



Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to all who supported the November 24 Fall Supper and Auction. Approximately \$23,000 was raised. Thanks to your generous donations and purchases, we have the funds to hire an additional part-time teaching staff for the second semester. The Supper and Auction is possible because of the many hands who helped organize, prepare, and clean!

Please use this link to our school's Google Calendar, which will be updated live regularly. You can also access this calendar on your cell phones by following this link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=Y29ybmVyc3RvbmVraW5nbWFuLmNhX200cnV1bjFwdm8waDhiNmJicWdjcmVsOWFjQGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20>

In a few weeks we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, to a young peasant woman. What a strange and wonderful message - that God loved us so much that His only Son was born in human form to redeem us. We are surrounded by the world's noise and bustle, and the message that what's important is what the world has to offer - but we know better, for we have the news that "unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior which is Christ the Lord..." May we gain a deeper understanding of God's love, and how to share this love, this Christmas season.

Sincerely, Alan Welde

December Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 12: Secondary Chapel with Mark Bueckert as presenter
Wednesday, December 12: Melisizwe Brothers presentation
Wednesday, December 12: Jr Bball CCA @ Round Hill
Thursday, December 13 - 10:50 AM Concert Rehearsal
Thursday, December 13: 2:30 PM Early Dismissal
Thursday, December 13: 7:00 PM Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 19: Secondary Chapel with Mark Loewen as presenter

Wednesday, December 19: Jr Bball Viking @ CCA
Thursday, December 20: 1:00 Pm All-School Chapel
Thursday, December 20: 2:30 PM Early Dismissal
Friday, December 21: Christmas Break begins
Monday, January 7: Classes resume

Basketball Update

Our Junior High Girls' team is coached by parent Jon Kauffman, and our Junior High Boys' Team is coached by Mr. Ryan Falk. Thank you, gentlemen! Practices will typically be held Monday's after school from 4:00 - 5:30 PM with games being played on Wednesday nights typically, starting at 5:00 PM and being done at approximately 8:00 PM.

Siblings of team players are not allowed to remain after school, for example, on games nights, as we do not have supervisors. Younger brothers and sisters are to go home on the bus and may be brought back to the school with parents. Siblings are expected to be in the gym with their parents, or in the Student Commons area only. Classrooms and the doors to the secondary hallway will be locked after school.

Bus Route Cancellation and School Closure Protocol

As discussed at the last Society Board Meeting, buses will not operate if the temperature is - 35 Celsius or colder, and if temperature and wind chill combined is - 40 Celsius or colder. If none of the buses run, there will be no classes. Drivers will initiate their route phone fan-out, and the school will contact the Kingman village families who do not use buses to let them know school is closed. Individual bus drivers will continue to make the choice to operate their route depending on weather and road conditions.

Christmas Concert Details

Please consider this your personal invitation to attend this year's Christmas Concert, "*The Secret of Snowflake County*" by our Kindergarten through Grade 7 classes, and Songs by the Band 8/9. The program is Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM.

From the publishers:

“Take a rollicking ride to Snowflake County – a place where Christmas celebrations have become so extravagant they threaten to overshadow the simplicity of Christmas’ true meaning. It seems the only one who understands the secret of Jesus’ simple birth is little Suzy Hallmark – but no one is listening. It will take a series of crazy mishaps during the community’s annual seasonal program before the noise stops and everyone realizes that Christmas isn’t about how brightly lights and decorations shine – it’s about Jesus, the light of the world.”

Students need to arrive at school and be in their respective classrooms by 6:45 PM so they can get into costume and be lined up to begin promptly at 7:00p.m. Students in Kindergarten through Grade Seven are to wear dress clothes unless they have been given other instructions.

A Dress Rehearsal will be held in the gym at 10:50 AM. If you are unable to attend the evening performance, please plan on attending the morning Dress Rehearsal!

It would be appreciated if families could bring a plate of squares to share during coffee and fellowship in the Student Commons Area following the Concert.

A Free will offering for the school will be collected at the entrance to the gymnasium. Envelopes will be provided. CCA issues tax receipts for all gifts over \$20.

Christmas Activities/Dress Up Days

Some of the planned events for the last week of school include:

Monday, December 17: Christmas Sweater Day
Tuesday, December 18: Winter Wonderland Day
Wednesday, December 19: Christmas Formal Day
Thursday, December 20: Nativity Day
Thursday, December 20: Elementary Class parties in AM,
Thursday, December 20: All School Chapel 1:00 PM

Watch for details about the elementary students’ Christmas parties and the secondary students’ “Gingerbread Cup” floor hockey tournament. These events will be held the morning of December 20.

AERR/3 Year Plan

Please visit our website at the following link to see our Annual Education Results Review for 2017/2018 and our 3 Year Education Plan for 2018 – 2021. <https://cornerstonekingman.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/A9256-Combined-3-Year-Education-Plan-and-AERR-2018-2019.pdf> The AERR results are a compilation of data from Provincial Achievement Tests, Diplomas and the surveys which parents, students and staff do every year. You will be receiving a survey for this year in the mail in January. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to Alberta Education. This is an important part of our accountability to the Government for our level of funding. All students in Grades 4 – 12 will be participating in the survey in February during school time.

Fundscrip

An easy way to support Cornerstone. Purchase gift cards from FundScrip to pay for your everyday expenses & gifts. Groceries, Dining Out, Clothes, Gifts, Toys, Movies... Each gift card purchase automatically includes a donation to the school (ranging from 2% -10%). You aren't paying out of pocket, and you can shop where you normally shop - all that's needed is a bit of pre-planning by buying gift cards ahead of time.

At the Fall Supper and Auction, a Fundscrip paper campaign was launched. Through this initial paper campaign, 18 supporters have raised about \$250.00 for CCA. The last campaign that we ran several years ago, raised approximately \$1,000. Another paper campaign will be submitted through the school in the new year. You may also purchase cards and have them mailed directly to you by going to <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group> and enter invitation code: PUVY4S. Watch for the email invitation for online orders, which will be sent soon.

Classroom Volunteers

Quick reminder – if you are unable to come in for your scheduled shift, please call, text or email Jacqueline Kaufmann as soon as you know you have a schedule conflict so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Cornerstone Christian Academy presents...

THE SECRET OF SNOWFLAKE COUNTY

**Thursday, December 13th @ 10:50 am or 7:00 p.m.
at the CCA Gym**



You are invited to attend
Cornerstone Christian Academy's Christmas Program.
Grades 8 – 9 will be performing some music.
Grades K – 7 will be performing a special musical
(with drama, singing and choreography) called:
"The Secret of Snowflake County: Hope in a Humble Stable"

Hope to see you there!

2018 Junior High Division 2
Basketball Schedule

December 5	Viking @ Round Hill Hay Lakes @ Tofield Ryley @ CCA	January 21	Round Hill @ Viking Tofield @ Hay Lakes CCA @ Ryley
December 12	Viking @ Hay Lakes Tofield @ Ryley CCA @ Round Hill	January 23	Hay Lakes @ Viking Ryley @ Tofield Round Hill @ CCA
December 19	Ryley @ Hay Lakes Round Hill @ Tofield Viking @ CCA	January 30	Hay Lakes @ Ryley Tofield @ Round Hill CCA @ Viking
January 9	Ryley @ Viking Hay Lakes @ Round Hill CCA @ Tofield	February 6	Viking @ Ryley Round Hill @ Hay Lakes Tofield @ CCA
January 16	Round Hill @ Ryley Tofield @ Viking Hay Lakes @ CCA	February 13	Ryley @ Round Hill Viking @ Tofield CCA @ Hay Lakes

League Information

- 1. Our League will be sending 2 teams to regionals this year.**
- 2. The 1st place team in boys and girls after the regular season will get the automatic bye to the regional championships.**
- 3. In both boys and girls 3rd place will travel to 2nd place for the playoff games February 20th.**
- 4. If there is a need for a tie-breaker it will take place on February 19th and the playoff will still be on February 20th. Tie-breaker games will only occur when there is a tie for 3rd place. We will seed teams and the higher seed will host the tie-breaker game.**
- 5. Home teams please send results to Brent Anderson @ banderson@brsd.ab.ca**