Preschool, Lower, Middle and High 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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## Happy-Easter



Greetings to you all in the Wonderful Name of our Risen Lord and Heavenly Father! We do hope you are able to celebrate this Easter in a wonderful and meaningful fashion. As Easter Sunday approaches we sense the urge to encourage all our children and our families to make community fellowship and church attendance a priority in each person's life. Many churches have now opened

for in person gatherings. We would like to encourage you to "remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." (Ex. 20:8). If your church is meeting in person, we urge you to be there fellowshipping with other believers. If it is not, or you simply cannot attend in person, we urge you to seek for an online option.

To these ends we have begun providing you with options for both in person and online gatherings. On our website we have begun building a resource for our families. Here you can find church information about ministries represented by students and staff here at our school. The list is still in progress. We will be adding churches daily. Many are in person but also offer an online option. Many offer children and youth ministries.

SCHOLARSHIP ALERT: Please click on the following link - <u>Prospective Families</u> 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.

Terranova Testing: When we return to school after Easter break students in grades 3-8 will only have 1 day to settle in before beginning SAT Terranova testing for Wednesday - Monday (and possibly Tuesday) for finalizing and makeup testing. Unfortunately we can only offer this testing for our onsite students. Students remaining online in grades 3-8 are expected to log on as usual. They will then receive instructions from their homeroom teacher for the morning schedule. Students in PreK - 2 will have normal schedules.

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.

Praise the Lord: April 6th marks the first day of the last quarter of this school year. We are

thankful to our Heavenly Father for His blessings up to this point and for allowing us to continue with a quality Christian Education this school year. During this last quarter we look forward to finishing off the year strong and providing a safe quality atmosphere for our staff and students. We will continue to follow safety guidelines and meet our students needs in the manner you have grown to appreciate.

Covid Vaccines: CGCA has partnered with Rep. Jarod Solomon's office, Sunray Clinic and the Philadelphia Health dept. to provide a local venue for Covid vaccine distribution. The vaccinations are being provided by appointment only from 9 am - 2pm on Thursday, April 1st. CGCA will be the site of nearly 1000 vaccinations. Registration for the vaccination was offered to our school family first and then to the general public. Many of our school's families and staff will participate in the vaccination process in our school gym. Sorry if you were not able to sign up. If you have any questions I would encourage you to contact the Phila. Health Dept. or possibly Jared Solomon's office.

<u>OPEN HOUSE</u>: 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, April 14 - 8:30am - Noon

Thursday, May 6 - 8:30am - Noon

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

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Makayla Littles - 6th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall

Taylor Lambert - 6th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall

Samahn Lolley - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Brennan

Sani Lassiter - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Brennan

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Zaire Fontalus - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Brennan Nyelle Edwards - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright Clifford Fleurimond - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Brennan Arden Frazier - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

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Brooke McFee - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright
Jaycelyn Strickland - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright
Brooklynn Weaver - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

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Ryleigh Peterson - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan Jurnee Akil - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

## **VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:**

Thu, April 1 No VolleyballPractice/Game 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Wed, April 7 VolleyballPractice/Game 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Thu, April 8 VolleyballPractice/Game 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Wed, April 14 VolleyballPractice/Game 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Thu, April 15 VolleyballPractice/Game 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

## **DATES**:

Mar	26	Fri	End of 3rd Quarter
	3/29-4/5	Mon-Mon	No School - Easter Break
Apr	4/7-4/12	Wed-Mon	SAT Week
	9	Fri	Report Cards Issued
	10	Sat	New Student Testing
	14	Wed	Open House
	16	Fri	Flex Friday
	22	Thu	Fine Arts
			Secretary's Day
	23	Fri	½ day
			Progress Report emailed
	24	Sat	Country Fair
	30	Fri	Flex Friday

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.

**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.

**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.

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

Hand book/uniform code/supply lists/forms

New Student Application

Teaching Application

Non-teaching Applications