



Week #32, April 13, 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

Well Done, Knights!

Thanks to all of our families who took part in the LLHS Fine Arts Fair! What a blessing to see our scholars use their musical gifts to represent Savior, School, and Self! To God be the glory! Check out some photos here!

Crown Community Meeting - Tuesday, Apr 14

The final Crown Community meeting will be **on Tuesday, April 14 a 6:30 PM.** (Childcare provided for 2K-5K families)

Late Start - Wed. Apr 15

4th Quarter Late Start - **Wednesday, April 15.** The Berea Campus offers care from 7:00-9:55. The Bethany Campus is closed for Preschool and Kindergarten, but offers childcare from 7:00-5:00. **SIGN UP FOR CHILDCARE ON 4/15**

Crown Community Dine Out

Dine Out Night is Thursday, **April 16, from 4-6 PM** at McDonald's. Thanks to Mrs. Oppermann, Mrs. Duncan, and Mrs. Godfrey for helping sell cookies!

D.A.R.E. Graduation

God's blessings to our 5th-graders as they gather with their peers to celebrate their graduation from D.A.R.E. at **Fort High School on Tuesday at 6 PM.**

Glen's Pizza Delivery- All hands on deck, please!

We could use some extra hands helping to sort and distribute ALL THESE PIZZAS!

If you have time between 1:00 - 5:00 PM this Thursday, please [sign up to help!](#)

Our goal is to have pizzas ready for pickup between 3:15 and 5:00 PM!

2K-5K Sings at Bethany

We are looking forward to hearing the sweet voices of our 2K-5K scholars when they sing at **Bethany Lutheran on Sunday at 8 AM.** All are welcome to this worship!

Crown Community, Open Positions

We're looking for amazing volunteers to join our Crown Community Board. Open Positions for the 2026-2027 include the **Vice Chair** and **Communications Chair!** If interested, click below to email:

Crown Community President -Kathy Chrisler

1st-4th Musical - HATS! HELP!

Our elementary classrooms are working hard to bring you their rendition of "HATS! A Musical About What's Underneath." The show is on **Thursday, April 30th, at 6 PM.** **We are in need of specific hats for the show. Can you help? [Check the List!](#)**

Upcoming CLCA Events

- Apr 14: ECE Dance/Pizza Party 5:30
- Apr 14: Crown Community Mtg 6:30
- Apr 14: Dare Graduation -5th Gr (FAHS) 6 PM
- Apr 15: Late Start Berea / No School -Bethany, Childcare provided
- Apr 16: PIZZA DELIVERY
- Apr 16: Dine Out: McDonald's 4-6 PM
- Apr 16-20: 8th Grade Class Trip
- Apr 19: 2K-5K Sings - Bethany 8 AM
- Apr 20: CLCA Board Meeting
- Apr 22: 7th Grade to LPS Play
- Apr 24: 5-6 to LLHS Play
- Apr 24: Dress Down Day
- Apr 29: LLHS Math Meet
- Apr 30: 1-4 Spring Musical 6 PM

Financial Assistance for '26-'27

To be considered for financial assistance for the '26-'27 school year, please submit a copy of the page from your 2026 taxes showing your AGI.

Submit to Cara Heagney by May 23rd. cara.heagney@crownoflifeacademy.org

Golf Outing - June 2nd

Save the Date! The Annual CLCA Golf Outing will be on June 2nd at Koshkonong Mounds. Interested in playing or sponsoring the event? Here's the [Golf Outing Website.](#)

Early Childhood Classrooms

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

This Week's Focus:

Theme: Farm- Tractors, Barns, and Fields

Bible Lesson: Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

Fine Motor Development: As students paint their tractors, squeeze glue for the corn craft, place kernels, and use scissors to cut along lines, they are building hand strength, coordination, and control. Activities like picking up small items in the sensory bin and placing cotton balls for the letter H also support finger dexterity and precision.

Social/Language: This week, we are building social and language skills through group activities and discussions. During circle time and our reading of *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Cow*, students take turns, listen to others, and practice speaking in front of the group. Singing farm songs and participating in interactive activities encourage vocabulary growth, following directions, and expressing ideas while engaging with their peers.

Math: In the sensory bin, students count scoops of corn and apples as they “feed” the animals, helping them practice counting and one-to-one correspondence. As they create their tractor art, they explore shapes and sizes by adding different-sized circles for wheels. Throughout activities, we also talk about concepts like more/less and sorting, which support early math understanding.

Science: As students work with corn in the sensory bin, they explore textures, weight, and how materials move and pour. During crafts, they observe how glue changes from wet to dry and how different materials stick together. While talking about farms, barns, and animals, students are also learning about where food comes from and the roles of farm animals, helping them better understand the world around them.

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Cow (Interactive Poem/Props)
- Open-Ended Tractor Craft (Painting and Gluing)
- Corn Kernel Gluing (Fine Motor Practice)
- Scissor Practice (Get the Cow to the Barn)
- *Sensory Bin: Farm (Counting and Feeding Farm 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 completed March Book-Its for a free slice of pizza from Pizza Hut!**

Dates to Remember!

- April 14th- ECE Dance/Pizza Party at Berea 5:30
- April 15th- Late Start (No School, [Childcare Sign Up](#))
- April 19th- 2K-5K Sings at Bethany at 8 am



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

This week's Focus

Theme: Farm- Tractors, Barns, and Fields

Bible Lesson: Ascension

Fine Motor Development: cutting, painting, gluing

Literacy: Letter "X"



Science: This week in science, we are exploring life on a farm! Students will learn about barns, tractors, and fields, and how they all work together to help farmers grow food and take care of animals. We will also have a sensory activity where students can explore hay in a sensory bin along with farm equipment. This hands-on experience will help students learn through touch, imagination, and play while building their understanding of farm life.

Math: This week in math, we are exploring life on a farm! Students will learn about barns, tractors, and fields while building important math skills. We will practice counting, sorting, and grouping using farm-themed materials, helping students make real-world connections to numbers and quantities.

Books: Down on the farm, Farms ABC, Big red barn, The Gobble Gobble Moo Tractor Book, Pete and Polo's Farmyard Adventure, Inside a barn in the country, Funny Farm, cock a doodle doo baryard hulabaloo

Song of the week: Old McDonald Had A Farm (Super Simple)

Get up and move: I know a chicken (Laurie Berkner), Pigs on the loose (Danny Go)

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Dates to Remember!

- April 14th- ECE Dance/Pizza Party at Berea 5:30
- April 15th- Late Start ([No School, Childcare Sign-Up](#))
- April 16th- Dine Out (McDonald's)
- April 19th- 2K-5K Sings at Bethany at 8 am

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

Please send hats and mittens this week. Even though the temps are warming up, it can still be quite chilly for morning recess.

Bible Lesson: Jesus' Ascension

Memory Treasure: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.." Matthew 20:20

Literacy: We have completed our letter study for the year. Now we will work through a letter review, doing one letter each day. We'll review the letter sound, how to write it in both upper and lower case, and make our alphabet book each day.

Math: Our last new unit is on subtracting. This week, we'll learn how to subtract within 10 using our fingers and objects to help us.

Social Studies: We are going to do an experiment to help us understand how much water we need in the soil. We'll learn what happens when there's too much water and not enough water. We will also begin planting seeds this week and spend a little time looking at different kinds of seeds.

Important Dates:

April 14th: Pizza and Dance Party @ 5:30

April 15th: Late Start, No 4K, [Childcare available - Sign Up](#)

April 19th: 2K-5K Sings at Bethany Church 8:00 Service

April 22nd- May 4th- KRT testing (please sign up on the sheet outside the classroom door.)

May 8th- Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15

May 13th- 4K Field Trip to Henry Vilas Zoo (I am looking for parents to chaperone, please let me know if you are interested in joining us!)

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

Rosalie is student of the week!

Bible Lesson: Jesus' Ascension (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11)

Memory Treasure: Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

Literacy: We have learned all the letters of the alphabet! Now we will begin reviewing the letters and their sounds, starting with A-D this week.

Nursery Rhyme: Star Light, Star Bright

Show-and-tell: Friday- Bring something that is your favorite color.

Math: We will learn about combining sets of numbers up to 10 (adding).

Social Studies: We will be talking more about where we live, focusing on our country.

Science: We will learn more about the weather, focusing on clouds and other things we see in the sky.

Upcoming:

April 14: ECE Pizza and dance party at Berea, 5:30 pm

April 15: Late start, **no school** at Bethany Campus ([sign up for childcare](#))

April 16: Crown Community Dine out night- McDonald's, 4-6 pm

April 19: 2K-5K sing at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8 am

April 22-May 4: Kindergarten Readiness Testing takes place after school; please see the posted schedule for your child's testing time.

May 8: Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15

May 13: 4K Field Trip to Henry Vilas Zoo (I am looking for parents to chaperone, please let me know if you are interested in joining us!)

Elementary Classrooms

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

Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!

We are working really hard to be "1st grade ready" in our classroom. Kindergarten is a wonderful space to learn many social skills and to become a friendly classroom citizen. We have grown so much since August, and we continue to aim

high as we finish the year. Thank you for always positively encouraging your little scholar at home! I appreciate the partnership we have and the teamwork does pay off.

Math continues the study of shapes as we discover all the different geometric solids. **Phonics** introduces /CH/ while we review /sh/ and /th/. **Reading** starts a new module called “Zoom In” with the essential question, “What Can I Learn when I Look Closely?” **Writing** will focus on organization. Does what I wrote make sense? **Social Studies** is digging into maps this week. We’ll discuss everything from a classroom layout to a globe. **ChristLight** has us looking at the not-so-nice Old Testament King Ahab. King Ahab shows us the importance of keeping God number 1 in our hearts and to be honest in our work and play.

Add These to Your Calendar:

- **April 14:** ECE Dance/Pizza Party at Berea’s gym 5:30 PM
- **April 15:** Late start, **no school** at Bethany Campus - [Childcare Sign Up](#)
- **April 19:** 2K-5K Sings at Bethany 8 AM
- **May 8:** Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15



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

Please continue to send a hat, mittens, and a warmer jacket for our chilly morning temperatures.

A pink SAVE THE DATE note was sent home today. This has information about our upcoming field trip.

Thank you for your continued support as we finish our kindergarten year strong!

Check out what we are learning below:

Phonics: We are mastering digraphs *ch*, *sh*, and *th*. We will review our “snap words” this week.

Reading: We will practice making and checking our predictions and retelling a story.

Math: We will finish up our unit all about 3D shapes.

Writing: We will study poetry for the month of April and practice writing different types of poems. This week, we will learn about writing sensory poems and shape poems.

Social Studies: We will finish up our unit, “Then & Now,” and discuss what our world looked like in the past. This week, we will learn about jobs and schools in the past.

Christ Light: We will learn how to use the gifts God gave us to honor and glorify Him. We ask God to help us grow wise in His word and to keep us faithful to Him.

Bible Stories: God Makes Solomon Wise, Solomon as King.

Add These to Your Calendar:

April 8-9 Coffee & Conversation w/Mrs. Moore (after drop off)

April 14: ECE Dance/Pizza Party at Berea’s gym (RSVP was required & is closed)

April 15: No School (due to Late Start at Berea Campus) [Childcare Sign-Up](#)

April 19: 2k-5k Sings at Bethany 8 am

May 8: Special Guest Day

May 15: Kindergarten Field Trip to Peace Park & Palmer Park

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

A couple of items:

- Please make sure your student still has the proper outdoor gear each day - this time of year, we have to plan for a variety of temperatures! It can still be quite cold in the morning and muddy in the fields. A coat and some form of boots are very helpful.
- We are starting to plan for our play, and each student will be allowed/asked to wear a (school-appropriate) hat of their choice for the production. Let me know if you have any questions - it's ok to be creative!

Dates to Remember

- **April 14: Crown Community Meeting 6:30 Berea**
- **Apr 15: Late Start Berea / No School -Bethany, Childcare provided [SIGN UP FOR CHILDCARE ON4/15](#)**
- **Apr 16: Crown Dine Out - McDonald's 4-6 PM**
- **April 30th - 1st - 4th grade musical (if your child is unable to attend, please let me know)**
- **May 5th & 7th - Final iReady Testing**
- **May 15th - End of year field trip (Shalom Wildlife Zoo)- details sent via email (let me know if you did not receive it)**

Math: Chapter 13: Shapes - 2D and 3D

Reading: Cleanup Day

Writing: Review nouns and verbs; Sentences and expanding beyond simple sentences

Phonics: Vowel patterns: ew, ui, ue for /u/ as in suit, glue, and chew; au, augh, aw for /aw/ as in caught, pause, saw

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to pray for the strength to remain faithful to God. We will also learn to share our faith with others.

Memory Work:

April 14: 2nd Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

April 16: Acts 5:29 We must obey God rather than men.

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

Just a look ahead: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. The expectation is that everyone attends and participates in the musical. Please put it on your calendar for Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 pm. Every second grader will have a small speaking part. **IF YOUR STUDENT CAN NOT BE THERE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP!!**

On Friday, May 15, the 1st-4th Grades will be going on an end-of-the-year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary. I am looking for 5 chaperones to join us that day. Many of you have already reached out to chaperone. If you have not, but would like to chaperone, please let me know by April 14th. I will then let you know if you have been chosen. The cost for a chaperone would be \$16.

Keep an eye out for a short email about different classroom activities that are coming up in our classroom. Here is a short letter that will be attached to my email as well: <https://canva.link/41tvita1ztg66kc>

Dates to Remember:

- April 14-Crown Community Meeting 6:30 PM Berea
- April 15- Late Start ([Sign Up for Childcare](#))
- April 16- Crown Community Dine Out, McDonald's 4-6 PM
- April 23- I-Ready Testing in Reading
- April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical
- May 15- End of the year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary (more details will be coming)
- May 20- Junior Olympic Day

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to pray for the strength to remain faithful to God. We will also learn to share our faith with others.

Memory Work:

April 14: 2nd Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

April 16: Acts 5:29 We must obey God rather than men.

Math: This week, 2nd grade will wrap up our unit on measurement. 1st grade will wrap up our unit on shapes. We will also find the total value of a group of bills.

Reading: We will read a story called Half Chicken.

Science: We will continue our science units on plants and animals. We will be learning about their habitats.

Writing: We will begin our unit on Poetry.

Phonics: 2nd grade: Low frequency spellings: ew, eu, ue, and ou. 1st grade: ee, ea, and ey.

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

CONGRATULATIONS 2ND GRADERS!!! 🍦 We have won (along with the 5th graders) the whole school reading challenge. We will be getting a trip to Frostie Freeze. Job well done, everyone!

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On Friday, May 15, the 1st-4th Grades will be going on an end-of-the-year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary. Please read this [Field Trip](#) letter for more information. I am looking for 5 chaperones to join us that day. If you would like to chaperone, please let me know by April 17th. **I will then let you know if you have been chosen.** The cost for a chaperone would be \$16. Thank you to everyone who has already let me know they would like to chaperone.

Dates to Remember:

- April 14-Crown Community Meeting 6:30 PM Berea
- April 15- Late Start ([Sign Up for Childcare](#))
- April 16- Crown Community Dine Out, McDonald's 4-6 PM
- April 22- I-Ready Testing in Reading
- April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical
- May 15- End of the year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary (more details will be coming)
- May 20- Junior Olympic Day

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to pray for the strength to remain faithful to God. We will also learn to share our faith with others.

Memory Work:

April 14: 2nd Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

April 16: Acts 5:29 We must obey God rather than men.

Math: This week, we will begin Chapter 11. In Chapter 11 we will learn about measurement. We will also begin to study time. We will continue learning multiplication. We are having so much fun with that.

Reading: We will read a story called Half Chicken. The target skill we will focus on is Cause and Effect. The target strategy will be to visualize.

Social Studies: We are going to begin to learn about North America.

Science: We will finish learning about penguins this week. We will finish with learning about their life cycle.

Writing: Each student has chosen a penguin to research. We have begun the research process.

Phonics: Low frequency spellings: Alternate ch, gn, gh, silent t; -sion, -tion

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

The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. The expectation is that everyone attends and participates in the musical. Please put it on your calendar for Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 pm. **IF YOUR STUDENT CAN NOT BE THERE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP!!**

Mrs. Thayer is officially on maternity leave. Please see the email link below if you need to reach out to Mrs.Vose with any questions or information moving forward. ([Email contact](#))

Upcoming Dates:

- **April 14 - Crown Community Meeting at Berea 6:30 PM**
- **April 15- Late Start ([Sign up for Child Care](#))**
- **April 16 - Crown Dine Out - McDonald's 4-6 PM**
- **April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical**
- **May 15th- END of the YEAR field trip- Shalom Wildlife Park/ZOO- [Chaperones have been picked for 3rd grade. A reminder email will be coming closer to this trip with details on your student groups and responsibilities](#) 😊**

Christ Light: 7A Elijah and Prophets of Baal, 7B Naboth's Vineyard, 8A Elijah goes to Heaven

Memory Work: See April memory work calendar

Math: 12.2-12.5 Elapsed Time

Reading: Lesson: "Sarah Plain and Tall"

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

Social Studies: How America Works Unit magazine

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

Can you believe we are only 6 weeks away from the end of the year?! It's been such a great year, and I have seen such great growth in all the 4th-grade scholars. Please encourage your son/daughter to keep pushing themselves this 4th quarter to finish strong! I know we can do it! (We are so close to filling our marble jar!)

A couple of reminders: It is still chilly in the morning for recess, and many times the temperature requires a jacket or coat still. Please be sure those are still being sent. Also, we are continuing to work on our musical that is scheduled for April 30th. If your son/daughter is NOT going to be there, please let me know ASAP. We are really looking to the 4th-grade scholars to be our leaders for this great musical. If your son/daughter has a speaking part, please work with them on it at home so that it is memorized.

I could still use some chaperones for our farm trip and our May 15th trip to Shalom. Let me know if you are available. Thanks!

Dates to remember:

- **April 14 - Crown Community Meeting 6:30 Berea**

- **April 15 - Late Start Day ([Sign up for child care](#))**
- **April 16 - Crown Dine Out Night - McDonald's 4-6 PM**
- **April 23rd-Capital/Children's Museum Field Trip (Students will need cold lunch)**
- **April 30th-1-4th Play**
- **May 6th-Kutz Dairy Farm-still need some drivers/chaperones**
- **May 15th-Shalom Field Trip-still need chaperones.**

What we are learning in 4th Grade:

Christ Light: This week, we will be exploring David and his sin as well as his forgiveness from the Lord. We will also read about Absalom and his sin.

Memory work: Tuesday, April 14th-7th Commandment with explanation and 9th Commandment with explanation. Thursday, April 16th-Psalm 23:6 and 7th Petition to the Lord's Prayer.

Reading: Our biography we will be reading this week is titled, 'I Could Do That.' We will be working on the skill of cause and effect and exploring the topic of Civil Rights.

Grammar: In grammar, we will talk and work on negatives.

Writing: We will finish our rough drafts and work on adding more detail to those drafts. We will also be working on good transitions in our writing.

Math: We will continue with Chapter 8 and learn how to add and subtract fractions.

Social Studies: We will be exploring U.S. landmarks and how each landmark is important to the region it is in.

Science: This week, we will be looking at how animals use their 5 senses to learn about their environment.

Middle School Classrooms

5th- MRS. BROWN (5-8 ELA),
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ψ TO THE POINT DATES

- April 14: DARE Graduation at 6 pm at Fort High School
- April 14: Crown Community Meeting
- April 15: Late Start ([Sign Up For Child Care](#))
- April 16: Dine Out Night - McDonald's 4-6 PM
- April 17: 5-6 Grade Field Trip to Hoard Museum
- May 20: Junior Olympics
- May 22: Last Day!
- **Every day: God is Good!**



ψ LEARN AND GROW

CHRIST LIGHT: We will finish our group presentations for the **Fruits of the Spirit**. We have only a few to go – Kindness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. I look forward to issuing their awards next week! Then, we'll just go back into our Christ Light studies with the story of Samson. (The Memory Work link is found [HERE](#).)

ELA 5+6: The class wrote Sentences 1-4 of the 20 Sentence Narrative Challenge. This week, we'll work on fine-tuning those with specific word choices that showcase the mood and tone they selected for their story. In grammar, we'll dive into quotation marks. In roots, we are studying CIRCUM.



ELA 7+8: Holy Moly! Only two more root weeks to go! We're cruising into Roots 19 this week, called "Oh, the Places You'll Go," featuring VI, URB, and TERR. God's blessings on the 8th graders as they travel south for their class trip! (I'm letting them skip their roots test!) In grammar, we'll work on using commas correctly in sentences. They are tricky!

LITERATURE: With Earth Day approaching next week, we'll spend some time going through a Reader's Theater Skit. The class will then be divided into Literature Circle Groups (aka Book Clubs) and will read a novel together. I love their love of reading!

CATEGORIES: List 5 things that you're likely to see at a wedding.

👉 **STAY SHARP REMINDERS**

Congrats to my brainy, 5th graders! Along with the second-grade class, we WON the March reading challenge! Frosty Freeze is in our future. Woo-hoo! Way to go! Your teacher is proud. 📖 **Keep reading!**

Quick In-Town Field Trip! With 8th grade being gone, 7th on their own adventure, the 5th and 6th grade teachers decided we'd better head out on our own fun! We'll be heading to the Hoard Museum shortly after chapel this upcoming Friday, April 17, back for lunch as normal, and then, weather permitting, some kickball fun in the afternoon. There is no need for drivers, since we have enough staff to cover the classes. Should be a fun, last-minute trip for learning outside the classroom!

See you all at DARE Graduation. Here are the details once more:

When: Tuesday, April 14 @ 6 PM (Please arrive by 5:50)

Where: Fort Atkinson High School Auditorium (Enter the main entrance doors and follow the crowd to the right)

Who + What: All 5th Graders in Fort Atkinson schools will be there. Kids should wear their DARE t-shirts, and any bottom is fine. I'll be there to gather the class to our designated spot up front for CLCA. Parents and family members can sit anywhere in the back/sides. Kids will get to go up on stage and receive their certificate from Officer Enger and me. Our class essay winner will be announced, too! It's a memorable night. Please let me know only if you are unable to make it.

Send gym clothes in on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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

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

Thoughts from God's Word

John 20:28 - Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

By nature, we are skeptical people. If we hear something that is too good to believe, we demand proof. In everyday life, there might be a place for skepticism, but never when we deal with God and his Word. God's Word tells us, **"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see"** (Heb. 11:1). Jesus had promised his resurrection from the dead numerous times before he died. He had proven he was the Son of God by his words and his deeds. Even the Emmaus disciples testified to this. **(Jesus) "was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people"** (Luke 24:19). Like us, Thomas struggled. He heard from multiple sources that Jesus was alive, but he had not seen Jesus. Thomas' faith was weak. He wanted proof. So Jesus met Thomas where he was at. He showed Thomas his hands and his side. Thomas then confessed that Jesus was his Lord, his God, his Savior. Jesus meets us in our doubts. When we doubt whether we are forgiven, he tells us, **"Friend, your sins are forgiven"** (Luke 6:20). When we doubt whether God loves us, Jesus tells us, **"I have loved you with an everlasting love"** (Jer. 31:3). When we worry about losing our faith, Jesus declares to believers, **"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand"** (John 10:28). All the proof we need that Jesus is our resurrected Lord, God, and Savior who loves us dearly and gives us eternal life is in his Word.

We can face each day boldly with certainty as we wait for the day when he will take us home to himself in heaven.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, April 14 - Crown Community Meeting 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 15 - 10:00 school start ([Sign Up For Child Care](#))
- Thursday, April 16 - Crown Community Dine Out - McDonald's 4-6 PM
- Friday, April 17 - Grade 5 and 6 field trip to Hoard Museum
- Saturday, May 2 - Track Meet at Lakeside
- Saturday, May 9 - Track Meet at Fort High 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: God has given the Keys (the ability to forgive or not forgive sins) to all believers. We are to forgive all people who repent of their sins. We reassure them that God has forgiven them. When people do not repent of their sins, we are to warn them and not forgive them, so they see their need to repent. Review -Tuesday
- Memory Work: Monday - Passages 22-25; Wednesday - Passages 1-5; next Monday Passages 6-10
- 5-6 Geography: Geography reports April 8-15
- 5-6 History: We will look at life in the Middle Ages and how the Church shaped the period.
- 7-8 History: For the rest of the school year, we will study the Civil War. We will explore how the Civil War brought lasting changes to the United States. Many changes came at the end of the war. Slavery was abolished, citizenship and voting rights were given to African Americans, and the nation was united by railroads and other forms of communication. Other changes occurred during the war. People were exposed to parts of the United States they had never seen before. There were advances in medicine, weapons, and methods of fighting. Even the makeup of the military and the roles of commanders changed.
Key Assignments: Civil War Battles Quiz - May 12; Final President Quiz - May 14; Civil War Pictobiography - May 19
- Literature: We will continue reading our Collections textbook this week. Our focus this quarter is on reviewing reading skills and searching for textual evidence to support knowledge and opinions about the text. The textbook provides a great opportunity for the students to handle challenging work and grow in their reading. I know they can do it. Thanks for supporting your scholar as they grow during the quarter.

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

Bible History/Hymnology: Pastor Paul, who teaches 7th-grade doctrine, will be attending a conference this week. I will be teaching bible history all week, filling in for Pastor Paul. This week in bible history, we will complete the last two chapters in Acts. We will see how Paul continues his teaching while in prison, relying on God to remain steadfast.

7th Grade Literature: This week, students will finish their books from their literature circles. They, as a group, will select a project to do and present to the rest of the class. They will share what they enjoyed or didn't enjoy from their chosen book.

We will continue to work on comprehension, new vocabulary, and spelling words.

5th Math: The 5th-grade students are starting a new chapter on coordinate planes.

6th Math: The 6th-grade students are working on everything about integers.

7th Math: The 7th-grade students will work on constructing polygons and measuring angles.

8th Math: The 8th-grade students will finish their lesson on exponents.

Dates to Remember:

- **April 14: Crown Community Meeting 6:30 PM Berea**
- **April 15: Late Start** ([Sign Up For Child Care](#))
- **April 16: Crown Community Dine Out McDonald's 4-6 PM**
- **April 17: Field Trip- bring a sack lunch**
- **May 20: Jr. Olympics**
- **May 22: Last Day**

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

Science Notes for Middle School

-This week, 5th and 6th grades are learning about embryos and natural selection. We will continue talking about how the same evidence can be used to support Biblical Creation that many use to support the theory of evolution.

-7th & 8th grades are coming up on our “critical juncture” assessment, the first major grade of the quarter. 8th grade will likely take this test before their trip, with the 7th grade taking it either on Thursday or Monday.

8th Grade Notes

-Our “Heroes of Faith” lessons look at the other side of David’s life, learning about his actions to cover his affair with Bathsheba. Memory work for this week will come from Psalm 32. Students will be choosing the passages from the Psalm that they wish to study, and will recite or write their verses on 4/24.

-We skipped the food truck project and moved on to the introductory material for our new novel: Murder on the Orient Express. We spent last week observing and practicing the elements of mystery by reading some short Encyclopedia Brown stories, and playing the games “Clue” and “Among Us”. This week, we will be getting ready to track the mystery by “fan-casting” the characters of the book and setting up the daily assignments to show they’ve been reading. We will start reading the chapters after the class trip.

-Monday volunteering kicked off today! We will not be going out next week due to the class trip, but after getting feedback from students and their volunteer supervisors, I will set up a schedule for the remaining four Mondays when 8th graders will get the chance to volunteer.

-Our class leaves for the big Branson trip this week! Please make sure you are following all the updates from Mr. Lange and the parent chaperones, and reach out if you have any questions.

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

Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music)

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A big **THANK YOU** to all our musicians and families for persevering through a challenging week and showing up this past weekend to represent CLCA at the LLHS Fine Arts Fair. We are so proud of all the solos, ensembles, and group performances of the band/choir. God has truly blessed our scholars with many gifts, and we know it pleases and glorifies Him when we share those gifts with others!

Enrichments 5th-8th

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Here’s what our scholars are up to on Friday afternoons - as they enjoy some enrichment time!

**Cooking Paper, Quilling
Yearbook, Ukuleles
Grounds Crew, Spanish Culture Club
German Culture Club, Gather Round Games**

ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8)

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It's time to check out the middle school artwork at PART 2 of the Mary Hoard Youth Art Show! The show opens on Sunday, April 19, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (awards given at 2:30) and runs during normal museum hours until May 2nd.

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

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

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K-4th is working on a variety of locomotor movements. K-2nd is focusing on jump and hop this week, while 3rd and 4th are working on using these in game-like activities.

The 5th-8th grade is working on skill components of coordination and reaction time.

Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director

Track

- **Track Start:** Track is available to **all students in grades 5-8**. **Track events** include 100m and 200 m sprints; 400m, 800m, and 1600m runs; shot put, discus, and long jump field events. **Track meets** are on May 2 at Lakeside and May 9 at Fort Atkinson High School. **Practices will start on Tuesday, April 7.**
- **Track Practices Will Continue This Week: Please read carefully.** Some athletes may have practices on multiple days and/or at multiple locations. 400, 800, 1600 runners - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at CLCA from 3:30-4:00. Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus athletes - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays at Fort Middle School from 5:30-6:15. 100 and 200 spinters as well as all relay teams - Wednesdays at Fort High School from 6:15-7:00.
- **Weather Announcements.** If track practice is cancelled due to inclement weather, announcements will be posted on the CLCA Athletics page, and an email will be sent to parents.

2026 CLCA TRACK AND FIELD

*Always subject to change, as weather can be a factor
Please note the night on which practices are held for particular events.*

2026 PRACTICE SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

Event: Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus
Location: Fort Atkinson Middle School
Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Time: 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Event: 100M, 200M, All Relays
Location: Fort Atkinson High School
Days: Wednesdays
Time: 6:15 - 7:00 PM

Event: 400M, 800M, 1600M
Location: Crown of Life - Berea
Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
Time: 3:30 - 4:00 PM

2026 TRACK MEETS

May 2: Division Track Meet
7:30-4:00
Lakeside Lutheran High School

May 9: Conference Track Meet
7:30-4:00
Fort Atkinson High School

May 16 State Track Meet
Qualifiers Only
Kettle Moraine HS



Questions? Contact Mr. Holcomb mark.holcomb@crownoflifeacademy.org

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!



We're Looking For

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open positions :

+ Vice Chair (1 year) to move to Chair for a 2 year term

Work with the Chair to plan/support activities held by Crown Community. Attend Board/General Crown Community meetings. Solicit/support volunteers running/coordinating activities.



+ Communications Chair (2 year term)

Promote all Crown Community events via social media and other avenues.

Please send your interest to :

cc@crownoflifeacademy.org

OR

Come to our General Membership meeting on April 14th! 6:30pm

