

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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Hello again CCS Families!

Wow, the first few months of school have flown by fast. I can hardly believe that we are almost at Christmas break. One thing I can tell you for sure is that life in our school is never boring! October and November have been busy at CCS and here is a look at what we have been doing....

Our middle years and high school students have had numerous opportunities in the last two months to think about their future. Our third core pillar at CCS is "Equip for Life", and we do our best to make this happen. Our grade 7 and 8 classes took a tour of the fire hall and learned about fire safety while our Physical Science 20 class went to Chaplin to tour the salt mines.



We were also blessed to have the Canadian Christian Universities tour stop by to give a presentation to the grade 9-12 students and then spend some time interacting with the students at noon.

The grade 11's and 12's attended a presentation at CCS on career opportunities within the Saskatchewan Health Authority. A few days later, they jumped on a bus for a day trip to Regina for the "See Your Future" event where they saw hundreds of careers represented at various booths.



Rounding out the month of career work was the grade 9 trip to SaskPolytech where they participated in "Reality Check" which is a hands-on afternoon exploring financial literacy.

From time to time, we are blessed to have invited guests join us in a special chapel presentation. Grade 9-12 students were able to sit back and enjoy the amazing dance group from Briercrest College called "Refined Undignified". Through dance and music, they shared with us the stories of Jesus' love and redemption for prodigal children.



It is no secret that November is one of our busiest months in the year with the four showtime performances of our fall musical. This year, we presented Disney's "High School Musical" which was attended by over 1300 people over the four days. The performances were met with rave reviews with many people commenting that they cannot believe this was a high school production. The musical has been a CCS tradition since 1997. This year, we had 55 kids from grades 4-12, 8 staff, and 38 other volunteers involved in making this show happen.

Our Student Leadership teams are always behind the scenes planning special events for our elementary and high school students. In the last two months, we have had some fun with a pajama day, crazy hat day, jersey day, and decades day. We also had a loud and wild pep rally that the entire school attended for all of the fall sport teams.



In our pep rally, we celebrated the accomplishments of amazing elementary cross-country team, our girls who played soccer, our boys who played football and even our golf team! After introducing all of the teams, the volleyball players played a game in front of a crowded gym. The boys teams played against the girls teams and everyone had so much fun!



As November rolled along, everyone knows what comes next...report cards and student led conferences. At Cornerstone, we encourage all parents to book a time to come and visit one of their child's teachers. We find that this open communication and involvement is instrumental in developing positive relationships between home and school. Working together in the education of each child is key to success. We also had our annual book fair running during the week of conferences which allowed parents to get an early start on their Christmas shopping for their kids! 😊



We honoured our fallen soldiers and those serving in the military forces today by decorating our hallways and having our students take part in our annual Remembrance Day ceremony. This year, we watched some videos from the Canadian Department of National Defence. I also shared a short message on remembering the past and working towards a peaceful future. The grade 12's recited the poem, "In Flanders Fields" during the ceremony and Mr. Driscoll concluded in prayer for our city, province, country, and the world.



As November began, the senior volleyball teams started their run for provincials. The girls provincial tournament started with 75 teams. Our girls went all the way to the regional semi-final coming up short of a provincial berth by 3 points to finish 11th overall in the province. The boys provincial tournament started with 54 teams. Our boys won gold in their conference and regional playoffs before moving to provincials. They ended up placing 4th in the province after coming up just short in the bronze medal match. Now that volleyball has wrapped up, we have set up the basketball hoops and it will be in full swing in the next few days!



As we head into the Christmas season, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the staff and students at Cornerstone. May we all recognize the many blessings in our life as we celebrate God's gift of His son, Jesus, and cherish our loved ones this holiday season!

Faithfully serving our students and families,

Mr. Lee Behrns
Principal

