

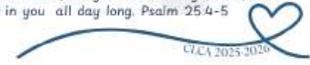


CROWN CHRONICLES

Your Weekly Email Connection to CLCA

Show Me Your ways Teach Me Your paths Guide Me in Your truth

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5



Week #21, January 20, 2026

CLCA Mission Statement:

Crown of Life Christian Academy exists to serve its community through the proclamation of God's Word, the pursuit of academic excellence, and the establishment of meaningful relationships with the children and families it serves.

Administration's Message- Additional Information

2026-2027 CLCA Enrollment

The CLCA 2026-2027 enrollment process for current CLCA families will be open from January 6 to January 31. All families with returning scholars going into **grades 5K-8 w**ill receive an email from TADS.

Scholars going into Kindergarten and First grade will need to use this link to add your child to your TADS account or create one if you do not already have an account. Please complete this process as soon as possible. **2K-4K families** will complete the process in Brightwheel.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Second Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences for 2K-8th grade families will take place on Thursday, January 29, and Friday, January 30 at both campuses. These conferences are student-centered, and scholars are expected to attend for part of the conference. Please sign up!

2K-5K BETHANY CAMPUS SIGN UP
1ST - 8TH BERE A CAMPUS SIGN UP

Wisconsin Author, Amanda Zieba

We are thrilled to have Wisconsin Author, Amanda Zieba, making her second visit to CLCA classrooms tomorrow. Thanks to all who have ordered from her website - if you are still interested - **Purchase Books Here!**

CLCA Visitor: Kostia Skorenkyi

On Friday, we will welcome Kostia Skorenkyi to CLCA. Kostia is a student from Ukraine, currently studying at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and a personal friend of the Metzgers. He will share with our scholars what it was like moving from Ukraine to the United States and how God has guided his journey. **All are welcome to join us on Friday at 2:30 in the Berea Gym.**

Friday Home Basketball

On Friday night, we will host Peace, Sun Prairie. There will be FIVE (5) games as follows: 4 PM - B2 Boys, 5 PM - B Girls, 6 PM - B Boys (B-Team Cheer), 7 PM - A Girls, 8 PM - A Boys (A-Team Cheer)

Friday "KNIGHT" Concessions

Thanks to all our athletes' parents for great TEAMWORK when it comes to helping with concessions. There are just a few more spots that could use coverage for 1/23 and 2/6. If you have not yet volunteered this season, please know that our Knight Boosters will need to assign spots this week. If a time doesn't work, please find a replacement for your shift.

KNIGHT CONCESSION SIGN-UP

Upcoming CLCA Events

- Jan 21 Author Visit-Amanda Zieba
- Jan 22 B2 girls/ B2 boys HOME games
- Jan 23 Visitor: *Kostia Skorenkyi*
- Jan 23 Donut Day (Both campuses)
- Jan 23 Home BB, (5 games)
- Jan 24 Pinewood Workshop 9-11AM
- Jan 27 CC Restaurant Night - Subway
- Jan 29 Visitors: Laura Dwyer/Steve Emt
- Jan 29 Noon Release
- Jan 29-30 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Jan 30 No School

Pinewood Car Derby 2026

The next workshop is on January 24. All CLCA families/friends are welcome to build a car and compete:
PINEWOOD CAR DERBY DETAILS!

Crown Restaurant Night

Looking ahead, we've got a Crown Community restaurant night coming up! **January 27th - Enjoy SUBWAY from 3 PM -7 PM.** Check here for more **Crown Community News and Events.**

BoD Open Forum

The CLCA Board of Directors Open Forum has been scheduled for **Monday, January 26, starting at 6:00, at the Berea Campus.**

Early Childhood Classrooms

2-year-olds- [MRS.BROM,rachel.brom@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:rachel.brom@crownoflifeacademy.org)

This Week's Focus:

Theme: Transportation- Planes & Trains

Bible Lesson: The Great Catch of Fish

Fine Motor Development: This week, children are strengthening their fine motor skills through hands-on transportation activities. They practice hand strength and control by sponge painting, using glue sticks correctly, placing small pieces like airplane parts and cotton balls, and using dot markers to create train wheels. Cutting along a dotted line helps develop scissor skills and hand-eye coordination, while gluing shapes together for the train supports precision and finger control. These activities help build the small muscles in their hands needed for writing and other classroom tasks.

Social/Language: This week, children are developing social and language skills by sharing personal experiences about planes and trains, listening to peers, and taking turns during group discussions. They practice expressive language by describing their artwork and answering questions, while also building receptive language skills by listening to stories and following directions. Working in small groups encourages cooperation, attention, and respectful communication with teachers and classmates.

Math: This week, children are building early math skills by counting and organizing shapes as they create planes and trains, recognizing colors when choosing materials, and understanding spatial concepts like placement and direction. Gluing squares together to form a train supports patterning and sequencing, while discussing first and last names introduces order and comparison. These activities help strengthen number sense, sorting, and problem-solving skills.

Science: This week, children are developing science skills by learning about different types of transportation and how planes and trains move. Through discussions and books, they explore cause-and-effect concepts, such as how vehicles travel to destinations, and observe materials and textures while creating their artwork. These activities encourage curiosity, observation, and early understanding of how things work.

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- The 5 Little Penguins (with props for interaction)
- Bible Craft: The Great Catch of Fish
- Airplane Painting/Gluing Craft
- Train Craft (Gluing, Color, and Name Recognition, Counting)
- Scissor Practice (Airplane Theme)
- Play-Doh Exploration with Trains
- Sensory Bin: Planes & Trains (Blue Rice, Planes, Trains, Cotton Balls)

As the weather gets cooler, please remember to send a coat, hat, and gloves with your child each day for outdoor play. To help avoid mix-ups, make sure **all items** are clearly labeled with your child's name. Thank You!

Dates to Remember

- **January 6:** Re-enrollment for the 2026-27 school year begins
- **January 19: No School;** teacher professional development day
- **January 29-30:** Parent/ Teacher conferences

3-year-olds- MRS. TRICIA DUNCAN, tricia.duncan@crownoflifeacademy.org

This week's Focus

Theme: Transportation- Planes, Trains

Bible Lesson: Jesus helps his friends catch fish

Fine Motor Development: Painting, gluing, tracing, coloring

Literacy: Letter "O"

Science: In science, our preschoolers are exploring the exciting topic of transportation! We will be learning about trains and planes, and how they move and help people travel. As part of our learning, each student will create their own train project. The train will be put together using different shapes for each car, helping children practice shape recognition while building their train. This activity supports creativity, fine motor skills, and early science and math concepts in a fun and age-appropriate way. 🚂✂️

Math. In math, our preschoolers are focusing on the number one! Children are learning to recognize the number 1 and understand that it represents one object. Through fun activities like number scrambles, they practice identifying the number one by carefully looking at a group of numbers and coloring all the number ones they find. These activities help build number recognition, attention to detail, and early counting skills while making learning engaging and hands-on.

Books: Pete the Cat and the Wright Brothers, Flying, There was a bold lady who swallowed a star, Around the world, Roto and Roy to the rescue, The little engine that could, Pete the Cat's train trip, Steam train dream train

Song of the week: The Airplane song (Laurie Berkner)

Get up and move: Airplane mode (Danny Go), Chug like a train(Danny Go)

We have begun practicing a special song for our Easter chapel called "Thank You, Lord, for Making Me." The children have been working very hard learning the words and motions, especially since Easter is early this year. They are excited to share this song during chapel, and if you would like to hear your child sing it, feel free to ask them to practice at home. We are so proud of their effort and enthusiasm as they prepare for this special celebration. 🌸🎵

Every Thursday, we have a visitor for a small devotion - Pastor Wessel, our campus pastor. Every Thursday at 6:30 pm: You are invited to come to Bethany Lutheran Church's worship service. Every Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, Worship services
Every Friday, we have a Chapel. Please feel free to join us during this time, @ 10:50 am

THANK YOU for making sure you are using Brightwheel to check in/check out each school day! It really helps our office staff (and me!) to be sure our numbers are accurate each day.

Dates to Remember:

- **January 6:** Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year begins
- **January 29** Early release
- **January 30:** Parent/ Teacher conferences, **No School**



4K- MRS.ERTMAN, jennifer.ertman@crownoflifeacademy.org

Bible Lesson: The Great Catch of Fish

Memory Treasure: Romans 10:17- Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Literacy: We are on Letter B this week. We're going to do some fun balloon painting this week. Additionally, we'll have a "Boot Day" on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to wear a pair of boots to school.

Math: We begin a new unit this week on Comparing. To begin the unit, we'll work on the numbers 11-15. These are perhaps the hardest numbers to learn since they don't fit the pattern of how we typically say number names. 11-20 are the trickiest for us to learn in order and to recognize by sight.

Social Studies: This week, our unit on Winter has us learning about winter weather. In particular, we'll be learning about snow and ice. It looks like the weather will cooperate, so we can go outside at least once this week and investigate snowflakes.

Important Dates:

January 29: Early Release at Noon- Parent Teacher Conferences

January 30: NO School- Parent Teacher Conferences

February 3rd: Love & Family Night for Bethany Campus Families 6-7pm

4K- MRS.KOERBER, sarah.koerber@crownoflifeacademy.org

Crew is our student of the week!

Bible Lesson: The Great Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)

Memory Treasure: Faith comes from hearing the message. (Romans 10:17)

Literacy: We are learning about the letter Qq, how to write, and the sound it makes.

Nursery Rhyme: Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary

Show-and-tell: Friday- bring something that begins with the letter Q, or bring something quiet!

Math: We will work with shapes, reviewing 2D shapes and learning about 3D shapes, focusing on cubes and spheres.

Music: Some of the songs we are singing this week are "Butterfly, Quiet Down," and "Slowly, Quickly".

Science: We are continuing our unit on winter. We will discover what happens to water when it gets cold, and talk about snowflakes.

Upcoming:

January 23: 4K sings in chapel

January 29: School closes at Noon- Parent/ Teacher conferences

January 30: No school- Parent/ Teacher conferences

February 3rd: ECE Love & Family Night 6-7pm

Elementary Classrooms

5K- MRS. OPPERMANN, elise.oppermann@crownoflifeacademy.org

Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!

This week the scholars have an opportunity to showcase their knowledge during **I-Ready testing**. Remember this is just one tool in our toolbelt to help support and encourage your scholar. Thanks for doing your best to get them to bed on time. The WEATHER has been quite chilly. Please remember that we will head outside as long as the “feels like” temp is 0. All the gear is greatly appreciated to keep them warm at play. Don’t forget to sign up for **Parent Teacher Conferences!** It’s a great time to check in mid-year.

In **Math** we are pausing to focus on counting and grouping 10 in a large array. **Phonics** adds short /e/, along with a new “♥” word, “see”. **Reading** wraps up our current module with informational texts about rest/sleep for our bodies. **Writing** continues to have students responding to “What do you think?”. In **Science**, the discovery of 2D and 3D objects along with texture will take place. **ChristLight** lets the students see how awesome and powerful God is with the Battle of Jericho. While the story of Achan and his men reminds us to be content with what we have been given.

Add These to Your Calendar:

Jan 20-22: I-Ready Testing, math, and reading

Jan 29: Noon Release

Jan 30: No School

Jan 29 & 30: Parent/Teacher Conferences



5K- MRS. STEFANSKI, kayla.stefanski@crownoflifeacademy.org

We will be completing our I-Ready testing in math and reading this week. A good night's sleep and a yummy, filling breakfast will get our brains ready to work!

If you have not signed up for Parent/Teacher conferences, please do so. I’m looking forward to seeing you all again!

Please continue to send winter snow gear; extra gloves and dry socks are always nice to have on hand.

A sneak peek at what we are learning...

Math: We continue to learn about teen numbers (15-19).

Phonics: In phonics, we are learning all about short e. We will learn a new “snap word”: see. We will continue to work on phonemic awareness skills like blending, segmenting, and isolating phonemes.

Reading: We are wrapping up Module 4: Happy Healthy Me. We will discuss our essential question: How can I take care of my health? We will ask and answer questions based on our two books this week, and study text features found in informational texts.

Writing: We will continue to learn about opinion pieces and write our own opinions. We will also learn about and identify complex sentences.

Science: We continue our Pushes & Pulls unit and study how things move.

Christ Light: God keeps his promises! Bible Stories: Balaam, God’s People Enter the Promised Land, Rahab and the Spies.

Add These to Your Calendar:

Jan 19: No School

Jan 29: Noon Release

Jan 30: No School

Jan 29 & 30: Parent/Teacher Conferences

1st- MRS. GARTHWAIT, bonnie.garthwait@crownoflifeacademy.org

A couple of items for this week:

- We will be doing our second **Winter iReady Reading Test this Wednesday (1/21) in the morning**. We completed our reading assessment last week and will be working on math this week. Please make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to set them up for success. Also, please encourage them to try their best - they have put in a lot of work learning new things and should be proud to show their efforts 🥳
- Please make sure your student has a hat, boots, snowpants, and mittens/gloves. We try to get outside for all recesses as long as it is not too cold. Winter gear may stay at school during the week, but will come home on the weekends to get washed. **Please make sure to label everything!**

Dates to Remember

- **January 21 - iReady Testing (Math)**
- **January 24th Pinocar workshop**
- **January 29- ½ day of school; Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **January 30- No School; Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **January 31 - Pinocar workshop**

Math: Chapter 8: Adding and Subtracting 10's

Reading: Polar bears - whole group; Mike Hates to Camp - decodable text

Writing: Adverbs: identifying and using in sentences

Phonics: Syllables: intro to open & closed syllables and close/closed syllables

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to trust in God's promise of a heavenly home to those who believe.

Memory Work: January 22: Revelation 2:10 Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

1st & 2nd - MRS. SPLINTER stephanie.splinter@crownoflifeacademy.org

All of the 1st and 2nd Graders did amazing on their Reading I-Ready. On Wednesday, January 21st, we will be assessing our Math skills. Please make every effort to ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

Dates to Remember:

- **January 21- I-Ready Math Assessment**
- **January 29- ½ day of school; Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **January 30- No School; Parent Teacher Conferences**

What are we learning?

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to trust in God's promise of a heavenly home to those who believe.

Memory Work:

January 22: Revelation 2:10 Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Math: 2nd grade will wrap up Chapter 7 and will begin Chapter 8. 1st grade will continue working on adding and subtracting. On Friday, both grades will count money using coins.

Writing: We will be working on our Grow and Glow project.

Social Studies: We will be traveling to India. We will be learning about their culture.

Reading: Both classes will practice vocabulary and other reading skills.

Phonics: 2nd Grade: Review of diphthongs and vowel teams; Silent letters kn /n/, wr /r/, & mb /m/. 1st grade: Syllables: intro to open & closed syllables and close/closed syllables

2nd- MRS. HOLZHUETER, tina.holzhueter@crownoflifeacademy.org

All of the 2nd Graders did wonderful on their Math I-Ready. On Wednesday, January 21st, we will be assessing our Reading skills. Please make every effort to have your child get a good night's sleep and eat some breakfast.

Next week Thursday (1/29) and Friday (1/30) will be the 2nd Quarter Teacher/Parent/Student Conferences. Please [sign up](#) for a time that works best for you. If nothing works in your schedule let me know and I would be happy to meet at a more convenient time. **This conference does include your student.** Please have your child come to the conference with you. They have been working on something that they would like to share.

Dates to Remember:

- **January 21- I-Ready Reading Assessment**
- **January 29- ½ day of school; Parent Teacher Student Conferences**
- **January 30- No School; Parent Teacher Student Conferences**
- **February 3- The 100th Day of School (More details to come)**
- **February 13- Valentine's Day Party (more details to come)**

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to trust in God's promise of a heavenly home to those who believe.

Memory Work:

January 22: Revelation 2:10 Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

Math: We will begin Chapter 8 this week by learning some new vocabulary and counting to 120 in different ways. On Friday we will count money using coins.

Reading: We will be taking a break from the whole group reading this week.

Social Studies: We will be taking a break from Social Studies right now.

Science: We will continue our unit on Property of Materials. We will learn what ingredients make the best glue.

Writing: Each student will write 3 strengths they have and 3 skills they would like to improve on.

Phonics: Review of diphthongs and vowel teams; Silent letters kn /n/, wr /r/, & mb /m/

3rd- MRS. THAYER, lindsey.thayer@crownoflifeacademy.org

Happy Week 21! Today, January 20th, the 3rd graders will be taking their 2nd round of iReady Testing in math. If you haven't signed up for a Parent-Teacher conference time yet, please make sure to do so. If I need to make a later time adjustment for family work schedules on Thursday, please let me know 😊

- Jan.24 Pinecar Workshop (2 of 4) - Berea
- Jan. 29-30 Parent Teacher Conferences

Christ Light: 5B The Day of Atonement and 6A The Twelve Spies

Memory Work: January memory work calendar- Tuesdays and Thursdays

Math: iReady Testing, Unit 5.3 and 5.4, intervention Fridays

Reading: Lesson 12: "Tops and Bottoms"- tricky and smart can go hand in hand- learning valuable lessons

Spelling: Spelling inventory test this week- no word sorts coming home

Social Studies: Iditarod Unit continues- Research your Musher

4th- MRS. GUT cindy.gut@crownoflifeacademy.org

Welcome to the 3rd quarter! That second quarter seemed to go by very quickly. I am proud of the progress I have seen from the 4th graders and look forward to even more growth as we continue. A couple of friendly reminders: 1. Be sure to sign up for conferences. I know your scholar is looking forward to sharing their presentation with you. 2. We are doing our math iReady test this Wednesday. Be sure your scholar is getting good sleep and a good breakfast to start the day. 3. Even though it looks to be pretty cold all week, please be sure your scholar has all their gear (snowpants, boots, coats, hats, gloves). Have a great week!

Dates to remember:

- **January 29th-½ day of school**
- **January 30th-No School**

What we are learning in 4th Grade:

Christ Light: In our lessons this week, we will be focusing on how God uses unusual ways to accomplish his mission.

Memory work-Tuesday, January 20th-Psalm 122:1 and Matthew 18:20. Thursday, January 22nd-Psalm 100:2 and 3rd Commandment with Explanation.

Reading: We will begin the story 'The Earth Dragon Awakes' and focus on the skill of summarizing.

Grammar: In grammar this week, we will work on irregular verbs.

Writing: We will work on finishing up our opinion piece about uniforms.

Math: We will finish up chapter 5 this week and take our chapter test.

Social Studies: We will continue reading about the Midwest region this week. Our Midwest quiz will be on Thursday.

Science: We will look at additional electrical systems and explore how they work.

Middle School Classrooms

5th- MRS. BROWN (5-8 ELA),
whitney.brown@crownoflifeacademy.org

🌵 TO THE POINT DATES

- Jan 20: I-Ready Math
- Jan 21: Author Visit!
- Jan 26: DARE Lesson
- Jan 29-30: Parent Teacher Conferences (Half day, Thurs, no school Fri)
- Feb 4: Field Trip to Luther Prep
- Feb 19-20: No School - Teacher Meetings
- Feb 24: Field Trip to Milton House Museum
- **Every day: God is Good!**

🌵 LEARN AND GROW

CHRIST LIGHT: We will read the Old Testament story of the twelve spies this week. No new memory work yet! The Memory Work link is found **HERE**.



ELA 5+6: It's a writing week! This week, we're working so hard to craft a magazine spread about the National Park we're studying. We'll get some expert advice from writing, Amanda Zieba, that we can directly use to improve our drafts. We can't wait to showcase these to you at parent-teacher conferences!

ELA 7+8: It's a writing week! This week, we're working so hard to edit and establish meaningful refugee projects-based on a real refugee to spotlight and a novel. The novels needed to be read TODAY! We'll get some expert advice from writing, Amanda Zieba, that we can directly use to improve our drafts. We can't wait to showcase these to you at parent-teacher conferences!

LITERATURE: We're diving back into our favorite historical fiction novel, *A Night Divided*.

CATEGORIES: List 5 parks.

📌 STAY SHARP REMINDERS

Send gym clothes in on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**.

I-Ready Testing - Round 2 Please help your child get a healthy breakfast and a great night's sleep to showcase their great learning. **Math I-Ready is next Tuesday.**



Author Visit: I am beyond excited to have this published, Wisconsin author visit our school! Amanda Zieba has become a friend of mine over the past few years. Her ELA content and literature pushes to get kids reading have been an inspiration in my own classroom. She's coming to present to each of my ELA classes on Wednesday, January 21. If you'd like to purchase any books and get them signed by her, please check out the links here: [Google Form to Purchase book](#) [Book information](#)

Field Trips We have two exciting field trips coming up in February! Drivers will be needed. [Here](#) is the form that is coming home with your scholars today!

Conferences: The second round of parent-teacher-student conferences is just around the corner. They will take place on Thursday, January 30, after our early release, and Friday, January 31. Please sign up just like last round. The only difference is that **YOUR SCHOLAR MUST ATTEND**. An essential piece of this conference is the student presentations about their own growth. If you are struggling to find a time that fits right for your family, please reach out to me to see if we could possibly meet on a weekday before or later on Thursday evening. Thank you!

Grateful to work with all of your families this year! ❤️

6th- MR. HOLCOMB (5-8 Social Studies), mark.holcomb@crownoflifeacademy.org

Thoughts from God's Word

Mark 5:15 They saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind.

As we continue our journey through Epiphany, we see that Jesus reveals himself as the God who knows and cares for the needs of individuals. Outside of the land of Israel, Jesus met a man who was possessed by thousands of demons. The demons had tortured the man physically and spiritually. Jesus had compassion for the demon-possessed man and drove the demons. The demons knew Jesus as their superior and judge. They had no choice but to leave the man. The man wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus refused. He knew the need of the people in the area to hear the gospel, so he left the man behind to spread the good news about the Savior to everyone he met. And the man did. The next time Jesus came to their region, the people welcomed him gladly. You, too, have experienced the love of Jesus. You know Jesus as your Savior. You know Jesus as the One who truly cares for you as a person. You are constantly on Jesus' heart and mind. With whom will you share your Savior?

Important Dates

- Monday, January 19 - no school
- Tuesday, January 20 - Native American project is due
- Saturday, January 24 - 5th/6th girls basketball tournament at TSL in Watertown

Subject Work This Week

- Bible History: We see every one of God's promises fulfilled as he leads his people into the land of Canaan.
 - Doctrine: The Second Article introduces us to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and his work of redemption. This week, we will study Jesus' role as our prophet, priest, and king.
 - Memory Work: Tuesday, Second Article; Wednesday - Passages 17-18; Thursday, What Does This Mean to the Second Article; Next Monday - Passages 19-20
 - 5-6 Geography: none
 - 5-6 History: We are studying life in Early America. Many cultural groups settled in Early America. We will be comparing and contrasting these groups.
 - 7-8 History: The Revolutionary War was won. The Constitution was written. But now America had to grow and thrive on its own. America faced many obstacles from foreign powers and within its borders. America's leaders helped America not only to survive, but to thrive at this time. **This Week - the War of 1812.** A unit history project has been assigned for Tuesday. Our unit test will be on Wednesday.
 - Literature: We will be reading the novel *Indian Captive* during the next quarter. The novel takes place during the French and Indian War and looks at the war from the perspective of the Native Americans who were caught in the middle. During the unit, the students will be asked to evaluate the growth of characters. Students will have daily assignments, but they should keep at their character growth charts. At the end of the unit, the students will be writing a paper about what they learned from the novel. Charts will be given to fill in during the novel to assist with the paper. It is important that students keep up with their charts.
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7th- MRS. TOMLIN (5-8 Math), beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org



Bible History/Hymnology: 7th grade will be diving back into the book of Acts. We will be going through chapters 15 and 16. In these chapters, we will be studying the inclusion of Gentiles and continue to follow Paul in his 2nd journey.

7th Grade Literature: The class has started a new novel, *Among the Hidden*. We dove into this dystopian world and continue to discuss themes of courage, integrity, and making wise choices even in difficult situations.

5th Math: We started a new chapter where the students are working on dividing numbers with decimals.

6th Math: We will continue to write and solve algebraic expressions.

7th Math: We will continue to explore ratios and rates.

8th Math: We will analyse and compute angles of polygons

Dates to Remember:

- **Jan 28: 7th Grade Warrior for a Day**
 - **Jan. 29: Noon Release**
 - **Jan. 29-30: P/T Conferences (4k-8th)**
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8th- MR. METZGER (5-8 Science), glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org

Science Notes for Middle School

-The 5th and 6th grade classes got started on their new unit about Weather Patterns this week. God sent us cooperating weather with the big storm on Friday. Maybe they'll even remember enough to be able to explain to

you why it was so much colder on Saturday and Sunday after the big snowfall on Friday! In 7th and 8th grades, we have been learning about magnets and magnetic fields, including a fun exploration with iron filings and magnets last week. We are learning how to create diagrams to explain how the forces of the magnets attract and repel each other and other objects.

8th Grade Notes

-We will have two “Heroes of Faith” classes this week and just one Catechism class, with Pastor Wessel being out of town for a conference. Pastor will be taking the Heroes of Faith lessons next week to lead some classes about Gideon. This week, we are learning about the transition from Joshua’s leadership to the time of the Judges. Our memory work passage is Philippians 4:13.

-After completing our mid-unit assessment last week, our focus in literature is shifting to the essay we will be writing. Students will be connecting the experiences of the character in our novel to the experiences to real life groups of people. This will be the first major grade of the 3rd quarter.

-All students completed their 2nd round of i-Ready diagnostics for Reading skills last week. This week, students will be completing their Math skills diagnostic. Results will be shared next week during parent/teacher conferences, led by your students!

Specials - Music, Art, P.E., Enrichment Electives

<p style="text-align: center;">Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music) marie.becker@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>We are getting ready for our Winter Concerts in February! On February 17th, our 5th-8th graders will have an opportunity to perform! On February 24th, our 1st-4th graders will also have an opportunity to perform!</p> <p>Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside Lutheran High School is just around the corner on April 11th and 12th. Students in band and choir get to perform together!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Enrichments 5th-8th sarah.moore@crownoflifeacademy.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8) barry.helgestad@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>We are excited to enter 2026 with gratitude, joy, and creativity in the art room! Thank you for encouraging your scholars to give their best efforts, and remember... You never rush art!</p> <p>SEE WHAT CLCA STUDENTS ARE STUDYING AND CREATING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Phy. Ed - MRS. TOWNE (5K-8) mallory.towne@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>Our next unit is.... DANCE!</p> <p>K-4th will be performing line dances that focus on rhythm and a beat.</p> <p>5th-8th are also focusing on rhythm while learning four wall line dances from the USA!</p>

Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director

Basketball/Cheer This Week

- **Practices:** Tuesday - 3:30-4:15 (Cheer); 4:15-5:30 (B-Boys); 5:30-7:00 (A-Boys); Wednesday 3:30-4:45 (B-Girls); 4:45-6:15 (A-Girls); Thursday - 3:30-4:15 (Cheer); 4:15-5:30 (B-Boys)

- **Basketball Game This Week:** Thursday, our B2 teams play at CLCA vs. Lake Mills. The B2 Girls play at 6:00, and the B2 Boys play at 7:00.
- Friday, CLCA's teams will play at home vs. Peace Lutheran. The B2 Boys play at 4:00; B-Girls play at 5:00; B-Boys play at 6:00; A-Girls play at 7:00; A-Boys at 8:00. Come cheer on our teams. For **home games**, we dress for the home theme of the night or wear our warm-up shirts and khakis or decent-looking pants. It is part of representing our Savior, our school, and ourselves.
- The **B-girls** play in a tournament at Trinity-St. Luke's, Watertown, on **Saturday, January 24**. The address is: 303 Clark St., Watertown, WI 53094. Game times will be given by our coaches.

- **Friday Results:** All of our teams represented our Savior, school, and themselves well against Holy Cross. All four teams won their games. Way to go, Knights.

- **B-Boys Tournament Results:** The B-Boys took third place on Saturday at their tournament in Oconomowoc. Thank you, players, coaches, and parents, for all of your efforts. We are proud of you.

- **Basketball Uniform Washing Care:** Basketball uniforms will be handed out this week. Uniforms may be washed in the washing machine. Shorts may go in the dryer, but **jerseys must be hung dry**, or the letters and numbers peel off.

- **Basketball Uniforms and Game Nights:** Basketball uniforms **are never worn to or from games**. For **away games**, we dress to impress (boys - dress pants, dress shirt or sweater, good shoes, possibly a tie; girls - dress, good-looking outfit, think what most girls did for volleyball). It is part of representing our Savior, our school, and ourselves. For **home games**, we dress for the home theme of the night or wear our warm-up shirts and khakis or decent-looking pants. Players change at the game site before their game. As soon as the game is done, we change back into our regular clothing for the evening. We look forward to giving a positive CLCA impression to our fans and visitors. Coaches will help to remind players of game dress code expectations.

- **Concession Help:** All basketball and cheer parents are asked to assist with home game concessions.

- **Coach Email:** You should have received an email from your athlete's coach this weekend regarding basketball, including practices and game dates and times.

Spiritual Growth – PASTOR WESSEL: Campus Pastor

- **Foundations:** Foundations is a Bible Basics class for those interested in learning the core teachings of Scripture. We'll answer questions like "What does the Bible say?", "What is God's plan for my life?" and "Why is Jesus so important?" This class is also the path for membership at one of our association churches – but there's no obligation! Come and learn with us in a relaxed setting as we take an honest look at God's Word. We just started a new session, but there's still time to get involved! Join us for Foundations at our Bethany Campus, Sundays at 11:35 am.

- **Understanding Baptism:** Join us on February 7th for a workshop centered on God's gift of baptism! We will discover what the Bible teaches about baptism and celebrate the many blessings and promises God gives us through simple water and Word. We hope you can join us on Saturday, February 7th, at 9:30 am at the Bethany campus. Coffee and donuts will be provided!

Thankful for another week of God's Grace and the blessings that lie ahead!



Thank You, Jesus

For loving us so much.

