



THE COLTS CHRONICLE

Crown of Life Lutheran School

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From Principal Stoltz

A HOLIDAY MESSAGE TO YOU

Has the year moved quickly for you? Will you sit down to your holiday dinner and marvel that, so soon, the New Year is upon you? Or will you breathe a sigh of relief and say, "At last..." I think this year it will be the latter.

It's strange how time moves at different speeds for different people in different years. Of course it all has to do with the challenges we face. If you have a son, daughter, or family member serving overseas, perhaps time has slowed to a crawl. If he or she is home for the holidays, maybe you wonder why time moves so quickly. Maybe this year you are celebrating the Christmas Season with fewer people or in a different way because.

Whatever way time is flying for you this year, take time to relax, enjoy your family and friends, and remember that the holidays don't have to be picture perfect to be warm and enjoyable. May the Lord bless your Holiday Season with the focus on Christ and the gift given to us in the manger.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Crown of Life Lutheran Church and School we would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chapel will be on Friday this week instead of Wednesday.

COL Music

"Glory to God the Angels Sing!" How absolutely beautiful were the worship services this past week. The teachers and students all worked so hard to present the greatest story ever told. Thank you to ALL for the time and hard work! As this week wraps up, please keep in mind that January is a great time to join a music group like handbells and Junior Choir. If interested, please contact the school or the directors of the groups.

The January school calendar is attached to the newsletter.

Friday, December 22

Noon Dismissal

No Afterschool Care

No Afternoon Bus

School Resumes on

Thursday, January 4

Join Junior Choir

If your student in Grades 4-8 would like to join Junior Choir for the second half of the school year, they are invited to do so. Choir will be singing three to four times this semester. Please contact Mrs. Emily Strey at emilystrey@gmail.com if your child would like to join.

Hot Lunch Server Needed

We are in need of someone to serve hot lunch every other Tuesday beginning in January. Serving involves setting up, serving the lunch, and clean-up afterwards. It takes about an hour (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is a great way to meet the students! Please let Mrs. Schaezner know if you would like to help out in this way.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24

One morning service at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24, at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Monday, December 25, at 9:00 a.m.

Entertainment Night

It seems too soon to be thinking about Entertainment Night on March 8, but we are busy planning already. Preschool will be acting out a children's story. K-8 will be doing a musical called "Ultimate Superstar" with limited speaking roles and solos. A sign up went out to 6th-8th graders for the play. Parts will be assigned this week and scripts and information sent home to those with parts outlining expectations and responsibilities. Due to the number of parts, parts will be distributed to 7th and 8th graders first. We are excited to start learning each classroom's songs and choreography after Christmas break.

Samson Stomp

Our January running event will be the 44th Samson Stomp at the Zoo on January 14, 2024. (Team name: A Simple Matter of Colts Running - Code COLTS) Come stomp the chills away and enjoy the zoo that day!

Stacking Records Confirmed

Crown of Life DID set seven new Wisconsin records at the Speed Stack tournament two weekends ago. Way to go, stackers!

3K-4K News

We have an especially fun week in preschool planned! Each day we will have a dress up day to celebrate the coming of Christmas:

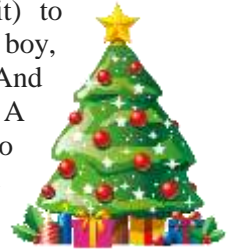
- Monday, Red Day
- Tuesday, Green Day
- Wednesday, Christmas Pajama Day
- Thursday, Christmas Apparel Day
- Friday, Christmas Apparel Day

Remember, our classroom party will be TWO days. We will have a party on Thursday and Friday. Keep in mind what you signed up for and please be sure it comes to school no later than THURSDAY so all students can enjoy :) Our book exchange items should be wrapped and under the tree by Wednesday so everyone has a gift before our parties begin. Thank you!

Kindergarten News

The kindergartners did a wonderful job proclaiming the message of Jesus' birth by singing, sitting, and reciting their parts yesterday. It was a lot of hard work! I am very proud of them.

Our Christmas party is on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Children may bring their present (\$10 limit) to school. Remember if your child is a boy, only label your present TO: A BOY. And if you are a GIRL label it-- TO: A GIRL. We will play a game to see who gets our present. Also you may send a small treat along for all to share. We have some cookies and hot chocolate mix already.



This week we will be wrapping up our fun lessons about the Gingerbread Man. In Reading we will decide what part of the story and which version we like best. And the kindergartners will get a chance to act out the story using props and headbands for the different characters. In Science we will conduct another experiment and in Writing we will think and write about what is our favorite part of the Gingerbread story.

If you haven't already done so please send to school the permission slip for your child to go to the Gables. On Thursday please send along your child's car seat and leave it by the front doors of school.

Also don't forget to keep track of your worship attendance throughout the rest of the year. Mark it on your orange colored paper. Thank you!

First and Second Grade News

This week we are going to be busy finishing up our math chapters and several Christmas art projects. Many of the projects we are doing are working on our fine motor skills. We have done weaving of rather tiny strips of paper, squeezing our really sticky glitter glue, cutting lots of neat lines. It is fun to be creative as we work on these skills. Friday we have our party and our gift exchange. If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Grivno know.

Thank you to all who have volunteered and to those who have donated. Our party is going to be a real treat.

Mission Offerings

Central African Medical Mission

December 13--\$40.40

Third and Fourth Grade News

Thank you to the 34ers and all COL students for their wonderful message in the Children's Christmas service. After a changing schedule to accommodate practice, this week might get closer to normal for classes! Please watch for a third grade math test on Wednesday and a wrap up test on the book The Best Christmas Pageant Ever on Thursday. No spelling this week.

For Friday, Mrs. Shimon, Mrs. Sitzman, and Mrs. McNeil are helping to plan the classroom party. Part of that includes the class gift exchange. Please feel free to bring the gifts marked with a tag that says to Bob, from ?? Then we can have a bit of fun guessing who had who. Remember that students are dismissed at noon on Friday. Have a blessed Christmas break!!

Fifth Grade News

The students have been so welcoming my first week here! I look forward to another few months with your sons/daughters. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns in the coming weeks.

Memory work this week is the Old Testament books and hymn 358 verse 1. We will have our science test on Newton's laws on Wednesday, but we will not be having a new spelling test this week. Remember that our class party is on Friday, which is a half day. Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring treats! Make sure to

bring in your secret Santa gift by Friday, and students can wear pajamas and bring a stuffed animal for the party. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in Christ!

Sixth – Eighth Grade News

We had our Christmas program on Sunday and were glad to be able to share the message of our Savior's birth with those that attended. It's our last full week of school before we have our Christmas break. Autobiographies are due the day we get back. Looking ahead to the new year plans are underway for "Entertainment Night" on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Your children will be signing up for parts for the musical "The Ultimate Superstar" this week and parts will be assigned.

Lilly Schaller is the student for the week and she describes herself in three words: "Raises Guinea Pigs" of which she has two of at home. One is named Stanley and the other Taki, which her younger brother Gavin (or Bean which she affectionately calls him) named. The family also has a puppy named Onyx. Favorites for Lilly include bike riding, the color purple, cantaloupe for a food, "Ready Player One" for a movie, and the song "10,000 Reasons". Lilly plays clarinet in the band and in her spare time is studying other languages. Another favorite for Lilly is reading. She loves history and learning about the past, but math makes her brain hurt! Although a fun activity she remembers was playing an interesting game of bingo while in Mrs. Schmidt's classroom. She would like to be an interior designer or a teacher when she grows up. If she could pick one person to be a substitute for a day she would choose Jesus and learn from him how to always be patient and kind. That would be wonderful.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their teachers!



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for lives of Christian service and for eternity.*