

**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 value.**

Praise the Lord! We will be starting school on August 31st! We are actually starting school a few days earlier than previously anticipated so that we have time to adjust to the new procedures and not miss out on any academic training. Due to the fact that we maintain smaller class sizes than the public sector, we feel comfortable having all our students in class daily. However, some students' families have opted to do school online with us. I would like to share with you information about preparing for the new normal (for now), first day of school onsite and a few details about the online process.

In order to make CGCA a safe place and adhere to CDC/State recommendations, we feel it wise to screen families that have recently traveled abroad or have been in situations that may have exposed them to a high risk environment.

- We are now at the two week mark before the start of school. Please begin monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include: fever of 100.4 degrees or greater and loss of taste or smell (associated with 95% of all positive cases). Symptoms can sometimes include cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, or vomiting. Those exhibiting these symptoms are asked to stay home.
- If your child has contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within 1 week of the start of school, please keep them home and monitored for at least 1 week and symptom free before starting school.

Onsite students

It is important for you to know that students will mainly be interacting within homeroom units. What this means is that each homeroom will remain in their primary classroom for the majority of the day. Any time transitions are necessary (ie.recess), PPE and sanitizing routines will be required and implemented.

First day of school:

- Starting Wednesday of this week homeroom teachers will be contacting every student in their homeroom to introduce themselves via email or by phone so each child will know where to go on that first day of school.

- In order to limit the number of people coming on-site during the first day of school, we are asking families to say their good-byes at the curb or car. Please do your best to handle all your business remotely and in advance of the first day of school. We will be having class meetings shortly after the school start date for you to meet your child's teacher and learn classroom routines.
- We will maintain a single entrance and exit for drop off and pick times via our gym - both doors.
- School day hours have been adjusted due to Phila. Busing Authority. Our new hours are 8:30 - 3:15. 1st - 8th grade students may arrive as early as 8:00am and be picked up by 3:30 without any daycare charges being applied.
- Daycare is still 7am - 8am and 3pm - 6pm.
- Preschoolers can arrive as early as 8:15am with no daycare charge and are not considered tardy until 8:40am. Preschool students may be picked up as early as 3:00.

Online students

- This must be established and remain unchanged for each marking period.
- Webcam use in all core classes so online students have instruction and opportunity to interact with the teacher via several scheduled Zoom sessions and during part of each class period. Zoom schedules will be listed on RenWeb lesson plans.
- On Saturday August 29th between 10am and 1pm, online students can pick up materials and text in the school gymnasium. If you cannot get materials during this time please make arrangements with our school office to pick up materials after 12:30 pm on Monday, August 31st.
- Attendance for both online and onsite will be taken at 8:30
 - Tardies/dress code for both formats will be equal - Uniforms will be required for both onsite and online students
 - Parents are encouraged to enforce CGCA classroom uniform and work standards at home for all online students
 - On site documents pickups and drop offs may be required for some online students

We thank the Lord for His blessings and what He is doing to preserve and protect His people during these trying times. Thank you for partnering with CGCA to help nurture and protect your child. The sacrifices you make today will have an eternal impact on your child's future. We look forward to seeing all our students here on August 31st.