



Week #35, May 4, 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

It's BOOK FAIR Week!

Our final Scholastic Book Fair (ever) is open for business **after school Mon-Thursday!** There is still room for some help later in the week, and with the take-down on Friday.

[Volunteer to Help Here!](#)

Crown Community Meeting

Our final Crown Community Meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday, May 5th, at 6:30 PM, at the Berea Campus.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Teacher Appreciation

It's Teacher Appreciation Week! If you are interested in helping our Crown Community with meals/snacks, there are still some opportunities to [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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.**

CC Dine out - WEDL'S

Next Tuesday, **May 12th,** is our final Crown Community Dine-Out! Enjoy Wedl's Hamburgers and Ice Cream from **11 am- 8 pm!**

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 to help with the day's events (8:15 - 1:30). Please [SIGN-UP HERE TO ASSIST.](#)

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!

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.

Upcoming CLCA Events

- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 5: Crown Community Meeting
- May 7: Spring Recital (Band, piano, strings)
- May 8: Bethany Special Guest Day
- May 9: Track Meet at FAHS
- May 12: CC Dine Out - Wedl's 11A-8P
- May 13: 4K to Henry Vilas Zoo
- May 15: 1-4 to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary, 5K Janesville Parks
- May 15: 8th Grade Softball Tourn.
- May 19: 4K/5K Graduation 6P Bethany
- May 20: Berea Jr Olympic Day
- May 21: Bethany Jr. Olympic Day
- May 21: 8th Grade Graduation
- May 22: Last 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@crownoflifeacademy.org

Early Childhood Classrooms

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

This Week's Focus:

Theme: Zoo Animals/Mother's Day

Bible Lesson: Philip and the Ethiopian

Fine Motor Development: This week, students are strengthening their fine motor skills through a variety of hands-on activities. As they swirl paint in shaving cream, press paper, and scrape it with a ruler, they are developing hand control and coordination. Tracing their hands, placing small stickers, and finger painting with one finger all help build precision and finger strength. Additionally, sorting small zoo animal shapes and colors encourages careful grasping and placement.



Social/Language: This week, students are building social and language skills through group activities and shared experiences. As they sing songs about zoo animals, shapes, and Mother's Day, they are practicing vocabulary, listening, and expressive language. During hands-on activities, they take turns, share materials, and work alongside their peers, which supports cooperation and social interaction. They also engage in conversations by describing their artwork, discussing patterns, and sharing ideas, helping them develop confidence in speaking and communicating with others.

Math: This week, students are building math skills through hands-on sorting and pattern activities. As they group zoo animal shapes by color and shape, they are practicing classification and recognizing similarities and differences. Singing songs about shapes helps reinforce shape recognition, while activities like creating zebra and tiger patterns introduce early concepts of patterns and design. These experiences also support counting, comparing groups, and using basic math vocabulary in a fun and engaging way.

Science: This week, students are developing science skills through hands-on exploration and observation. As they mix paint into shaving cream, they are learning about color mixing and cause and effect. Creating and comparing zebra and tiger patterns encourages them to observe differences and similarities. Throughout these activities, students are also describing what they see, making predictions, and engaging in sensory exploration, all of which support early scientific thinking.

Teacher/Student, Small Group Time:

- There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Cow (Interactive Poem/Props)
- Shaving Cream Swirl Process Art
- Recycled Bottle Flower Painting
- Shape/Color Sort (Zoo 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:

- May 8th- Special Guest Day 10-11:15
- May 21 - Junior Olympics

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

This week's Focus

Theme: Zoo, Mother's Day

Bible Lesson: Philip and the Ethiopian

Fine Motor Development: shaving cream, print painting, coloring

Literacy: Letter "Z"

Science: This week in our 3K science class, we are exploring two exciting topics: the zoo and Mother's Day! The children will be learning about different animals they might see at the zoo, including what they eat, where they live, and the sounds they make. We will be reading stories, singing songs, and engaging in fun activities to bring these animals to life. Alongside our zoo theme, we are also preparing for Mother's Day by talking about the special people in our lives who care for us. The children are creating heartfelt projects and learning ways to show love and appreciation. It will be a joyful week full of curiosity, creativity, and kindness!

Math: This week in our 3K math class, we are building our number recognition skills in a fun and interactive way! The children will be playing an exciting game where a rhino is hidden behind a number card, and their goal is to find it. To lift a card and check if the rhino is hiding behind it, they must correctly say the name of the number. This playful activity helps strengthen number identification, confidence, and participation while keeping learning engaging and hands-on. We are having a great time practicing our numbers together!

Books: Giraffes can't dance, Inside a zoo in the city, A zebra's world, Double Delight Farm and zoo, Animals and their babies, Home for a tiger, Home for a bear, Albi and the big race, Wild feelings, Pete the cat a pet for pete, Animal strike at the zoo.

Song of the week: The Animal Dance (Danny Go)

Get up and move: We are going to the zoo (Little action kids), Flamingo Frenzy (Danny Go)

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

Bible Lesson: Philip and the Ethiopian

Memory Treasure: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" Mark 16:15

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 O, P, Q, R, and S.

Math: We are reviewing sorting and comparing this week.

Social Studies: We'll be bringing home our sunflower and pumpkin plants this week. We continue to learn about what plants need to grow- sun, soil, water, and air. We'll also be making a fun flower project this week.

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!)

May 19th - 4K/5K Graduation 6 PM at Bethany Church

May 21st - Junior Olympics, Bethany Campus

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

Preston is student of the week!

Bible Lesson: Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39)

Memory Treasure: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. (Mark 16:15)

Literacy: We have learned all the letters of the alphabet! Now we will begin reviewing the letters and their sounds, working on O, P, Q, R, and S this week.

Nursery Rhyme: Peter Piper

Show-and-tell: Bring your special guest!

Math: We will work on subtracting sets of numbers within 5.

Upcoming:

April 22-May 5: 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 (Thank you to the parents who volunteered to chaperone! I will send out an email Tuesday afternoon to confirm. Please feel free to double-check that I have you on our list!)

May 19: 4K/ 5K Graduation Night at Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 pm

May 21: Jr. Olympics, Bethany Campus

Elementary Classrooms

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

Routines, Procedures, and Lots of Fun!

It's a great day for a great day! It's the first full week of May, and we are ready. There is still lots of learning going on, and it is fun to see the great strides Kindergarteners make this time of year. The reading brains are clicking along, and it is so fun to watch their writing develop as they confidently make their own way. **TESTING:** The last set of i-Ready tests will be given this **Tuesday and Wednesday**, with Thursday as a make-up day. We will take them first thing in the morning.

Math will continue measurement with “capacity”. **Phonics** is doing a big digraph review: wh, ng, th, ch, sh, along with keeping all our ❤️ words fresh. **Reading** keeps us in informational texts while we discover ants. **Writing** continues with question writing. **Science** starts a new unit, and we will be discovering all the different types of animals and critters. **ChristLight** shows us some very brave men because of their faith in God. 3 Men and the Fiery Furnace is a pretty amazing example of how God keeps his people safe. We also get introduced to Daniel and how he was part of God’s plan.

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 6 pm @ Bethany Campus
- **May 21:** Jr. Olympics Bethany Campus



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

I-Ready testing is this week! It’s a big week for kindergarten as we show off all the skills we have learned this year. In order for your child to be successful, please help them prepare for our testing days by eating a proper breakfast and getting a good night’s sleep. We will be testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. Cheer them on because they have grown so much this school year!

Check out what we are learning this week:

Phonics: We are reviewing our digraphs (sh, ch, th, wh, ck, ng). We will review our “snap” words.

Reading: We continue studying informational text. We will explore a persuasive text. We will discuss opinions and support them with reasons.

Math: We will review everything we have learned in kindergarten this year! We will prepare for our i-ready test coming up this week.

Writing: We will continue to learn about writing informational (research) stories. We will practice organizing our thoughts, writing an introduction, and writing a conclusion. We will begin our own informational story using the topic of Butterflies.

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 explore the life cycle of a plant and learn how plants adapt to their environment.

Christ Light: We learn that God protects us and we can pray to the Lord in times of trouble. Bible Stories: Hezekiah Prays for God’s People, Hezekiah Prays for Himself, The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace

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- May 8:** Special Guest Day 10:00 - 11:15
- May 15:** Kindergarten Field Trip to Peace Park & Palmer Park
- May 19:** 5K Graduation Night 6 PM at Bethany
- 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. Also, ticks have been spotted, so a nightly tick check may be helpful!
- Final iReady testing on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure they are getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast.
- No more library books are able to be checked out. Please make sure to return anything still at home. All books are due by May 8th if possible.

Dates to Remember

- **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**
- **May 22nd - Last day of school**

Math: Chapter 14: Fractions; i Ready Testing

Reading: Jabari Jumps; i Ready Testing

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

Phonics: Suffix -s and -es; -er & est

Christ Light: This week, we will learn to show our faith to others through our words and actions.

Memory Work:

May 5 The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

May 7 The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed-Part 1

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

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

On Thursday, we will be taking the last math I-Ready test of the year. Please have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.

On Friday, May 15, the 1st-4th Grades will be going on an end-of-the-year field trip to Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary.

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Dates to Remember:

- **May 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**
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Math: This week, we will finish learning about time and money.

Reading: We will read 2 different stories, look at vocabulary, and practice various reading comprehension strategies.

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

Writing: We will start our final informational writing project.

Phonics: 2nd grade: Suffix: -ness meaning 'state of'; and -ment meaning result, state, or act of 1st grade: Suffix -s and -es; -er & est

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

CONGRATULATIONS 2ND GRADERS!!! 🎉 We will be going to Frostie Freeze on Friday, May 8. We will leave at 12:45 and return by 1:45. If you would like your child to use a booster seat, please send it to school with them on Friday.

On Wednesday, we will be taking the last math I-Ready test of the year. Please have your child get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.

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:

- **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**

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Math: This week, we will finish up Chapter 11 and Chapter 14.

Reading: We will begin reading a story called [Mysterious Tadpole](#). The target skill we will focus on is story structure. 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.

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

Phonics: Suffix: -ness meaning 'state of'; and -ment meaning result, state, or act of

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

Reminder: I-Ready testing in Math on Wednesday. Please help your child by encouraging a good night's sleep on Tuesday Night and a good breakfast on Wednesday morning. Thanks.

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:

- **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 😊**
- **May 20- Junior Olympic Day**

Christ Light: 11A Fiery Furnace, 11B Daniel/Belshazzar

Memory Work: See May memory work calendar

Math: 14.3 - 14.5 Analyze Data

Reading: Lesson: "Dog of the Sea Waves"

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

Social Studies: US Geography

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

We are in the home stretch! Please continue to encourage your 4th grade scholar to finish the year strong and work hard all the way to the end.

I will be gone most of the day Tuesday so the 4th grade will have a substitute teacher here. We will also do our math iReady diagnostic that day, so please be sure your scholar gets a good night's rest and a good breakfast in the morning. We will be going to Kutz Dairy Farm on Wednesday. If you want to send your scholar with an extra pair of shoes, that might not be a bad idea!

Have a great week!

Dates to remember:

- **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 focus on God's timing for our lives and his love in taking us to heaven at that time. We will also learn about how we can share our faith with others around us.

Memory work: Tuesday, May 5th-Psalm 50:15 and Psalm 91:11. Thursday, May 7th-Isaiah 43:11 and Matthew 10:28.

Reading: In our reading this week we will read The Fun They Had. We will focus on the author's purpose and how we can use details from the story to find that. We will also work on questioning as we read so that we can better comprehend the story.

Grammar: In grammar, we will continue working on punctuation.

Writing: We finished our personal narratives today and we will move on to poetry to end the year.

Math: We start a new chapter this week and will focus on multiplying and dividing fractions. Please continue to encourage your scholar in their 'check your understanding' work at night. It definitely helps with the quizzes and tests.

Social Studies: We will explore Death Valley and the Continental Divide this week.

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

- May 5: I-Ready Math Test
- May 8: Frostie Freeze Trip (Grades 2+5)
- 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: Our Bible studies will take us through Solomon's wisdom and the three men in the fiery furnace. The Memory Work link is found [HERE](#). Memory Work #11 will be assigned this week.

ELA 5+6: The class will be sharing their learning on the root LITER this week and get the final one of the year: TYP. In writing, we'll work on writing the falling action and resolution of our 20-sentence narrative. In grammar, we'll review the uses of colons and semicolons.

ELA 7+8: The final roots test will be today, Monday, on Roots 20. In writing, we'll work on writing the falling action and resolution of our 20-sentence narrative. The 8th graders will be starting to craft their graduation speeches. Look for these in the hallway by the gym for the ceremony! In grammar, we'll review the uses of brackets and parenthesis.

LITERATURE: We're cruising through our book in Book Clubs. The class is doing a great job of sharing the reading, but reflecting independently to show their learning. Keep up the great reading!

CATEGORIES: List 5 words that end in -ly.

📌 STAY SHARP REMINDERS

Frostie Freeze Trip! 🍹 This upcoming Friday, May 8, the class will be venturing over to Frostie Freeze after lunch (around 12:45-1:45). We will join the second graders in celebrating our great reading! Drivers are covered and orders have been placed. We're excited!

[Mrs. Brown's CLCA 25-26 Photos - 5th Grade and More](#)

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](#)

Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess for he who promised is faithful."

How do you measure how great your school is or how great your child's teacher is? Do you look at test scores? Do you look at their personality? Do you look at how well-rounded their education philosophy is? God would direct our attention to something different. The number one characteristic that God demands of our CLCA teachers and administrators is that they be faithful to God's Word. Why is that? God's Word alone works on people's hearts to crush our rebellious nature, proclaim the forgiveness we have in Christ, and restore us to live God-pleasing lives.

CLCA exists to proclaim the gospel so that more and more parents and children see that Jesus is their Savior from sin and the only way to be saved. That is why we give God's Word a prime spot in our daily schedule. That is why God's Word is the focal point of every class that is taught at CLCA. The other subjects CLCA teaches, the other offerings CLCA gives in sports and activities, and the environment CLCA manifests all matter. They are all things for which we strive. But they dare never trump God's Word in importance or value.

God has promised that when we keep God's Word as our priority, he will bless the proclamation of the gospel and allow it to bear fruit in our hearts and the hearts of others. May we always keep God's Word as the foundation of all we do at CLCA.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, May 5 - I-ready testing (Literature) **Great job on the Math I-ready testing! Most had made big gains.**
- 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 soon.)
- 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 Third and Fourth Petitions. God's will is that all people be saved and believe in him as the Savior. He continues to bless every day with all that we need.
- Memory Work: Monday - Passages 1-10; Wednesday - Passages 11-20; **next Wednesday Memory Work Test Passages 1-25**
- 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 15; 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 5. The quiz is on

→ pages 1-5.

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 will continue to work on solving volume problems, and then move on to their last math chapter, all about triangles.

6th Math: The 6th-grade students will continue to work on writing, graphing and solving inequalities.

7th Math: The 7th-grade students will complete their work on surface area, and then start working on solving volumes of prisms.

8th Math: The 8th-grade students are working on cubed roots and rational numbers.

Dates to Remember:

- **May 19: 12:30-3:10 Field Trip to the Aquatic Center**
 - **May 20: Jr. Olympics**
 - **May 21: Bethany Campus Jr. Olympics**
 - **May 22: Last Day**
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8th- MR. METZGER (5-8 Science), glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org

Science Notes for Middle School

-All major assessments have been completed by the students for science class. I will work this week to get them all graded and entered into PowerSchool. We will spend the next two weeks performing week-long lab activities, which will be concluded with lab reports. This week's lab focuses on thermal protection systems.

8th Grade Notes

-In religion class, 8th grade is learning about Esther as our "hero of faith."

-We will be completing Part 2 of our mystery in literature this week. Lots of theories are floating around about who did it and who didn't, which have been fun to facilitate in class. I plan to show either the 1974 (PG) or 2017 (PG-13) movie version of the book. Please take the opportunity to review the films, and if you have concerns about your child viewing either, please communicate with me before 5/18.

-Mrs. Brown included this in her section, but I just wanted to repeat that 8th graders are starting to write their graduation speeches in her class and will be delivering those speeches to classrooms on 5/18.

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

Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music)

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Spring Recital

When: May 7th at 6 pm

Who: Students in piano, band, and strings.

8th Grade Graduation

When: May 21st at 6 pm

Who: ALL students in 5th -7th Grade

Please return choir polos ASAP!

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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We are wrapping up the year in the art room! Scholars will soon be bringing home their portfolios. Be on the lookout for some awesome creativity this year!

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

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

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This is our Quarter 4 fitness testing week. Students will be tested on exercises such as pushups, squats, sit-ups, etc. 5th-8th grade will also be running their mile this week while 3rd and 4th will run a half mile.

Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director

Track

- **Track Practices Will Continue This Week: Please read carefully as some times have changed from last week.** MONDAY: No Running Practice / Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus 5:30-6:15 Fort Middle School
TUESDAY: 400, 800, 1600M, All Relay Runners - 3:30 - 4:15 at CLCA / Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus 5:30-6:15 Fort MS
WEDNESDAY: 100 and 200M, and All Relay Runners - 6:15 - 7:15 at Fort High School
THURSDAY: ALL ATHLETES at CLCA 3:30 - 4:15 / No Practice at Fort Middle School due to Spring Recital
- **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.
- **Results Lakeside Meet.** Our CLCA athletes did a great job of representing their Savior, their school and themselves on Saturday. Our team came away with 43 ribbons and a fourth-place finish. Great job, everyone! Thank you, coaches and parents.
- **Conference Track Meet.** Our next track meet is at Fort Atkinson High School on Saturday, May 9. Many of our athletes will be in the same events as at the Lakeside Meet. Some may be participating in more, fewer, or different events than last weekend. The changes are due to the meet rules, which only allow two athletes per gender per grade per event at the Conference Meet. **Please note that events will not be in the same order as last weekend.** An email went out with details. If you did not receive the email, please contact Mr. Holcomb or Mrs. Rahn so we can forward the information to you. We look forward to another great day of representing our Savior, our school, and ourselves.

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!

