

Christian Life Academy
A Christ-centered School of Excellence
Middle School Letter to Parents
2025-2026 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 in the following areas: Bible, Literature, and History.

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 and History curriculums at CLA, all middle school students will be required to read the following books:

Sixth Grade Summer Reading

Themes: Fate & Free Will, Courage

- Bible: I Samuel, NKJV
- Literature: *[The Sign of the Beaver](#)* by Elizabeth George Speare
- History: *[Hero Tales from American History](#)* by Henry Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt

Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Themes: The Christian Journey & Coming-of-Age

- Bible: Acts & Revelation, NKJV
- Literature: *[Pilgrim's Progress](#)* by John Bunyan
- History: *[Rebel's Keep](#)* by Douglas Bond

Eighth Grade Summer Reading

Themes: Perseverance, Diligence & Courage

- Bible: Ezekiel & Joshua, NKJV
- Literature: *[The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#)* by Mark Twain
- History: *[The Hiding Place](#)* by Corrie ten Boom

Bible, Literature, and History teachers will begin the school year reviewing these assigned summer readings with the students, followed by a written report. *Each book is hyperlinked to the preferred edition. Students must have a hard copy with them to bring to class when school begins in August. Please click to be redirected to the bookseller's website.*

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 beyond the required reading list, students will receive a dress down voucher for the 2025-2026 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

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Mr. Michael Joseph

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