

CCS NEWSPAPER



CCS' BASKETBALL SEASON

The 2023-2024 year of basketball was exciting and suspenseful. There were four girl's teams and six teams in the boy's divisions A and B.

December 12, 2023 Basketball Season kicked off with four games at Cornerstone School. The Cougar JV girls started, playing against the girls Skagit Adventist Timberwolves. Unfortunately, Skagit won 34-25, but the next game was the Cougar JV boys against Boys Skagit Adventist Timberwolves, and Cougar JV boys won 85-16. The third game was the Fat 5 vs. La Flamerz, which turned out to be 52-43. The last game was Cougar Varsity Boys and Men in Black. Cougars won 45-20.

The Cougar Varsity girls team worked hard to get their winning stand. Their coach Mr. Jeff Brown said, "The Girl's Varsity team had an outstanding year, finishing as the Northwest Youth Basketball League Girls' Division Champs!"

It has been a while since the Cornerstone girl's team won. The last time the Cornerstone girls had a victory in the girls division league was 2015-16! "Led by seven seniors, the team was dedicated to giving their best, whether it was an early morning practice at 6:15 am or a night practice..." Mr. Brown said. The girls truly worked hard for the winning position. Mr. Brown finished off by saying, "The best part of the season was watching the girls celebrate their championship win-- realizing that all their hard work had paid off."



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The JV girls on the other hand had a hard time because of the lack of teams. There were only 4 teams in the girls division. “Because there was not a sufficient number of teams to create a second girls' division, the JV girls had to compete against opponents at the Varsity level.” Mr. Brown continues to say, “However, they were determined to give their best, no matter the situation, and should be commended for never giving up, never quitting, and maintaining a positive attitude in the face of adversity.”

Because of these challenges, the girls will bring out their new skills in the coming years. “Each of the girls worked hard in practice to improve their skills, learn new things, and incorporate that learning into their game.”

This year has been a real success for the basketball season and “...we can all look forward to seeing that growth on the court in future seasons!” We thank God for the amazing basketball year and for the winning team after eight years of working hard to get to their full potential.



Written by Liana K.

MR. CHASE: A HISTORY

In the grand scheme of the world, Cornerstone Christian School has not been around very long. But twenty years is still quite a lot, with almost two generations being able to attend. There is only one teacher still at CCS who started from the beginning. Yes, the Master of Highschool, Mr. W. Chase. As a young boy, Mr. Chase lived and grew up in Japan as a missionary kid. Despite living across the world from where we are, life in Japan wasn't much different.

"Our family home carried on, much like it is here." Mr. Chase says. "We ate the same kinds of foods, generally speaking; traveled more or less the same kind of way."

The only major difference was language. Although Japanese was the main language, Mr. Chase didn't really have a need to use it, other than getting around. "I wasn't really fluent in Japanese, so I traveled on public transportation and used Japanese for that."

Despite not being fluently bilingual, Mr. Chase still knows a little bit of Japanese, and if you take lessons in the language, you might even be able to converse with him.

Here in CCS our biggest class has consisted of sixteen students. Mr. Chase's senior year had fifty-two students. He went to a large English-speaking Christian School, about half the size of Lynden Christian, which is a sister school.

Of those who know him, some might be surprised to learn that the famed teacher used to be a rascal in his younger years. However, when pressed further for examples, Mr. Chase stubbornly remained silent. Future generations may yet discover his secrets, but for now, they remain tight-lipped.

However, one small detail of his highschool life was unrooted. "I had a car in my senior year of highschool, so of my class of fifty two students, there were only two who had cars. Let's just say we were popular."

Most of you are probably not surprised. Mr. Chase has that popular quality. Mr. Chase eventually moved to Colorado, but ended up moving to Washington when the newly founded Cornerstone Christian School reached out to him. "There was an offer from the board; at that time there wasn't a complete highschool and I was hired to complete it."

Although the school had been founded in 2003, it was only grades 1-8. At the beginning of 2005, a highschool was created, and Mr. Chase was needed. When asked how he was inspired to become a teacher, Mr. Chase responded, "Love of knowledge, of Bible knowledge and knowledge in general; love of history. I kind of just fell into teaching." Falling or not, God obviously intended for Mr. Chase to be where he is now, and former students constantly mention his teachings in Bible studies and discussions.

Since 2005, Mr. Chase has worked for CCS, and as the only other teacher who also worked since the very beginning, Mrs. Faber, retired last year, Mr. Chase is now the only teacher who continues from its highschool inception.

Graduates, parents and fellow teachers all admire Mr. Chase for his deep knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and the way he can teach it. We are blessed to have him in our school, and pray that he can continue for as long as God provides.

Mission Month - February 2024



MISSION MONTH: BRAZIL

At Cornerstone, the month of February is dedicated to mission activities. On February 5, 2024, Reverend and Missionary John Chase joined the students of Cornerstone in a live call to introduce this year's fundraising initiative.

During the session, Reverend Chase shared insights into his life, teachings, and experiences living in Recife, Brazil, a busy urban center. Reverend Chase highlighted that Brazil comprises 50% Roman Catholics and 30% Pentecostals. He noted differences in preaching styles, showing what some of the Pentecostal ministers do to the practices outlined in the Book of Acts. He also mentioned concerns about certain ministers profiting excessively from church donations. At the moment, there are 19 Reformed congregations established in Brazil, with a goal to establish one congregation in every major city. Our school and churches want to help the people in Brazil grow and be able to support as many people in their churches as possible.

To support this mission, Cornerstone aimed to raise at least \$4000, and so each class created its own fundraising strategies. Grade 5/6 started the fundraising efforts with their classic Bake Sale, offering an array of treats including cookies, floats, cupcakes, and brownies. Within seven hours, they raised approximately \$600 for Mission Month.

Following 5/6, Grade 3/4 sold their delicious cinnamon buns priced at \$2 each, a slight increase from previous years' \$1.50.

Grade 7/8 organized an ice cream sundae sale, offering small sundaes for \$2.00 and large ones for \$4.00, featuring vanilla ice cream with toppings such as chocolate syrup, Oreos, sprinkles, etc.

Grades 1/2 and 11/12 chose to give donations to the school, while Grades 9/10 did a pastry fundraiser in the neighborhoods of their homes.

In total, the school raised \$4,452.83, which surpasses our total goal, and should provide nicely for the churches. We give our gratitude to God for guiding us through this successful February fundraiser. A special thanks to the STAMP teams and teachers for their support and organization of the fundraising activities. In addition, thanks to all who interacted with the events.



Written by Ally D.

JOKES

1. How does the moon cut its hair?
2. Why can't a nose be 12 inches?
3. What is faster, hot or cold?
4. Why is Star Wars' Yoda such a good gardener?
5. Why did the deer get braces?
6. What does a flower say if it offers you a job?
7. How do you know when spring is here?
8. What did the tree say to the flower?
9. What do you call a bear with no teeth?
10. Why was the math book sad?

Answers:

1. Eclips it.
2. Because then it would be a foot.
3. Hot because you can catch a cold
4. He has a green thumb.
5. He had buck teeth
6. Take it or leave it.
7. You can hear the birds "tweeting" on Twitter!
8. "What's up, bud?"
9. A gummy bear!
10. Because it had too many problems!

FLOWER WORD SEARCH



Flower Word Search!

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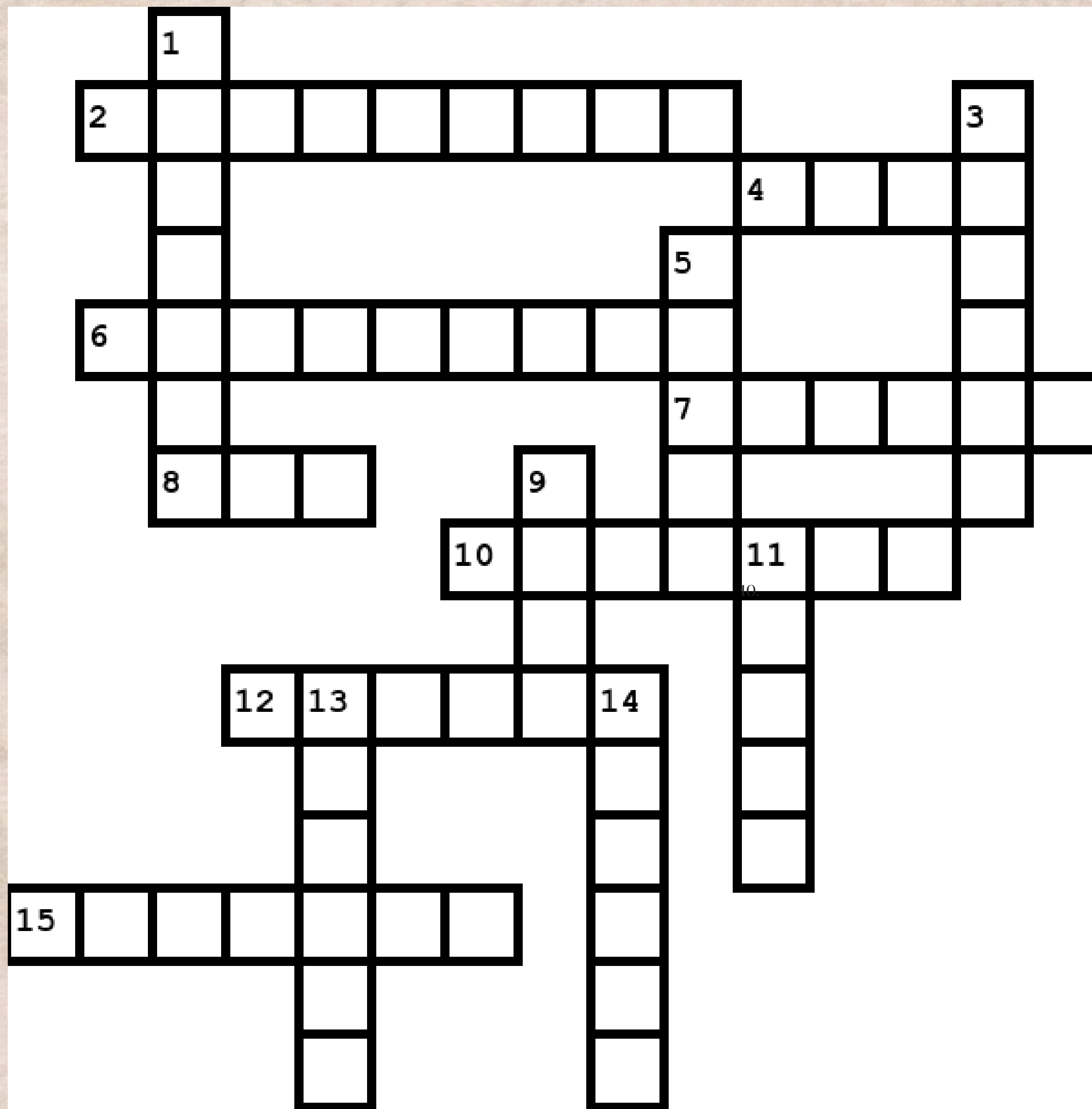


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- Buttercup Gardenia Anemone Foxglove Carnation Amaryllis Lavender
- Bluebell Yarrow Crocus Petunia Daffodil Violet Astilbe Jonquil Orchid
- Echinacea Zinnia Impatiens Snowdrop Geranium Nasturtium Columbine
- Dahlia Aster Iris Rose Lily Pansy Lotus Tulip

SPRING CROSSWORD



Down:

1. What do you cultivate in the spring?
3. What grows on trees?
5. The colour of freshly grown grass.
9. When drops fall from the sky it is called a spring _____?
11. The baby deer in the 1942 Disney animated movie.

Across:

2. What ship did the Pilgrims sail on?
4. A very famous red (or white) flower people associate with Valentines.
6. The word for the smell of fresh rain.
7. What spring holiday has to do with bunnies?
8. What goes away in winter and comes out in spring?
10. What bow can't be tied?
12. A bouncy metal coil you can find in your bed.
15. A famous ship that sank in early April of 1912

13. A fun meal to have on a blanket with a basket.
14. The process of increasing in physical size.

Thank you for reading! If you have any questions or concerns, please email yearbook@cornerstoneschool.us

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