

## ***Notes from the Principal....***

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live;...” John 11:25.* The beginning of a new year always finds people making resolutions to change or accomplish certain goals, some of which will be soon forgotten as old habits take hold! Eating better, losing weight, exercising more, spending extra time in God’s word; all wonderful ways to start off the New Year. But how long can we keep our resolutions alive? How many times do we start a good habit and eventually lose interest? The one “resolution” or choice that we make is to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior- an excellent opportunity to make a permanent change in our lives. All we have to do is believe! He also gives us, through the Holy Spirit, the strength we need to carry each new resolution through. As we begin 2008, let us remember the one everlasting resolution and all the blessings Christ brings.

Thank you, everyone, for your special blessings, gifts and prayers that were showered over me for the Christmas season. I thank God daily for the students, families, and friends here at Cornerstone School. Your thoughtfulness meant so much.

The Annual Christmas musical, *“The Fear Not Factor”* was held on Sat. Dec. 8, was indeed a joy to behold! Many thanks to everyone who participated - you were all shining stars!

We have been very fortunate to not be subjected to severe winter weather yet! Let us keep in mind, however, that this is January and we should expect freezing temperatures and blowing snow! It helps to remember to:

- prepare to leave your home earlier to avoid the need to rush. (Your safety is a concern for us - we pray for our parents’ travel mercies during devotions.)
- be sure your children are dressed for the weather - warm coats, extra sweaters, boots, scarfs, hats & gloves!

Should the weather become severe, an emergency closing would be decided by the administration. Information will be posted with the Chicagoland radio and TV stations. In addition, updates will also be posted online at [www.EmergencyClosings.com](http://www.EmergencyClosings.com). (See page 19 of the Student Hand Book for school closing information details.)

The students and Science Fair Committee have been diligently working on projects and preparing for the annual Cornerstone School Science Fair which will be held on Friday, February 15. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be presenting their individual projects, while those in 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades will demonstrate class group projects. Please check that your student’s progress is on task with the Science Fair Time Line.

I pray your new year will be filled with the peace that passes all understanding! May God bless and keep you safe in 2008!

In His Service,

Mrs. Donald