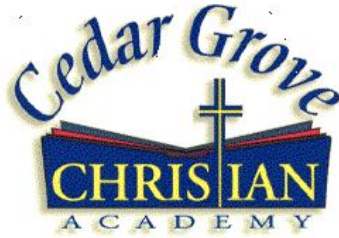


Preschool, Lower School,

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Academy
is to give a quality Christian
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emphasizing traditional
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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: *Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia applications for the 2021-2022 school year are open now. The application deadline is March 1, 2021. They require all families to be Philadelphia residents and meet their financial criterion. CSFP will be awarding 2,000 new, four-year K-8th grade scholarships next school year. To apply, please visit their website at www.csphiladelphia.org. You may also pick up a paper application for CSFP in our office.*

SCHOLARSHIP ALERT: Please click on the following link - [Prospective Families](#) and click on "Scholarships" to access scholarship opportunities for your family for next school year. Scholarship deadlines will soon be upon us so please check out all the links on our website to see if any apply to your family. Information about CSFP, our largest scholarship, is also available on this link.

We are also thankful that the virus rate of infection is slowing and that the vaccine for some is now a reality. Lord willing, this virus will soon be in the rear view mirror. As businesses open, public schools get back in session, and life begins to return to a new normal, we urge you to continue to partner with CGCA as we faithfully serve our Christian families in our little corner of the world. It is our desire and mission to have all our students present under the loving care of our staff. It is in this atmosphere that our mission to help you raise up Godly men and women can flourish. For the past year we have had to be totally and then partially online. However, we realize that we can have the greatest influence and be most successful in our mission when our students are here with us in person. We provided a quality online platform because it was the best possible means of ministering with the emergency we were all confronted with at the time. As the threat diminishes and, Lord willing, eventually passes, we plan to end the online option and continue to serve our families here at CGCA in the manner you have grown to trust and support. Looking forward to seeing all our students in person as soon as possible.

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.

Kindergarten – Miss Ide – The kindergarten students read about Ruby Bridges, Philip Downing, Jackie Robinson, George Crum and Alfred Cralle and made art projects. They will have a potato chip taste test and an ice cream sundae to celebrate the invention of the potato chip and the ice

cream scoop. Miss Ide's class also read other books about African Americans.

1st grade – Miss Schermerhorn – The 1st grade class learned about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., then they read the story the Legend of the Valentine where he is mentioned. They also read the story “Snowy Day” by Ezra Keates, and they will see a performance of it through Theatre Works USA. They will also learn about Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph and George Washington Carver.

2nd grade – Mrs. Quigley – The 2nd graders learned about the life of Ruby Bridges and watched video clips about her during their recent Reading Day. They also learned about Harriet Tubman and the underground railroad during Social Studies.

3rd grade – Mrs. Bryan – The 3rd graders are reading and discussing If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King by Ellen Levine.

4th grade – Mrs. Nolan – The 4th grade class is learning about “He Had a Dream, I Have One Too” as well as writing assignments, Black History Art drawing/story, Harlem Renaissance Collage, Harry Hoosier biography, Black History Revolutionary War Heroes and Black History Research/Presentation Bio.

5/6 ACE – Mrs. Brennan – The 5/6ACE class is celebrating Black History accomplishments through the Christian perspective. They are looking at how faith in Jesus guided and strengthened individuals such as George Washington Carver, Marion Anderson and Ruby Bridges. Their faith in God helped them through great adversity mainly caused by a one-sided society. Their accomplishments and bravery helped to pave the way for a better world.

5th and 6th grade – Mr. Wexler – The 5th and 6th graders watched videos on YouTube about *Black Scientists and Inventors and the Life of Martin Luther King*. The 7th graders read the article “Why Christians Should Observe Black History Month”.

Middle School Classes - Each class put up bulletin boards depicting cultural heroes and successes along with books and articles displayed throughout the halls and rooms. Grades 7 and 8 had the opportunity to participate in a soul food experience. Several staff emphasized the importance of cultural influences by weaving into their daily plans stories, videos, and iconic cultural influences found throughout our past and present society.

OPEN HOUSE: 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 10 - 8:30am - Noon

Wednesday, April 14 - 8:30am – Noon

Thursday, May 6 - 8:30am – Noon

Virtual Snow Days: We recently introduced virtual snow days at CGCA. Up to this point we have opted for traditional snow days due to the fact that we already have several snow days already accounted for in our regular school calendar and go extra hours to account for anticipated snow storms restricting students from attending our school. As we reach the limit of those banked snow days, we have put into place a virtual option so there should be little need to lose any vacation days or be required to extend the school year. You can access more info about our [Flex Days here.](#)

Flex Fridays: We would like to give our staff a little reprieve on the weekends by allowing them a few extra hours to catch up and prepare for the next week. To this end we are initiating “Flex Fridays”. We have seen this work in a number of schools in our area. As many of you are aware, our staff has taken on a much heavier load since the start of Covid. As early as March 13th of last year they had taken up the torch and stayed in the race to make sure every child continued to receive an exceptional education. From day one of this school year they have worked double duty in providing uninterrupted onsite education (other than snow days) for the majority of our students, while at the same time providing an online option for our families in more vulnerable situations. However, this has taken a toll on our staff. They have worked well into the night and many long weekends to keep up the pace. Friday, March 5th will be our first Flex Friday and every other Friday after that (March 5, 19 etc.). You can access more info about our [Flex Days here.](#)

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING: Each year CGCA schedules time for staff to learn the best practices for child abuse awareness. They learn how to recognize signs of child abuse and how to help children who have been victimized by this heinous act. They learn how to avoid pitfalls and be aware of potentially dangerous situations. It is our goal to train every staff member to know how to handle scenarios that may be harmful. We have partnered with a company called Praesidium to provide both online and onsite training for our staff in this area. We have also purchased their student training materials to help our children be aware of child abuse, know how to recognize it and the best ways to handle a situation if or when it presents itself.

ADOPT A SCHOOL IN AFRICA: Pastor Bill Devlin recently spoke in one of our chapels and our student body was so moved by his stories of the people that he has helped, we decided to support him as our new school missionary and begin collecting donations for the work he sponsors. We will be adopting a school in East Africa and sending donations to them each month. They set up Christian schools for local towns and build a basic facility for them. They can build and supply a school for \$4,000. Each class is encouraged to keep a donation bank in their classroom for students to add to it with their personal funds. Literally every penny counts.

WINTER INDOOR SPORTS: As of January, we were permitted to begin limited indoor sports. We are looking into the possibility of participating in travel basketball, volleyball and intramural soccer. Due to a lack of interest both at CGCA and the surrounding schools, we limited our indoor sports to a scaled down version of volleyball in a batched format. We continue to follow guidelines laid out by the CDC, AAP, and ACSI.

FUTURE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRESS: The video presentation, tours of our school explaining the plans for the coming years, and our town hall style meeting held onsite and broadcasted on Zoom

simultaneously have had positive effects. According to our surveys 81% of our graduating class are “seriously considering” enrolling in the CGCA high school. Currently we have just under 40% of our current 8th grade class already enrolling for next year. Mrs. VanEmburg, Mr. Howard and the entire school staff are working hard to make sure we are not only ready to continue our students’ training on through high school, but do it in a way that glorifies our Heavenly Father. Strong academics and spiritual enrichment continue to be the primary reason for considering CGCA for high school.

Google reviews: To leave a review on Google Search for CGCA please follow these steps.

Open up a browser in Google

Go to www.google.com

Type in the search box “Christian schools near me”

Find CGCA and click on that link

Options of viewing reviews should be on the page.

Click to see more reviews Click “write a review”

- Other places to ask friends of CGCA to write reviews are on www.niche.com, www.greatschools.org, and <https://www.privateschoolreview.com>

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

1/22/21

Ny’Elle Edwards - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright
Brooke McFee - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

1/27/21

Isaac Santos - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
Khali Barmore - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

1/29/21

Lianna Davis - 3/4 ACE - Miss Woods
Kendi Easterling - 3/4 ACE - Miss Woods

2/5/21

Joshua Jean - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan
Keturah Clement - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan

2/10/21

Zabria Woodard - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Nile Sterling - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

2/12/21

Chloe Visith - 2nd grade - Ms. Russell
Zedic Nickerson, III - 2nd grade - Ms. Russell

2/22/21

Sebastian Molina - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn
Ming Wroten - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn

1/25/21

Madysen Joseph - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
Nathaniel Daniels - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

1/28/21

Dulce Mayorga - 3/4 ACE - Miss Woods
Jamie Williams - 3/4 ACE - Miss Woods

2/4/21

Milan Rice-Fleming - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan
Joshua Jean - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan

2/8/21

Ashley Burton - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Caleb Gill - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

2/11/21

Julianna Copeland - 2nd grade - Ms. Russell
Elijah Rivera - 2nd grade - Ms. Russell

2/17/21

Selah Daniels - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Makayla Kennedy - 1st grade - Miss Parke

2/24/21

Alivia Vega - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn
Tegan Barco - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn

2/25/21
 Ethan Williams - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
 Shekinah Masih - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

2/26/21
 Jeshrun Gill - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
 Guetchina Clement - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

DATES:

Feb	26		Fri	Mid-Quarter
Mar	5		Fri	Flex Friday
	10		Wed	Open House - 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
	13		Sat	New Student Testing
	15		Mon	Noon Dismissal Faculty In-Service
	18-19		Thu-Fri	No School or Daycare for Pre-School ACSI Early Ed. Conf.
	26		Fri	Flex Friday
	29-30		Mon-Tue	End of 3rd Quarter
	3/31-4/5		Wed-Mon	Possible Days for Easter Break No School - Easter Break

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 3:15 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.

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. If a call is absolutely necessary, the child will have to pay 25¢ per phone call, unless they're sick or have an emergency.

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.

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

Hand book/uniform code/supply lists/forms

New Student Application

[Teaching Application](#)

[Non-teaching Applications](#)