

Week #18, December 15th, 2025

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

2nd Quarter Midterm

Midterm reports will be distributed to grades 5-8 today, Monday, Dec. 15th. Please sign and return your scholar's Midterm by Wednesday. This will be an athletic eligibility status check.

Advent Opportunities

We continue to share the joy of Advent, as our 2K-5K scholars are scheduled to sing at the Bethany 9:30 A.M. service on Wednesday. All are welcome!

Christmas Chapel Service

Just a reminder that we will not have 8:15 chapel on Friday; instead, our 1-8 grade scholars will share the Christmas message at 10:30 in the Berea Gym. This will be recorded and shared on our CLCA YouTube channel for all to enjoy!

Noon Dismissal Friday and Christmas Break

Just a reminder, we dismiss at NOON on Friday, and there is no after care provided. May the Lord bless your time with family and friends during this Christmas break. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2025.

Saturday, Dec 20th **Babysitters Available**

Our 8th-grade scholars and their parents will be offering babysitting on the Berea Campus Saturday night. **GET THE DETAILS AND SIGN UP HERE!**

Christmas Spirit Week

Monday: Red/Green Tuesday: Christmas (ugly) Sweaters Wednesday: Classroom Themes Thursday: Pajama Day Friday: Dress to Impress

2026-2027 CLCA Enrollment

The 2026-2027 CLCA enrollment for current CLCA families will open on

Monday, January 6-31.

Snow Gear and More!

Please remember to take home ALL the snow gear that is at school! Even if it's an extra set of something. We will be having cleaning done over break, so we cannot have any clutter in the hallways. Thank you!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found table is overflowing - please double-check to see if anything belongs to you! All items left on December 19th will be donated!

Upcoming CLCA Events

- Dec 17 Advent 2K-5K Singing @ Bethany 9:30 am
- Dec 19 Christmas Sacred Service 1-8, Berea Gym 10:30 am
- Dec 19 NOON RELEASE No childcare
- Dec 19 Home Basketball Games
- Dec 20 8th Grade Babysitting Berea
- Dec 20- Jan. 4 Christmas Break

Christmas Worship Services

All are invited to worship together as we celebrate our Savior's birth - the Word made flesh! Here are the service times for our two Fort Atkinson supporting congregations.

Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church

- Christmas Eve: 5:30
- Christmas Day: 10 A.M. Carols

Bethany Lutheran Church

- **Christmas Eve:** 4:30 & 6:30
- Christmas Day: 9:30 A.M.

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.

Early Childhood Classrooms

2-year-olds- MRS.BROM, rachel.brom@crownoflifeacademy.org

This Week's Focus:

Theme: Jesus' Birthday! Merry Christmas!

Bible Lesson: The Wise Men and Herod

Fine Motor Development: This week's Christmas and Jesus' Birthday activities provide many opportunities for fine motor development as children practice hand strength, coordination, and precise finger movements. Using forks to paint hay, gluing small pieces for baby Jesus and the wise men crafts, coloring and folding Christmas cards, and rolling marbles for the Christmas tree all help refine their grip and control. Decorating "Happy Birthday Jesus" hats and cookies further supports pincer grasp and dexterity. Throughout these hands-on activities, children are strengthening the small muscles in their hands while creating meaningful holiday projects.

Social/Language: This week, students are building social and language skills through cooperative, conversation-rich activities. As they create crafts, decorate cookies, and prepare Christmas cards, they practice sharing materials, taking turns, and following directions. Discussing the stories of Jesus' birth and the wise men helps them expand vocabulary and practice listening and retelling. Working together during the party and group activities encourages communication, polite interactions, and the expressing of ideas.

Math: This week, students are practicing math skills through hands-on holiday activities that involve counting, shapes, and spatial awareness. While creating the wise men craft, they identify and compare shapes like circles, squares, and triangles. Crafting and placing pieces on their projects helps them explore positions and sizes, and activities like marble painting and card-making reinforce patterns and sequencing. Through these experiences, children build early math concepts in a fun and meaningful way.

Science: This week, students are building science skills by exploring cause and effect, observation, and experimentation through hands-on holiday activities. During fork painting and marble painting, they observe how different tools and movements create different patterns. They also explore shapes and colors while making the wise men craft, helping them classify and identify attributes. Cookie decorating and other creative projects encourage them to notice changes in materials and how their actions lead to new results. Through these activities, children practice observing, predicting, and exploring

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- There was an old lady who swallowed a Bell (with props and interactive engagement)
- Bible Craft: Wise Men Shape Craft (Gluing/Shape Recognition)
- Christmas Tree Marble Painting
- Happy Birthday Jesus Crowns
- Cookie Decorating Party!
- Sensory Bin: Christmas I Spy (Christmas Pictures, Water, Plastic Cup)

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 <u>all items</u> are clearly labeled with your child's name. Thank You!

- Monday: Merry and Bright- wear as much red and green as you can
- Tuesday: Tacky and Terrific Sweater Day- wear your ugliest Christmas sweater
- Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover- dress in Classroom theme (our theme is "Comfy Cozy" so come dressed in your coziest pajamas!)
- Thursday: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas-wear pajamas
- Friday: Dress to Impress for Jesus- wear your holiday best



Dates to Remember:

December 17th- 2K-5K Singing at Bethany at 9:30 for Advent December 19th- Noon Dismissal for Christmas Break January 5th- First Day Back After Break

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

This week's Focus

Theme: Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!

Bible Lesson: 3 Wise Men/ King Herod

Fine Motor Development: painting with a fork, gluing, cutting

Literacy: Review letters A-M



<u>Science</u>: This week, during science, the children will be exploring a sensory activity designed to build curiosity and observation skills. We will be using a sensory bin filled with green-colored water mixed with cornstarch, creating a murky texture. Inside the bin are pictures from the Christmas story. The children will use a clear cup like a "flashlight" to search for and discover the pictures beneath the water. After finding the images, they will explore what happens when the green water is poured into a clear glass and observe whether they can still see the pictures through it. This activity helps children learn about visibility, light, and how materials can change what we see, all through hands-on exploration.

<u>Math</u>. In math class this week, we will be reviewing the numbers 1–5 to strengthen the children's understanding of counting, number recognition, and one-to-one correspondence. Through fun games, hands-on activities, and small-group practice, students will revisit these foundational numbers to build confidence and reinforce their early math skills.

Books: The gift of nothing, Hello Christmas, Construction site on Christmas night, "J" is for Jesus, Llama llama holiday drama, How do dinosaurs say Merry Christmas, Pig the elf, The 3 bears Christmas, If animals celebrated Christmas, Clifford helps Santa

Song of the week: Going on a Santa hunt

Get up and move: The Grinch Freeze Dance, Yoshi Reindeer Fun

It was so nice to see all of your children at their Christmas concert on Friday. They did a wonderful job. I pray that you enjoyed it, and that you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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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- Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover- dress in Classroom theme (our theme is "Comfy Cozy" so come dressed in your coziest pajamas!)
- Thursday: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas-wear pajamas
 Friday: Dress to Impress for Jesus- wear your holiday best

December 17- 2K-5K singing at advent service @ 9:30 December 19- Close at noon for Christmas Break January 5- First day back from Christmas Break

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

Bible Lesson: The Wise Men and God Saves Jesus from King Herod

Memory Treasure: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only" Matthew 4:10

Literacy: We don't have a new letter this week as we are busy with Christmas activities! We will review letters and sounds this week instead. Our Nursery Rhyme is Little Jack Horner.

Math: We'll continue to work on making patterns this week with a variety of different items in our classroom. We'll try our hand at some more tricky patterns as well.

Social Studies: More Christmas activities are on the docket for this week as we prepare for Christmas.

Important Dates:

December 17: 4K/5K sing at Bethany for the 9:30 Advent service

December 19: Close at noon for the Christmas Break

January 5: First Day Back after Break

4K- MRS.KOERBER, <u>sarah.koerber@crownoflifeacademy.org</u>

Rosalie is our student of the week!

Bible Lesson: The Wise Men and Herod (Matthew 2:1-18)

Memory Treasure: Worship the Lord your God and serve him only. (Matthew 4:10)

Literacy: We are reviewing letters A-N and their sounds.

Nursery Rhyme: Little Jack Horner

Show-and-tell: Friday- bring something Christmasy!

Math: We are learning about sorting rules and sorting by more than one attribute.

Upcoming:

December 17: Preschool sings at Bethany for the 9:30 Advent service

December 19: Close at noon for the Christmas Break

January 5: First Day Back after Break

Elementary Classrooms

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

Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!



I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas! This can be a really busy time as you make all the magic happen for your family, but I pray you have time to reflect on the baby in the manger. What an <u>amazing plan</u> God had for us by sending **Jesus**! May everyone stay healthy and safe over break, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year! Please see my email for more details about this week.

Add These to Your Calendar:

Dec 17: (Advent service) 2K-5K Singing @ Bethany 9:30 am

Dec 19: Close at NOON for the Christmas Break

Jan 5: First Day Back

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

We are looking forward to a festive week! This week, we will celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus! We will read Christmas-themed books like *The Polar Express* and *The Gingerbread Boy*. We will learn about different Holidays Around the World. This week, we are "traveling" to Australia. We will finish Chapter 7 in math (subtraction) and continue to work on short u during phonics.

Praying you all have a wonderful Christmas break, enjoying time with family and friends.

As a reminder, we close at 12:00 pm on Friday, and there is no after-school care.

Please reach out with any questions.

Add These to Your Calendar:

Dec 17: (Advent service) 2K-5K Singing @ Bethany 9:30 am

Dec 19: Close at NOON for the Christmas Break

Jan 5: First Day Back

Unto us a child is born

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

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!**

Spirit Week: December 15-19

- Monday: Merry and Bright- wear as much red and green as you can
- Tuesday: Tacky and Terrific Sweater Day- wear your ugliest Christmas sweater
- Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover- dress in Classroom theme (our theme is "Oh Deer, We're Cool This Year - our door is decorated with deer wearing sunglasses, so we will be making antlers, and then they can bring a pair of sunglasses to wear with them!)
- Thursday: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas-wear pajamas (they will also be watching a movie and can bring a blanket)
- Friday: Dress to Impress for Jesus- wear your holiday best

Dates to Remember

- December 19 Christmas Sacred Service 1-8, Berea Gym 10:30 am
- December 19: 1/2 Day of School; school out at noon (you may take your student after the Sacred Service)
- December 20-January 4: Christmas Break

As well as other fun Christmas-themed activities throughout the week!

Math: Review - Christmas themed

Reading: Reindeer - whole group; Flakes - decodable text

Writing: Final draft of narrative - wrapping up unit

Phonics: Silent e spelling patterns (VCe) with silent e: _ce making /s/ as in race or silent e: _ge making /j/ as in

cage

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 worshiping God in church.

Memory Work: NONE

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

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During our Christmas party on Thursday, our class will be exchanging Secret Santa gifts with each other. We picked names today in class and all the rules were explained. The students will be making each other gifts. The gift has to fit inside their backpack and again should be made by the student. They can be as creative as they would like! There will be some time during school for the kids to work on their gifts, but some wanted to work on them at home as well.

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- Monday: Merry and Bright- wear as much red and green as you can
- Tuesday: Tacky and Terrific Sweater Day- wear your ugliest Christmas sweater
- Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover- dress in Classroom theme (our theme is "Minions")
- Thursday: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas-wear pajamas (WE WILL BE WATCHING A MOVIE SO STUDENTS MAY BRING A BLANKET)
- Friday: Dress to Impress for Jesus- wear your holiday best

Dates to Remember:

- December 15-19: Christmas Spirit Week
- December 19 Christmas Sacred Service 1-8, Berea Gym 10:30 am
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- December 20-January 4: Christmas Break

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 worshiping God in church.

Memory Work: None

<u>Math:</u> 2nd grade will continue 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 finish writing our opinion pieces about our favorite candy.

Social Studies: We will be learning about Christmas traditions in Mexico, Brazil, and Australia.

<u>Reading:</u> 2nd grade will read a story called <u>The Legend of the Poisettia.</u> 1st grade will read a story about animals.

Phonics: 2nd Grade: Spelling patterns for /u/ as in look or put; Spelling pattern oo as in food or ooze. 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

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

We are in December, and that means that the temperatures are cold!! Please make sure your student has a hat, boots, snowpants, and mittens/gloves. As long as the temperature is not too cold, we do go outside for all recesses. Winter gear may stay at school during the week, but will come home on the weekends to get washed.

Spirit Week: December 15-19

- Monday: Merry and Bright- wear as much red and green as you can
- Tuesday: Tacky and Terrific Sweater Day- wear your ugliest Christmas sweater
- Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover- dress in Classroom theme (our theme is "A Charlie Brown Classroom)
- Thursday: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas-wear pajamas (WE WILL BE WATCHING A MOVIE SO STUDENTS MAY BRING A BLANKET)
- Friday: Dress to Impress for Jesus- wear your holiday best

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

Memory Work: None

Math: We will take a test on Chapter 6. We will finish the week with some fun Christmas math.

Reading: We will read a story called <u>The Legend of the Poisettia.</u> We will do some fun activities related to the story

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: We will do some silly Christmas writing.

Phonics: Spelling patterns for /u/ as in look or put; Spelling pattern oo as in food or ooze

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

Happy Week 18! The 3rd graders are into the full Christmas Spirit already! Take a look at the many events going on this week. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

- Dec 15-19 Spirit Week (Dress up schedule below)
 - Monday: Merry and Bright- wear as much red and green as you can
 - o Tuesday: Tacky and Terrific Sweater Day- wear your ugliest Christmas sweater
 - Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover- dress in Classroom theme (our theme is "Staching through the Snow"- kids are to
 wear the mustaches we have ordered here in class and black clothing, please also have them wear their winter snow hat)
 SEE EXAMPLE
 - o Thursday: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas-wear pajamas
 - Friday: Dress to Impress for Jesus- wear your holiday best
- Dec 19 Christmas Sacred Service 1-8, Berea Gym 10:30 A.M. / Noon Dismissal (Kids can leave after the service)
- Dec 20- Jan 4 Christmas Break CLCA



Christ Light: 2B The Red Sea and 3A God Feeds His People in the Desert

Memory Work: None-Christmas Service Program

Math: 4.3-4.5 and Intervention Friday

Reading: Christmas Activities
Spelling: No Spelling this week :

Social Studies: New unit- Science "Wildlife Biologists".

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

We are getting so close to Christmas Break! How did we get here already?!?! Be sure you are sending all that snow and cold-weather gear each day. Also, encourage your 4th grader to get into and out of their snow gear in a timely fashion so we don't waste too much time. Have a great week!

Dates to remember:

- December 15-19 Christmas Spirit Week (see below)
 - o Monday: Merry and bright-wear as much red and green as you can
 - Tuesday: Tacky and Terrific Sweater Day-wear your ugliest Christmas sweater
 - Wednesday: Classroom Christmas Takeover-dress in classroom theme. Our theme is Polar Express, so kids may come in their pajamas, and Mrs. Gut will be the conductor. (There might be hot chocolate that day!)
 - o Thursday-'Twas the Night Before Christmas-another pajama day!!!
 - Friday-Dress to impress for Jesus-wear your holiday best
- December 19-Christmas Sacred Service, 1-8, Berea Gym 10:30 AM / Noon dismissal (Scholars can leave after the service)
- December 20-January 4 Christmas Break

What we are learning in 4th Grade:

Christ Light: Our two lessons this week will have us focusing on how God always provides for our needs and how we need to always thank him for the blessings he gives us.

Memory work-Tuesday, December 8th-Matthew 10:28 and Conclusion to the 10 Commandments. Thursday, December 11th-John 1:29b and Address to the Lord's Prayer

Reading: We will continue with our story, 'Dear Mr. Winston.' We will review our strategy of conclusions and generalizations, as well as look at an informational text that goes with the story. We will also be writing our own response letter as if we were Mr. Winston.

Grammar: We will be using this week to review some grammar and finish our opinion writing.

Writing: We will be working on our opinion piece and whether we agree or disagree that kids should exercise for at least 20 minutes every day at school. We will revise and edit our rough drafts and then type our final draft.

Math: We have begun chapter 5, which is division. This is the time that those multiplication facts are going to be so important. Please continue to have your son/daughter practice those facts at home.

Social Studies: We will begin looking at the Southeast region.

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

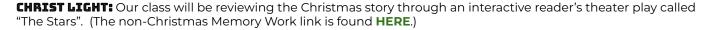
Middle School Classrooms

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

PACE OF THE POINT DATES

- o Dec 14: Midterms Released
- Dec 15: DARE Lesson
- Dec 18: 5th Grade Christmas Party!
- Dec 19: Sacred Christmas Service at 10:30 am Early Release at 12:00
- o Dec 22 Jan 2: Christmas Break!
- o Jan 5 Classes Resume
- Jan 21: Author Visit!
- Every day: God is Good!





ELA 5+6: Today, Monday, we'll share our findings on the final root of the year–FLEX and FLECT. The class will join their artistic skills in a fun think-outside-the-Christmas-box writing activity. For some bonus fun, we'll participate in a virtual field trip called "Prime Video Sports–Behind the Streams". It will tap into reading and listening skills to learn how Amazon can get stats out to viewers around the globe in real time, with an engineering focus.

ELA 7+8: The classes will participate in a virtual field trip called "Prime Video Sports-Behind the Streams". It will tap into reading and listening skills to learn how Amazon can get stats out to viewers around the globe in real time with an engineering focus. It should be fun! Also, the class will join their artistic skills in a fun think-outside-the-Christmas-box writing activity.

LITERATURE: We're wrapping up the year in poetry with one called "The Poem that Will Not End."

CATEGORIES: List 5 things that are last.

STAY SHARP REMINDERS

Christmas Party! Our class will celebrate with a party on Thursday afternoon from 2-3. Here is the sign-up link if you are interested in sending in a treat: <u>Christmas Party Sign Up</u>. Of course, this is optional. Thanks for considering!

Send gym clothes in on Mondays and Tuesdays.

From my family to yours–MERRY CHRISTMAS! Isaiah 9:6



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

Thoughts from God's Word

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

The message of God's grace and forgiveness in the promised Savior was proclaimed to the Old Testament nation of Israel. Through Isaiah, God had announced the coming of the promised Savior. Isaiah declared that the Savior would be born of a virgin. The Savior would be both true God and true man. The Savior would willingly suffer and die for the sins of the world. So what was Israel's response? The prophet Isaiah declared that few believed. How sad! When we see the Savior in the manger, do we see him with the eyes of faith? Do we see God in human flesh? Do we see God's heart of love? Do we see the one who sets us free from all our sins? If we do, we view our Savior as we should. As we prepare for Christmas, may we

prioritize hearing and believing the angel's proclamation, "To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the LORD."

Important Dates

- → Thursday, December 18 Class Christmas Party in the afternoon (encourage students to sign up for what they want to bring)
- → Friday, December 19 10:30 A.M. Christmas Service at CLCA; out at noon
- → Friday, December 19 Basketball at CLCA vs. Janesville (5, 6, 7, 8 p.m.)
- → Noon, Friday, December 19-Sunday, January 4 Christmas Break

Subject Work This Week

- → Bible History: None this week.
- → Doctrine: The Conclusion to the Commandments warns us of God's anger against sin and unbelief and assures us of his grace, mercy, and forgiveness to believers. The gospel motivates us to live for him.
- → Memory Work: Be ready for the Christmas service.
- → 5-6 Geography: Students will continue creating slides for their country presentations that will take place after Christmas break.
- → 5-6 History: We will research the small countries in the Middle East and Africa.
- → 7-8 History: Students will be creating a wall of fame. It will display American leaders from Washington and Adams' presidencies. The project also involves having a classmate videotape them as they present their project. The project is due on Wednesday.
- → Literature: We are continuing to grow in our literature skills. The amount of information is significant at this point. The students need to review their literature skills daily. It is the same as knowing math facts in math. We are covering the forms of fiction on page 11 of the study guide. We will be reading short stories. The daily assignments require slow, careful attention.

7th - MRS. TOMLIN (5-8 Math), beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org

Bible History/Hymnology: This week, we will be studying Luke Chapter 2, "The Birth of Christ!" We will also be preparing to share this great news on December 19th at 10:30.

7th Grade Literature: The class will review the parts of stories by studying short Christmas stories. They will also continue to work on comprehension and vocabulary.

5th Math: We will be doing fun review worksheets and games this week.

6th Math: We will be doing fun review worksheets and games this week.

7th Math: We will be doing fun review worksheets and games this week.

8th Math: We will be doing fun review worksheets and games this week.

Special Note: Merry Christmas! I know this week is crazy busy with Christmas activities. I pray that we all take time to remember what Christmas is all about. The birth of our Savior! I pray that you all have a blessed Christmas and New Year. May you all enjoy the extra time with your family and friends.

Dates to Remember:

- Dec 15-19: Christmas Spirit Week
- Dec 19: Christmas Service at 10:30 am Early Release
- December 22- January 2: Christmas Break
- January 5th: Classes Resume

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

Science Notes for Middle School

-All classes are on track to wrap up our entire unit this week, which hopefully means no tests after Christmas break on material that was taught before Christmas break! (fingers crossed!)

8th Grade Notes

-In religion class, we had a student-led examination of the heroes of faith in the Christmas story. If it's been a while for you or you've never taken a look, please read Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 to see the account of Jesus' birth directly from the Bible!

-In literature class, we wrapped up the first unit of our novel study on Friday last week. This next unit will include research into other groups of refugees, culminating in an essay about how being a refugee affects a person. This week, we will just start exploring those themes.

-Very big thanks to the 8th-grade class this week for their time volunteering to help pack Christmas gift bags for the rest of the CLCA student body. They were given the option of working on homework, decorating their own classroom, or putting together bags, and I think everyone chose the bags. We got full class participation without anyone being "volun-told", which I was very proud of!







-There will be a class-planned Christmas party on Thursday afternoon this week. I don't know what it's going to look like as of this writing, but I'm hoping they do a great job finishing off their planning and organizing of the event, and it all runs smoothly. Have a blessed two weeks with your children!

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

Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music) marie.becker@crownoflifeacademy.org

December is here! We are in full swing of practicing for our sacred Christmas Service. Our worship service will begin at 10:30 am on December 19th.

Blessings on everyone's Christmas Break!

Enrichments 5th-8th

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No enrichments until the new year! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8)

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CLCA artists have shown incredible talent and grit throughout the All grade levels are playing fun Christmas games! Merry Christmas! 1st quarter. I am beyond proud of their efforts and imagination.

Quarter 2 promises to be filled with new learning experiences and knowledge. Students will, over the course of the next several months, create portfolios of their art to have a body of work to choose from to enter into art shows.

> Stay tuned for upcoming Units of Study! And remember... Never Rush Art!

SEE WHAT CLCA STUDENTS ARE STUDYING AND CREATING

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

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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:!5 (Cheer); 4:15-5:30 (B-Boys); 5:30-7:00 (A-Boys)
- → Basketball Game This Week: Monday, A2Boys play at 5 PM at Ixonia vs St. John's Jefferson. Friday, CLCA's teams will play at CLCA against St. Paul's, Janesville. B-Girls play at 5:00; A-Girls play at 6:00; B-Boys at 7:00; A-Boys at 8:00. Come cheer on our teams.
- → Knights Tip-Off Tournament On Saturday, CLCA teams played well at our home tournament. The A-girls took first place; the A-boys took second place. Good job, Knights. 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.
- → 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!







© DECEMBER 15-19 CLCA CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, December 15 - Merry & Bright Day

 Wear your most festive red or green to kick off the week with Christmas cheer!

tuesday, December 16 - tacky & terrific Sweater Day

 Break out your ugliest Christmas sweater! Prizes for both a student and a teacher.

Wednesday, December 17 - Classroom Christmas takeover

 Dress to match your classroom's festive theme—Cozy Cottage, Christmas Minions, Frozen, or whatever your room is rocking this year!

Thursday, December 18 - Twas the Night Before Christmas

• Get comfy and cozy in your favorite Christmas pajamas.

Friday, December 19 - Dress to Impress for Jesus

 Wear your holiday best as we celebrate the true joy of Christmas





