



## Week #9 - October 13th, 2025

### CLCA Mission Statement

Crown of Life Christian Academy exists to serve its community through the proclamation of God's Word, the pursuit of academic excellence, and the establishment of meaningful relationships with the children and families it serves.

### Administration's Message- Additional Information

#### Enrollment Intentions for 2026-2027

As we begin planning for next school year, we're asking all current CLCA families to share their **enrollment intentions** for 2026-2027. Your early response helps us make informed decisions about class sections, staffing, and space needs as our school continues to grow. Please take a moment to complete the form below to let us know your family's plans.

👉 [Click here](#) to share your enrollment intentions.

#### Berea Before-Care Reminder

For those who take part in our before-care program, please be mindful of the process for the safety of all: We ask that parents walk their children to the front door to be certain the scholars are let in by our staff, and at the same time, use the QR codes posted to check your child(ren) in via Brightwheel.

#### Trunk or Treat Candy Collection

Our Crown Community will be one of the hosts at the Fort "Trunk or Treat" event at Jones Park on 10/31. Candy donations can be dropped off in the office on our Berea or Bethany campuses before 10/29.

#### CLCA BoD Open Forum

The CLCA Board of Directors invites any individual to our Open Forum meeting in the Conference Room on **Tuesday, Oct. 28, starting at 6:00**. CLCA stakeholders can present questions, comments, or suggestions to the Board of Directors for consideration.

#### 1st Quarter Ends - Oct 29

It's a good time to check in with your scholars to be sure all work is turned in and any questions about grades are being directed to classroom teachers.

#### Breast Cancer Awareness Day

On **Friday, Oct. 24**, we encourage our Knight Nation to Go Pink to raise awareness and support those affected by Breast Cancer.

#### No School - Fall Break

CLCA will be out of session on **Thursday, October 30, and Friday, October 31**, for the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher Conference.

#### Upcoming CLCA Events

- Oct 13 - CC at Fort HS (CLCA hosts)
- Oct 15 - 2K-5K visits Busy Barns
- Oct 18 - Conf Vball at Lakeside (A-Team)
- Oct 22 - CC meet at West Allis
- Oct 24 - Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- Oct 24 - Berea/Bethany Donut Day
- Oct 24 - CLCA Board Meeting (Open Forum)
- Oct 30 - 31 No School/State Teachers Conf

#### CLCA Gala - November 8

Our annual fundraising gala, Vision Night, will be on Saturday, November 8th. **We are seeking gift card donations for one of our games that evening.** If you would like to donate a gift card for a local service, product, or business, please drop it off with Mrs. Flack!

[Purchase tickets or sponsor the event](#)

#### Veterans Day, November 11

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 11th, to honor our Veterans. The program will feature our 5-8 Scholars with special performances by our Band and the Crown Choir. The program begins at 10 am in the Berea Gym.

#### CLCA Book Fair, Nov 10-14

CLCA is excited to host our annual Book Fair at the Berea Campus **during the week of November 10-14**. There will be volunteer opportunities for our CLCA family to help with.

# Early Childhood Classrooms

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

## This Week's Focus:



**Theme:** Pumpkins

**Bible Lesson:** Joseph Becomes a Ruler in a Faraway Land

**Fine Motor Development:** This week, we are developing fine motor skills through activities that involve placing and gluing paper squares onto contact paper, coloring within a circular space, squeezing glue bottles, spraying water, and gluing small objects like googly eyes—all of which strengthen hand muscles and improve coordination.

**Social/Language:** This week, we are building social and language skills by sharing materials, taking turns, and engaging in conversations with teachers and peers. Children are using descriptive language to talk about their creations, colors, and shapes, helping them develop communication and vocabulary.

**Songs:** 5 Little Pumpkins (with props and interactive movement), 5 Crows all Shiny and Black (with props and interactive movement), I Picked One Pumpkin (Laurie Berkner Band), Pumpkin Pie Song (Danny Go)

**Math:** This week, we are developing early math skills by exploring shapes, sizes, and spatial relationships while creating our pumpkin craft. Children are sorting and comparing orange and yellow pieces, recognizing patterns, counting materials, and using position words like “top” and “center,” all of which build a strong foundation for mathematical thinking.

**Science:** This week, we are developing early science skills through hands-on exploration of light, color, and materials. Children observe how sunlight shines through their finished pumpkins, noticing how the colors change and overlap, introducing concepts like transparency and color mixing. They also explore cause and effect by spraying water on marker-colored filters, watching how the colors blend and spread. Through observation, prediction, and comparison, children are encouraged to think like young scientists and develop curiosity about the world around them.

\*\*This week, we are focusing on Hearts and the colors red, yellow, and brown.

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

- Painting Thankful Leaves using paint sticks
- Painting Craft Sticks
- Stained Glass Pumpkin Craft (contact paper and tissue paper)
- Coffee Filter Pumpkin Craft
- ***Songs:*** “The Leaves are Falling Down” (Interactive/Movement), 5 Crows all shiny and black (Counting song with props)
- ***Sensory Bin:*** “Pumpkin Patch”- Green Shredded Paper, Plastic Pumpkins, Shovels

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

October 15th- Fieldtrip to Busy Barns

October 30-31- Fall Break (No School)

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

## *This week's Focus:*

**Theme:** Apples, and Pumpkins oh my!

**Bible Lesson:** Joseph Becomes a Ruler

**Fine Motor Development:** Tracing, counting pumpkin seeds, matching seeds to corresponding numbers

**Literacy:** Letter "G"

**Science:** Children will explore pumpkins using their senses and learn that pumpkins come in different shapes, sizes, and colors. **Size** – Big, medium, small, **Shape** – Round, tall, bumpy, flat, **Color** – Orange, white, green, multicolored  
**Science Skills Practiced:** Observing, Comparing, Describing, Sorting

**Math:** Helps children practice one-to-one correspondence and number recognition by counting seeds and matching them to the correct number.

**Books:** Apples up on top, I am an Apple, Biscuit visits the Pumpkin Patch, It's Pumpkin Day Mouse,

Froggy Picks a Pumpkin, I like Pumpkins, Sixteen runaway Pumpkins, The Biggest Pumpkin Ever

**Song of the week:** Way up High in the Apple Tree

**Get up and move:** Pumpkin Man Dance (Jack Hartmann), I picked one pumpkin

(Laurie Berkner)



Every Thursday, we have a visitor for a small devotion! Pastor Wessel, our campus pastor.

Every Thursday at 6:30 pm: You are invited to come to Bethany Lutheran Church's worship service

Every Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, Worship services

Every Friday, we have a Chapel. Please feel free to join us during this time, @ 10:50 am



**THANK YOU** for making sure you are using Brightwheel to check in/check out each school day! It really helps our office staff (and me!) be sure our numbers are accurate each day.

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

October 15th- Fieldtrip to Busy Barns

October 24- Doughnut Day

October 30, 31 NO SCHOOL



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

**Bible Lesson:** Joseph Becomes a Ruler

**Memory Treasure:** "God works for the good of those who love him" Romans 8:28

**Literacy:** Letter A is our letter this week. We are working on the Nursery Rhyme Little Miss Muffet.

**Math:** We will wrap up our unit on Comparing this week. We will be practicing our ability to compare groups of items.

**Social Studies:** We continue our unit on Fall Changes. This week, we are looking more at leaves and how and why they change colors in the fall.

I continue to work individually with each student to assess basic concepts in advance of the conference next month.

**Important Dates:**

**October 15:** Field Trip to Busy Barns- **Students should wear their green field trip t-shirts. Pants do NOT have to be uniform bottoms.**

**October 17:** 4K Sings in Chapel at 10:50

**October 20:** Moms Night Out at Twice is Nice 5-7pm

**October 24:** Donut Day

**October 30 & 31:** NO SCHOOL (No Childcare offered as teachers are at Teacher Conference)

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

**Our Field Trip is this Wednesday! Students should wear their green field trip t-shirts. Pants do NOT have to be uniform bottoms. I also recommend boots or old shoes. Send your child with a labeled snack and a labeled plastic grocery bag for his/her pumpkin.**

**Lilliana** is our student of the week!

**Bible Lesson:** Joseph Becomes a Ruler in Egypt (Genesis 41)

**Memory Treasure:** God works for the good of those who love Him. (Romans 8:28)

**Literacy:** We are learning about the letter **Hh** and the sound it makes, and writing. **On Thursday, our class can wear hats to school!**

**Nursery Rhyme:** Hey Diddle Diddle

**Show-and-tell:** On Friday, **bring something that begins with H!**

**Math:** We are working on recognizing numbers and learning positional words, as well as exploring more with patterns.

**Science:** We are discovering more about plants, seeds, flowers, and trees, and what they look like in the fall.

**Social Studies:** We are talking about houses and where we live. **\*Please send me a picture of your child standing in front of his or her house!\***

**Music:** Some of the fun songs we are singing this week include "The Hokey Pokey" and "I Can Work With 1 Hammer".

**Upcoming:**

**October 15:** Field Trip to Busy Barns

**October 17:** 4K sings in chapel at 10:50am

**October 24:** Donut Day

**October 30-31:** No school

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# Elementary Classrooms

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

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

This week is exciting because we get to head out to Busy Barns on Wednesday and RIDE A BUS! 😊 Thank you for dressing your child in their green field trip shirt. Please make sure their bottoms are appropriate for running around outside and possibly getting dirty. The weather looks to be in our favor, but please dress your child accordingly.

If anyone is looking to donate to the school, please consider paper plates for the lunchroom. “Bento” boxes are hard to warm up when cold items are also stored in the little side compartments.

In **Math**, we will master sorting objects into categories and then comparing which group is greater, lesser, or equal. **Phonics** will have us review the short /i/ and add in a few more irregular “heart” words (have to know by heart). **Reading** has us diving into fiction and finding a plot’s problem and solution. **Writing** teaches us pronouns. **Social Studies** will be discussing chores, transportation, and children’s fun from long ago. **ChristLight** teaches us through Jacob how richly God blesses his people. We also discover that we can bravely face our fears with God on our side.

### Add These to Your Calendar:

**Oct 15:** Field trip to **Busy Barns**

**Oct. 24:** Kinders sing in Friday chapel, “My God is Powerful”

**Oct 30-31:** **No school**, teachers are at conference in MKE



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

This week brings lots of excitement! We have our field trip to Busy Barns on Wednesday. Please dress your child in their green field trip shirt. Bottoms do NOT have to be uniform bottoms. Please make sure they are appropriate for running around, climbing, and exploring.

The drinking fountain is closed this week. Please bring a water bottle for your child if they do not have one here at school. Please continue to help us during our lunch time by providing your child with their own utensils and plates to warm food up.

Let’s have a WONDERFUL week!

## **Here is a sneak peek at what we are learning...**

**Math:** comparing numbers to 10 by matching and counting, using math vocabulary words like greater than, less than, and equal to

**Phonics:** mastering foundational skills such as rhyming, blending, and segmenting phonemes, isolating and manipulating sounds/words; we will learn two new snap words: is and I, and we will be reviewing short li /i/

**Reading:** We are answering the question “What makes each of us special?” again this week. We will identify characters, setting, and find the problem and solution. Books we will be reading: Snail and Worm Again and Pete the Cat Too Cool for School.

**Writing:** We are storytellers! We will practice dictating stories and illustrating stories. We will learn all about sentences & creating sentences. We will identify a sentence vs. a fragment. In Grammar, we will learn about pronouns.

**Science:** We will finish up our unit studying the seasons, sunlight, and weather.

**Christ Light:** This week, we will learn to rely on God when sad or scary things happen. We can trust in his love and power. We will also learn how we can use our gifts and abilities to praise God!

Bible Stories: God Has a Plan for Joseph; God is with Joseph in Egypt.

**Add These to Your Calendar:**

**Oct. 15:** Field trip to Busy Barns

**Oct. 24:** Kindergarten will sing in Friday chapel

**Oct. 30 & 31:** No School & No Childcare



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

- **October 24 - Field Trip to LLHS**
- **October 29th - End of First Quarter**
- **October 30 & 31 - No School - Teacher Professional Development**

**Math:** Chapter 3 - more addition and subtraction strategies

**Reading:** Owls - whole group reading; The Fall Ball- decodable text

**Science:** Forces and Motion Unit

**Writing:** Continuing our narrative writing unit with learning about editing & revising; handwriting - letter h

**Phonics:** Digraphs -ck and sh

**Christ Light:** This week, we will learn to trust God in sad times. We will also learn that a way to show love to God is to say no to sin.

**Memory Work:**

**October 14: Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.**

**October 16: Genesis 39:9 How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?**

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

**Dates to Remember:**

- **October 24 - Field Trip to LLHS**
- **October 29th - End of First Quarter**
- **October 30 & 31 - No School - Teacher Professional Development**

**What are we learning?**

**Christ Light:** This week, we will learn to trust God in sad times. We will also learn that a way to show love to God is to say no to sin.

**Memory Work:**

**October 14: Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.**

**October 16: Genesis 39:9 How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?**

**Math:** 2nd grade is learning how to add two-digit numbers with regrouping. 1st grade is learning about adding numbers within 20.

**Reading:** 2nd grade will read a story called The Ugly Vegetables. The target reading skill we will be working on is conclusions. The target reading strategy will be how to analyze and evaluate. 1st grade will read a story called Owls.

**Science:** We will continue our science unit studying sand and how landforms change.

**Writing:** We will start our informational writing this week. Each student picked an animal and will get to do research about it.

**Phonics:** 2nd grade will learn about Open/Closed syllables and -tch spelling patterns. 1st grade will learn about digraphs -ck and sh.



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

**Dates to Remember:**

- **October 24th: Field Trip to Lakeside Lutheran High School**
- **October 29th: End of the 1st Quarter**
- **October 30/31: No School- Teachers Conference**

**What are we learning?**

**Christ Light:** This week, we will learn to trust God in sad times. We will also learn that a way to show love to God is to say no to sin.

**Memory Work:**

**October 14: Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.**

**October 16: Genesis 39:9 How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?**

**Math:** We have learned how to add two-digit numbers with regrouping. I am so proud of how well the students are doing with this very important math skill.

**Reading:** We will read a story called The Ugly Vegetables. The target reading skill we will be working on is conclusions. The target reading strategy will be how to analyze and evaluate.

**Social Studies:** We are starting a unit on Community Resources. This week, we will learn what a natural resource is.

**Science:** We will be finishing up our Spider Unit with a writing and art project this week.

**Writing:** We will start opinion writing this week. Each student will write their opinion on being a spider.

**Phonics:** Open/Closed syllables and -tch spelling patterns

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

3rd graders are diving into their Native American Social Studies unit. They will be working on a group project to research a specific Tribe over the next few weeks. If anyone has some paper grocery bags they are willing to bring in, I will need about 12 more. Thank you!

\*\*\* As temperatures begin to dip, your scholar needs a sweatshirt or coat for outside. Especially in the morning during 1st recess

-Mrs. Thayer

- **October 24-** Field Trip to Lakeside Lutheran for a Play (Still in need of a few more drivers)
- **October 29** - End of First Quarter
- **October 30/31:** No School- Teachers Conference

**Christ Light:** 7B Jacob's Dream and 8A Jacob and Laban

**Memory Work:** Tues (1 John 1:7) and Thurs. (Matthew 26:41)

**Math:** Unit 1- continues into division skills 😊

**Reading:** "Yonder Mountain"- Why is learning about different cultures important?

**Spelling:** New sorts Monday, Pretest Tuesday, Final retakes Friday

**Social Studies:** Indigenous people- Native American Study

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

We are doing such a great job with our routines and representing how to be a Ruler in 4th grade! I am so proud of the progress the scholars have made so far! Please continue to remind them of those important behaviors and expectations. I keep telling them, you never know when someone is watching. Another reminder that as temperatures begin to dip, your scholar needs a sweatshirt or coat for outside. Especially

in the morning during 1st recess, they will really need one. Also, we are getting close to the end of the 1st quarter, so I will be working with them at school to get missing work done. If I send work home, please try to help them get that done. Have a blessed week!

### Dates to remember:

- **October 24th-Pink Day**
- **October 28th-Board of Directors Open Forum**
- **October 29-End of First Quarter**
- **October 30-31st, No School; Teacher's Conference**

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

**Christ Light:** In our Christ Light lessons this week, we get to look at the life of Joseph and how God used the trials in his life for his glory.

Memory work-Tuesday, October 14th; Hebrews 13:5b and 8th Commandment with Explanation and Thursday, October 16th; Proverbs 3:5 and 10th Commandment with Explanation. Please work on these with your scholar at home. I did tell them today that starting in the 2nd quarter, they will have to redo any Memory work that doesn't get at least half correct. If you need some strategies for helping at home, please let me know.

**Reading:** We will continue looking at our Tall Tale Stormalong and making connections to our lives. We will read a folktale that connects to our story and talk about why people pass down these types of stories.

**Grammar:** This week has us looking at progressive verb tenses.

**Writing:** We will begin adding details to our supporting ideas. We will talk about how even those details need to connect back to our supporting ideas and our topic. We will begin writing our own details for our supporting ideas.

**Math:** We will continue working on multiplying by one-digit numbers and learning various strategies to help us with that. I again encourage you to practice their multiplication facts at home. Knowing these facts will help greatly!

**Social Studies:** We will be learning how to research topics well and how to navigate the internet for good research. This will lead us into researching our Pre-Columbian Groups that we have spent the last couple of weeks learning about.

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## Middle School Classrooms

**5th-** MRS. BROWN (5-8 ELA), [whitney.brown@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:whitney.brown@crownoflifeacademy.org)

### 🌵 TO THE POINT DATES

- October 16: PIE Party!
- October 27: Bullying Presentation
- October 29: End of 1st Quarter
- October 30-31: No School
- Every day: God is Good!

### 🌵 LEARN AND GROW





**CHRIST LIGHT:** We'll read the story of Joseph sold by his brothers and his time in Egypt. God continues to bless despite the troubles—they only serve to strengthen our faith in Him! We'll recite **Matthew 5:16** on Wednesday. The Memory Work link is [HERE](#).

**ELA 5+6:** The final sketchnotes are the focus this week! 🎨 What GREAT learning I'm seeing in their work—truly showing growth all around in their vocabulary and application of the words. In writing, we'll work on formatting our opinion writing into paragraphs with a strong thesis statement. In grammar, we'll tackle those tricky adverbs.

**ELA 7+8:** We're cruising through our Roots studies with our next focus called "A Time and Place" featuring CHRON, TEMP, and LOC. We'll work on formatting our argumentative essay into paragraphs with a strong thesis statement today. I'm really pushing them to find credible sources and evidence, eliminating weak claims. In grammar, the class will review common, proper, abstract, and concrete nouns through a mentor sentence.

**LITERATURE:** We finished the book—what a great ending it was! Check out the flyer below for info on our class Pie Party to celebrate. We have PLENTY of pies already, but if your family would still like to send one in—go for it! Before we slice up the goodness, I'll be asking the class to show their learning with a few project choices about the book. We'll have work time in class for three days, but they may need to work on it at home, too! Encourage them to dive back into the book to find evidence of their answers.

## WE'RE HAVING A PIE PARTY!



Our 5th grade class is wrapping up the delicious read aloud story, *PIE* by Sarah Weeks.

To celebrate, we'd like to enjoy a pie slice or two while we listen to an interview and writing tips from the author. We are looking for some donations to help us pull it off. If you are able to send in a supply, please fill out the form below and return to school.

We are planning this celebration for the afternoon of Thursday, October 16. Thank you very much!



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**5th Grade PIE Party on October 16**

\_\_\_\_ Our family can send in a \_\_\_\_\_ pie for the 5th grade pie party. (Any kind!)

\_\_\_\_ We can send in plates!

\_\_\_\_ We can send in plastic forks!

\_\_\_\_ We can send in drinks (for 22)!

\_\_\_\_ We can send in napkins!

**CATEGORIES:** List 5 things people are scared of.

### 🌱 STAY SHARP REMINDERS

Send gym clothes in on Mondays and Tuesdays.

I'll be out again this Tuesday, mid-morning/afternoon, for my monthly CWLS Meeting. Jennifer DeNoyer is subbing. Please reach out to the office if there is something you need help with. Thank you!

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

### Thoughts from God's Word

**1 Peter 1:25 - "The word of the Lord endures forever."**

So many things change over time. The way our jobs are performed may change. Technology may become more or less important in our daily lives. The needs of our families change as our children grow. The word of God does not change based on what society thinks is important. The message of God's Word is the same from generation to generation. God's law does not change. We are sinners who need a Savior from sin. We have broken God's commandments by what we have done and what we have failed to do. Yet the truth of the gospel also does not change; Jesus is our Savior from sin. Because he died for us, all of our sins have been forgiven. God declares that we are righteous and holy in his sight because of Christ. Heaven is ours, and nothing in this world can take that away from us. Stay in God's Word. Your Savior from sin will not change even when everything around you seems to be changing.

### Important Dates

→ **Monday, October 13 – Conference Cross Country Meet at Fort High School**

- **Thursday, October 16 – Africa Country Reports Begin**
- **Saturday, October 19 – Conference Volleyball Meet at Lakeside**

### **Subject Work This Week**

- **Bible History:** Jacob was far from home. For twenty years, he learned patience and trust in God while he stayed with his Uncle Laban. Jacob learned that God would care for him no matter what circumstances came into his life. God had forgiven his sins; therefore, Jacob could rely on God for everything.
- **Doctrine:** In the Third Commandment, God directs our worship life and the study of His Word. We do not have specific rules about when to worship God or customs to follow. God tells us that our whole life is a life of worship to him. To do that, we need to surround ourselves with His Word daily.
- **Memory Work:** Monday - Passages 21-22; Wednesday - Passages 23-25; next Monday - Passages 1-2
- **5-6 History/Geography:** We are studying a variety of maps. The African country reports start on Thursday. We will finish our study of Southeast Asia this week.
- **7-8 History:** The colonies had survived the French and Indian War. The war had been costly, and the King of England expected the colonies to help pay for their defense. The colonies did not necessarily oppose taxes. They just wanted a say in their government if they were being taxed. Lines were drawn both in England and the colonies over the issue that led up to the Revolutionary War. Test on Tuesday.
- **Literature:** We are reading the novel *Where the Red Fern Grows*. The students have a guide packet to fill out with each chapter. The students will be able to use their notes for quizzes on the novel. This week, we are taking our final testing on the book on Tuesday and Wednesday. Be sure to have study guides at school.

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**7th- MRS. TOMLIN (5-8 Math), [beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:beth.tomlin@crownoflifeacademy.org)**



**Bible History/Hymnology:** This week will begin with an introduction to our new worship song, “What an Awesome God” by Phil Wickham.

We will do a review of Chapters 7-8 of Acts and then study Chapter 9 of Acts-looking into the conversion of Paul and the road to Damascus.

**7th Grade Literature:** We continue to read and study our first novel, *Black Radishes* by Susan Lynn Meyer. This powerful historical story, set in Nazi-occupied France, offers engaging characters and a compelling plot while exploring themes of courage, identity, and resilience. I am so proud of our eager readers—this novel has quickly become a favorite in the 7th-grade classroom!

**5th Math:** The class will continue studying how to add and subtract decimals and will finish the week with a quiz to review what they’ve learned.

**6th Math:** The class is reviewing how to multiply and divide decimals and will have a test on these skills later this week.

**7th Math:** The students are continuing their study of algebraic terms and will begin learning how to add and subtract these terms. They'll practice combining like terms and applying these skills to simplify algebraic expressions.

**8th Math:** The class will continue working on writing and graphing equations in both slope-intercept form and standard form. There will be a quiz early next week to check their understanding of these concepts.

**Dates to Remember:**

- **October 29-End of First Quarter**
  - **October 30-31st School; Teacher's Conference**
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**8th-** MR. METZGER (5-8 Science), [glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org](mailto:glenn.metzger@crownoflifeacademy.org)

**Science Notes for Middle School**

-All grades are about a week away from the end of our first units: Traits and Reproduction for 5th and 6th grades, Populations and Resources for 7th and 8th grades. With the end of the quarter also approaching, please remember that any assignments with a letter grade on top can be corrected and returned for a better grade.

**8th Grade Notes**

-This week, we are starting our study of Joseph, which will take several weeks. 8th grade is discussing what makes a person a "Hero of Faith". Last week, that included a conversation around why Jacob is named in Hebrews 11 as someone who lived their faith, when we see so many choices in Genesis that don't match what God wants for us. It's an ongoing discussion that I'm enjoying with the students as they continue to peel back the layers of our guiding question. The memory passages for this week are Psalm 23:1-3.

-We reached the climax of our play, full of 500-year-old insults, mud, and magic. We will be moving through the final acts a bit more quickly so we can get to our final writing project before the end of the quarter. We have also been watching the movie and just took a test comparing the two formats. While it's a PG-13 movie, we have been skipping the PG-13 parts during class. If you decide to watch it at home, please read the parental guidance notes first!

-If you're reading this in time, please consider coming over to Fort High School today! (Monday) Four of our 8th graders are running in the hometown cross country meet today. It would be awesome to have as many 8th-grade classmates to cheer them on as we can get!

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

### Music – MRS. BECKER (5K-8 Music)

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Thanks to all who visited our supporting congregation, Abiding Shepherd in Cottage Grove, on Sunday. The scholars sounded beautiful, and their time and efforts were appreciated!

#### Upcoming Performances:

- Nov 11 **Veterans Day Concert** (Gr. 5-8)
- Nov 20 **Recital** (Band & Piano Students)
- Nov 21 **Thanksgiving Program** (Gr. 1-4)
- Dec 14 **PreK-K Christmas Program** (PreK-K)
- Dec 18 & 19 **Children's Christmas Service** (Gr. 1-8)
- Feb 17 **Winter Concert** (Gr. 5-8)
- Feb 24 **Winter Concert** (Gr. 1-4)
- Apr 9 **Fine Arts Fair Preview Concert** (Band/Choir)
- Apr 11 & 12 **Fine Arts Fair** (Band & Choir Students)
- May 7 **Recital** (Band & Piano Students)

### Enrichments 5th-8th

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We thank the staff members and parent volunteers for the time and effort it takes to plan, prepare, and teach these enrichment electives each week!

- First Chapter Fridays- Mrs. Brown
- Wisconsin Ag- Follow the Word, not the Herd- Mrs. Thayer
- Cooking- Mrs. Moore
- Fantasy Football- Mrs. Metzger
- CrossFit- Mrs. Kristin Kutz
- Spanish Culture Club- Mrs. Wessley
- Paper Quilling- Mrs. Tomlin
- Ukuleles - Mrs. Becker

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

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

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We are in our fitness unit:

- Lower elementary is learning how to perform basic exercises (push-ups, jumping jacks, squats, etc.) while also doing activities that focus on cardio.
- Middle school students are reviewing fitness components and beginning fitness testing this week with the mile run!

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## Athletics- MR. HOLCOMB: Athletic Director

### Coaches Needed

- **Boys Volleyball:** Boys volleyball is open to all boys in grades 7-8 this year. Please let Mr. Holcomb know if you are interested in playing. Practices will start after school the week of November 3-7, with a volleyball tournament on Saturday, November 8. Please let Mr. Holcomb know if you are interested.

### Cross Country

- **Meet Results:** Our boys' team took fifth out of thirty teams at the state cross country meet. Their great performance qualified them for the national cross-country meet on October 25. Great job, runners.
- **Practices:** Tuesday through Friday 3:30-4:15
- **Next Meet:** Monday, October 13, at Fort Atkinson High School. The address is 925 Lexington Blvd.

### Volleyball

- **Match Results:** On Thursday, the team played well against Oconomowoc.
- **Next Match:** On Saturday, our A-Team girls will play in the Conference Tournament at Lakeside Lutheran High School. The address is 231 Woodland Beach Road, Lake Mills, WI 53551.

### Soccer



→ **Return Uniforms:** Soccer players are reminded to wash and turn in their uniforms to Mr. Holcomb or Pastor Wessel as soon as possible.

### **Basketball Open Gyms**

→ **Open Gyms:** There will be two basketball open gyms for all girls in grades 5-8. One will be on Monday, October 20, and the other on Thursday, October 23, from 3:30-4:30 each day.

### **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!**



*November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

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