



# CORNERSTONE CHRONICLE

JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

## High School FCAT Score

### Cornerstone Community:

This week, the State of Florida Dept. of Education released FCAT high school grades for last year (2010-2011). For several reasons, Cornerstone High was not issued a grade, which has no bearing on our performance or funding. Cornerstone Charter High School was not issued a grade due to the following:

School grades can only be provided to a school when all the cells regarding the calculation of the grade have met the minimum cell size requirement. Cornerstone did not have enough students in one math category, Math Learning Gains, which has a minimal cell size of 30. Our cell size was 27.

This was due to two main factors:

One: Charter Schools are typically smaller than regular schools so the number of students taking a particular grade level exam are less.

Two: For 2010-2011, math learning gains were determined by only one test (Grade 10 FCAT).

These factors (student enrollment and only one test) reduced the number of reportable students and dropped the cell size below 30, essentially eliminating Cornerstone from the school grading process according to state rule. What is important to note is that the school student performance data (FCAT) was reported and can be utilized to determine student progress and school effectiveness.

The current school year's FCAT score will have the comparative data from last year as needed for issuing a complete grade/score, and we look forward to a very favorable result for both the high school and the K-8 in terms of FCAT.

As you know, we received a "B" for the K-8 school last year, which we were pleased to receive in our first year. Our expectation remains an "A" for both schools this year, and in years to come.

As always, we remain focused on fulfilling our stated mission for Cornerstone, which is *to provide a college preparatory educational environment with a curricular emphasis on biotechnology and life sciences that furthers the philosophy of respect and high expectations for all, enabling students to become confident, self-directed, and responsible life-long learners.*

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**Store Hours:**

**Tuesday/Thursday 2pm-3pm**

**Friday 7:30am-9am**

*Store is located in the Field House,  
beside the Volunteer Sign In*

**Brought to you by SAC**

### From the Director of Registration:

The time is almost upon us to start the application process for the 2012-2013 school year.

Current students DO NOT need to reapply. If you know you will not be returning for the next school year, please let us know.

If you plan on applying for a sibling of a current student, please fill out the [2012-2013 application](#) and turn it in to our [Director of Registration, Amy Trendafilov](#).

Siblings are given preference, but we MUST receive an application prior to the March 31st deadline.

## **SMOKEHOUSE BBQ**

Will be providing Hamburger & Hotdog Meals  
for purchase during the  
PTSA General Meeting & Science Night on  
Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>!

**\$6 includes chips & a drink!  
Cash Only!**

*Don't worry about dinner-focus on getting a  
great update from our PTSA, enjoying the  
awesome displays from the Science Center,  
and CCA students' Projects!*

Don't forget to

**FUEL OUR SCHOOL!!**

[www.fuelmyschool.com/cornerstone](http://www.fuelmyschool.com/cornerstone)

For all of your online Purchases!!

## **Let's go out to eat!**

Catch up with Cornerstone friends &  
family over

**CC's Pizza & Mike's Italian Ice**  
@ the Semoran location!

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**5-10pm**

*Just say "I'm from Cornerstone!" and put your  
receipt in the Cornerstone jar when you check  
out!*

*Good for dine in & pick up!*

## Fundraising Calendar

January 2012

**\*Tuesday, 1/10-CiCi's**

**Pizza & Mike's Night!**

**5-10pm @ South Semoran  
Locations!**

**\*Thursday, 1/12-**

**Smokehouse BBQ @CCA's  
Science Night!**

**\*Friday&Saturday, 1/27&28-**

**Winter's Solstice; a**

**Dinner Theatre presented by  
Cornerstone's students &  
Maggiano's Little Italy!**

Have you registered your Target  
RedCard yet??

[Click Here to Register](#)

School ID: 152045

**DR. DAVID WALKER,  
CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN,**

Is offering a Special Holiday Discount of  
**20% off** Massages and gift certificates for  
the month of December!!

*This special is for all Cornerstone  
employees, parents and friends.*

Please call (407) 249-1808 or stop by the office  
at 3162 South Conway Rd. 32812.

*Ask for Garnet to receive this great offer and  
mention Cornerstone!!*

Cornerstone's library now has  
**10,000 titles in the system!**

Thank you to everyone who has worked so  
hard to make this possible!

Letters are going home this week  
to all families who have not completed the 30  
required volunteer hours for the 2011-2012  
school year.

[Click Here to sign up for ADDitions](#)

[Click Here to be added to the Email List](#)

**Thursday Evening, January 26, 2012**  
**Cornerstone will be hosting the**

**Parent Information Expo on School**  
**Choice**

## Exam Schedule 6-12

### **Day 1, January 17th:**

Follow a regular bell schedule...  
1st period exam  
3rd period exam  
5th period exam  
7th period (normal class period)

### **Day 2, January 18th:**

2nd per exam 7:30-9:35  
15 minute break  
4th per exam 9:50-12:00

**ALL 6-12 STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED AT  
NOON**

### **Day 3, January 19th:**

6th per exam 7:30-9:35  
15 min break  
7th per exam 9:50-12:00

**ALL 6-12 STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED AT  
NOON**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ON JANUARY 18 & 19, ALL  
UPPER ACADEMY STUDENTS WILL BE  
RELEASED AT NOON\*\***

## **IMPORTANT SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UP AND TRYOUT INFORMATION**

**All Students wanting to play a Spring Sport must sign up immediately.** Several sports are still in need of players to field teams based on the sign ups we received at the Spring Meetings held in December and most recently January 4.

**Sign up forms are located at the Field House on the table beside the Volunteer Sign In.**

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE THEIR PAPERWORK AND FEES TURNED IN PRIOR TO THESE DATES OR WITH THEM THE FIRST DAY OF CONDITIONING/PRACTICE.**

**NO STUDENT WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS THE REQUIRED FORMS ARE RECEIVED.**

**Required Paperwork:** The Athletics Forms package is located on the schools website under athletics.

The forms needed for a player to participate in conditioning, tryouts/practice for a sport includes the EL2 Physical Form filled out and signed by your physician, EL3 Consent to Liability (with insurance information noted) signed, and Medical Release form. GA4 forms are required for those students who change attendance to Cornerstone Charter Academy at any time during his/her high school after having begun 9<sup>th</sup> grade in another school-see forms for more information and details. These are the basic forms needed for every player. If you are an international student, home schooled student additional paperwork is needed and you will need to see the Coach for the specific sport you are interested in for more details.

*For those players who have already played a sport and paid the participation fee you will just need to inform the Coach of the Sport you played. Your information will be pulled from that sport reconfirmed and GPA's for this semester checked to confirm eligibility to play for spring.*

Please contact the Coaches of each sport (below) with any question you may have.

**BASEBALL (Varsity)**

Head Coach: Miguel Martinez

Email: [Miguelsmal@aol.com](mailto:Miguelsmal@aol.com)

Asst. Varsity Coach: Jason Gibson

Email: [jgibson@cornerstonecharter.com](mailto:jgibson@cornerstonecharter.com)

Tryout Dates: January 18 and January 19

Tryout Times: 3:15 PM to 5:15 PM both days

Tryout Place: Southport Fields (Pony Field/Naval Base) (this is where the team practiced last year.)

**SOFTBALL (JV and Varsity)**

Head Varsity Coach: Carlie Chemidlin

Email: [cchemidlin@cornerstonecharter.com](mailto:cchemidlin@cornerstonecharter.com)

Asst. Varsity Coach: Jennifer McMullen

Email: [jennfsc12@aol.com](mailto:jennfsc12@aol.com)

Head JV Coach: Eric Richards

Email: [erichards@cfl.rr.com](mailto:erichards@cfl.rr.com)

Conditioning/Tryouts: January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Cornerstone Softball Fields

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Tryouts: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Place: Cornerstone Softball Fields

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SOFTBALL FIELD CLEANUP DAY TOMORROW  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

**Show up & make sure to sign IN & OUT on GREEN Sheet!**

**LACROSSE**

Head Coach: Traci Reitz

Email: [Treitz@cornerstonecharter.com](mailto:Treitz@cornerstonecharter.com)

Conditioning: January 6<sup>th</sup> through January 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:45 – 4:00pm

Place: Cornerstone Fields

Tryouts: January 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:45-4:30 pm

Place: Cornerstone Fields

**TENNIS**

Head Coach: Dave Walker

Email: [chirowalk@aol.com](mailto:chirowalk@aol.com)

Tryouts/Practice: Week of January 16. More details will follow on times and place.

We look forward to a great Spring season. A big “Thank You” to all the Coaches, Parents, and Students for their help and patience with getting the sports programs up and running. We did not plan to implement additional programs this year but because of the interest of our students we jumped in and were able to accomplish some of these goals. We had a lot of work to do and accomplish in such short time with hiring new Coaches and implementing new sports programs and many challenges with the scheduling of games etc. Again thank you to everyone for their support.

**Go Ducks!**

**Eileen Gibson  
Cornerstone Charter Academy Athletics**



THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

5:30 - 8:00

K-12

**PTSA  
General Membership  
Meeting**

5:30PM IN THE GYM



**Science Night**

**Sponsored by PTSA**

6:30-8:00PM

IN THE CCA GYM

SMOKEHOUSE BBQ WILL BE PROVIDING HAMBURGER & HOT DOG MEALS  
FOR PURCHASE \$6-CASH ONLY  
PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CCA ATHLETICS!

**SCIENCE NIGHT K-5TH GRADE**

**SCIENCE NIGHT 6-12TH GRADE**



**CCA Elementary School**  
students will have the opportunity to participate in up to 15 interactive Astronomy Night exhibits presented by The Orlando Science Center.

The hands-on science experiments and activities will focus on the earth-moon-sun relationship, constellations, comets and celestial observation.

**CCA Middle School & High School Science Fair**  
Exhibits will be on display during Science Night. Winning exhibits will represent CCA in the Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition, Orange County Public School's county wide science fair! For more information regarding the Exposition, please visit their website at <http://www.yingexpo.com/index.htm>. Prizes for winners will be awarded at the fair.

This is a free event sponsored by CCA's PTSA.

**THANK YOU CCA TEACHERS**

First you rocked the Dunk Tank... then you blew us away with your amazing silent auction class baskets & very special gifts from the heart.  
**PTSA appreciates your support!**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

1-12 PTSA General Membership Meeting and Science Night

**TEACHER MINI GRANTS**

Applications due June 1<sup>st</sup>

Teachers must have become PTSA members by September 30<sup>th</sup> to apply.

[Mini Grant Application](#)

[PTSA HOME PAGE](#)

[JOIN PTSA TODAY](#)

**THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU PARENTS, STUDENTS & FACULTY FOR SUPPORTING PTSA FUNDRAISERS.**

**CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELPING THE SCHOOL.**

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**\$6000....-TEACHER MINI GRANTS (25% OF DUCKTOBERFEST MONEY RAISED)\***

**\$2000....-DRAMA GRANT\***

**\$2000....-MUSIC GRANT\***

**\$3000....-ART DEPT GRANT\***

**\$5500....-ATHLETICS DEPT GRANT\***

**\$5600....-MEDIA CENTER -SEVERAL HUNDRED K-12 BOOKS, STAR ASSESSMENT**

**\$5700....-LAMINATING MACHINE, LAMINATING ROLLS CART, DIE CUT MACHINE, EDUCATIONAL DIE CUT STARTER KIT, 5 WALL MOUNTED KRAFT PAPER ROLLS.**

**\*FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR USE UPON ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL.**

Cornerstone's Triple Threat Drama Club  
Presents

## Winter's Solstice

A Dinner Theatre catered by Maggiano's

Friday & Saturday,  
January 27 & 28

Seating is  
limited!!!



Must  
receive  
order by  
1/20/12

Pre-Order                      \$15/Adults, \$12/Children  
At the Door                    \$17/Adults, \$14 Children

Click [HERE](#) for Order Form!

Front-Row Priority Available!

Cornerstone Families have  
already completed over  
8,000 Volunteer Hours for  
the 2011-2012 School Year!

### REMINDER:

When you are on campus, you **MUST** have a nametag, either from the volunteer office for volunteering, or from the Green House or Elementary Office if you have a meeting.

*Thank you for helping to keep our campus safe!*

### YEARBOOK NEWS

Don't know what to give your student who has everything? Give the gift that gives forever—a yearbook. [Order online!](#) The price is still \$60 but will increase soon to \$75.

Personalization available, too!

You can also give a *Parental Display of Affection* in the yearbook. **The deadline has been extended to January 15.**

The online address is

[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

### Campus Tours

Are now available for prospective  
Cornerstone families.

All currently scheduled tours are  
posted [Here](#).

### Cornerstone Chronicle

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