

Christian Life Academy

A Christ-centered School of Excellence
Middle School Letter to Parents
2023-2024 Academic Year

Dear Middle School Parents,

This school year has been one full of memories, learning, and growth for our middle school students. We have covered a myriad of topics this year in each subject and explored themes and ideas that will stick with the students for the rest of their lives. Learning is a process, and we cannot truly learn if we stop pushing ourselves. Our brains need constant stimulation in order to continue growing and developing. Because of this, our students will be required to do some amount of work over the summer.

Our CLA middle school students will be required to read two (2) books of the Bible over summer vacation. Those books have been predetermined and are listed below. Each pairing consists of a book from the Old Testament and a book from the New Testament that have similar themes. Students must also complete a series of journal entries about their readings comparing and contrasting the books.

Sixth Grade:

- Books: Exodus and Matthew
- Theme: Israel's Journey

Seventh Grade:

- Books: Genesis and Revelation
- Theme: The Beginning and The End

Eighth Grade:

- Books: Ecclesiastes and James
- Theme: Wisdom

Each of the middle school teachers will teach a short unit at the beginning of the school year on the books assigned for their grade. Students will be responsible for taking either a quiz or writing a paper, or both, about what they had to read over the summer when they come back to school.

In order to enhance the literature base of our English curriculum at CLA, all middle school students will be required to read the following books as well as:

6th Grade Summer Reading: *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare

7th Grade Summer Reading: *Magician's Nephew* by C. S. Lewis

8th Grade Summer Reading: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Bible and Literature teachers will begin the school year reviewing these assigned summer readings with the students, followed by a written report.

Students will also have the opportunity to earn a free dress down day by reading additional books of their choice. For every four novels read, students will receive a dress down voucher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Enjoy your summer with your children and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Your co-laborers in educating to the glory of God,

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM

Mrs. Silvia Picon

Mrs. Mary Duncan

Mr. Michael Joseph

Mr. Robert Zupnyk