



**Week #26, February 23, 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**

**Heart Healthy Challenge**

**Our 5 Day Healthy Heart Challenge begins TODAY!** Use the tracker (sent home with scholars) to track healthy habits (sleeping, hydrating, limited screentime, staying healthy, and eating fruits/veggies!) and turn in the forms to the office by Monday, March 2nd!

**CLCA Q3 MID-TERMS**

**Mid-term reports will be distributed today, Monday, Feb. 23.** This is an eligibility check for winter athletes leading into the final weekend of play.

**1st-4th Grade Winter Concert**

Join us tomorrow, for the upcoming 1st -4th winter concert: Scholars are asked to **"dress to impress"** and arrive at 5:45 PM  
**Grades 1-4: Feb. 24, 6 PM**

**Crown Community Dine Out**

Crown Community Dine-Out is **Wednesday, February 25, at Good2Go** (10:30 AM -8:30 PM). FOUR (4) Delivery drivers needed - [CLICK HERE TO HELP!](#)

**Wednesday Lenten Worship**

Our CLCA Choir will be singing on **Wednesday, February 25, at the 9:30 AM** Lenten service at Bethany Lutheran Church. There is also an evening service, which

**Heart Awareness-Red Shirts**

On **Friday, CLCA will host Red Shirt Day** (uniform bottoms, please) in recognition and support of those who suffer from Heart Disease.

**Eastside Tournament**

We wish our A-Teams the Lord's blessings in their final competitions of the season. We thank the 8th graders and families for their commitment to CLCA Athletics this winter season.

**CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE!**

WE NEED MORE CEREAL BOXES! We will be collecting cereal to donate to our local food pantries. Our goal at CLCA is 750! Please drop off your boxes of cereal at either campus **between now and Wednesday, March 4th!** [Click here to watch a video on this challenge!](#)

**KNIGHT BOOSTER CLUB**

Members of our Knight Booster Club will have completed their terms at the end of this school year. **They are actively seeking replacements!** [LEARN MORE](#) about the positions by sending an email to [knight.boosters@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:knight.boosters@crownoflifeacademy.org). Or reach out to a current member: Rachel Pattermann, Jen Hahm, Kiara Daniels, or Sara Noeske.

**Upcoming CLCA Events**

- Feb 23-27 Heart Healthy Challenge!
- Feb 24: 5th Grade Milton House Visit
- Feb 24: 1-4 Winter Concert 6 PM Berea
- Feb 25: Choir @ Bethany Lent 9:30 AM
- Feb 25: Good2Go CC Dine Out (all day)
- Feb 27: Donut Day, Both Campuses
- Feb 27: Heart Awareness Red Shirt Day
- Feb 27-Mar 1: A-Teams Eastside Tourn.

**Tuition Tax Deduction**

The updated Tuition Tax Deduction form can be found on the CLCA website, at the bottom of the [PARENT PAGE](#).

**CAMP RISE - SUMMER FUN!**

Registration is now open for incoming 5th-10th graders at Camp Rise in Wild Rose, WI. The dates are July 5-10, and all details can be found on the [registration website!](#) This is a fun week of Christian fun and fellowship for our scholars!  
Theme: *New Vibe* (Romans 6:4)

**THANK YOU!**

We've hosted several events recently, and extend our deepest gratitude to all who have been supporting our academy, helping raise funds for the Knight Boosters, the 8th-grade class trip, and our Crown Community. We are truly blessed. To God be praised!

begins at 6:30, with a light meal served starting at 5:30. All are welcome!		
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## Early Childhood Classrooms

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

### This Week's Focus:

**Theme:** Arctic Animals

**Bible Lesson:** Jesus Rides into Jerusalem



**Fine Motor Development:** This week, students are strengthening their fine motor skills through a variety of hands-on activities. They will practice hand and finger control while painting their hands to create palm branch prints, using fingerpaint to make polar bears, and manipulating glue sticks to assemble shape cut-outs into penguins. Grasping popsicle sticks for the interactive poem, exploring textures in the sensory bin, and carefully placing different shapes also help develop coordination, finger strength, and precision.

**Social/Language:** This week, students are building social and language skills through group discussions, circle time activities, and cooperative play. They will practice listening and speaking as they talk about Arctic animals, identify shapes and colors, and share what they know. During the interactive “5 Little Polar Bears” poem and songs, children will strengthen vocabulary, sequencing, and expressive language skills. Sensory bin play and art activities also encourage turn-taking, sharing materials, and engaging in conversations with peers, supporting positive social interactions and communication development.

**Math:** This week, students are developing early math skills through hands-on exploration and discussion. As they create their penguins, they will identify and name different shapes, strengthening shape recognition and spatial awareness. They will also practice color recognition with black, white, orange, and purple. During circle time, the interactive “5 Little Polar Bears” poem encourages counting and number sequencing. Sensory play with Arctic animals provides opportunities to sort, group, and compare, building foundational skills in counting, classifying, and early problem-solving.

**Science:** This week, students are building science skills as they explore Arctic animals and their environments. Through sensory play with water, ice, and gelatin, children observe different textures and temperatures while discussing how Arctic animals survive in cold habitats. They will learn about animal characteristics, such as how polar bears and penguins stay warm, and explore concepts related to habitats and weather.

### **Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:**

- Bible Craft: Handprint Palm Branches
- Penguin Shape Craft (Gluing and shape/color recognition)
- Polar Bear Process Art (Finger Painting)
- *Sensory Bin: Water, Gelatin, Ice, Arctic Animals*



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

**\*\*Please remember to turn in your February Book-Its for a free slice of pizza from Pizza Hut!**

### ***Dates to Remember***

- February 27th: Donut Day and **Red Shirt Day**
- March 4th: 2K & 3K Sing in Bethany's Lent Service

- **March 16-20: Spring Break**

**3-year-olds-** MRS. TRICIA DUNCAN, [tricia.duncan@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:tricia.duncan@crownoflifeacademy.org)

### *This week's Focus*

**Theme:** Arctic Animals

**Bible Lesson:** Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

**Fine Motor Development:** finger painting, painting

**Literacy:** Letter "R"



**Science:** This week in Science, our class will be exploring **Arctic Animals!** We will learn about animals that live in very cold climates, such as polar bears, Arctic foxes, seals, and penguins. Students will discover how these animals stay warm, what they eat, and how they survive in icy habitats. We'll be reading stories, engaging in hands-on activities, and creating fun art projects connected to our theme. Feel free to talk with your child at home about what they are learning and ask them to share their favorite Arctic animal!

**Math** This week in Math, we will be learning through a fun and interactive poem called "**Five Little Polar Bears.**" As we recite the poem together, students will practice counting down from five and strengthening their early number recognition skills. We will also be counting penguins as part of our hands-on activities. Through songs, movement, and playful counting games, children will build one-to-one correspondence and develop confidence with numbers in an engaging way.

**Books:** The Polar Bear Paddle, The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly, Lost and Found, Seals, Penguins, Big Bear Little Bear, Just One More Swim, 10 Little Penguins, Ten Playful Penguins, Baby Penguins.

**Song of the week:** Ice King 1 ( Danny Go)

**Get up and move:** Polar bear hunt ( Coach Corey), Ice King 2 ( Danny Go)

We will be starting to practice another song for Easter. The children have been enjoying sharing their songs that they work really hard on with you. This next song will be done on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Coming up pretty fast. This song will be sung during one of Bethany's Lent Services.

**Note:** In our 3K classroom, we spend a lot of time learning how to be kind friends and how to play with others in positive and respectful ways. These social skills take time to develop, and it's all a part of being three! We are actively working with the children every day—modeling kindness, guiding them through sharing and turn-taking, and helping them learn how to express their feelings appropriately. As part of this learning, we also teach children about personal space and respectful boundaries. Children are reminded that while showing care and affection is important, behaviors such as kissing or licking other friends are not appropriate at school. We help children practice safe and kind ways to show friendship, such as using words, gentle actions, or asking before physical contact. I appreciate your patience and support as we continue to help each child grow and learn at their own pace.

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### ***Dates to Remember***

- **Feb 27-** Donut Day (\$2) and Wear Red day
- **March 4-** 2K& 3K sings in Bethany's Lent Service

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**4K- MRS.ERTMAN, [jennifer.ertman@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:jennifer.ertman@crownoflifeacademy.org)**

**Bible Lesson:** Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

**Memory Treasure:** "Praise the Lord, my soul" Psalm 103:1

**Literacy:** We are on letter X this week. Since there aren't many words that start with X, we'll work on learning to listen for the X sound within words like fox and box. Our nursery rhyme is Pease Porridge Hot.

**Math:** We will finish our unit on Measurement this week, working on non-standard measurement. This means we'll be using things like linking cubes to measure. We'll also look at different measuring tools.

**Social Studies:** We are going to have a special week with extended Center time with Mrs. Koerber's class. WE get to use two classrooms upstairs to spread out and share the spaces. We'll continue working in our Art center, where children can create and add a big block building center in the Gross Motor Room, as well as the regular centers.

We have also started our Shoe Tying Challenge for 4K & 5K! Any student who can tie their shoe will get a prize from the prize jar in the Bethany office. We are hoping to develop some small motor skills and independence with this challenge. It will be open for the rest of the year!

**Important Dates:**

**Feb 27th: Donut Day and Wear Red Day**

**March 16-20: Spring Break**

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**4K- MRS.KOERBER, [sarah.koerber@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:sarah.koerber@crownoflifeacademy.org)**

**Parker is student of the week!**

**Bible Lesson:** Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:12-15)

**Memory Treasure:** Praise the Lord, O my soul. (Psalm 103:1)

**Literacy:** We are learning the letter Uu this week, and the sounds it makes.

**Nursery Rhyme:** Little Boy Blue

**Show-and-tell:** Bring something that starts with the letter U.

**Math:** We will continue to learn about teen numbers and comparing numbers.

**Music:** We will be singing "Up Down Scarf Song" and "Jump Up Turn Around" this week.

**Science:** We are learning about healthy habits this week.

**Upcoming:**

**February 27:** Donuts for sale (\$2); Wear Red day

**March 4:** ECE sings at the 9:30 Lent service at Bethany

**March 6:** 4K sings in chapel

**March 16-20:** Spring Break

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# Elementary Classrooms

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**5K-** MRS. OPPERMANN, [elise.oppermann@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:elise.oppermann@crownoflifeacademy.org)

## **Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!**

I hope your family was able to rest and recharge over the weekend. This is a full week of school, and we are going to hit the ground running. As we finish out the month of February, we are going to be focusing on skills that will make 1st grade more efficient: correct letter formation, writing two-digit numbers in the correct order, etc. Our group has a solid foundation for school, and it's fun to watch them eagerly build on it!

**Math** starts with Unit 10, where we will understand counting to 100. **Phonics** has us practicing and reviewing all our short vowels and “♥” words. **Reading** will have us making and checking our predictions as we continue to ask, “What does it mean to try hard?”. **Writing** will focus on manuscript review of Aa-Zz, as well as creating more complex sentences. In **Social Studies**, we will wrap up the “My Community” theme as we discover wants vs needs and why people work. In **ChristLight**, we are introduced to a lady named Hannah and her son Samuel. Here we get to learn how children are a blessing to their parents and how God's Word is an important part of our family life.

### Add These to Your Calendar:

**Feb 27-** 5K Sings in Chapel “He is the Light”

**Feb 27-** Donut Day (\$2) and Wear Red day

**March 4-** 4K/5K sings in Bethany's Lent Service 9:30AM “Let Me Learn of Jesus”



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**5K-** MRS. STEFANSKI, [kayla.stefanski@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:kayla.stefanski@crownoflifeacademy.org)

I can't believe it's the last week of February! It's been such a blessing to watch this group of students grow tremendously over the past month. We are finishing February strong! Check out what we are learning below:

**Phonics:** We will review short vowels & “snap” words

**Reading:** We will practice making and checking predictions.

**Math:** We are starting unit 10, where we practice counting to 100.

**Writing:** We are working on narrative writing. This week we will work on telling a story across pages and making sure we have a beginning, middle, and end. We will review/practice letter formation, as well.

**Social Studies:** We will begin a new unit on understanding the world God created. We will start with map symbols and reading a map.

**Christ Light:** We will learn about Hannah and her son Samuel. We will learn how children are a blessing to their parents and how God's Word is such an important part of our family life. Bible Stories: Hannah Loves Her Son & God Speaks to Samuel

### Add These to Your Calendar:

**Feb 27:** 5K sings in chapel & donut day

**March 4:** 4k/5k sings in Bethany's Lent Service 9:30 am “Let Me Learn of Jesus”

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**1st-** MRS. GARTHWAIT, [bonnie.garthwait@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:bonnie.garthwait@crownoflifeacademy.org)

A couple of items:

- 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

- **February 24- 1-4 Winter Concert @ 6:00 pm, Dress to Impress, Arrive 5:45**
- **March 16-20- Spring Break**

**Math:** Chapter 11: Representing and interpreting data

**Reading:** Harriett Tubman - whole group; No Grudges - decodable text

**Writing:** Adjectives: identifying and using in sentences; Opinion writing

**Phonics:** 2-syllable words ending in -le (final stable syllable); R-controlled vowels /ar/

**Christ Light:** This week, we will learn to avoid things that will lead us away from God. We will also learn to seek God first, trusting that he will take care of our needs.

**Memory Work:**

**February 24: Ephesians 2:8 It is by grace you have been saved through faith.**

**February 26: Matthew 22:37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

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### 1st & 2nd - MRS. SPLINTER [stephanie.splinter@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:stephanie.splinter@crownoflifeacademy.org)

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On Friday, March 6th, the 2nd Graders will be taking a field trip to Lakeside Lutheran High School. We will be leaving school around 8:40 and returning around 11:20. I am looking for some parents to help transport the students to Lakeside and return them to CLCA. If you can help with that, please let me know. We will need to transport 27 students.

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### What are we learning?

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**Math:** In 2nd grade will be using an open number line to add 100 and 10. In 1st grade, we will start learning about graphs.

**Reading:** This week, we will be learning about Jackie Robinson.

**Social Studies:** We will start learning about Norway.

**Writing:** We will introduce how to write a biography.

**Phonics:** 2nd grade: Prefixes: dis-. 1st grade: 2-syllable words ending in y: -y making /e/ (happy, bunny)

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## 2nd- MRS. HOLZHUETER, [tina.holzhueter@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:tina.holzhueter@crownoflifeacademy.org)

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### Memory Work:

**February 24: Ephesians 2:8 It is by grace you have been saved through faith.**

**February 26: Matthew 22:37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

**Math:** This week, we will be using an open number line to add 100 and 10. We are also working on showing an amount of money in two different ways.

**Reading:** We will read a story called Dex: The Heart of a Hero. The target skill we will work on is Compare and Contrast. The target strategy is to monitor and clarify what we read.

**Social Studies:** We will learn about a map key and map grids.

**Science:** We have finished our unit on making glue. We will be taking a break from Science for now.

**Writing:** We have finished our Jackie Robinson biography. The next writing will be a research project.

**Phonics:** Affixes review and the doubling rule for -ed and -ing

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## 3rd- MRS. THAYER, [lindsey.thayer@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:lindsey.thayer@crownoflifeacademy.org) , [deborah.vose@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:deborah.vose@crownoflifeacademy.org)

Happy Week 26!

Wow, only 15 more school days until Spring Break! Please have your child here by 5:45 PM in their classroom for the Winter Concert this Tuesday, starting at 6 PM. Students are to wear their “Sunday Best” or “Dress to Impress” for this event.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Feb 24- 1-4th Grade Winter Concert @ 6 pm Berea, Dress to Impress, Arrive 5:45
- Feb 27: Heart Awareness Red Shirt Day
- March 2: Read Across America Day
- March 13: End of 3rd Quarter
- March 16-20 SPRING BREAK
- March 23: Mrs. Vose starts in 3rd grade ([Email contact](#))
- May 15th- END of the YEAR field trip- Shalom Wildlife Park/ZOO- see email coming home this week with details and chaperone opportunities

**Christ Light:** 11B God Gives Gideon Victory and 12A Sampson

**Memory Work:** See February memory work calendar

**Math:** Unit 9 Multiples of 10 properties

**Reading:** Lesson 17: Albertosaurus Mystery

**Spelling:** Spelling sorts today, pretest Tuesday, retakes on Friday

**Social Studies:** Black History Month projects and Study Unit

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**4th-** MRS. GUT [cindy.gut@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:cindy.gut@crownoflifeacademy.org)

Can you believe we are at the end of February already?! Those warm temperatures last week really teased us. But it's cold again this week. Please be sure to still send coats, hats, and gloves. Our concert is tomorrow evening. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**Dates to remember:**

- **February 24th-1st-4th Grade Winter Concert at 6 pm, Dress to Impress, Arrive 5:45**
- **March 2nd-Read Across America Day**
- **March 13th End of 3rd Quarter**
- **March 16-20 Spring Break**

**What we are learning in 4th Grade:**

**Christ Light:** We will be looking at the story of Samson this week and focusing on how we can use our abilities to help others and shine God's light. We will also be reminded to thank God for his mercy in our lives.

**Memory work:** Tuesday, February 23rd: Genesis 39:9b and Conclusion to the 10 Commandments. Thursday, February 26th: Matthew 6:33 and the 7th Commandment with Explanation. A March memory work calendar will be coming home this week.

**Reading:** In reading this week, we will be reading 'Riding Freedom,' a historical fiction piece. We will focus on comparing and contrasting as we read, as well as personification.

**Grammar:** We will continue working on prepositions and prepositional phrases.

**Writing:** We will continue reading some tall tales and begin brainstorming ideas for our own stories.

**Math:** We start fractions this week! This is a crucial chapter for 4th grade as they get ready for middle school math. We will be taking our time with this chapter, as this will be their first look at fractions in depth.

**Social Studies:** We will finish up the West region this week and work on our scrapbook for that region. Our West region test will be on Thursday.

**Science:** We will be looking at the last chapter in our Energy Conversions unit and getting to the cause of the blackouts in Ergstown.

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## **Middle School Classrooms**

**5th-** MRS. BROWN (5-8 ELA),

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**📌 TO THE POINT DATES**

- Feb 24: Field Trip to Milton House Museum
- March 2: Read Across America Day
- March 13: End of Q3
- March 16-20: Spring Break
- **Every day: God is Good!**

**📌 LEARN AND GROW**



**CHRIST LIGHT:** Today, we're diving into the battle of Jericho! The class will be sorting the events that have been written on "bricks" of the city wall. We'll also learn about Rahab's help with the spies. (The Memory Work link is found [HERE](#).)

**ELA 5+6:** The new roots, VIS and VID, are the highlights this week. We'll have a spelling test on this one with a Roll-A-Word practice included. In punctuation, we are conquering question marks and their application to writing. We'll go over our answer for the 2 Truths and a Lie when it comes to Black History Month mini biographies.

**ELA 7+8:** Roots 15 is this week, featuring the roots for nine, ten, and twenty. We will get back into our punctuation unit with applications in writing prompts and reviewing the appropriate uses for end marks, including remembering to add one! We'll go over our answer for the 2 Truths and a Lie when it comes to Black History Month mini biographies.

**LITERATURE:** What an intense last few chapters we've had in the book *A Night Divided*. The class will be working on some gallery posters for certain characters and events we've read so far. They'll find evidence of how Gerta, the main character, is brave through her thoughts, words, and actions.

**CATEGORIES:** List 5 board games.

### **👉 STAY SHARP REMINDERS**

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

## **Tuesday, February 24 - Milton House Museum**

***Students will get a tour through the underground railroad and explore local history.***

**Times:** 12:30 departure after normal lunch, 3:10ish back at school

**Address:** 18 S Janesville Street, Milton

**Notes:** We will visit the gift shop after the tour, so students are allowed to bring money for purchases. Wear comfortable shoes for walking and dress in layers. We will be inside drafty buildings and cooler underground tunnels. About 3 drivers are needed.



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

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**6th-** MR. HOLCOMB (5-8 Social Studies), [mark.holcomb@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:mark.holcomb@crownoflifeacademy.org)

### Thoughts from God's Word

**Psalm 73:24-26 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Asaph, the psalmist, looked at people on earth. He saw that unbelievers seemed to have few problems. They were self-confident. They had wealth. Their plans seemed to succeed. By contrast, Asaph saw the difficulties believers faced. They were constantly under attack from the devil, the world, and their own sinful flesh. "Is it worth the struggle to be a believer?" Asaph wondered. "It is!" he concluded. Unbelievers cannot stand before God on Judgement Day. Their earthly accomplishments will not save them. But the end for the believer is different. God guides us with His Word. He takes us to eternal life in heaven. God is our strength when our lives fall apart. We stand on firm ground through every storm of life; therefore, we can confess with Asaph, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you."

## Important Dates

- Monday, February 23-Friday, February 28 - CLCA Health Week
- Wednesday, February 25 - Choir sings in church for Lent; the rest of grades 5-8 will watch the service live stream
- Friday, February 27 - Sunday, March 1 - 5-8 Eastside Tournament in Madison
- Monday, March 1 - CLCA Reading Challenge Month begins
- Wednesday, March 11 - Grades 5-6 sing at Bethany for Lent
- Friday, March 13 - Third Quarter Ends (be sure all work is in)
- Monday-Friday, March 16-20 - No School - Spring Break February 19-20, no school

## Subject Work This Week

- Bible History: God provided kings for Israel to lead them. The kings were to set an example for the Israelites by trusting God to guide and protect his people and preserve his promise to send the Savior.
  - Doctrine: The Third Article talks about the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works through the gospel in Word and sacrament to bring us to faith and keep us in faith.
  - Memory Work: Monday - Passages 13-15; Wednesday - Passages 16-18; Next Monday - Passages 19-21.
  - 5-6 Geography: We will study various types of maps that help us to understand the products, roads, and elevation of various areas. **Test on Thursday.**
  - 5-6 History: We will study family coat of arms, feudalism, guilds, and play strategic games.
  - 7-8 History: As America grew, it dreamed of stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. This was called Manifest Destiny. America carried this out by acquiring territory, winning territory in wars, and moving settlers to the West. America was not always ethical in the means it used to carry out Manifest Destiny. The students will have an opportunity to analyze the growth of the United States.
  - Literature: We will be reading the second half of our novel, *Indian Captive*. As we finish the novel, students should continue on their novel analysis charts in Google Classroom. At the end of the unit, the students will write a paper about what they learned from the novel. The paper will focus on the growth of the main character, Molly.
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**7th-** MRS. TOMLIN (5-8 Math), [beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org)

**Bible History/Hymnology:** We will open our bible history lesson with a Lenten hymn. We will then follow Paul as he travels to Jerusalem to share the word of God with others. We will look at the strength he has, knowing that imprisonment is near, but his focus is on God and how he can share that with others.

**7th Grade Literature:** The 7th graders will continue their Poetry unit. They will pay special attention to writing poems with strong conclusions, effective repetition, and how to break lines and stanzas to make our poems purposeful. They will also continue to work on comprehension and introduce new vocabulary words.

**5th Math:** The students have started their new math book, and will continue to study fractions.

**6th Math:** The students this week will continue writing algebraic expressions. They will review solving one-step equations by multiplying and dividing. They will then move on to independent and dependent variables.

**7th Math:** The students will continue working through solving problems that deal with fractions, decimals, and percentages.

**8th Math:** The students this week will be studying the Congruent and dilated figures on coordinate planes.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- **March 2: Read Across America Day**
  - **March 12: 7th grade field trip to LPS- The Wizard of Oz with lunch in the cafeteria**
  - **March 13: End of Q3**
  - **March 16-20: Spring Break**
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**8th- MR. METZGER (5-8 Science), [glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org)**

### Science Notes for Middle School

-5th and 6th grades are looking at wind this week and how it affects the strength and severity of storms.

-The 7th and 8th grades are finishing their models from last week and writing a synopsis of how potential energy and kinetic energy are related in a rocket launching system. The critical juncture assessment will follow this, and then we will transition to studying the same principles of energy with roller coasters.

### 8th Grade Notes

-In religion class, we are continuing our study of Ruth. Psalm 29:10-11 is the assignment that is due this week, on Friday.

-In Literature, essays marked the end of our time in *Inside Out & Back Again*. The next novel we will be starting is *The Omnivore's Dilemma*.

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

### Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music)

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Wonderful things were said about the 5th-8th-grade concert - thank you to all who attended and supported our scholars.

Tomorrow - **February 24th @ 6 pm**, our 1st-4th graders will also have an opportunity to perform! Students are asked to “dress to impress” and arrive by 5:45.

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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Here's a look inside two of our electives: building (STEM) with Mr. Metzger and Mrs. Wessely's Spanish Club.



### ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8)

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We are thrilled to have our K-8 artwork on display at the Hoard Museum in Fort Atkinson soon. The 64th Annual Mary Hoard Art Show for K-4 scholars opens on Feb 25 and runs through March 7.

Part 2, showcasing grades 6-12, runs April 19 - May 2nd.

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

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

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We are in our unit of pickleball!

K-4th grade is learning the forehand and backhand swing along with cross court serving.

5th-8th grade is learning rules of the game and assessing different types of offensive strategies. We will also have time to start our doubles tournament this week.

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## **Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director**

### **Basketball/Cheer This Week**

- **Practices:** Monday - 3:30-5:00 (A-Girls); Wednesday - 3:30-4:45 (A-Girls); Thursday - 4:45-6:15 (A-Boys)
  
- **Eastside Tournament:** Our CLCA A-teams will participate in the Eastside Tournament at Eastside Lutheran School in Madison next weekend. The address is: 2310 Independence Lane, Madison, WI 53704. Our Lady Knights play at 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Our A-team boys play at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. How our teams do will determine the timing of their next games.
  
- **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.

### **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.

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



CLCA Knights

Savior, School, Self



Student Leadership Council is hosting a one-week HEALTHY HABITS challenge.

ARE YOU...

- Staying Hydrated?
- Eating Fruits & Vegetables?
- Getting Good Sleep?
- Keeping Active?



CHALLENGE DATES: February 23rd - 27th

DUE DATE: Tracker Sheets due in the office by March 2!

PRIZES: First-place prize for each grade division - Awarded March 6!



# GOOD NIGHT OUT



Good2Go is graciously hosting a restaurant night out on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> !!  
20% of sales will go right back to CLCA!

**Wednesday, February 25th!**  
20% back to CLCA  
All Day!

**Dine In & Carry Out**

**CLCA  
HEART DISEASE AWARENESS  
~RED SHIRT DAY~**



**Friday, February 27**  
Show Your Support - Wear RED SHIRTS!  
School uniform bottom required.

  
**CROWN OF LIFE  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
**2026 GRADES 1-8 FINE ARTS**

<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> Winter Concert Grades 5-8 w/Band, Choir 6PM - BERA
<b>FEB 24</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> Winter Concert Grades 1-4 6PM - BERA
<b>APR 09</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> Fine Arts Fair Preview Band /Choir /Solo & Ensembles 6PM - BERA
<b>APR 11-12</b>	<b>SAT - SUN</b> FINE ARTS FAIR Band /Choir /Solo & Ensembles LAKESIDE LUTHERAN HS
<b>APR 30</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> GRADES 1-4 SPRING MUSICAL 6PM - BERA
<b>MAY 07</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> Piano & Band SPRING RECITAL 6PM - BERA

**2026 Mary Hoard YOUTH ART SHOW**



**Hoard  
HISTORICAL  
MUSEUM**

*Part 1: Grades K-5*  
**Visit the Show: February 25 - March 7**

*Part 2: Grades 6-12*  
**Visit the Show: April 19 - May 2**



# Time for A NEW KNIGHT BOOSTER CLUB Team!

THE CURRENT BOOSTER CLUB HAS COMPLETED THEIR TERMS AND ARE SEEKING NEW OFFICERS FOR THE START OF THE '26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

## Positions Needed:

PRESIDENT ~ VICE PRESIDENT ~ TREASURER ~ SECRETARY

### What We Do:

Fundraise throughout the year to support our student-athletes, including purchasing equipment, uniforms & other essential needs & run concessions.

### Why Join?

- Support School Athletics
- Make a meaningful impact
- Be part of a dedicated team while having fun!

## Interested?

Contact: [Knight.boosters@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:Knight.boosters@crownoflifeacademy.org)

OR

Message a current member today!

Rachel Pattermann | Jen Hahm | Kiara Daniels | Sara Noeske



CAMP RISE 2026

**JULY 5-10**

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-9**

**COST:**

**\$490 – EARLY BIRD DEADLINE  
APRIL 15**

**\$520 – REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE MAY 15**

## ACTIVITIES

- Cabin Life
- Swimming
- Bible Study
- Crafts
- Campfire Songs
- Romans & Christians, Capture the Flag & More!

Camp Director  
Pastor Nate

Scholarship Funds Available!  
Please contact Pastor Nate for more info  
[pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org](mailto:pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org)  
Scholarship Request Deadline May 1st!

**Location: Camp LuWiSoMo – Wild Rose, WI**

