



Week #34, April 27, 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

Mid-terms

Mid-term reports for grades 5-8 will go home today. Please check backpacks!

1st-4th Musical - HATS! HELP!

This Thursday... It's SHOW TIME! "HATS! A Musical About What's Underneath" will be performed by our 1st-4th graders. Join us on **Thursday, April 30th, at 6 PM in the Berea Gym!**

Annual Plant Sale

Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church is hosting its annual plant sale on **April 30 (12-6 PM) and May 1 (10 AM-4 PM)**. You'll find a beautiful selection of plants—and we're especially grateful that a portion of the proceeds will be generously donated to support our Academy!

Track Meet at LLHS, May 2

We wish our Track & Field athletes God's blessings as they compete at **Lakeside on Saturday**. Parents - please watch for an important track email this evening, filled with details!

Crown Community Meeting

Our final Crown Community Meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday, May 5th, at 6 PM, at the Berea Campus**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thanks to the Crown Community for making plans to celebrate our staff from **May 4 to May 8! Sign up to Help!**

Spring Recital

We're excited to hear our talented scholars in piano, band, and strings take the stage at the Spring Recital on **Thursday, May 7, at 6:00 PM** at the Berea Campus.

Bethany Campus- Special

Guest Day Our 2K-5K scholars look forward to having a special guest visit them at school on **Friday, May 8, from 10 AM - 11:15**.

Berea: Junior Olympic Day

Our Junior Olympic committee is hard at work planning our annual Jr. Olympic Field Day. This will be on **Wednesday, May 20 (Rain or Shine)**. We will be looking for about 15 volunteers soon, so keep that date in mind if interested!

Bethany: Junior Olympic Day

On **May 21st, our Bethany Campus** will host special Junior Olympic Field Day activities! Our Middle School Knights will step in as helpers, so no parent volunteers are needed. We're looking forward to a fun, age-appropriate games and activities!

Upcoming CLCA Events

- Apr 27 - 29: WELSSA Accreditation
- Apr 29: LLHS Math Meet
- Apr 30: 1-4 Spring Musical 6 PM
- Apr 30-May 1: Plant Sale Abiding Shepherd
- May 2: Track Meet at LLHS
- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5: Crown Community Meeting
- May 7: Spring Recital (Band, piano, strings)
- May 8: Bethany Special Guest Day

Golf Outing - June 2nd

The Annual CLCA Golf Outing will be on June 2nd! Register or Be a Sponsor!
[Golf Outing Website](#)

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@crownofficeacademy.org

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

The [2026-2027 Academic Calendar](#) is complete. We plan to follow this schedule; however, unforeseen circumstances make it important to remind everyone that the calendar is subject to change.

Early Childhood Classrooms

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

This Week's Focus:

Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Bible Lesson: Faithful Stephen



Fine Motor Development: Students are strengthening fine motor skills through hands-on activities that build control and coordination. Cutting along lines develops scissor skills and hand-eye coordination, while cherry blossom stamping and coloring support grip strength and proper tool use. Spraying water onto crepe paper also encourages finger control. Together, these activities help build the small muscle strength needed for writing and everyday tasks.

Social/Language: Students are building social and language skills through stories, songs, and group activities. While reading *"There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Cow,"* they take turns using props, practicing listening, following directions, and speaking in a group. Songs support vocabulary development, and daily activities encourage conversation, sharing, and expressing ideas, helping build communication skills and confidence.

Math: Students are building early math skills through hands-on spring activities. Cherry blossom stamping supports counting, patterns, and concepts like more and less, while the umbrella project introduces cause and effect and observing changes. Cutting along lines reinforces spatial awareness, and songs and group activities help strengthen number recognition and sequencing.

Science: Students are exploring science concepts through hands-on spring activities. The umbrella project introduces cause and effect, absorption, and color mixing, while cherry blossom stamping encourages observation of how flowers grow. Discussions about rain and spring help students learn about weather and how it supports plant growth, fostering curiosity and early scientific thinking.

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Cow (Interactive Poem/Props)
- Silhouette Rain Process Art (Spraybottles and Crape Paper Outside!)
- Recycled Bottle Flower Painting
- Scissor Practice (Cut to the Flower)
- Shape Sort/Match- Farm Animal Theme
- *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 send your child to school in closed-toe shoes, such as sneakers. Crocs and sandals can make it difficult for children to safely play and move around on the woodchips during outdoor time. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable!

Dates to Remember:

- April 29th&30- Picnic Lunch Outside (**Please pack a cold lunch this day as we won't be able to heat anything up**)
- May 8th- Special Guest Day 10-11:15

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

This week's Focus

Theme: April showers bring May flowers

Bible Lesson: Faithful Stephen

Fine Motor Development: Q-tip painting, coloring, tracing, stamping, cutting

Literacy: Letter "Y"

Science: This week in science, we are diving into the idea that "April showers bring May flowers." Students will be exploring how flowers grow and what they need to thrive. We'll be learning about the basic parts of a plant and their roles, as well as the essential elements for growth, such as water, sunlight, soil, and air. Through hands-on activities and discussions, students will observe how these factors work together to support plant life. Our goal is to help students understand the life cycle of plants and develop an appreciation for how nature changes with the seasons. You can support this learning at home by encouraging your child to observe plants in your yard or neighborhood and talk about what they notice.

Math: This week in math, we are continuing to build our counting skills in a fun, hands-on way as we connect our learning to our spring theme. Students will be practicing number recognition and one-to-one correspondence by counting objects carefully and matching quantities to numbers. We will be working with numbers in a developmentally appropriate range and focusing on accuracy as we count. In our sensory bin this week, we have added flowers with pipe cleaners as stems. Each flower has a number on it, and children will be encouraged to place the correct number of beads onto each flower stem. This activity helps strengthen counting skills, fine motor development, and number recognition all at once.

Books: Rain, rain go away, Counting in the garden, The tiny seed, Safe in a storm, Storm is coming, 5 little raindrops, A raindrop hit my nose, Where is the weather today, Flower garden, Cloudy with a chance of meatballs

Song of the week: Brand new day (Danny Go)

Get up and move: April showers bring May flowers (Kiboomers), The Milipede March (Danny Go)

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

Bible Lesson: Faithful Stephen



Memory Treasure: "Do not fear, for I am with you" Isaiah 41:10

Literacy: We continue our letter review. We are reviewing each letter sound, how to write it in both upper and lower case, and making our alphabet book each day. This week's letters are J, K, L, M, and N.

Math: We have completed our units in Math for the year. We'll begin a review of some of the concepts that are most important for next year. Our focus this week is a review of the numbers 1-20.

Social Studies: Our seeds are doing nicely, and many have sprouted and been repotted. This week, we are learning about what plants need to grow- sun, soil, water, and air.

Important Dates:

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

Ella is student of the week!

Bible Lesson: The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:1-15; 7:51-8:4)

Memory Treasure: Do not fear, for I am with you. (Isaiah 41:10)

Literacy: We have learned all the letters of the alphabet! Now we will begin reviewing the letters and their sounds, working on J, K, L, M, and N this week.

Nursery Rhyme: Little Bo Peep

Show-and-tell: Friday- Bring something that is your choice! (Please, nothing with batteries or that makes loud noises!)

Math: We will finish our unit on 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 about the plant life cycle.

Upcoming:

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!



Both Kindergarten classrooms are working really hard at being kind and helpful friends with patient mouths and safe hands. Being a **R.U.L.E.R.** is what we aim for, building **Respectful, Understanding, Learning to**

Lead, Empathetic, Responsible young scholars. You, parents, have made great teammates this school year. Thank you for finishing the school year strong with me and supporting our little knights.

Math has us excited as we dig into measurement: rulers, scales, charts. **Phonics** focuses on the digraph “wh” and also introduces “ng”. The ❤️ word is “what”. **Reading** introduces us to Jane Goodall and her chimps as we ask, “What Can I Learn When I Look Closely?” **Writing** has us mastering questions as we become young reporters and investigators. **Social Studies** will be finishing up the Map Unit by discovering continents on a globe. Finally, **ChristLight** encourages us to willingly tell others the good news that Jesus saved us from our sins. We will see how God used two men from the Old Testament, Namman and Jonah, to do just this.

Add These to Your Calendar:

- **May 8:** Special Guest Day 10:00-11:15
 - **May 15:** Field trip to Janesville’s Peace and Palmer Parks
 - **May 19:** 5K Graduation Night @ Bethany Campus
 - **May 21:** Jr. Olympics Bethany Campus
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5K- MRS. STEFANSKI, kayla.stefanski@crownoflifeacademy.org

Another reminder about classroom behaviors. We are focusing on how we can be a RULER in and out of the classroom. RULER stands for Respect, Understanding, Learning to Lead, Empathetic, and Responsible. We are actively working on this at school by reviewing expectations, practicing positive behaviors, and reinforcing routines each day. We are also recognizing and celebrating students who make positive choices.

We would greatly appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home. Simple conversations about listening, respect, responsibility, and making good choices can make a big difference. Encouraging your child to share about their day—and talking through how they handle challenges—helps build consistency between home and school.

Our goal is always to create a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where every child can succeed.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Check out what we are learning this week:

Phonics: This week, we are learning the digraphs *wh* and *ng*. We are adding the word “what” to our snap word list.

Reading: We are reading a biography and practicing making inferences and connections. We will also practice comparing and contrasting our two books for the week.

Math: We finish unit 13 this week, learning about capacity and describing objects using attributes. We will take our Chapter 13 assessment and complete an overall kindergarten math assessment.

Writing: We will continue to learn about writing informational (research) stories. We will practice organizing our thoughts, writing an introduction, and writing a conclusion.

Science: We continue our unit on Plants. We started an experiment last week where we planted 6 bean seeds in different types of environments. We made predictions and will watch our seeds grow (or not). We will study plant needs, how they make food, reproduce, and learn the life cycle of plants.

Christ Light: We learn how to be brave to share God’s Word with others and how important it is.

Bible Stories: Elisha and the Kind Woman, A Young Girl Helps Naaman, and Jonah.

Add These to Your Calendar:

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

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

May 19: 5K Graduation Night

May 21: Jr. Olympics Bethany Campus

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.
- A reminder: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. **This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear.** Please read it and let me know if you have any questions. Please bring the hats to school ASAP so we know what we have and can practice with them.

Dates to Remember

- **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)**
- **May 20th - Jr. Olympic Day**

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

Reading: Jack's Train Trip & breaking down syllables practice

Writing: Review nouns, pronouns & adjectives; Sentences and expanding beyond simple sentences

Phonics: Diphthongs: ou & ow for /ow/ as in cloud and cow; Silent letters: kn for /n/, wr for /r/, and mb for /m/ as in knife, write, and lamb

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to be content with the things that God has given us.

Memory Work:

April 21: From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

April 23: Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

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

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Dates to Remember:

- **April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical @ 6:00**
- **May 7 - I-Ready Testing in Math**
- **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 want to share God's Word with others.

Memory Work:

April 28: Because I live, you also will live.

April 29: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Math: This week, 1st and 2nd grade will begin learning about telling time. We will also finish up our unit on money.

Reading: We will read a story called The Mysterious Tadpole.

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

Writing: We will continue learning about different types of Poetry.

Phonics: 2nd grade: Suffix: -ish, meaning somewhat or likely to; -y meaning full of or described as. 1st grade: Diphthongs: ou & ow for /ow/ as in cloud and cow; Silent letters: kn for /n/, wr for /r/, and mb for /m/ as in knife, write, and lamb

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 going to Frostie Freeze on Friday, May 8. Mrs. Brown and I are looking for people to help us get the students there. We would leave at 12:45 and return by 1:45. If you can help drive the students, please let me know.

A reminder: The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical this week Thursday. Please have your students arrive at their classroom at 5:45. **This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear.**

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.

Dates to Remember:

- **April 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical @ 6:00**
- **May 6- I-Ready Testing in Math**
- **May 8- Frostie Freeze @12:45**
- **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 want to share God's Word with others.

Memory Work:

April 28: Because I live, you also will live.

April 29: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Math: This week, we will be measuring objects using meters, centimeters, and inches. We will continue learning telling time to the five minutes.

Reading: We will begin reading a story called From Seed to Plant The target skill we will focus on is text and graphic features. The target strategy will be to monitor and clarify.

Social Studies: This week, we will learn about the bodies of water and landforms in North America.

Science: We are close to finishing up our penguin unit. We are working hard on our final research projects.

Writing: We will begin to learn and write adverbs. We will also be writing some poems.

Phonics: Suffix: -ish, meaning somewhat or likely to; -y meaning full of or described as

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

A reminder: APRIL 30th at 6 pm - The 1st-4th Grades will be putting on a Spring Musical. **This [Hats Newsletter](#) will give you more information about what the students should wear.** Please read it and let me know if you have any questions.

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 30- 1st-4th Grade Musical**
- **May 6 - I-Ready Math testing**
- **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: 9B God Sends Jonah, 10A Hezekiah's Prayer, 10B God heals Hezekiah

Memory Work: See April memory work calendar

Math: Chap 12 Test, 14.1 - 14.3 Analyze Data

Reading: Lesson: "The Journey of Oliver K Woodman"

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

Social Studies: Mapping our World

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

4 weeks! That's all we have! And I know these 4th-grade scholars can finish strong.

Our trip to the capital and the children's museum was great. We had such beautiful weather, and the kids were great. Thank you to our amazing chaperones that day and to all you parents for reminding your son/daughter how to be a RULER and show Savior-School-and-Self. I hope they came home with many stories (and maybe a little tired).

As we look ahead, there is a lot going on, yet this school year, so please pay close attention to this section as well as the general announcements. The biggest one is our play this Thursday! The students have been practicing hard and are excited to perform for you. If you still have questions regarding costumes or what your son/daughter needs to wear, please let me know. Students should be in the classroom no earlier than 5:45. The musical starts at 6.

Dates to remember:

- **April 30th-1-4th Play. Arrive by 5:45.**
- **May 5th-iReady math testing.**
- **May 6th-Kutz Dairy Farm**
- **May 15th-Shalom Field Trip**
- **May 20th-Junior Olympic Field Day**

What we are learning in 4th Grade:

Christ Light: We will read about Ahab, Elijah, and Naboth this week. Through these two lessons, we will learn how to pray for God's help to share the law and gospel with unbelievers, as well as how to be satisfied with the blessings that God has given us.

Memory work: Tuesday, April 28th-Matthew 28:19 and 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed with Explanation.

Thursday, April 30th-Deuteronomy 33:27a and 2nd Commandment with Explanation.

Reading: This week, we will read Owen and Mzee and practice

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

Writing: We will work on editing and revising our rough drafts of our narratives.

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: We will continue to talk about our senses and specifically how animals use them to explore their environment.

Middle School Classrooms

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

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↓ TO THE POINT DATES

- April 20: I-Ready Reading Test
- May 5: I-Ready Math Test
- May 15: Mrs. B gone in the afternoon for the 8th Grade Softball Tournament
- May 20: Junior Olympics
- May 22: Last Day!
- **Every day: God is Good!**



↓ LEARN AND GROW

CHRIST LIGHT: This week, we'll be reading the stories of Ruth and Boaz, as well as David and Goliath. The Memory Work link is found [HERE](#).) Memory Work #10 (Psalm 50:15) will be recited on Wednesday.

ELA 5+6: Tuesday marks our final spelling test of the year on the root CENT. We'll dive into LITER next. In writing, we're reaching the high point of the climax in our 20 Sentence Narrative Challenge with sentences 11-13. These have to be STRONG sentences to shift the story. In grammar, the class will be studying the kinds of brackets and semicolons.

ELA 7+8: And...we're off! The last roots of the year is this week. Roots 20 is Meet Me in the Middle featuring med/semi/hemi, and equ. In writing, we're reaching the high point of the climax in our 20 Sentence Narrative Challenge with sentences 11-13. These have to be STRONG sentences to shift the story. In grammar, the class will be studying ellipses.

LITERATURE: Book clubs have their first meetings with me this week! Kids need to be prepared with their weekly work on the following days:

- Mondays: Catch-up Day
- Tuesdays: Mysteries According to Humphry
- Wednesdays: Wildfire
- Thursdays: Mount Everest Mystery + Save Me a Seat
- Fridays: Wish + Sink or Swim

CATEGORIES: List 5 signs you'd see on the side of the road. (must be real signs)

↓ STAY SHARP REMINDERS

Congrats to my brainy, 5th graders! 🍷 We have won (along with the 2nd graders) the whole school reading challenge. We will be going to Frostie Freeze on Friday, May 8. Mrs. H and I are looking for people to help us get the students there. We would leave at 12:45 and return by 1:45. If you can help drive the students, please let me know. Thank you!

Earth Day Skit Photos added to the album:
[Mrs. Brown's CLCA 25-26 Photos - 5th Grade and More](#)



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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

I Peter 1:3 “In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.”

Peter knew guilt and shame. On Holy Thursday evening, he had denied Jesus three times. He had looked inwardly to his own strength to resist temptation and had failed. Then his Lord had been crucified and died. Can you imagine how Peter felt all day Saturday? Yet because of Easter, Peter could write, “In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope.” Peter understood God’s mercy and forgiveness. Peter saw the empty tomb. Jesus personally appeared to Peter. Jesus formally reinstated Peter as an apostle and assured him that he was forgiven. Therefore, Peter knew he had the hope of eternal life. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead guaranteed his forgiveness and his home in heaven.

Like Peter, we have failed to live Christian lives. We have taken the easy way out. We have not boldly proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ when we had the opportunity. We have not carried our crosses. We know guilt. When the feelings of I could have...I should have...If only...remind us of our sins and failures, remember Christ’s abundant mercy and forgiveness that are ours because of his resurrection from the dead. We can rest secure because God gives us freedom from guilt and an inheritance that cannot be taken away from us, no matter how badly life may be going for us. Celebrate. Live for Christ. You are a redeemed child of your Savior.

Important Dates

- Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29 - Accreditation Team members on campus; be sure to welcome them.
- Tuesday, April 28 - The librarian will introduce the summer reading program.
- Thursday, April 30 - I-ready testing Day 1
- Saturday, May 2 - Track Meet at Lakeside
- Tuesday, May 5 - I-ready testing Day 2

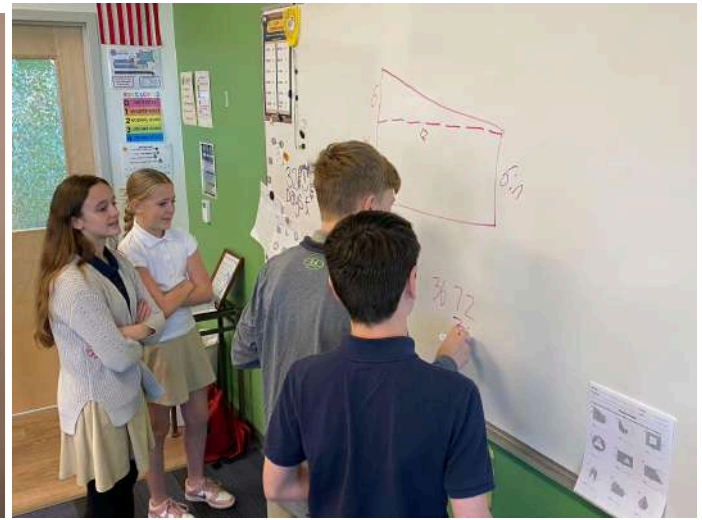
- Saturday, May 9 - Track Meet at Fort High School
- Wednesday, May 20 - Jr. Olympics Day
- Thursday, May 21 - Sixth-grade class trip fun day (Information will be coming near the beginning of May)
- Friday, May 22 - Last day

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 all believers the privilege of coming to him in prayer. He tells us to call upon him, and he will hear and answer us. Therefore, we pray boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear Father. This week, we will look at the First Petition. God's name is indeed holy by itself, but we ask God to help us keep it holy by teaching His Word in its truth and purity and living God-pleasing lives according to it.
- Memory Work: Monday - Passages 16-20; Wednesday - Passages 21-25; next Monday Passages 1-10
- 5-6 Geography: none this week
- 5-6 History: We will study life during the Renaissance. The Renaissance saw the growth of towns in Europe. Culture and the arts thrived during this time period and influenced our world today. One of the biggest impacts was the English Bill of Rights, which inspired our American Bill of Rights. We will also look at the impacts of Queen Elizabeth, Henry VII, and Shakespeare.
- 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.
Reminder: Literature skills review quizzes are every Friday. The quizzes are on material we have covered during the year. Last week's quiz was great! This week's new page is page 4. The quiz is on pages 1-4.

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





Bible History/Hymnology: The 7th-grade students have recently completed the Book of Acts. For the remainder of the school year, they will be selecting passages to read and creating PowerPoint presentations based on their chosen readings. Each student will then present their PowerPoint to their classmates.

7th Grade Literature: The class has chosen *Ghost Boys* as their final novel. This story thoughtfully explores important themes such as racism, gun violence, justice, and empathy in a way that is accessible for young readers. Students will read selected chapters each day and write a response or summary to reflect their understanding. In addition to the novel study, they will continue to build their skills in spelling, vocabulary, and comprehension.

5th Math: The 5th-grade students are starting a new math chapter. They will focus on how to solve volumes of 3-dimensional shapes.

6th Math: The 6th-grade students will focus on points and images on coordinate planes.

7th Math: The 7th-grade students are starting a new chapter on the surface area of 3-dimensional shapes

8th Math: The 8th-grade students will continue their study of the Pythagorean Theory. They will also solve problems relating to cubed roots.

Dates to Remember:

- **Apr 29: LLHS Math Meet**
- **May 20: Jr. Olympics**
- **May 21: Bethany Campus Jr. Olympics**
- **May 22: Last Day**

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

Science Notes for Middle School

-As of today, we have finished listening to and outlining the arguments of Ken Ham and Bill Nye regarding Creation and Genesis in our 5th and 6th-grade science classes. This week, we will view their counterarguments and how they answer questions from the audience. We will conclude the unit by explaining which participant had the better argument based on evidence.

-Chapter 4 started last week, with 7th and 8th graders looking at how light waves interact with things on the ocean floor. We will move quickly through Chapter 4 this week and conclude the week with a written claim and the final test for the unit.

8th Grade Notes

-For religion class this week, we are starting to look at the ministry of Elijah in 1 Kings. Students will be picking their own passage for memory work this week based on what they are writing their end-of-the-year devotions about.

-We have finished Part 1 of our mystery and will be proceeding with Part 2: The Interviews. Students got a few practice opportunities with chapters 5-6, and I'll start grading their daily work this week. Our fan-casting of the book features such luminaries as Megamind, Mama Coco, and Jim Carrey. Our board tracking the progress of the case is quickly filling up!

-Student volunteering continued today at Reena, Bethany, and Berea. It's part of a busy end to the school year, but part of our effort to finish the year strong and leave a good impression of our graduates as they say goodbye to their middle school careers.

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

<p>Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music) marie.becker@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Spring Recital When: May 7th at 6 pm Who: Students in piano, band, and strings.</p> <p>8th Grade Graduation When: May 21st at 6 pm Who: ALL students in 5th -7th Grade</p> <p>Please return choir polos ASAP!</p>	<p>Enrichments 5th-8th sarah.moore@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>Here's what our scholars are up to on Friday afternoons - as they enjoy some enrichment time!</p> <p>Cooking Paper, Quilling Yearbook, Ukuleles Grounds Crew, Spanish Culture Club German Culture Club, Gather Round Games</p>
<p>ART - MR.HELGESTAD (5K-8) barry.helgestad@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>It's time to check out the middle school artwork at PART 2 of the Mary Hoard Youth Art Show! The show is open during normal museum hours until May 2nd.</p> <p>Congrats to 6th graders, Noah D. and Briella J., for earning special recognition for their award-winning art! To God be the glory!</p> <p>SEE WHAT CLCA STUDENTS ARE STUDYING AND CREATING</p>	<p>Phy. Ed - MRS. TOWNE (5K-8) mallory.towne@crownoflifeacademy.org</p> <p>K-8th grade is on their last unit of the academic school year: BACKYARD GAMES!</p> <p>K-4th will focus on striking a ball with their hand during the first backyard games while 5th-8th grade will focus on learning the rules of Spikeball</p>

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. Those who qualify will participate in the State Track Meet at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on May 16.
- **Track Practices Will Continue This Week: Please read carefully as some times have changed from last week.** 400, 800, 1600 runners - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at CLCA from 3:30-4:15. Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus athletes - Monday and Tuesday at Fort Middle School from 5:30-6:15 and Thursday 5:15-5:45. 100 and 200 sprinters - Wednesday at Fort High School from 6:15-7:15. All relay teams - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at CLCA from 3:30-4:15 and Wednesday at Fort High School from 6:15-7:15.
- **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.
- **Track Meet Saturday.** Our first track meet is at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills on Saturday, May 2. Mrs. Rahn will be sending an email to all track families with details about the meet later this evening. If you do not receive the email, please contact Mr. Holcomb or Mrs. Rahn so we can forward the information to you. We look forward to a great day of representing our Savior, our school, and ourselves.
- **Conference Track Meet.** After our track meet on Saturday, our coaches will need to immediately register athletes for the Conference Track Meet at Fort Atkinson High School on May 9. We are allowed only two athletes per grade, per gender, per event. Distances and times from practices and the Lakeside Track Meet will be used to determine the athletes for each event. Because of the limited nature of the track meet, sometimes athletes are asked to try events that might not be their first choice. Please be understanding if this happens and present the situation in a positive light to your child as an opportunity to try something new, participate, and grow as an athlete.

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!

8th-grade parent chaperones, THANK YOU for a wonderful trip!



