



CORNERSTONE
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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CCA²DAY

EDUCATING WORLD CHANGERS

NO SCHOOL

There is no school on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

SCHOOL PICTURES SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

Inter-State Studio will be taking school pictures on September 3rd and 4th. All orders must be placed online at inter-state.com/order using order code: 87931GB

Pictures will be taken on the following dates:

Tuesday 9/3

- EE 3/4 (Gerber/Horine)
- Kindergarten (Farney & Summers)
- 1st Grade (Ficks, Fitch)
- 2nd Grade (Kallevig, White)
- 3rd Grade (Kinzinger, Wallin)
- 4th Grade (Dotson, Kalmes)
- 6th Grade
- 12th Grade



Wednesday 9/4

- EE 4/5 (Smith, McLaughlin)
- Developmental Kindergarten (Walker)
- 5th Grade (Brothers, Scott)
- 7th & 8th Grades
- 9th, 10th, & 11th Grades

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We are excited to host our annual Founder's Convocation on Thursday, November 7th. Please plan to bring the entire family for a night of worship and to hear about the bold vision our big God has ahead for His school.

CCAFORWARD.COM

If you would like to stay up to date with the ways God is working at Cornerstone and have not subscribed to receive emails through CCAForward.com, click [here](#) to subscribe. We will post monthly updates and prayer requests on CCAForward.com.

FRESHMAN RETREAT

This exciting event will be taking place Thursday, September 5th through Friday, September 6th at Little Galilee Christian Camp in Clinton. On this overnight trip, our freshman class will spend their time studying Scripture together, eating together, playing together, worshipping together, and most of all, having fun together! Students will depart CCA on Thursday, September 5th at 8:30 AM and return to school on Friday, September 6th at 3:15 PM. Questions? Contact Mr. Parker at austin.parker@cornerstonechristian.com.

PRE-ORDERED T-SHIRTS

If you pre-ordered a t-shirt before School Supply/Drop-Off Days and have not picked up your shirt, please do so by the end of the day today. We do have some extra shirts available for \$15 in the office.

COME SEE US!

We are excited to have booths at two upcoming community events. Cornerstone will be at Illinois Day of the Dozer on Saturday, September 7th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the McLean County Fairgrounds. We will also have a spot at the Day of Play located outside the Children's Discovery Museum on Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please spread the word and come see us at both events!

COMBINED CHAPEL/COFFEE CONNECTIONS

Our next Combined Chapel & Coffee Connections of the year is **Friday, September 27th!** All parents are invited to drop off the kids for school and come down to the Forum Room at **8:15 AM** for coffee, refreshments, and a time of community before chapel begins at **9:25 AM**. No reservations are required, and there is no charge!

HOCO 2024 – SAVE THE DATE!

We are looking forward to celebrating Homecoming Week at CCA! Mark your calendars now for a week of Cyclone fun Monday, October 7th through Saturday, October 11th. We will host an all-school picnic on Tuesday, October 8th. Come out to watch our HS boys' soccer team at 4:00 PM that day, followed by our HS volleyball team at 6:00 PM. The picnic is free and for the entire family! Our HS dance will be held on Saturday, October 11th. Students and teachers will celebrate with dress-up days and other fun activities throughout the week. Watch for additional details in the coming weeks.

DOUBLE YOUR GIVING

Did you know that State Farm, Country Financial, and Caterpillar will match employee contributions to Cornerstone. December 31st is the deadline to make your donation to be included as a Charitable Contribution in your 2024 tax return. State Farm employees may also take advantage of the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant. SF employees who volunteer 40 hours and submit their hours through the SF portal meet the requirements of the GNG. Cornerstone receives a \$500 grant per employee per year for those who volunteers 40 hours. We are grateful these opportunities are available as another way the Lord provides for His school. Thank you for taking advantage of these programs. Please contact Ciara Corley for more information.

COACHING VACANCIES

We have the following coaching vacancies available for the 2024-2025 school year:

- HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- 5th/6th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
- HS Track Assistant Coach
- JH Track Assistant Coach

Contact Mr. Davis Dossett if interested in any of these positions.

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS

Family athletic passes are available for \$65 in the office. The family pass allows your immediate family to attend all Cornerstone Home Events (except any postseason play). Stop by and purchase your pass today!

EARLY ED—5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Don't forget our nut-free guidelines for Early Ed—5th grades. All snacks and treats must be approved by our school nurse in the office. For nut-free treat ideas, please refer to the idea list at snacksafely.com.

PLEASE JOIN US!

It's been said prayer is the most important thing we do at Cornerstone. There are two very specific ways you can join us. First, you are invited to join the parents that meet every Wednesday morning at 8:15! This committed group prays for your children, the staff, and the needs of the school. The CCA Prayer Circle has been meeting on campus, outdoors, weather permitting throughout the summer, and plans to continue with this practice. Everyone is welcome! Can't make it in person? Then be sure to check the list of prayer requests and praises in **Pray Now!** under the **Support CCA** tab on the website! Updated monthly, this list will help you better know the needs of your school.

SCHOOL REWARDS

There are several organizations that partner with Cornerstone and offer rewards based on everyday purchases. After purchasing any Box Tops product, simply scan your receipt using the free Box Tops app. The app will automatically add Box Tops to Cornerstone's total online. Once you've created an account, found Cornerstone on the app using zip code 61702, scan your receipt, and CCA receives credit for your purchases! Another way to donate to the school is to use AmazonSmile and designate Cornerstone Christian Academy of McLean County Inc. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your qualifying purchase to Cornerstone. Doing this will not add to your total. Finally, Kroger offers a community rewards program. Choose Cornerstone Christian Academy when setting up your digital account through Kroger's website and Cornerstone receives a

percentage of your total purchase. Please contact the main office with any questions.

LUNCHES

We will begin serving catered lunches on Tuesday, September 1st. All lunches must be ordered in advance through FACTS. The 15th of each month is the last day to order lunches for the month immediately following. Lunch ordering for October is available now. Please see Lunch Ordering Instructions within the "Quicklinks" section on our [website](#) for complete details and instructions.

Available lunch items include:

Monday: Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich, chips, & water \$6.50; Chick-fil-A 5-piece chicken nuggets, chips, & water \$6.00

Tuesday: Custom Catering taco with meat, corn, cookie, & water \$6.50

Wednesday: Annie's Eats pulled pork sandwich, chips, applesauce, & water \$6.50; Mac & cheese, chips, & water \$6.50; side of mac & cheese available as an add-on \$3.00

Thursday: Pizza Hut cheese pizza, chips, & water \$5.50

Friday: Custom Catering nachos with meat, rice, brownie, & water \$6.50

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

As a reminder, students arriving from 7:15 AM to 8:00 AM should be walked in and checked into Before School Care. Also, student drop off and pick up should take place in the front parking lot only. When arriving for dismissal, please be sure to have your pick up card in the passenger window when entering the stacking lanes. Leave your card in the window until your child has been loaded into your car. Please note that Upper School students are not dismissed until 3:15 PM. **Be alert and aware of cars entering and exiting the rows of parked cars.** Be sure to follow the flow of traffic and do not pass cars in the pick-up lines.

Coming up.....

Friday (8/30) HS Boys Soccer at Peoria Christian @ 5:30 PM

Saturday (8/31) HS Boys Soccer at Peoria Christian TBA; JH Soccer at Trinity Lutheran @ 9:30 AM; 6th Grade Baseball vs. Epiphany at CCA @ 10:00 AM

Monday (9/2) No School

Tuesday (9/3) School Pictures; HS Girls Volleyball at LeRoy @ 6:00 PM; 6th Grade Boys Baseball vs. Metcalf at CCA @ 5:00 PM; HS Girls Tennis at Maroa-Forsyth @ 4:30 PM

Wednesday (9/4) School Pictures; Journalism Field Trip; HS Girls Volleyball vs. Woodland HS at home @ 6:00 PM; JH Boys Golf at Pontiac TBA; HS Boys Soccer at Streator HS @ 4:30 PM

Thursday (9/5) Freshman Retreat; 4th Grade Star Gazing @ 8:00 PM; HS Girls Tennis vs. Limestone at Evergreen Racquet Club @ 4:00 PM; HS Boys Golf at Lexington @ 4:00 PM; JH Soccer at Judah Christian @ 4:30 PM; JH Girls Softball at Evans JH @ 4:30 PM; 6th Grade Boys Baseball at Lexington JH @ 4:30 PM

*Visit the [website calendar](#) for more details.

