



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

CLCA 2025-2026

Week #19, January 5, 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** will 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.

End of the 2nd Quarter

The 2nd Quarter ends **on Friday, January 16**. It's a great time to check in with your scholar(s) and encourage them to come back to school with determination and perseverance to finish up the quarter. Please review PowerSchool to identify any missing or redo work.

NEW YEAR Dress Down Day

CLCA will host its first Dress Down Day of 2026 on **WEDNESDAY, January 7**. No uniforms required, but dress code policies are in effect (**no holes in jeans, no tight leggings as pants, no Crocs for shoes,** etc.)

Hot Lunch

The [January Hot Lunch Menu](#) is live.

I-Ready Testing

CLCA will be conducting the second installment of I-Ready testing during the early part of January. These assessments provide CLCA with quantitative data that provides direction for future instruction. Testing results will be provided during the 2nd Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences.

MLC Students Shadowing

We are very excited to have Alex Marty and Cooper Jensen visiting our Berea campus next week as they shadow teachers. Both Alex and Cooper are sophomores at MLC and want to teach/serve at a school such as Crown of Life. Welcome, boys!

8th GRADERS attend FAHS

Many of our 8th graders will be attending a short meet and greet at the Fort Atkinson High School on Thursday morning at 8:15. This is an opportunity for all 8th graders in Fort Atkinson to come to the high school to meet each other, tour, and learn more about what FHS has to offer.

Upcoming CLCA Events

- Jan. 6 2026-2027 Re-enrollment Begins
- Jan. 7 New Year Dress Down Day
- Jan. 9 Basketball at Oconomowoc
- Jan. 10/11 A-Girls Falcon Tourn. (LLHS)
- Jan. 14 A2 Girls/A2 Boys Home BB
- Jan. 16 BB Away at Holy Cross
- Jan. 16 End of the 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 17 B-Boys Tournament at St. Matt Ocon
- Jan. 17 Pinewood Car Workshop Berea (1 of 4)
- Jan. 19: No School

REMINDER: Cell Phone Policy

Middle School Parents - [Please help reiterate our policy at home](#). Let's work together to avoid phones being confiscated or minors being issued for handbook violations.

Pinewood Car Derby 2026

CLCA Friends and Family members from age 2 to 102 are welcome to take part in the annual Pinewood Car Derby! Participants will work on building their cars during four Saturday workshops at CLCA, leading up to the Derby on February 14! We thank friends of CLCA, David & Catherine White, for spearheading this fun family event. First workshop is January 17 - More Details to Come!

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

This Week's Focus:

Theme: Snow/Happy New Year!

Bible Lesson: Jesus' Baptism

Fine Motor Development: This week's activities support fine motor development by encouraging children to use their hands and fingers in precise, controlled ways. For example, when interacting with props in the story, children practice gripping and placing objects. Using paintbrushes for puffy paint helps improve brush control and hand stability, while making fingerprint snowflakes strengthens finger dexterity and coordination. Additionally, using dot markers to fill in circles encourages precision and control. These activities work together to enhance essential motor skills needed for tasks like writing and drawing.

Social/Language: This week, students are working on social and language skills through group interactions and discussions. By reading *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow*, they will engage in conversation and active listening as they take turns feeding the old lady with props. The art activities, like making fingerprint snowflakes and decorating New Year's art, provide opportunities for children to share ideas, describe their creations, and use new vocabulary related to snow and New Year's. The group activities also encourage social interaction, such as taking turns, collaborating, and discussing their artwork and poems.

Math: All of the activities this week promote math skills by incorporating counting, shapes, and patterns. When making fingerprint snowflakes, children can count how many snowflakes they create, which reinforces number recognition. The dot marker art encourages counting the dots and creating patterns with colors. As they decorate their snowman and use props in the story, they also explore quantities (buttons, scarf, hat) and one-to-one correspondence. These activities help build a strong foundation for early math concepts like counting, patterning, and spatial awareness.

Science: These activities promote science skills by introducing children to basic concepts of winter and cause and effect. Through creating fingerprint snowflakes and discussing the story about the snowman melting, they learn about snowflakes, temperature, and how snow changes. The puffy paint project mimics melted snow, which connects to the concept of how heat can change the state of matter. Additionally, the New Year's art helps them explore patterns and the seasonal changes associated with the time of year, sparking curiosity and observation skills related to the natural world.

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- There was an old lady who swallowed some snow (with props and interactive engagement)
- Bible Craft: Jesus' Baptism Coloring page and stickers
- Christmas Tree Marble Painting
- Puffy Paint Melted Snowman-Sensory Craft
- Snow Globe Finger Painting
- New Year's Dot Marker Art
- Sensory Bin: Snow!



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

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- **January 19: No School;** teacher professional development day
- **January 29-30:** Parent/ Teacher conferences



This week's Focus

Theme: Happy New Year/Snow, ice

Bible Lesson: Jesus is Baptized

Fine Motor Development: dot painting, coloring, gluing, cutting

Literacy: Review letters A–M

Science: This week, we will be exploring snow and ice in our sensory bin! The children will have the opportunity to touch real ice and fake snow while playing with animals that live in cold, snowy environments. This fun, hands-on science experience helps children explore their senses and learn about the differences between ice and snow through play.

Math. In math this week, we will be focusing on numbers 1–5 by matching the correct number of snowballs to each snowman based on the number shown on its hat. This hands-on activity helps children practice number recognition, counting skills, and one-to-one correspondence. By physically counting and matching the snowballs, children build a strong foundation for early math skills in a fun and engaging way.

Books: There was a cold lady who swallowed some snow, Footprints in the Snow, The Snowman Storybook, I see winter, Let's make a snowman. Hello snow, Snow dance, Snowmen at work, cold little duck duck duck, snow

Song of the week: Did you ever see a penguin come to tea?

Get up and move: I live inside a snowglobe (Laurie Berkner), Put on your boots (Super simple songs)

Welcome back after the holidays! It is so wonderful to see your children again and have them back in the classroom. I can't wait to see all the amazing things your children will learn, explore, and accomplish this year in preschool.



Please remember to send your child with hats, gloves, snow pants, and snow boots. If you would like, your child is welcome to keep a spare set of winter gear at school (boots, hats, mittens, snow pants), to help make things easier for families during the winter season. **Kindly label all items to avoid mix-ups.** Thanks for your cooperation!

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.

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Bible Lesson: Jesus Is Baptized- Please send me a picture of your child's baptism to share with the class.

Memory Treasure: "When the time had fully come, God sent his Son" Galatians 4:4

Literacy: We are learning letter M this week. In addition, our Nursery Rhyme is Jack and Jill.

Math: A new unit on 3D shapes is on the docket for this week. 3D shapes include sphere, cylinder, cone, and cube.

Social Studies: We are going to begin a month-long unit on Winter. We'll learn about winter animals, snow, and some fun science activities with water. To begin, we're going to focus on learning about animals in the winter. We'll be learning about migrations, hibernation, and adaptation. In addition, we'll start planning for our classroom igloo!

Important Dates:

January 6: Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year begins

January 19: No School

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

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a relaxing and restful break. Please return your December reading logs (the gingerbread men on the back of the December calendar) by Friday to earn a Pizza Hut coupon.

We are also beginning a challenge chart for students to dress themselves independently to go outside in the snow. For each piece they can do on their own, they will receive a checkmark; when they complete all their checkmarks, they will receive a surprise to take home!

Keith is our student of the week!

Bible Lesson: Jesus Is Baptized (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22)

Memory Treasure: When the time had fully come, God sent His Son. (Galatians 4:4)

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

Nursery Rhyme: Old Mother Hubbard

Show-and-tell: Friday- bring something that begins with the letter O!

Math: We are learning about complex patterns; identifying, duplicating, transferring, extending, and creating patterns!

Music: Some of the songs we are singing this week are "Bingo", "On Top of Spaghetti", and "One Finger, One Thumb."

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

Upcoming:

January 6: Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year begins

January 14: 4K Pajama party! Wear PJs to school

January 19: No school; teacher professional development day

January 29-30: Parent/ Teacher conferences

Elementary Classrooms

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

Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!

Welcome back!! Ready or not, we are back into a routine. I understand this can be hard, especially enforcing normal bedtimes and fast-moving mornings. We've got this!

Math starts with representing numbers 11-19. **Phonics** adds /k/ and s /z/ to our skills along with “❤️ words”: are, does. This week, **Reading** has us looking at informational texts about muscles and moving our bodies. **Writing** lets us create telling sentences with conjunctions and/or/but. In **Science**, we ask the question, “How can we observe and describe objects?” **ChristLight** follows the Israelites as they send 12 spies into the Promised Land. As the Israelites close out their 40 years of wandering in the desert, they still struggle with their trust in God and his will to provide for them. May we put our fears and trust in the Lord’s hands!

Add These to Your Calendar:

Jan. 6: 2026-2027 Re-enrollment Begins
Jan. 17: Pinecar Workshop- Berea (1 of 4)
Jan. 19: No School



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

Welcome back! It was so wonderful seeing those smiling faces this morning (and a few tears). It feels so good to be back into our normal routines. This week, we will review and practice classroom expectations and procedures to start our year off right.

A few reminders...students' extra clothes went home over break. Please return those bags with proper clothing. Most items were summer clothes, or we outgrew them. Please return as soon as possible. Also, if you haven't done so already, please return the December reading logs. I will send home the January reading logs on Friday in their folders.

A sneak peek at what we are learning...

Math: We will begin unit 8, learning about numbers 11-20.

Phonics: Kk /k/ and Ss /z/ and adding two snap words: are, does.

Reading: informational texts, listening comprehension, and giving a summary.

Writing: forming sentences with conjunctions and writing New Year's goals.

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

Christ Light: We will learn about God's forgiveness, the ten commandments, and praising God for the forgiveness of our sins. Bible Stories: God Gives the Ten Commandments, The Golden Calf, The Tabernacle, The Day of Atonement

Add These to Your Calendar:

Jan 6: Re-enrollment begins
Jan 19: No School

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

Welcome back! I hope you and your family had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break!

A couple of reminders as we get back into the swing of things:

- 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!**
- Library Time is on Wednesday. I have some students who are yet to return books from the beginning of the school year, which means they aren't able to check out new things. Please assist your student in

bringing books back each week for library day as picking out new books is a great way to instill an interest in reading and learning! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

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- **January 30- No School; Parent Teacher Conferences**

Math: Chapter 7: Comparing 2-digit numbers

Reading: The Mitten - whole group; Cute! - decodable text

Writing: Verbs and verb identification

Phonics: Silent e spelling patterns (VCe) with silent e: _ce making /s/ as in race or silent e: _ge making /j/ as in cage - review and exceptions (ex., come and have)

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to ask God for forgiveness when we sin. We will also learn to thank God for the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus.

Memory Work:

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

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing break.

As we begin the new year and work to finish the semester strong, please help ensure that your scholar brings their take-home binder to and from school each day. This binder is used to send home completed work, important notes, and any homework. I am currently reworking the assignment sheets to make them more useful, so you may notice some changes in the coming weeks. Developing the habit of remembering their take-home binder is an important skill that will benefit your student now and in future grades. Thank you for your continued support, and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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What are we learning?

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness. We will also learn to be thankful and happy worshipping God in church.

Memory Work:

January 6: 3rd Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

January 8: Romans 6:23: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Math: 2nd grade will finish subtracting two-digit numbers by regrouping. 1st grade will begin practicing mental math and will learn strategies to make this math easier.

Writing: We will brainstorm and write some New Year's Resolutions.

Social Studies: We will be traveling to Japan and China. We will be learning about their culture.

Reading: 2nd grade will read a story called Mr. Tanea's Tie Trouble. 1st grade will read a story about astronauts.

Phonics: 2nd Grade: Spelling patterns for /aw/: au, aw, augh; and ea for /e/ as in head and a for /o/ as in father. 1st grade: Silent e spelling patterns (VCe) with silent e: _ce making /s/ as in race or silent e: _ge making /j/ as in cage - review and exceptions (ex., come and have)

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

Welcome back to school! I pray everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebration. Many blessings to you in the New Year!

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Christ Light: This week, we will learn to ask God for forgiveness when we sin. We will also learn to thank God for the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus.

Memory Work:

January 6: 3rd Commandment: Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

January 8: Romans 6:23: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Math: We will begin Chapter 7. In Chapter 7, we will be learning about numbers to 1000. On Fridays, we will be working on Chapter 14. Chapter 14 is learning time and money.

Reading: We will read a story called Officer Buckle and Gloria. The target skill we will focus on is Cause and Effect. The target strategy will be to monitor/clarify.

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

Science: We will begin a 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: Spelling patterns for /aw/: au, aw, augh; and ea for /e/ as in head and a for /o/ as in father

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

Happy Week 19! I pray you all had a wonderful winter break, celebrating Christmas and New Year's festivities. Welcome back 😊 to a new year, 2026 has many blessings for us all in store.

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- Jan. 16: End of the 2nd Quarter
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Christ Light: 3B God helps His People in the Desert and 4A God Gives the Ten Commandments

Memory Work: New January memory work calendar coming home this week

Math: Lessons 4.6-4.9 - Division facts continue...

Reading: Lesson 10: "Young Thomas Edison"

Spelling: New sorts coming home Monday, Pretest Tuesday, and Final retakes Friday

Social Studies: "Wildlife Biologists"- Scorpion Investigators

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

Happiest of New Year's to all of you! I pray you had a blessed Christmas and restful break. It was great to see the kids again today and hear all about the great things they did over break. A couple of reminders:

continue to send the snow gear so the kids can play in the snow during recess. Keep working on those math facts at home using Xtra Math or flash cards if you have them. As we get into division, those multiplication facts are so crucial. Have a great week!

Dates to remember:

- **January 6th-Re-enrollment begins**
- **January 16th-End of the 2nd quarter**
- **January 19th-No School**

What we are learning in 4th Grade:

Christ Light: In our lessons this week, we will be looking at what God has to say about worship and the great importance of gathering with other believers. If you do not have a home church that you attend regularly, please reach out to Pastor Wessel. He would love to talk with you! We will also be looking at how our worship services remind us of the greatest blessing, Jesus, and his sacrifice for us.

Memory work-Tuesday, January 6th-Psalm 118:1 and 4th Petition to the Lord's Prayer. Thursday, January 8th-1 Peter 5:7 and 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed with Full Explanation

Reading: In reading this week, we will start a story called 'Jose'. We will be working on how we can use our reading to find the author's purpose behind their writing. We will also work on analyzing and evaluating as we read.

Grammar: In grammar this week, we will work on modal auxiliary verbs and using those in sentences.

Writing: Our opinion piece this week will focus on students' distance learning on snow days. The students will once again be deciding if they agree or disagree and working to support their opinion with good reasons and explanations.

Math: In math, we will continue to work on different strategies for dividing multi-digit numbers by one-digit numbers.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, we are going to continue exploring the Southeast region of the United States. The students will have their Southeast region quiz on Friday, so please be sure they are studying those capitals and abbreviations.

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

ψ TO THE POINT DATES

- Jan 5: Classes Resume
- Jan 12: DARE Lesson
- Jan 16: End of Quarter 2
- Jan 19: No School
- Jan 21: Author Visit!



- Jan 26: DARE Lesson
- Jan 29-30: Parent Teacher Conferences (Half day, Thurs, no school Fri)
- **Every day: God is Good!**

🌱 LEARN AND GROW

CHRIST LIGHT: We are heading back to our studies in the Old Testament with Moses helping the Egyptians escape Egypt. We'll read about crossing the Red Sea and how God provided Manna and Quail. The Memory Work link is found [HERE](#).

ELA 5+6: We'll hit the ground running by exploring digital resources in our attempts to become experts at the National Park project. We'll be working on writing paragraphs and crafting them in an informative voice. A new root FORM will be assigned this week, with a spelling test to come. It's very important to practice these words outside of class. In grammar, we'll use the story Charlotte's Web to explore the kinds of sentences.

ELA 7+8: The class will begin reading and recording relevant information about their Refugee project, gathering additional resources about the place and event surrounding their selected refugee. Roots 11 will be assessed, called "One is the Loneliest Number" featuring mono, sol, and uni. In grammar, we'll use a sentence from the Land of Stories to explore conjunctions and interjections.

LITERATURE: We're starting one of my favorite book studies of the year—A Night Divided! The class will be taken back in time to Germany, moments before the building of the Berlin Wall. We'll practice reading for evidence and exploring critical vocabulary.

CATEGORIES: List 5 things that are last.

🌱 STAY SHARP REMINDERS

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

Thank you all for your kindness, gifts, and well wishes for Christmas. I truly felt loved! And of course, happy New Year! I hope your families had time to relax, reflect, and recharge. It's going to be a great second half of the year. As always, reach out if there is anything I can do to help with at school. Blessings!

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

Thoughts from God's Word

Philippians 3:13-14 One thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

How was 2025 for you? Most of us would admit that our year was filled with tremendous blessings from God's hand, but it was also filled with many sorrows and regrets because we are sinful human beings. The Apostle Paul encourages us to forget what was behind. We do not look back on past accomplishments as if they could earn us anything in God's sight. We do not look back on our sins of the past year because God has forgiven and forgotten them, for he says, "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more" (Jer. 31:4). We can cast all of our problems from the past year on God and leave them in his hands because he cares for us.

So how do I approach the new year? We do so with joy. We can rejoice in our salvation. We rejoice in our status as God's children. We rejoice that we already have a home in heaven that God has freely given us. You see, our focus is different from the unbelieving world. We are in the world, serve God and our neighbor here, but we are not part of the world. We understand that this world is temporary. We make every effort to avoid the entanglements of sin and everything that might rob us of our heavenly home. We step boldly into the new year with eyes fixed on our Savior and in his Word. Every new day this year is a gift of grace. Every new day is a win-win proposition. Either God in his mercy takes us home to heaven, or in his grace he gives us another opportunity to stay and serve others for one more day, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4)

Welcome Back and Thank You

Welcome back to CLCA and a new calendar year. God has richly blessed us in the past year and will continue to go with us into the future. There are two weeks left in the second quarter. Students are encouraged to use that time to do corrections and strengthen their grades. I would like to thank the many parents, students, and faculty members who gave me cards, gifts, and encouragement over the past month. It means a lot to have such a supportive family.

Important Dates

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- Friday, January 9 - basketball at St. Matthew's Oconomowoc
- Saturday-Sunday, January 10-11 - A Girls basketball tournament at Lakeside
- Friday, January 16 - end of second quarter
- Saturday, January 17 - 5th/6th boys basketball tournament at Oconomowoc
- Monday, January 19 - no school

Subject Work This Week

- Bible History: Despite God's constant guidance and protection, the Israelites rebelled against God. God lovingly disciplined them so that they would not lose their faith in him.
 - Doctrine: The First Article introduces us to God, our Father in heaven. God richly and daily provides us with all that we need for our bodies and life. In response, we thank, praise, serve, and obey him in all that we do.
 - Memory Work: Wednesday - Passages 11-12; Thursday - First Article of the Apostle's Creed with the What Does This Mean? Next Monday - Passages 13-14.
 - 5-6 Geography: Prepare for country presentations next week. The date for each student will be available on Monday during class.
 - 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. **The students will be assigned a history project** for later in the month that requires them to research the culture of a tribe or tribal group in Early America. It would be wise to start early.
 - 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. A unit history project will be assigned for later in the month. Students are encouraged to start early on their project.
 - 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.
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7th- MRS. TOMLIN (5-8 Math), beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org

Happy New Year!!! I pray that you had a blessed Christmas and hope your new year is filled with all God's blessings.

Thank you all for the wonderful cards, gifts, and gift cards. They were very much appreciated.

Bible History/Hymnology: 7th grade will be having Doctrine every day for the next two weeks. Pastor Krause will then be out for the next two weeks, where we will dive back into the book of Acts.

7th Grade Literature: The class will be starting a new novel, *Among the Hidden*. They will dive into this dystopian world and discuss themes of courage, integrity, and making wise choices even in difficult situations.

5th Math: We will continue to divide whole numbers and solve word problems with division.

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

7th Math: We will be exploring ratios and rates.

8th Math: We will dive into evaluating parallel lines and transversals.

Dates to Remember:

- **Jan. 16: End of the 2nd Quarter**
- **Jan 28: 7th Grade Warrior for a Day**
- **Jan. 29: Noon Release**

8th- MR. METZGER (5-8 Science), glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org

Science Notes for Middle School

-I almost got my wish: there is one more test for 5th-6th grades on Thermal Energy that they will be taking today. All other assessments were completed the week before Christmas. 7th-8th will be moving on to a unit about Magnetic Fields this week, and 5th-6th will be picking up with Weather Patterns once their assessments are complete.

8th Grade Notes

-In religion class, we will be picking up our study of Heroes of Faith with Joshua and Rahab from the first nine books of Joshua. Our memory work passage for the week is Galatians 2:20-21.

-In literature class, we are continuing our story about Ha, the Vietnamese girl who landed in Alabama as a refugee. In addition to learning about our fictional character, this week we will also be learning about refugees from around the world and the different difficulties they find themselves facing. This is leading up to an essay about how the characters in the book go through difficulties that are similar to those faced by other refugees.

-On Thursday, students who are attending the orientation event at FAHS should meet at CLCA on Thursday morning at the normal drop-off time. They will be transported to the high school by Mrs. England and me. Students who are not attending will start their day at CLCA at 10:25 a.m.

-Thank you for thinking of me this Christmas season, whether it was with kind words, gifts, or prayers. I am very thankful to be teaching your children at our school.

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

Music – **MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music)**
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Happy New Year!

We will begin 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!

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!

Enrichments 5th-8th

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We are excited to get back to our enrichments in 2026!

ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8)

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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!

[SEE WHAT CLCA STUDENTS ARE STUDYING AND CREATING](#)

Phy. Ed - MRS. TOWNE (5K-8)

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Our next unit is.... DANCE!

K-4th will focus this week on dancing in an open space while recognizing rhythm and a beat.

5th-8th are also focusing on rhythm while learning different cultural line dances from around the world!

Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director

Basketball/Cheer This Week

- **Practices:** Monday: 4:45-6:15 (A-Girls); 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); 5:30-7:00 (A-Boys)
- **Basketball Game This Week:** Friday, CLCA's teams will play at St. Matthew's Oconomowoc. The address is: 1650 Brown St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066. 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 **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.
- **A-Girls Falcon Tournament:** Our A-team girls play at Lakeside Lutheran High School in the Falcon Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, November 10-11. The address is: 231 Woodland Beach Road, Lake Mills, WI 53551. Game times will be given by coaches during the week.
- **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.
- **Mr. Holcomb's Beginning Season Letter:** [Basketball Letter](#)

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!





