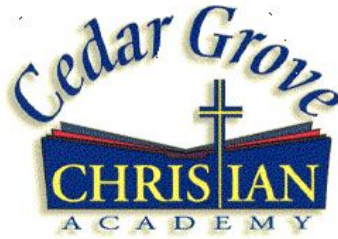


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DROP OFF AND PICK UP ALERT ! - It is very important that you practice safe driving practices around the school. Please do not double park, make U turns or K turns near the intersection of Martins Mill Rd. and Lawndale Ave. This is a very busy intersection and these types of turns near this intersection are not safe. Please put the safety of our children above your rush or convenience.

MID-QUARTER REPORTS: Mid-quarter grades available on Renweb at www.renweb.com

High School at CGCA: Praise the Lord - After lengthy study, research and planning, the Board, Staff, Administration of CGCA, following the leading of the Spirit of God, have decided to begin a Christian high school program. We will be opening in September 2021 with a 9th grade class. We will be adding a new grade level each year and celebrating our first senior graduation in June of 2025. Families of our upper grade students will be receiving a presentation via email later this week and soon an invitation to a town hall style meeting concerning continuing here at CGCA fall 2021.

LUNCH PROGRAM: You may go into your RenWeb account and set up orders for your student(s), which we will see in our system. **All lunch snacks and meal orders should be made at least 24 hours in advance and online.** We understand the issues with the payment processing--Renweb is working on a fix. Many families are having success using *Firefox* as a browser, and "enabling cookies" for Renweb (in the settings).

Pray: Last month we spent 33 days preparing our hearts and minds to be focused on God through our Priority on Prayer Campaign (POP). I certainly hope it helped you and your children focus on developing a better relationship with our Heavenly Father. I also hope that you have established ever improving routines in your personal prayer life and will continue to encourage your children to maintain healthy prayer habits.

Open House: Our next open house is scheduled for Nov. 5. Please encourage friends and family to visit CGCA during our open house if they are interested in finding out more about our school. We also have an [online open house](#) option if they are interested.

PRAY EVERYDAY:

Monday, September 14th

Julia Dos Santos – 8th grade - Mrs. Davis

Reagan Roth – 8th grade - Mrs. Davis

Friday, September 18th

Jazlyn Algarin – 7/8 ACE – Mrs. VanEmburg
Aman Easterling – 7/8 ACE – Mrs. VanEmburg

Monday, September 21st

Ny'Elle Edwards – 5th grade - Mrs. Wright
Zeiden Ramos Gabrielle Owens – 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

Wednesday, September 23rd

Hygor Barbosa – 4th grade – Mrs. Nolan
Isaac Santos – 4th grade – Mrs. Nolan

Wednesday, September 30th

Maliha Cheatham – 1st grade – Ms. Schermerhorn
Annalise Noel – 1st grade – Ms. Schermerhorn

Thursday, October 1st

Jonathan Grasty – 1st grade – Ms. Parke
Makayla Kennedy – 1st grade – Ms. Parke

Friday, October 2nd

Selah Daniels – 1st grade – Ms. Parke
Rondell Williams - 1st grade – Ms. Parke

SPORTS THIS FALL:

We will be offering sports as permitted by the local municipality. PIAA has suggested that schools cautiously pursue outdoor sports. No clear direction has been provided for indoor sports yet. We began this year with boys and girls outdoor soccer teams improving skills with regular practices and a reduced game schedule.

Video of classes: We know many of you have been curious about how we have set up our rooms to accommodate for the proper spacing of students. We have posted a brief video of some of the classrooms to show how we have adjusted to meet those requirements. You can view the video at this [LINK](#).

SOCCER SCHEDULE:

Thu.	10/15	Boys Soccer Erdenheim Cup @ 2:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/16	Girls Soccer Erdenheim Cup @ 2:00 p.m.
Mon.	10/19	CO-ED game @ Plumstead Christian 3:45 p.m.
Wed.	10/21	Boys Soccer @ Philmont 3:45 p.m. Girls Soccer @ Philmont 3:45 p.m.

CALENDAR CHANGES: Unfortunately we are needing to adjust some scheduled events. Below are all the updates. We hope to be able to reschedule some of these events for later this school year. Postponed events: ○ Race for Education - We may possibly run this fundraiser in the Spring if time and circumstances allow. ○ Middle School retreat has been rescheduled for the Spring ○ Sports - Indoor sports - cancelled for now. Outdoor sports continue with safety restrictions in place and number of games reduced. ○ School Picnic - cancelled this year. ○ MACSA teacher's conference for staff in grades 1-8, postponed. May

be rescheduled for the spring. We will still be doing a 1 day teacher in service later that same week on October 23rd.

DATES:

Oct	12	Fri	Mid-Quarter Grades published
	23	Fri	No School or Daycare Grades 1-8 – Teachers' In-Service
	28	Wed	Picture Retake Day

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.

Open and Safe: CGCA opened with the large majority of our students on site and about 20% of our students online this past August 31, 2020. PTL! Our staff has been amazing and has been working hard to meet the needs of both online and on-site students. From the administration to part time staff we have sought to create a clean, safe, productive learning environment. From temperature checks and screening at our singular drop off point to repeated sanitizing throughout the day, new handwashing and hand sanitizer breaks, separation protocols and group batching all day long and at pick up time, CGCA is following CDC and AAP safety protocols. At the same time we have reinvented our classroom learning process, bringing lessons into families homes with impressive results. Please continue to hold our program up in prayer and support our students, their families and all our staff.

Electrostatic cleaning: We recently acquired electrostatic cleaning machines to sanitize surfaces throughout our facility. The tools are designed to be used daily by trained staff to make sure doors, restrooms, classrooms and common areas are free of germs, bacteria and harmful materials.

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 gets the message. **The office is too busy after that time to deliver messages.** Children are discouraged from using the office phone, unless it is absolutely necessary.

CELL PHONES: Students are not permitted to have cellphones in school. If, however, it is necessary for your child to carry a cell phone, it must be turned off and 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. 7 and 8th graders may keep their phones in their lockers and are solely responsible for the safety of that device.

INSTRUMENT LESSONS: Information about band instrument lessons was sent home 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.

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 3:15 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. There is no parking permitted on Bingham St., except for school buses. Cars may be driven into the school yard off of Bingham St. during morning drop off . Cars should enter the yard loop around, drop off and pull away. Please no parking. Responsible students are available at the drop off tent near the gym from 8 – 8:40 am to assist preschool students in getting safely to their proper classroom. At pick up times please have your child board your car at the curb. Also, for the safety of our children, please do not double park. Thank you.

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](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose CGCA as the Charity. All pricing and benefits still apply.

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