



Cornerstone Christian Academy

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Dear Cornerstone Community:

I hope that this finds you well, taking time this summer to relax with family and friends.

While Cornerstone is certainly quieter this time of year, the administrative team and I are working daily to prepare for the new academic year. After Memorial Day, we conducted a staff retreat in the Eastman's Riverside Apartment conference room (Thanks, Ray and Renee!) taking some time away from campus to review the division of labor within the office and to consider how the administration may better serve our community in the upcoming year. One main update will be moving to electronic modes of communication through RenWeb—a major theme of the enclosed Summer Sentinel. This advancement will not only assist with more efficient communication, but will save CCA several thousand dollars each year by reducing personnel, printing, and postage costs.

Through the parents' component of RenWeb, ParentsWeb, you will be able to register your child for school electronically, keep contact information up to date, log volunteer hours, and receive quarterly electronic report cards. From our end, among other functions, we will be able to send electronic Monday Memos, create classroom homepages for weekly homeroom communication, and email and text message you individually and collectively. And as your child progresses through Cornerstone, it will provide you a seamless transition to Pusch Ridge as this is a shared, web-based database.

In addition to office operations, we are working to review and update the curriculum to better align with CCA's Christian, classical, and Charlotte Mason foundations. Mrs. Fiello, Cornerstone's Teacher Mentor and Curriculum Coordinator, and Mrs. Moulson, 5th Grade Teacher and former staff member to hold Mrs. Fiello's position, are currently at the Charlotte Mason prototype school for Ambleside Schools International's intensive, six-day summer institute. While we hope to better understand this model and to more effectively train our faculty in theory and practice in regards to all disciplines, our primary goal is to consider its implications for improving our instruction in grammar and composition. Mrs. Fiello, Mrs. Moulson, and I will be working together this summer to develop a plan to address these two disciplines, in particular, with our teachers this year. Planning will occur with the faculty over this coming year with fuller implementation, refinement, and relevant training in the following two years. Complementary considerations include the classical approach to grammar and composition and implications from current research at the National Institute for Learning Development. Ultimately, we hope to glorify God through our work as we partner with you to more effectively train our students in His truth.

At the end of July, you may expect the second and final mailing for the summer. This will be electronic in format, so, please, be certain to review the enclosed materials to prepare for the mailing. Should you have any questions about ParentsWeb, contact Rebecca Shepperd in the Cornerstone office (529-7080 ext. 209).

We look forward to your and your child's return in August. In the meantime, please, pray for the upcoming year that we may continue to mature in the ways of the Lord and in service to Him through Christian schooling.

Kindest regards,

John D. Saffold
Principal

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