



#### **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**



#### **Christian Education Leadership Academy**

**December 1, 2023** 

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."-Proverbs 3:5

#### From the Desk of Mrs. Grindatti...

CELA continues to grow and we want to take time to thank all of our families who are out there talking and sharing with other families about our amazing school! Over the last several weeks, we have given many tours, and so many of those families are sharing that they have talked to families in the community that go here and have heard all of the wonderful things that you have to say about CELA! We are so grateful! We love that our families are happy, support us, and want to share with others about us, so thank you! Your testimonies are what matters the most to potential families. So keep up the great work, we appreciate you all so very much!

Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.

- Proverbs 22:6



#### December Events Calendar

- December 1

  CELA School Spirit

  Day!
- December 1Tri 1 Report Cards
- December 2
   Tree Lighting at The
   Corners of Brookfield
- December 14
   CELA Christmas
   Concert at 6 pm
- December 21

  All School Christmas

  Party at 1:45 pm
- December 22-Jan. 1
   Christmas Break



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
(FACEBOOK)

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# Christian Values and Leadership Development December Chapel Schedule

Theme	Date	Led by
Loyalty	12/6/23	5th Grade
Worship	12/13/23	Mr. Hays
Christmas Chapel	12/20/23	All School
Sing a-long	1/3/24	All School



#### 6th Grade Chapel on Grace

Our 6th Graders did an incredible job on their Chapel on Grace! The students were engaged and you could just feel the joy filling the Chapel on this day! Thank you 6th graders for showing us what great leadership looks like and for sharing with us about God's incredible "Grace"!



#### **CVLD**

Christian Values & Leadership Development

#### Nicole Daniels Director

This week our students will study



#### Loyalty

"Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart."

Proverbs 3:3

#### **CVLD Homework**

CVLD homework will be discussed in CVLD class every Thursday. Completing CVLD homework with your child/ children is an amazing opportunity to discuss at home the CVLD values we are learning about in school. Please take time each week to help your child learn more about the CVLD values we are studying. Your child will receive a paper copy of the CVLD homework each week. Along with the paper copy, an electronic copy will be emailed to you. Teachers may have the homework due before Thursday, so please check with your child's homeroom teacher for the due date.



### CELA Christmas "Giving Tree" Donation Drive

### Helping the Families of Waukesha County December 1-11, 2023

Looking for a cause you can trust to give 100% directly to families in need? You can help keep a child's faith in the magic of Christmas and embrace the spirit of giving with your generosity.

During the holiday season, CELA is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to support families in need. This year the Lion's Pride has selected Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha as our partner.

Starting this week, your student can pick a paper ornament from our "Giving Tree" located in the Great Hall. Your family can purchase an item for children in need this Christmas. All ornaments have an item listed on them and students are welcome to choose more than one. All items will need to be brought back before December 13.

Please note that the gifts this year <u>should not</u> be wrapped and leave all tags on clothing! They can be placed under and around the tree.



Together we can help provide a Merry Christmas for these families who have been vetted for need!

All donations/gifts will be due no later than Wednesday,

December 13th

for delivery.

Thank you for your support for the Waukesha community and modeling empathy and caring for our children!

We thank you all, in advance, for your generosity!

# CELA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our 3K-5th Grade Students will celebrate the birth of Jesus through songs and instruments.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 6 PM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
W262 N4685 RYAN STREET
PEWAUKEE, WI



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

# CELA PRIDE CLASSROOM LEARNING



#### 3K

3K focuses on the development of the whole child. To further our understanding of Christian values, we use interactive games and take home stories to promote kindness and grace through self-awareness.



#### 4K

In 4K the students celebrated Thanksgiving by having their own "feast" together and sharing what they are thankful for! They were thankful for each other and CELA! They also played some turkey literacy and math games!





#### 5K

The 5K students wrote recipes about how to cook a turkey! We think they should write their own recipe book, because they had some great cooking ideas!!





#### 1st Grade

The 1st graders invited the 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders to their Thanksgiving celebration! They had Thanksgiving food made popular by the classic, A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving! Popcorn, pretzels and all!







#### 2nd Grade

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are learning about matter in science. Students were introduced and had a chance to explore Oobleck for themselves to determine if it is a solid or a liquid. Students made observations after they made the Oobleck and reported their results. The focus of this lesson and experiment emphasized higher thinking, collaborative learning and discussion regarding the Scientific Method as well as understanding the properties of matter, specifically solids and liquids, while introducing a new substance that behaves as both.



#### 3rd/4th Grade

The 3rd and 4th graders created a new bulletin board! Their "Tree of Thanks and Giving" will remind them to be grateful. They also celebrated their giving to Chapel Family Charities!



#### 5th Grade

The 5th graders dissected "owl pellets" as part of their science unit on energy and matter in an ecosystem. The dissection taught them how owls get the energy and matter they need for growth and survival by eating other animals like rodents, birds, and moles. The students applied what they learned to create an



#### 7th Grade Science

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade the class has started studying dynamic ecosystems! They were tasked with going out into nature and gathering various organic materials and life forms such as worms, roaches, pill bugs, etc. They planted their own blends of grass, wheat, rye, corn, and potatoes. This will be an ongoing lab that they will keep track



#### 8th Grade Science

In 8th grade the students are studying mechanical energy, Potential Energy, and Kinetic Energy! Which is the perfect time to explain and construct their own "Roller Coaster" that will support a 10 pound bowling ball! This is a fun and hands-on experiment that will help the kids to see these different energies at work!







#### 4K and 5K Spanish Fun







#### **5K Physical Education Fun**









# CELA PRIDE



#### **SPORTS PAGE**

#### **CELA Girls and Boys Basketball**

#### **Girls Basketball Schedule**

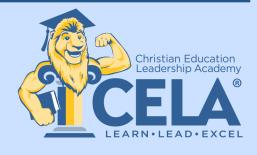
Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
Tue. December 12	St. Paul's Oconomowoc	Home	4:30 PM
Tue. January 9	Aquinas	Home	4:00 PM
Thur. January 11	Heritage Christian	Away	5:00 PM
Tue. January 16	Brookfield Christian	Home	4:00 PM
Tue. January 23	SWCHA	Home	4:00 PM
Tue. January 30	ULS	Away	4:00 PM
February 9 and 10	Conference Tournament	Away-ULS	TBD

#### **Boys Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
Tue. December 12	St. Paul's Oconomowoc	Home	5:30 PM
Tue. January 9	Aquinas	Home	5:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Thur. January 11	Heritage Christian	Away	6:00 PM
Tue. January 16	Brookfield Christian	Home	5:00 PM
Tue. January 23	SWCHA	Home	5:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Tue. January 30	ULS	Away	5:00 PM
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The season is off to a great start!
The students have been practicing
for a couple weeks! Please come and
support them at our home games
and the away games too!! Go CELA
Lions!!!!



#### **ATTENTION FAMILIES!**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED AT CELA?

## JOIN LION'S PRIDE!

#### **LION'S PRIDE MISSION STATEMENT**

"LION'S PRIDE IS A GROUP OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS WHOSE MISSION IS TO FOSTER A STRONG COMMUNITY AMONG CELA FAMILIES AND STAFF BY BLESSING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR WHILE SUPPORTING CELA'S THREE PILLARS."

#### **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Help Throughout the School Year**

Library help needed

Please contact Lizy Edwards if interested at lizylou3@hotmail.com

Pizza Fridays-servers needed

Please contact Lindsay Oksiuta at lindsayoksiuta@gmail.com

#### **Upcoming Events**

Tree Lighting at the Corners of Brookfield, Saturday,
December 2 from 3:00-5:30 pm in the Square

Please contact Pam Spranger in the office at 262-691-4321 or email info@celaedu.org

Annual All School Christmas Party-help with party planning and/or day of event, Thursday, December 21 from 1:45-3:00 pm

Please contact Jen Knuth at jenknuth4@hotmail.com

Thank you!



#### **Contact Us**

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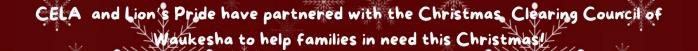
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# CELA Christmas Giving Tree

Donations due Dec. 13

Now thru Dec. II, students/families can pick paper ornaments from our "Giving Tree" in the Great Hall.

Gifts should not be wrapped and all tags should be left on clothing and placed under the tree in the Great Hall by December 13.