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HeadLions

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"It is one of the beautiful compensations in life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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www.Cornerstonebasalt.net.

Headmaster's Corner:

Two Choices and it is not about the presidential debate!

Sometimes, it is not until you lose something precious or dear to your heart that you fully understand and appreciate the value of what you hold in your hands.

Cornerstone Classical School is an incredible gift, a blessing that we often hold as being the 'norm' because it is what we have accepted, have experienced and have grown used to. But, we must daily celebrate, lift up and thank God for CCS because it is NOT the norm and the alternative is quite simply, scary!

Just in the last two weeks, as if the Lord had a purpose, I have heard tales from other local schools that concern me. I have heard of classrooms totally out of control, where there is no discipline and the students run the classes, environments where fully trained mature educators walk out of their classrooms and out of their jobs because they fear for what may happen. There are students being held back academically; because, even though they want to learn and are ahead in class, are made to wait until all have caught up! Here, in Basalt, I have learned that students are not permitted to talk about God in the classroom and that the only place to mention our Lord is in a designated spot in the parking lot! These students are being persecuted relentlessly by both faculty and students because of their faith and threatened with suspension if they persist. This is no foreign country. This is here!

Cornerstone Classical School is far from the 'norm' and we must diligently protect and preserve what we have at our school. A nurturing learning environment that challenges each student to greatness without holding

them back believing that exposure to excellence, to all that is good, beautiful and true should be our plumbline.

Cornerstone Classical School is an academically vibrant community of learners who are free to study God and express their faith openly and boldly. Cornerstone is a school that does not see a reason to compromise; you can be both intelligent and a Christian--they are not mutually exclusive!

“Silver Bells” (our school’s annual fundraiser) is an important event in the life and history of Cornerstone Classical School. Silver Bells helps us to keep our doors open and the ‘welcome mat’ out! Without Silver Bells and the support that we raise, we would cease to be able to serve you and others. To imagine this valley without Cornerstone is to envision a bleak picture indeed.

I know that it is difficult selling tickets. Heralding from England, it is not in my ‘Churchillian’ nature to ask for help; but, I have found new strength, new vigor and new boldness because of the cause! Cornerstone is so much more than just a school, it is who I am! It is in every fibre of my body! If ever there were a worthy cause here in the valley, CCS is it. Asking others to help support the incredible work of CCS is an easy ‘sell’ because I wholeheartedly believe in our mission and vision. That is why I am here and hopefully why you are here. I am excited, energized and passionate about providing others a chance to experience the peace, the joy and the comfort that I have at CCS where students, faculty, staff and board champion all that I hold dear.



**Silver Bells is NOT an option!
It is a privilege!
We need EVERYONE's help!**



FANTASTIC OFFER

2 FREE Tickets to Silver Bells, 1 FREE Night at the St. Regis and a Bottle of Wine to Boot!

Parents, starting this week, for every 5 tickets that you sell, we will put your name into a drawing for two free tickets to this year's Silver Bells at the St. Regis in Aspen and one free night's stay at the hotel!

Just think, you could be spending the evening at a gala event in Aspen where there will be exquisite food, live entertainment and dancing the night away all while supporting your school. But wait. It gets better! We will throw in a FREE night's stay at the St. Regis and a bottle of wine!



THE ST. REGIS ASPEN RESORT
MAJESTIC SPIRIT OF THE ROCKIES

*So get selling and together let's make Silver Bells a night to remember!
The drawing will take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2016*

Wall of Excellence

Mrs. DeBose has begun a 'wall of excellence' to celebrate and rejoice in the students' artistic and creative talents. To make it up onto the Wall of Excellence, the artist must demonstrate mastery of certain skills and have what is considered a 'finished' piece of work.

The name of every student who has a piece placed upon the 'Wall of Excellence' will be placed into a drawing for a Starbucks gift certificate at the end of the month.

Check out the students' work as you enter the cafeteria.

Parent-Teacher Conference

THERE IS SCHOOL THURSDAY NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

CAN FOOD DRIVE
WE NEED CANS ASAP
We have about 50 cans
We need 500!

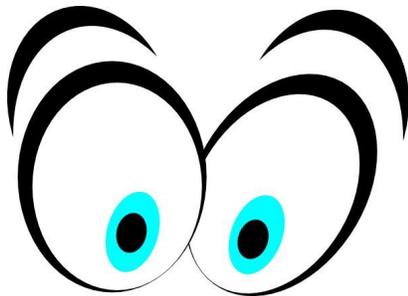
Annual School Inspection

It has been anywhere between 3-6 years since our last inspection (no one really knows, not even the Inspector!)

Even so, as a school, we did exceptionally well and a lot of the credit goes to the hard work and diligence of Mrs. Taylor (Wendee) and several dedicated parent volunteers.

The Preschool received basically a 'clean sheet' while the rest of the school needs to focus on 2 areas:

1. Chemical storage and labelling
2. Immunization records-we need ALL immunization records by next FRIDAY!



Silent Auction Items:

- 2 x Hair Cutting Certificates
- Liquor Gift certificate
- Exquisite Piece of Jewelry
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- Thermostat
- Two Platinum Lounge passes to X Games
- 2 x 3 day music passes for X Games ("Chainsmokers")
- 5 Cases of White Wine (Francis Coppola Chardonnay)

- Iron Mountain Spa Day pass
- Soccer Coaching (Theo-English- from Basalt Select Soccer)
- PK-1 Themed Class Basket-“Wine Pull”
- 2-4th Themed Class Basket-Death by Coffee
- 5-6th Themed Class Basket-
- 7-12th Themed Basket-Griller’s Delight
- Ski Passes for Sonlight
- Starbucks Gift basket
- A Traditional 4-course Roast Beef English Dinner for 6
- Dinner for 4 with wine
- Ride home in a Fire Engine
- Nominate a friend to Kiss A Pig
- 4 exquisite hand-painted glass Christmas ornaments
- Two-nights stay at the Redstone Inn
- One-night stay at Little Nell in Aspen
- A reproduction Buffalo Indian ‘heavy’ coat from Santa Fe Reproductions
- Furnace and Duct Cleaning
- 2 x 1 day passes to Glenwood Hot Springs pool
- 4 x bottles of wine (Pinot Gris), 4 x custom wine glasses, 1 custom wine stopper
- 2 x Bronco tickets
- 1 Home valuation
- 1 stereoscope (replica 3D imager from the 1800’s)

Live Auction Items:

- 6-man Rafting trip
- Side of Beef (already processed)
- Scuba Dive House- Bonaire (Dutch Antilles)
- Live Painting
- House and vacation in Hawaii
- An evening (3 hours) of cocktail/dinner music