



Dear Parents,

It is time for your student to begin the important transition from Christ Church Kids to our **Middle School Ministry, COW** (Cloud of Witnesses—[Hebrews 12:2](#)). I am confident that your child is ready for this next step and excited for what lies ahead. Grace Stevenson, our Middle School Director, is looking forward to meeting you and welcoming your student to **COW!**

You can learn more about COW and all that is coming up on the [Christ Church website](#), as well as our [Christ Church Connect App](#). To stay up-to-date with all Middle School happenings, we highly recommend you subscribe to our [Christ Church Students quarterly e-newsletter](#).

**Below are the important dates in your student's transition to COW:**

- **Sunday Morning COW | April 23, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
Your student will begin worship in the 45 Alive/Sunday School classroom where their elementary faith mentors will pray for them and their fellow students. After that the COW leaders will pick them up, so they can join the middle school class. Your student is invited to join the middle school program on Sunday mornings for the remainder of the school year and summer.
- **Parent Meeting | Sunday April 23, 10:00 a.m. | Student Center**  
Join Steve Noble, Pastor of Family Ministries, and Grace Stevenson in between worship services to learn more about what your student can expect in COW. You will hear more about Wednesday Night COW, COW Summer in the Park gatherings, and [summer trips](#).
- **COW Visit Night | Wednesday, April 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Student Center**  
Fifth graders are invited to visit and explore our Wednesday night COW program. This is a one-time visit night, so that over the next few weeks we can celebrate and send off our graduating 8th graders.
- **COW Worship Night | Wednesday, May 10, 7:00–8:15 p.m. | Auditorium**  
Our community will throw our doors open wide for an extra big night of COW! This last gathering of the school year includes worship and tons of fun!

- **No COW Sunday Programming | Sunday, May 14, 21, & 28**  
During this short break of our regular programming we hope your family will worship together at our Classic or Contemporary services.
- **COW Summer in the Park | Beginning Wednesday, June 7 | Central Park, Oak Brook Park District**  
Incoming 6th graders are invited to participate in these evening large group gatherings. Amidst games and activities, students will have an opportunity to get to know some of their peers (Grades 6–8) and build friendships.
- **Camp COW | June 26–June 30 | Baraboo, WI**  
These five days are the best way for incoming 6th graders to make friends and feel most at home in the COW community. We hope and pray that your family's schedule will allow your student to join us. If it shows we are full, still register your student for the waitlist because we always have cancellations. You can register [here](#). If finances are an issue, please let us know. Scholarships are available.

We know that this next season is exciting but for some creates a sense of anxiousness. Our entire team is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for your student. The Middle School Ministry school year calendar, can be found [here](#). Please let us know if there is any way we can help your child during this season.

It has been our privilege to be included in your child's faith journey. Thank you for entrusting them to our care over these years.

By His Grace,  
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