with additional designs and sizes.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PHOTO BOOTH

We want to celebrate coming back to school by providing a photo station on August 17th. We will have a backdrop where families can snap their annual back-to-school photos.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

We are excited to once again host a Back-to-School Night for the entire school community on Monday, August 17th at 6:00 PM on the front lawn. This will be a great opportunity to kick off the 2026 - 2027 school year by hearing from school leaders, meeting our faculty/staff, and ending the evening in worship! **Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on for this event.** We are excited for all that God has ahead for Cornerstone this year.

EARLY ED ESSENTIALS

Early Ed parents are invited to attend Early Ed Essentials on Thursday, August 13th, at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Martin, our Early Ed Coordinator, and our teaching staff will share information outlining all you need to know to make this a successful year. **This event is for parents only!** Please contact Mrs. Martin with questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

6TH GRADE SCOOP

Sixth graders and their parents will not want to miss 6th Grade Scoop on Monday, August 17th immediately following Back-to-School Night. Mrs. Wilson and our 6th grade teaching team will give you the “scoop” on what 6th grade is all about while enjoying some ice cream together! Parents and students will meet in the Forum Room after Back-to-School Night. This evening will get you and your 6th grader off to a great start in Upper School!

HS BACKYARD BASH

All high school students are invited to celebrate the start of the new school year with a fun-filled Back-to-School Bash on Monday, August 17th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Please watch for an email from Student Activities Coordinator Joy Carrington with additional details. Snacks will be provided.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2026-2027 Parent/Student Handbook is now available on the website (under Quicklinks). Be sure to read it with your family! Your previously-submitted enrollment contract indicated your agreement to support and uphold handbook policies.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

All school information for the upcoming year can be found in FACTS (web or app), Teams, or on our website. We will continue to send a CCA2Day on Fridays. We will no longer be using the Cornerstone app.

MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

Physician-directed Action Plans related to chronic health conditions (such as severe allergies, diabetes, and asthma), as well as all medical forms and medication are due before the first day of school. Parents are responsible for notifying the school if their student may need medical care or medication while at school. Stop by our medical table on School Supply/Set-up Days to talk to the nurse and to drop off medical forms. More information can be found under the [Medical](#) tab on our website or in the Parent/Student Handbook.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Our annual Curriculum Night for parents only will be held Tuesday, August 25th. Parents of students in grades K-5 should plan to attend from 6:00 - 6:25 PM or 6:30 - 6:55 PM. Go directly to your child's classroom at the start of one of these times to meet with your child's teacher and hear about the year ahead. Parents of students in grades 6 - 12 should plan to come at 6:30 PM. Upper school parents will be given a copy of their student's schedule and will participate in an abbreviated version of their day. With 10-minute periods, the "mini day" will end around 8:00 PM.

HS STUDENT PARKING

High school students who drive personal vehicles to school must register vehicle information with the school office and obtain a new parking permit this year. There will be no charge for the first parking permit tag. If additional tags are needed (first tag is misplaced, family requests a second tag for a second vehicle, car is parked in the lot without being registered), a \$15 charge will be applied to the student's FACTS invoice. It is the responsibility of the student driver to ensure that current vehicle information is on file with the school office and that the parking permit tag is properly displayed in the vehicle to which it is assigned. Student drivers will confirm car information at Supply Drop Off Day and receive their parking tag at that time.

DONATION OF CCA CLOTHING

Do you have CCA apparel that your children have outgrown or you no longer wear? Would you like to bless another family with those items? Please bring any CCA apparel you are looking to donate to School Supply/Set-up Days, and we will distribute items to students or families looking for some CCA swag!

LUNCHES

We will begin serving catered lunches Tuesday, September 1st. 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. **However, for your convenience, ordering for September lunches will open on Wednesday, August 12th and will extend through Wednesday, August 19th.** After August 19th, you will only be able to order for October. Please see Lunch Ordering Instructions within the "Quicklinks" section on our [website](#) for complete details and instructions.

Available lunch items include:

Monday: Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich, chips, & water \$6.50; Chick-fil-A 5-piece chicken nuggets, chips, & water \$6.00

Tuesday: Dairy Queen cheeseburger, Cheeze-its, fruit cup, & water \$6.50

Wednesday: Annie's Eats pulled pork sandwich, chips, applesauce, & water \$6.50

Thursday: Pizza Hut cheese pizza, chips, & water \$5.50

Friday: Avanti's Gondola, chips, water \$6.50

PIZZA LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

The most popular lunch we offer is our Thursday's 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! 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.

EXTENDED CARE

Before School Care begins each day at 7:15 AM. All Early Education through 5th grade students arriving between 7:15 and 8:00 AM must report to the designated locations and be signed in by a parent or guardian upon arrival. Junior high students (6th - 8th grade) must go directly to the Upper Tiered Seating Area (UTSA) after they gather necessary items from their lockers. Upper School students are not invoiced for BSC. Students will not be allowed to wait in the airlock before school begins.

At 3:30 PM, all Early Ed-8th grade students who have not been picked up will be checked into After School Care. Parents/caregivers arriving to pick up students from After School Care must meet their children in the assigned ASC rooms and sign them out, recording the time of departure. Whenever circumstances require someone other than the child's custodial parents to pick him/her up from school or ASC, parents must inform school staff of such arrangements in advance, and photo identification of the approved caretaker may be requested. After School Care is available until 5:30 PM. See the Parent-Student Handbook on our website under **Quicklinks** for details about charges and billing. If you need to reach CCA personnel in After School Care, the phone number is 309-622-3552. Please save this number for your reference.

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. Please check the website calendar for Combined Chapel dates.

Each student in 6th - 12th grade must have a physical copy of the Bible at school for chapel. They will keep this Bible in their locker for use in Bible class and chapel. This Bible is included in the CCA school supply list.

COMBINED CHAPEL/COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Our first Combined Chapel & Coffee Connections of the year is **Friday, August 21st!** All parents are invited to drop off the kids for school and come down to the Forum Room at **8:00 AM** for coffee, refreshments, and a time of community before chapel begins at **9:20 AM**. No reservations are required, and there is no charge!

PLEASE JOIN US!

Cornerstone was founded on prayer, and we believe it is the most important thing we do at Cornerstone. We believe now more than ever as we look to Him to guide us in the next phase of Cornerstone and our building project. You are invited to join parents that meet every Wednesday morning at 8:15! This committed group prays for your children, the staff, and the needs of the school. Drop your child(ren) off on Wednesday mornings, and stop by the office to see where the group is meeting. In addition, these praying parents will welcome all students to school on the first day of classes. Come at 7:45 AM on Wednesday, August 19th and welcome students to class and stay to pray over our students and staff. Everyone is welcome! Contact Nancy Wadhams at wadhamsfamily@gmail.com for additional information.

Coming up.....

Thursday (8/13) Early Ed Essentials @ 6:00 PM

Monday (8/17) School Supply & Set-up Day 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Back-to-School Kick-off @ 6:00 PM; 6th Grade Scoop @ 7:00 PM;
HS Back-to-School Bash 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday (8/19) First Day of School (full day)

Friday (8/21) Coffee Connections/Combined Chapel

Tuesday (8/25) Curriculum Night

*Visit the [website calendar](#) for more details.