

Cornerstone Christian Academy Thanksgiving Lunch and Dessert Auction

Parent Information and FAQ's

1. What is the lunch for? This is our biggest fundraiser! Cornerstone, like all private schools, does not receive federal, state or local funding. Therefore, we have to raise money in order to provide our children with the best educational experience. All private schools hold fundraisers, and this is Cornerstone's primary fundraising event. With continued advances in education, we want to keep up to date and provide our children with the best resources available. These cost money. We auction off cakes and other items (such as BBQ Grills, framed pictures, quilts, etc...) which is where most of the money we raise comes from.

2. Do I have to go? No. It is not required that you attend the lunch but it is very helpful. We appreciate all support for the lunch, even if all you are able to do is stop by and pick up a to-go meal! If you can not attend on Sunday and want to help, volunteers are needed on Saturday to receive cake donations. Room parents will be contacting everyone to find out attendance (so we have an idea) and to register volunteers.

3. Does my child have to go? No. It is not required that your child attend. The children that do attend will be helping with the meal and are a very good advertisement for the excellence of Cornerstone. We will need help setting up tables and chairs and tables. Children attending will also be performing at this event. They will begin singing before the auction begins. After singing, the children will present a program and then go eat with their class.

4. What if I can't buy a dessert or auction item? That's OK. Most of us can't! Most auction items average \$200-\$800 per item. But, if you want to make a donation of any amount Cornerstone will be very pleased to take it. This year we will also have a separate bake sale in the Great Hall with cakes and desserts. These desserts will sell for \$30 each or \$50 for 2. Ask grandparents and other supporters of your student if they would be willing to donate also please. You can also help by donating a cake or dessert.

5. What are ways I can help? If you can help set up, please meet us at the chapel at 10:00 a.m. If not, then meet at the chapel no later than 10:45. Parents are needed for clean-up after the auction. Hopefully, all will be done by 2:00. We are still in need of cake and dessert donations. Donations can be brought to the church's kitchen on Saturday any time after noon. They may also be brought early Sunday morning to the church's library.

6. What if I can't stay the whole time? That's OK. We appreciate your support and would love your help. There is always something to do but even if you just come to eat or pick up a meal, that is supporting Cornerstone!

7. Who should I sell tickets to? Everyone you can think of! Parents, grandparents, friends, family- remember that tickets are \$12.50/adult \$5/child which is around what you would spend at a restaurant and you can take it to go if you want. If we sell 650 tickets, the students will get an extra day off from school. That would be AWESOME! If there are left overs, we will be selling them at \$6 a plate to help cover the cost of the food (so bring extra money if you think you might want to take some home).

8.Do I have to buy a ticket for me and my child? Yes. Anyone that eats needs a ticket. The reason for this is that we have to pay for the food and if you eat and don't pay, Cornerstone loses money. You can get it to go- its really yummy that night when you are tired and not in the mood to cook!

9.What if I can't come until late? That's fine. There is always cleaning up to do!!

10.Can my child stay with me? Yes. But it is really important that you monitor your child at all times. Having children running free through the church building is disrespectful to the building and shows a negative view of Cornerstone. Our students are amazing and we want to show that to everyone. If you choose not to sign-in your child, then you are responsible for them and their conduct. Children who are signed-in must also be signed-out to be released. Grades 6 – 10 will work at the auction. Tasks will be assigned Sunday. The auction will start after the program, and children Kindergarten through 5th grade will be divided into 3 supervised classrooms (2 ages/room) where they will eat their lunch, have fun with arts and crafts, so that adults are free to assist at the auction.

We appreciate all you are doing and hope to see you there!!! If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the school office.