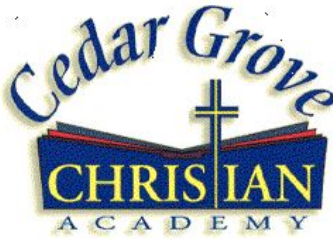


Preschool, Lower School,

Middle School

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is to give a quality Christian
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emphasizing traditional
Biblical values.*



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OPEN HOUSE: This Wednesday, March 11th we are hosting an Open House at CGCA. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about Cedar Grove Christian Academy please encourage them to come visit. This is a great time to see the school in action and visit areas of interest at the academy.

Please invite your friends and family members, who might have school age children, to attend one of our Open Houses which will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 11 - 8:30am - Noon

Wednesday, April 15 - 8:30am – Noon

Wednesday, May 6 - 8:30am – Noon

Middle School Program: We hosted a presentation from our entire middle school this past month. It was attended by over 350 people. Highlights included a tribute to Harriet Tubman and a series of songs led by several performing groups and supported by the middle school choir. Our drama team did an outstanding job presenting the theme of "Just Live It" with a clear story of living for Christ by living in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Fox were proud of the students and plan to use the nearly \$500 we received in the offering to purchase materials that will continue to improve our school wide music program.

DVD's of the Middle School program are available through our school office at a cost of \$12.

Daylight Savings Time: I hope you didn't forget to Spring Forward and set your clocks ahead 1 hour this past Saturday night so you would not be late for church.

Enrollment: If you have not enrolled your child for the 2020-2021 school year, we encourage you to go online at www.cgca.org as soon as possible and begin the process. If you are not sure how to do this, simply log into your renweb account and click on "enrol" then "re-enroll" and follow the prompts. Enroll now before classes fill and enrollment closes.

Inservice Day: Noon dismissal Monday, March 16th for a scheduled faculty inservice. Daycare will

still be available as usual till 6pm. No lunch services will be provided.

Mid-Quarters: We have now passed the midpoint of the 3rd marking period. We did not send out mid-quarter reports but do encourage you to regularly check your child's progress through Ren-Web. The academics in grades 1-8 are updated daily and it is a good source to remain current with your child's progress.

Health and Wellness for our children: It is our custom during this time of year in particular to remind families of the importance of good health practices. Eating right, getting adequate rest and washing hands with warm soapy water are excellent defenses against illness. We have encouraged our student body in these areas. We are also sanitizing touch points at least 1 time every day. Lockers, water fountains, door knobs, stair railings, sinks and toilets are sanitized daily. Teachers are provided with disinfectant cleaning supplies to regularly wipe down and sanitize desks, chairs and touch points in classrooms.

We have also received a few calls from families asking about the school's emergency preparedness plans. In case of the need, we are prepared to put our emergency plans into action. We will utilize our RenWeb communication services to keep you informed. In the event of an extended school closure (just as if we had to close for several days due to a bad storm), families will be informed of our make-up day schedule and the plan for completing missed work. Other protocols involve the use of online services, such as Google and RenWeb, that may be used to provide at-home assignments and instruction to limit the need for makeup days.

Concerning the more recent virus concerns, we have met with medical representatives from the School District of Philadelphia and are following recommendations from them, the CDC, and the local state government. Our staff is committed to promoting good healthy practices, staying informed and keeping our families informed when issues of concern arise. The information page provided by the CDC to our local school district has been circulated and can be seen at this [Link](#). We have also partnered with our regional accrediting board, ACSI, to keep us informed of any concerns and best practices in the event of an emergency. They have provided training for our staff through the Fisher Phillips Education Group in the following areas: questions posed by schools regarding COVID-19, such as planning or cancellation of trips, spring break processes, distance learning, visitors to campus, quarantines, possible school closures and other issues. Any notification of an issue in our community will be immediately conveyed to our families.

As always, the best source of security for our children and families is to have everyone holding us up in prayer. Please continue to pray for blessing and safety from our Heavenly Father. Isaiah 26:3 promises: "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." Praise the Lord for how He loves and cares for us, His children.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: *During the month of February we have been highlighting what is being done in our classes. Many biographies of famous African Americans are displayed in our hallways around the building.*

1st grade – Miss Parke - The 1st grade class is learning about the following famous African-Americans: Frederick Douglas, Wilma Rudolph, Mae Carol Jemison, George

Washington Carver, Jesse Owens, Ralph Bunche, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Shirley Chisholm and a few others.

1st grade – Miss Schermerhorn - *The 1st grade class is learning about the following famous African-Americans: Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington Carver, Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph, Benjamin Banneker, Mae Carol Jemison, and Thurgood Marshall.*

2nd grade – Mrs. Quigley – *The 2nd grade class read a book about Ruby Bridges and watched some movie clips about her life. They had a special guest come in and share about the life of Marian Anderson.*

4th grade – Mrs. Nolan - *The 4th grade class is learning about MLK time-line cause/effect; “Follow the Drinking Gourd”, Individual biography paper; Group biography project; Harlem Renaissance interpretive puzzle/π, African American Art – interpretive drawing/story; “I have a dream” drawings, Black Revolutionary War Heroes project, Martin's Big Words and Uncle Martin's Words for America: T-chart, Venn Diagram, persuasive essay, personal narrative.*

COUNTRY FAIR : This year’s Country Fair and Flea Market is April 25, 2020. Please save the date. We are again collecting **donations** for our **Silent Auction** and **White Elephant** tables. If you, your place of employment, a family member, or a friend have any items, services, or gift certificates that we could use, please contact the school and let us know. If you have the address of a store, restaurant, company, or even a person to whom we could send a letter requesting a donation, please send that information to the school office as well. We hope to have many valuable items for auction again this year. You will also find **Bake Sale schedule** and **Volunteer form** at the end of this edition of the newsletter and on our website's homepage. **Please complete and return the Volunteer form to the school office as soon as possible.** Under the “Current Families” drop down menu you will find Country Fair forms. You may fill out the form online. Thank You!!!!

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

2/19/20
Alaynah Middleton-Bey – 3/4 - ACE (Ms. Woods)
Lianna Davis – 3/4 - ACE (Ms. Woods)

2/20/20
Sani Lassiter – 3/4 - ACE (Ms. Woods)
Layla Brown – 3/4 - ACE (Ms. Woods)

2/21/20
Abigail Berrios – 3/4 – ACE (Ms. Woods)
Amariah David – 3/4 – ACE (Ms. Woods)

2/24/20
Lela Carrington – 3rd grade (Mrs. Bryan)
Khali Barmore – 3rd grade (Mrs. Bryan)

2/26/20
Nathaniel Daniels – 3rd grade (Mrs. Bryan)
Hygor Barbosa – 3rd grade (Mrs. Bryan)

2/27/20
Imani Kornegay – 2nd grade (Mrs. Quigley)
Cristin Kornegay – 2nd grade (Mrs. Quigley)

2/28/20
Elias Nguyen – 2nd grade (Mrs. Quigley)
Tyrell Garcia – 2nd grade (Mrs. Quigley)

DATES:

March	5		Thu	2:00 – 4:00 pm Student faculty followed by Boys/Girls Basketball
	11		Wed	8:30 am – 12:00 pm Open House
	13		Fri	ACSI Elementary Speech Meet gr. 1-6
	16		Mon	Noon Dismissal Faculty In-Service
	19-20		Thu-Fri	No School or Daycare for Preschool ACSI Early ed Conf.
	27		Fri	End of 3 rd Quarter

DAYCARE BILLING: Just a reminder that daycare bills for grades 1-8 are 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 minute interval or part thereof. Please be aware that daycare workers appreciate being able to leave at or before 6 pm.

RenWeb: I hope you are regularly checking your child's grades. You can access RenWeb using the link at the bottom of the page on our [school's website](#). Please call our school office if you need any assistance.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: Parents are discouraged from entering the classroom during the school day. If you need to drop off anything for your student we request that you stop by the office. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

CLEARANCES: Parents interested in attending field trips with their child must have a PA Child Abuse Record Check and PA Criminal History clearance. If you are interested in getting your clearances, please feel free to go to our School website and click on Parent Helps, and scroll down to Pa. Background Checks for Volunteers. Once you have both clearances, please provide the office with a copy of the same.

PRETZELS: Pretzels are sold in the office on Tuesday & Thursday for \$.50 each.

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.

AMAZON SMILE: Amazon has a program called "Amazon Smile" that donates .5% of eligible purchases to a charity of the members choosing. Simply shop on [Smile.Amazon.com](#) and choose Cedar Grove Christian Academy, Inc. as the charity. (The address listed for us is in Holland, PA, but it is still CGCA! It has to do with the filing of our 501(c)3.) All pricing and benefits still apply.

In His Grip,

Jeffrey Howard, Principal

Important school information can be accessed through the following links:

How to lead someone to Christ

School website

Parent Helps

School Calendar

Ren Web login (District Code: cg-pa)

Extracurricular opportunities

Lunch Order form

Hand book/uniform code/supply lists/forms

New Student Application

Teaching and Non-Teaching applications

Bake Sale!!!



January 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again when we prepare for Cedar Grove Christian Academy **Annual Country Fair and Flea Market**. In preparation for this event, we will be having a number of bake sales to help defray some of the cost in order that we can assist in meeting some of the needs of the school. Please see below for dates when your child's class will be responsible for donating baked goods. (Your child will receive an informal pass for donating):

NOTE: Please clearly mark any items containing nuts or peanut butter

Wed., March 11th, 2020

Bake Sale VI – Parents of Students in **5/6 ACE and 6th Grades** are asked to donate baked items (homemade or store bought)

Wed., March 18th, 2020

Bake Sale VII – Parents of Students in **7th, 7/8 ACE and 8th Grades** are asked to donate baked items (homemade or store bought)

Wed., March 25th, 2020

Bake Sale VIII - Parents of Students in **Kindergarten/Lower School** are asked to donate baked items (homemade or store bought)

Wed., April 15th, 2020

Bake Sale IX – Parents of Students in **PreSchool and Middle School** are asked to donate baked items (homemade or store bought)

If you are able to volunteer to sell baked goods on the days that your child's class is donating (or any bake sale day), please call the school's office at (215) 725-3383. You may also text me at (610) 390-9197 or email at jnottage@cgca.org. Thank you once again for your continued prayers and support!

Joye Nottage
Coordinator, Country Fair and Flea Market

