

# The Lion's Line

## Cornerstone Christian Academy

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## School-Wide News

### **Greetings Parents and Families of Cornerstone Christian Academy (CCA):**

My name is Stacie O'Daniell and I feel extremely blessed to join the staff at CCA as the new Administrator. I'm very passionate about education, and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and Christian education experience. As the parent of two children and the spouse of an educator, I understand the importance of a strong home and school connection. Families are every child's first teacher, and I believe that by collaborating, we can make sure your child's spiritual, social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Prior to CCA, I worked in a variety of education and business roles primarily in Central and Southern Illinois. Some of the roles I have held include being in the business industry for 10 years, serving as a business education and technology teacher and technology coordinator for 6 years, and have held several administrative positions for 6 years. My academic background includes a Master of Education, Master of Educational Administration, and Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.

I believe that outstanding schools are the result of great teachers, a devoted administrative team, and a board of education that puts kids first! We have all of that in place here at CCA, and I look forward to serving alongside each of them for several years to come to ensure that our students are prepared for college and 21st century careers

Beginning in June, I will be working closely with our new Principal, Mr. Andrew Duinick to guarantee that all of our scholars are intellectually challenged and have access to social and emotional support critical to children.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your families in this role! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. My email is [s.odaniell@cornerstonesycamore.org](mailto:s.odaniell@cornerstonesycamore.org)

Blessings,  
Stacie O'Daniell

### **END OF YEAR LIBRARY NOTICES ... CHECK 'EM OUT!**

- **All students take note:** All personal reading material MUST be turned in by Friday, May 18! All classroom novels must be turned in by Wednesday, May 23. **Secondary students will not be allowed to leave the school on Friday May 25, until their library account is cleared.**
- The library will be closed on **Thursday, May 24.**
- The CCA library needs a parent volunteer to drop off several small-medium sized boxes at Hope Haven in DeKalb, and a couple at Salvation Army ASAP. If you live near either place, I would be thankful for your help! Mrs. High

### **FIELD DAY: MAY 25TH**

Field Day is Friday, 5/25 from 8:30-11am. Mrs. Wright is looking for volunteers to help with this fun, last day of school event! If you can help, please email Mrs. Wright at [t.wright@cornerstonesycamore.org](mailto:t.wright@cornerstonesycamore.org).

### **REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR 6-12TH GRADE**

CCA will kick off the 6-12th grade summer reading program on the last day of school, May 25th. On that day, the summer reading books will be available in the office to check out. Students will receive the registration form & Great America permission form this week. **Please note that all 6-12th gr. students are required to read 2 books over the summer.** If they register, pay the fee, AND read **4 books**, they become eligible for the Great America Trip on Wednesday, 8/22. The summer reading list and forms will also be available on the CCA website under *Quick Links*, then *Find A Form* by May 25th.

## **Upcoming Events ...**

- 5/18 **Jean Day**
- 5/21-25 **Jean Days**
- 5/22-24 6-12th Grade Finals
- 5/23 Tickler Hike
- 5/24 **Kindergarten Recognition - 10:30 am, Assembly Room**  
**Pre-K Graduation 6:30 PM**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**11:30 AM Dismissal**  
**6-12th Grade Awards**  
**Assembly 8:30 AM**  
**Graduation Practice 11:30-Noon**  
**HS Commencement 6 PM**
- 5/29 Summer Day Camp Begins (Registration Required)

### **Summer Work Days at the School:**

- ◇ **Saturday, June 9**
- ◇ **Saturday, July 21**
- ◇ **Saturday, August 11**

## **Important Announcements**

**Please return your Lifetouch Spring pictures and/or payment ASAP!!**

**The Lost & Found container** is soon to be emptied. Pick up your items before they are donated to a local charity.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Avoid the beginning of the year rush and get your children's immunizations done early! Please read the following school immunization requirements:

- **Varicella:** Any child entering Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time shall show proof of having received two doses of varicella vaccine.
- **Tdap:** Children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade shall show proof of having received one dose of Tdap vaccine.
- **Hepatitis B:** Children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade shall show proof of having received three doses of hepatitis B vaccine.

## SUMMER ART CAMP IS COMING!

**WHAT:** *We Love Animals!*

**WHEN:** Monday-Friday, June 18-22 9 AM-12 PM

**WHO:** Students entering in the fall: **Kindergarten thru second grade.**

**COST:** \$75.00 per student \*All supplies included along with a daily snack!  
We will need a minimum of 8 students (Max 12 students) for each camp.

**WHAT:** *God's Great Universe!*

**WHEN:** Monday-Friday, August 6-10 9 AM-12 PM

**WHO:** For students entering in the fall: **Third thru fifth grade.**

**COST:** \$75.00 per student \*All supplies included along with a daily snack!  
We will need a minimum of 8 students (Max 12 students) for each camp.

**Registration forms are available at the front office and are due by June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Questions? Email [r.cantrell@cornerstonesycamore.org](mailto:r.cantrell@cornerstonesycamore.org)

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## Preschool News

### **Upcoming Preschool Events & Field Trips:**

**Mrs. Guio:** Year End Picnic at Sycamore Lake Rotary Park - May 22 9:45 am, **Mrs. Vogeney:** Year End Picnic at Sycamore Lake Rotary Park - May 22 9:30 am, **Mrs. McGee:** Year End Picnic at Lions Park, Waterman - May 23rd 8:45 am

- **PRESCHOOL'S LAST CHAPEL OF THE YEAR: THURSDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - **PreK GRADUATION: 6:30 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Children should be in their classrooms by 6:00 pm.
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## Parent News

### **TRiP**

Summer is just around the corner, and there are so many great ways to keep earning to reduce your tuition payments. From vacation travel to home improvement projects, the earning potential is limitless. With convenient online ordering and payment, you can shop on your time without having to drop off checks and wait for gift cards.

### **5 easy ways to maximize your earnings all summer long:**

- ◆ **Make sure your online ordering account is setup**
- ◆ **Setup online payments (PrestoPay) to instantly receive ScripNow eCards**
- ◆ **Use eCards and reloadable cards to shop and earn all in the same day**
- ◆ **Use the MyScripWallet mobile experience to shop while you're on-the-go**
- ◆ **Shop for scrip across all categories – from gas and groceries to sporting goods and entertainment**

All of the step by step instructions for setting up an online account and getting PrestoPay set up, can be found on the CCA Website: <http://cornerstonechristianacademy.com/parents/tuition-reduction-program/> -- from there click on the 'Instructions to Purchase TRiP Online' link. **Tuesday, May 22 will be the LAST DAY of the school year that an order is placed for TRiP cards. Think ahead to what you might need.**

**The TRiP office will be open in the summer on the second Friday of each month:  
June 8, July 13 and August 10 from 7:30-9 am.**

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## **Athletics News**

### **TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

The Athletic office will have past tournament t-shirts available for sale next Tuesday, 5/22 and Thursday, 5/24 from 8 am until noon. Cost: \$5.00 each.

### **TURN IN YOUR SPORTS UNIFORMS ASAP TO AVOID CHARGES TO YOUR ACCOUNT**

Please turn in ALL sports uniforms by Friday, May 18th to avoid charges to your account. All uniforms must be laundered before turning them in.

### **ATTENTION:**

If you donated this book to the CCA Used Book Sale, please call the school office due to a personal belonging that was inside.

