

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.*



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Emergency Contact Information: Here are the best ways to contact us at CGCA during the closure if you need information, equipment, materials or have an issue that needs resolved.

[Click HERE](#) if you wish to contact a specific faculty or staff member.

Email: Help@cgca.org for general assistance and equipment

Answers@cgca.org for responses to our Daily Dose Devotional from staff and area pastors

Tuitionaide@cgca.org for April and May tuition help

Phone: [267-235-5705](tel:267-235-5705) Covid-19 School numbers for general questions about school or assistance
[215-313-4391](tel:215-313-4391)

Let me start off by saying - THANK YOU! The families in our school have been awesome! Your commitment to looking for the best for your child and your willingness to sacrifice for their betterment has been obvious and fruitful. We are working hard to meet and even exceed your expectations. Praise the Lord for His preparing our staff and school to move forward during this unprecedented pandemic. Everyone has rallied around our children and to see that they are nurtured and provided for in spite of the challenges. Our kids have been amazing also. It has been wonderful to hear of and see pictures and videos of how they have overcome obstacles, been creative and established routines for ongoing learning. We are now in our last official week of our school year. Hopefully the information in this letter will encourage, explain and comfort as we close out this school year and prepare for the next. PTL and we look forward to serving you and your family.

End of the year events: 8th grade graduation, Awards Chapel and other end of school year events like the 8th grade graduation trip are not necessarily canceled. Even if the opportunities do not present themselves until late July (I am hoping much sooner) we will work on sponsoring these milestone events.

Upcoming important dates:

- 6/1 - 6/5 Virtual Spirit Week - comments from Barry
- 6/5 - Last day of most new assignments from teachers
- 6/12 - Last day for most late assignments and evals
- 6/12-13 Book loan and laptop/lpad return dates
- 6/15 - Start of summer school
- 6/23 - Publish final report cards

Current plans for 8th grade and K graduation are:

K graduation will be held online via Zoom on June 30th. Miss Ide is preparing to send materials via mail for parents to present to their child in a session to be scheduled soon. 8th grade graduation will be celebrated by giving every graduate the opportunity to participate in a cap and gown video to be scheduled and filmed on our site in small group settings. We will be sending you a scheduled time to come to the school to shoot your video. If you prefer to stay at home and shoot your own video that is an option. We will then compile all videos from students and staff and add a tribute section to the presentation and provide that for all who wish, to view.



Technology Loaner Program:

During the Covid-19 closure CGCA loaned out several dozen computers and Ipads. On June 12 and 13 we will conduct a textbook and computer loan return program at our school gym. We do need to collect all books and devices before official annual records can be released. We will be announcing specific turn in times for each grade level, times to come soon.

Collecting books - June 12th,13th

- Times by grade level, Collect all loaned tech
- Collect all non consumable books, No long reunion conversations

Summer School:

We are offering a summer school program for our CGCA families only. These numbers are limited due to CDC protocols, but we will be having an onsite program if your child is required to attend.

- Only accepting about 12 students - only remedial in house
- Running 4 weeks
- Beginning June 15th

Moving forward:

We have been working to make sure our facility is sterile, and well equipped with cleaning supplies and PPE. We have also taken steps to create more open spaces in our classrooms for greater social distancing. We have had a number of engineers look at how to upgrade the building for warm weather usage in the event we need to house students on hotter days. We have already completed significant electrical upgrades during this closure to provide air conditioning in the majority of our facility. We are planning for school to begin as scheduled. This will likely include an early start to the school year to help with remediation. Our original schedule had us beginning the 2020-21 school year on Sept. 2. We are



considering an August 26 start of the school year. We have been making plans for a safe, productive start of the new school year. As the summer progresses and we learn more on how to

best prepare to conduct classes in our building we will keep you up to date and informed.

Health and Wellness for our children: It is always our custom 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 continue to encourage our student body in these areas. We will also continue to sanitize touch points repeatedly throughout the day. Lockers, water fountains, door knobs, stair railings, sinks and toilets will be sanitized multiple times daily. Teachers are provided with disinfectant cleaning supplies to regularly wipe down and sanitize desks, chairs and touch points in classrooms. Some things we are considering are:

- Teacher rotation instead of students, thereby limiting hallway congestion and the need to resanitize desks and chairs as much
- Reduced locker usage with a more self contained atmosphere
- Creating greater space in rooms for distancing by removing less vital furniture
- Completing SAT's for required grades of 3,5,7 during the fall months
- Adding additional hand washing stations in each hallway with scheduled sessions for each class
- Encouraging regular prayer times for the mercy and blessing of God to be upon our school and our homes.
- If we are required we are preparing to conduct a partial week scenario of students doing ½ days or 5/10 days school of ½ in school and ½ online. This of course is a last resort if required by law.



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.

Virtual Field Days: We are in the middle of our first ever Virtual Field Days Events and Spirit Week.

- 6/1: Meme Monday** – Reenact your favorite internet meme and take a picture, or video. Videos less than 15 seconds.
- 6/2: Child-Sibling/Parent Twin Tuesday** - Every Child & their Sibling/Parent dresses a little wacky at home.
- 6/3: Virtual Field Day Wednesday**
- 6/4: School Swag Thursday** – We're all in this together! Send in a picture of you rocking our school colors: blue and gold, or some CGCA gear.
- 6/5: – LOCAL TEAM FRIDAY** - Show your support from home! Dress up in the gear or colors of your favorite team.

A huge thanks to Mr. DeVine, Miss Becky Howard, Mrs. Howard and the Homeroom teachers for making this all happen. We had on average 10-12 students per class participate with our graduating 8th graders bringing the most participants to the game with 18 students.

Winning teams for our Virtual Fields Days events are:



K and 1	Gold - 335	Blue - 125
Grade 2	Gold - 525	Blue - 020
Grade 3	Gold - 020	Blue - 620
Grade 4	Gold - 210	Blue - 485
Grade 5	Gold - 635	Blue - 420
Grade 6	Gold - 415	Blue - 210
Grade 7	Gold - 525	Blue - 215
Grade 8	Gold - 420	Blue - 525

Totals Gold- 3,185 Blue - 2,720

Gold wins our first and most likely ONLY field days ever!

Blue you all were great competitors also!

Virtual Open House: Since we were not allowed to have new families come and tour our school we created a virtual open house. It can be accessed on our home page at www.cgca.org. The link is at the top of the page. Please encourage families you know that are interested in a quality Christian Education for their child to take the Virtual Tour.

The Daily Dose: Are you watching our staff and local pastors on our [Daily Dose](#) each weekday morning? Devotions are posted around 9 am and usually include a bit of trivia or a riddle for families to answer. All correct answers are rewarded. Some featured speakers are Mr. DeVine, Mr. Wexler, Mr. Howard and featured pastors.

Facebook: I hope you are following us on Facebook. We have been featuring students' photos and videos doing distance learning or just having a good time with family. Please feel free to send us your family's photos or videos to Help@cgca.org. You can link to our facebook page off our website www.cgca.org. The link is located near the bottom of the page. Unfortunately our Facebook page is currently not allowing us to update the page. We hope to resolve this soon.

If You Have Not Reenrolled for Next Year Yet! Save \$50 now -The start of the coming school year will be upon us before you know it. Reenrollment at CGCA is very easy. We are anticipating that all of our students will be prepared to move on to the next grade level as long as they are able to complete work assigned for this year in an adequate manner. I encourage you to log onto your RenWeb account as soon as possible and register your child for the 2020-2021 school year. It only takes a few minutes to ensure a place for your child here in the fall. Please do not delay too long. Every year classes fill up and we have to close classes. With the uncertainty of numbers of

students we may be allowed to have in our classrooms in the fall it is more important than ever before to reserve your child's place here at CGCA before it is too late.

RenWeb Student logins: All students in grades 2-8 now have a RenWeb login linked to a cgca.org email address. This login and email address information was either created by you or provided by one of our staff members via email to the parent's account. Directions can be reobtained by requesting the information from your classroom teacher or by emailing help@cgca.org. A website has also been created with several instructions and learning aides. You can access all this information at our [Tech Help Desk](#). Please begin checking this email regularly and having your child use their RenWeb login. Any questions should be directed to the email address above.

A Bright Reminder of Renewal: I found it encouraging as I passed the tree in front of the school the other day. Life is a constant series of new beginnings. Spring is a beautiful reminder from God that life goes on even after loss. He even sends His little messengers proclaiming His song of renewal. If you look closely you can see one perched on the top of this beautiful little tree. Thank you Lord for joy in the midst of trial.

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](https://www.amazon.com/smile) 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