

**St. Cornelius Catholic School**  
**Where Faith and Education Meet!**  
 Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Important Dates</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>          Fall Pictures          Hot Lunch: Chicken Nuggets and Vegetables  <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>          Hot Lunch: Rice and Beans Burrito  <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>          \$3 Pizza Lunch  <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>          Grandparents' Day  <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>: Iowa Testing in Grades 2-8</b>  <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>          Hot Lunch: Cheese Quesadillas with Rice and Beans  <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>          Hot Lunch: Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables  <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>          Feast of St. Cornelius Mass @8:30          Hot Lunch: Chicken Nuggets and Vegetables  <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>          Hot Lunch: Spaghetti and Salad  <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>          Hot Lunch: \$3 Pizza Lunch          Back-To-School Dance 6-10pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Student Learning Expectations</b></p> <p>At St. Cornelius Catholic School we promote PEACE. These are expectations we have of ourselves and all students.</p> <p><b>Productive People</b>          We are independent thinkers and wise decision-makers. We exercise common courtesy. We are leaders and work cooperatively.</p> <p><b>Extraordinary Citizens</b>          We make positive contributions to our school community and society. We are caretakers of our local and global environment. We follow the rules and laws of our society and understand their importance.</p> <p><b>Academic Achievers</b>          We are motivated learners, dedicated to mastering basic academic skills. We demonstrate an appreciation for visual and musical arts. We actively listen, read, comprehend, and follow directions. We use critical thinking and problem solving skills to meet everyday challenges. We learn new things all the time.</p> <p><b>Catholic Learners</b>          We demonstrate Gospel values by following Jesus' example. We practice traditional, spontaneous, and liturgical prayer. We demonstrate knowledge of Catholic doctrine. We illustrate our moral and religious commitment by our actions in daily life. We are compassionate and respectful of all God created. We promote unity in diversity.</p> <p><b>Effective Communicators</b>          We actively listen and respond appropriately in all situations. We strive to acquire proficiency in English. We respect the opinions of others. We utilize technology to find and express information.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Iowa Testing</b></p> <p>Students in grades 2 through 8 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills during the week of September 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each test level consists of a series of tests administered in content sections with each section designed to measure specific skills. The school employs Iowa Test of Basic Skills to gain information about classes and students for instructional planning, to supplement teacher observations regarding student abilities and to establish a basis for subsequent annual evaluation of student progress. Teachers may use Iowa ITBS testing batteries to suggest areas where the skills of individual students are most and least developed. Please have your students at school on time as testing begins first thing in the morning. Make sure your children go to bed early, get plenty of sleep, have a nutritious breakfast and pack a healthy snack. All tests are administrated between 8:15 am and 12:30 pm. Make up testing is very limited, so please avoid being absent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reconciliation and First Communion</b></p> <p>In 15-16 school year, the first year recipients, receive Religious Education, from their teachers, in their classrooms with their peers. For their second year, for an hour each week, students gather in a classroom of their own to be taught the specifics of the Holy Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Students who had their first year with Mrs. Moradi last year, will still be pulled out this year from 3:30 to 4:30pm, on Tuesdays. The hour is moved to after school so it would not interfere with classroom instruction.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tardies</b></p> <p>Every 3 tardies count as one parent hour, \$25, and will be added to you balance at the end of each trimester. Being tardy is disruptive and disrespectful to educational process. If you are dropping off older siblings at high school, please drop off the younger students at St. Cornelius first and tell them to go to the Expanded Learning Program.</p>	