



Dear Fifth Grade 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](#) and/or our text alerts by texting “@cowtexts” to 81010.

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

- **Sunday Morning COW | April 28 | 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**
Your student will begin worship in Sunday School 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 starting May 5.
- **COW Visit Night | Wednesday, May 1 | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall**
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 students.
- **Parent Meeting | Wednesday, May 1 | 7:00 p.m.**
Join Grace Stevenson, our Middle School Director, and Steve Noble, our Pastor of Family Ministries, after you drop your child off at COW visit night, to learn more about what your student can expect in COW. You will hear more about Wednesday Night COW, Sunday morning COW offerings at both of our campuses, COW summer gatherings, and [summer trips](#).

- **No COW Sunday Programming | Sunday, May 12, 19, & 26**
During this short break, we hope your family will worship together at our Classic or Contemporary services.
- **Summer COW | Begins Wednesday, June 5 | Oak Brook campus**
Incoming students in grade 6 are invited to join us for an evening of large group games outside (weather permitting), devotional teachings and ice cream. Students will have an opportunity to build friendships with their peers (Grades 6–8) and check-in with one another over the course of the summer.

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. The Middle School Ministry school year calendar, can be found [here](#). 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,
Shari Knutson

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