



## CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Summer is quickly coming to an end, I hope that you have had the opportunity to relax and enjoy some of the good summer weather. The Cornerstone Christian School teachers will be reporting back to work on August 26, 2024. The Students' first day of school will be Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

The Cornerstone staff has been hard at work getting things ready for the 2024-2025 school year. All of the classrooms have received a fresh coat of paint, floors have been waxed, and the classrooms have been sanitized. We are in the process of applying for a new grant which will help us up-grade the interactive boards in the first and second grade classrooms. Gracepoint Gospel Fellowship has informed us that the construction of the athletic field is in progress. More information will be given as we receive it.

This new school year has brought some changes which we believe you will find to be beneficial. The East Ramapo Central School District will be offering free breakfast and lunch to all students in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> for the 2024-2025 school year. To accommodate the introduction of breakfast into our school day, the students will be entering the building through the glass doors located in the back of the building. A staff member and security guard will be receiving the students till 8:30am. Any student that arrives after 8:30am must enter the building through the front glass doors and will be considered late.

There will be several new staff members joining Cornerstone Christian School this year.

Ms. Rebecca Henry will be teaching 5th grade. Ms. Henry is a New York State Certified Teacher.

Ms. Heather Strazza will be the Art Teacher. She is a Christ inspired artist who will be bring years of experience to the classroom.

Mr. Justin Taveras joined our team in June of 2024 as our Physical Education Teacher filling in for Mr. Holly. I am happy to announce that he will be returning for the 2024-2025 and will be our full-time Physical Education Teacher. Mr. Taveras' prior experience is with the East Ramapo Central School District as a Well-Care Educational Consultant/Sports Instructor.

Dr. Vanessa Almonte is not new to Cornerstone, she has worked in the UPK classroom and taught 5th grade last year. This year, she will be the 7th and 8th grade Homeroom Teacher.

**Children... showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand,  
and qualified to serve in the King's palace." Daniel 1:4 NIV**

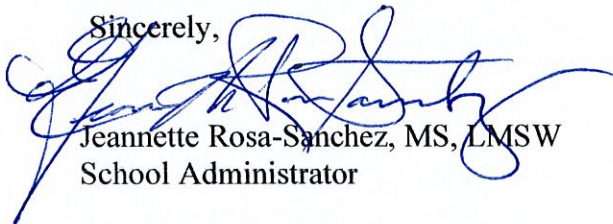
Middle school will look a little different this year. The students will be switching classrooms and the subjects will be taught by various teachers. Dr. Almonte and Mr. Martinez the 6th grade teacher, will be partnering to offer our middle school students this great experience.

Our UPK class has grown and therefore, we will have two classrooms. There will be a total of 40 students between the two classrooms. Ms. Christie Clautaire will continue teaching one of our UPK classes. Joining her in our second UPK classroom, is Ms. Julie Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan is a New York State Certified Teacher. Adryanna Celestine and Rafelina Gomez will be joining the UPK classrooms as Teacher's Assistants.

As always, I ask that you keep Cornerstone and the entire staff in your prayers. That our Heavenly Father would continue to equip us with His wisdom and direction in everything we do. That we will serve as Christian role models to you and our students.

“Those who invest in kids faith formation, you don't just impact a person, you impact a family.” Jo Saxton, CPC

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeannette Rosa-Sanchez', is written over the typed name and title.

Jeannette Rosa-Sanchez, MS, LMSW  
School Administrator