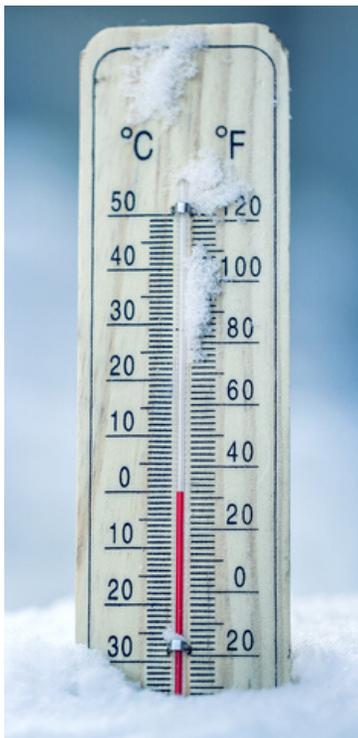




CROSSROADS CONNECTION

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ADVERSE WEATHER CLOSING REMINDER

Please familiarize yourself with our adverse weather policies!

When adverse weather conditions are in the forecast, the Director will make a decision on whether to keep the center open or not. For weather conditions that develop overnight, a decision will be made by 5 am. Closings will be reported to WTMJ 4 in Milwaukee and on our Crossroads Kids Connection Facebook page. Conditions may worsen through the day and cause us to close early. If we close early, parents will be notified by phone by center staff and will need to pick their children up or make arrangements to have them picked up by an authorized person as soon as possible. In the case of a delay/late start, the before school portion of our program will not be open. If the school closes in the middle of the day, the afternoon portion will be cancelled. All closures/ delays/ late starts are up to the discretion of the Director.

CLASSROOM DOOR WINNERS

Congratulations Chastity and Nicole!

Thank you so much for voting for your favorite classroom door on our Facebook page! Our teachers had so much fun with this contest! We had a first place tie between Babies are God's Gifts and the Reindeer Stable. Coming in at a close second place was Chillin' with my Snowmies by Jessica. We look forward to having more contests like this in the future, stay tuned!



YOUNGSTAR EVALUATION

Starting February 10th we will begin going through our YoungStar evaluation. YoungStar is a 5 Star quality rating and improvement system for child care and school-age care programs. Ratings are based on a provider's education, the learning environment and curriculum, business and professional practices, and the health and well-being of children. This ensures we are meeting all state and academic expectations, providing your child with the best care possible. If you would like more information about Youngstar you can find that information at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/parents>. Stay tuned for further updates!



SCENTSY FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you for making our Scentsy fundraiser a big success! With your participation we raised \$275! This, combined with our Culvers fundraiser night, brings us less than \$300 away from our new sink! Thank you so much again for your continued support!



RATE INCREASES REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder that as of January 1st our rates have increased. We look forward to providing the best care possible for your children and keep our teachers on the path to continuously learning new exciting ways to teach your children this year!

NEW YEAR KICK OFF!

Directors Note from Heather Raabe

Wow! What a great way to kick off the new year! There have been so many amazing things happening behind the scenes at CKC, and I can't wait to see all the positive changes that come our way. As you know we are now running in the Himama app and so far it has been an amazing update. As you may have noticed you no longer have to worry about signing children in when you drop off or sign out when you pick up; the teachers do that for you! One less thing to worry about when you are trying to get to work in the morning which leaves more time for goodbye hugs and snuggles! Sweet!

We have been working very hard getting our staff versed in all the new Youngstar updates for our evaluation coming up in February, which means you may see some changes in your child's classroom. You may also be asked for items such as a family picture, these are all little things we can do to help with our Youngstar evaluation. If you would like more information about Youngstar you can find that information at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/parents>.

As you know CKC is a ministry of Crossroads Community Church, but did you know that we are not the only one? We are an outreach church which means we reach out to community in many ways, our goal is the love Jesus, love others, and meet needs, and we try to do that in many ways.

- Penelope's Closet: A place for families who participate in Foster care to get clothes and items for foster children they take care of ages 2 and up.
- Pheobe's Calling: Providing meals for families who have had a member have surgery, an accident, pass away, or have a baby. They also provide birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc. cards for the members of our church.
- One-Way: A youth group that teaches the foundation of our Christian faith in a fun safe environment every Wednesday night from 6:30pm-8:15pm in the gym for ages 4K-5th grade. You are welcome to join anytime during the year!
- Next-Gen: Our Middle school youth group, we play games, and take the next step in our faith journey of learning what it means to be a Christian and what they can do. We provide a fun, and safe place for our 6th-8th grade students to hang-out, and build relationship with other Christian adults that can help them navigate all the craziness that comes with Middle school.
- Re-gen: This is our Highschool youth group and the group that gets down to the "nitty gritty" of taking the step in their faith to know what it takes to be a Christian, what it looks like every day, build a group up Christian friends that will support them while away from group and help them make good choices when faced with so many bad ones. This is where they build strong relationships with Jesus, and others that are honoring to God.
- Church: We hold our services every Sunday at 9:19am. Please feel free to join us and check us out, we would love to welcome you into this amazing family!
- Life Groups: These are to help those who are apart of Crossroads Church build their faith, take steps closer to God, get advice, support, build relationships with other Christians, and learn how to use the gifts, talents, and abilities that we are given from God.

If you have any questions about any of these ministries please feel free to contact myself, or Pastor Joe.