

**Preschool, Lower School,
Middle School**

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*The Mission of Cedar Grove
Academy
is to give a quality Christian
Education
emphasizing traditional
Biblical values.*



#1 10/2/17

Welcome to a new school year! We are off to a great start this school year. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We take that responsibility very seriously. It was great seeing all the familiar faces again and welcoming new families. The school is a lonely quiet place over the summer, and it was thrilling to have all the families descend on the academy rekindling friendships and welcoming new comers.

We have truly been blessed here at CGCA with every department at or very near capacity. We praise God for His provision. This has allowed us to bring quality aides and assistants into the classrooms. Both the kindergartens and our preK -4 classes have full time teachers along with full time aides.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY/STAFF: We welcome the following faculty/staff and rejoice that the Lord brought them here. Joining our staff is:

- Anna Roman – Preschool Aide
- Christine Clydesdale – 5/6 ACE teacher

Faculty/staff new positions:

- Joye Nottage - 7th grade teacher
- Amy Davis - 8th grade teacher
- Brittney Young – Kindergarten and Art teacher
- Dawn Perez – 3/4 ACE Aide
- Milta Santos - 1st grade Aide

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK/MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT: The theme, “Love God in Heart and Tongue”. **12** Who can understand *his* errors? Cleanse me from secret *faults*. **13** Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. **14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. -Psalm 19:12-14.

Spiritual Emphasis week was September 19-23 at all grade levels. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 went to Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville, PA for the Middle School Retreat on September 20-22. Grade 5 spent a day growing closer on their one day outing to Sky Zone and then out to lunch.

#1 PRIORITY ON PRAYER: To keep the emphasis on starting our school year off with an attitude of prayer, we are emphasizing prayer in a different way each day, encouraging children and our families to make prayer for our school a #1 priority. Pray daily, keep a prayer journal and pray that many will remain faithful in prayer all month. This will begin this month.

PRAY EVERYDAY: The following students led our school in prayer over the PA for the needs of our school this week:

9/11/17

Sarah Lewis – 8th grade – Mrs. Davis
Avery Griffin - 8th grade – Mrs. Davis

9/13/17

Danielle Jones – 7/8 ACE – Ms. Drinkwater
Jeffrey Young – 7/8 ACE – Ms. Drinkwater

9/14/17

Joshua Gill – 7/8 ACE – Ms. Drinkwater
Gabriel Alston – 7/8 ACE – Ms. Drinkwater

9/18/17

Danny Strok - 7th grade- Ms. Nottage
Kenny Berry - 7th grade – Ms. Nottage

SEE YOU AT THE POLE: **Tuesday, October 3, 8:30 am** - Our entire school will be gathering at the flag pole to pray for our nation. Several students and some staff will be leading us in prayer. If you are able to come join us for the event, please do.

PICNIC INFORMATION: Our annual School picnic was quite the hit this year with nearly 500 in attendance. We ate, played and visited at Burholme park from 12-3pm this past Friday. A great time was had by all and we give God all the glory for the great turn out and the amazing weather.

ABSENTEE CALLS REQUIRED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Parents are required to call the school office (215-725-3383) by 8:45 am if your Middle School child will be absent. This will help us be more consistent with our records and help ensure the safety of our children.

MORNING HOURS: Children who arrive before 7:45 am must report to the daycare until 7:45 am. Grades 1-8 will be supervised at 7:45 am in the yard. Lines enter the building at 8:05 am and school begins at 8:15 am. All children should arrive by 8:10 am at the latest. The late bell rings at 8:15 am.

LUNCH PROGRAM: Our lunch program started Thursday, September 7th. Students may also purchase beverage, lunch, and snacks. A menu and order form is sent home every other Wednesday and should be returned to your child's homeroom teacher, along with the payment, by Friday.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: Parents are discouraged from calling their children during the school day, unless it is an emergency. Messages will be delivered to them only during lunchtime. Any messages regarding changes in transportation or daycare for the day must be called in before 2:30 pm to ensure your child getting the message. **The office is too busy after that time to deliver messages.** Children are discouraged from using the office phone. If a call is absolutely necessary, the child will have to pay 25¢ per phone call, unless they're sick or have an emergency.

Graduation Update from 2016-17 Graduation Ceremonies: Rayven White, daughter of Veronica White, was not recognized for any awards at the CGCA graduation ceremonies. We offer our apologies to her and the family for this error. She is a born again believer in Jesus Christ and by this statement alone is a special, unique and loved individual. Also, Rayven is recognized by our school and our staff in the areas of exceptional Determination and genuine Loyalty. We regret that this was not a part of the graduation ceremony and will strive to be more attentive to this process in the future.

DATES:

Oct	3	Tue	Operation Christmas Child Kick Off Samaritan's Purse Kick Off See You at the Pole
	4	Wed	Mid-Quarter grades available online
	4, 5	Wed-Thur	Bake Sale sponsored by Lower School
	9	Mon	NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY
	10	Tue	7th Grade Spaghetti Dinner

SOCCER SCHEDULE:

Tues.	10/3	Boys & Girls	Home vs. Green Street Friends
Thur.	10/5	Girls	Away @ Calvary
Fri.	10/6	Boys	Home vs. Philmont
		Girls	Away @ Philmont
Wed.	10/11	Girls	Away @ Open Door
		Boys	Home vs. Open Door

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

Mon.	10/2	Volleyball Practice
Wed.	10/4	Away @ PCA
Thur.	10/5	Volleyball Practice

INSTRUMENT LESSONS: Information about band instrument lessons was sent home last week for 4th through 8th graders. Lessons are available for the following instruments: **flute, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, french horn, baritone horn, tuba, and percussion**. There is no cost for lessons, other than instrument rental or purchase. If you want this opportunity for your child, please indicate that on the form. **Strings and Piano lessons** are available upon request, but are handled by visiting teachers that do this as a business and there is an hourly fee.

CELL PHONES: Students are not permitted to have cell phones in school. If, however, it is necessary for your child to carry a cell phone, it must be left in the office while he/she is in the building. Parents must sign the cell phone form for their child. Middle schoolers are required to turn their phone off for the day. 5th and 6th grade students turn their phones into a homeroom teacher. 7th and 8th graders may keep their phones in their lockers and are solely responsible for the safety of that device.

DAYCARE BILLING: Just a reminder that daycare bills for grades 1-8 will be sent home the first of every month. **It is not included with the tuition payment.** Daycare services are available from 7 am to 7:45 am and/or from 3 pm to 6 pm. Flexible hours are billed at \$5.25 per hour. After 6 pm pickup is charged \$20 for each 15 minutes interval or part thereof. Please be aware that daycare workers appreciate being able to leave at or before 6 pm.

BUS AND CAR TRANSPORTATION: Please call the school office (215-725-3383) before 2:30 pm

if your child will not be riding the school bus on a given day.

Bingham St. Side: There is **no parking** permitted on Bingham St., except for school buses. Parents are encouraged to pull into the yard to drop off their child near the Blue Gym Doors from 7:30 – 8:25 but may not park in the yard.

Lawndale Side: Cars should never be driven into the school yard, even during inclement weather. Please have your child leave and board your car at the curb. Also, for the safety of our children, please **do not double park or park in the drop-off only zone on Lawndale Street.** Responsible students are available from 8 – 8:25 am to assist preschool students in getting safely to their proper classroom. Thank you.

CGCA AND UNITED WAY: I.D. #1197

You can designate your United Way contributions to be used for CGCA. Two of our programs (Discovery Center and Daycare) meet the requirements to be a part of the United Way Donor Choice Program. All you need to do is designate your United Way contribution to Cedar Grove Christian Academy and use our I.D. #1197 on the pledge form. Thank you very much.

In His Grip,
Jeffrey Howard, Principal