

Preschool, Lower,  
Middle and High School

Website: [www.cgca.org](http://www.cgca.org)

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*The Mission of Cedar Grove  
Academy  
is to give a quality Christian  
Education  
emphasizing traditional  
Biblical values.*



#1 10/15/21

**Reminder:** There is **no school** on Monday and Tuesday, October 18 and 19 for grades 1-9 due to our annual MACSA teachers conference.

**PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY:** **Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 9:00 am** the photographer will be here for absentees and retakes. Students who were absent should bring their picture money and dress appropriately. Students who had a problem with their pictures should return their complete picture package, except for the group picture.

**Mid-Quarter reports:** have been emailed to families. Please stay current with your child's progress and be sure to assist as needed to keep them on track. Our first quarter report cards will come out in approximately 4 weeks.

**Calendar Change:** Thanksgiving break is once again being expanded to include Monday and Tuesday. The longer school day put in place since last year with our day now ending at 3:15 has allowed us to bank more class time. Also with Covid restrictions and concerns still very much in place we feel it wise to give families and staff extra down time to catch up on rest and prepare for the challenges of the year.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** **Thursday, October 28, 2021** - COME AND HAVE DINNER WITH US!! LET US DO THE COOKING FOR YOU! Spaghetti Dinner forms have been sent home. All proceeds will benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip.

**COVID AND MASKS AT CGCA:** As the Pandemic concerns continue we are seeking to do all we can to prevent any spread of the virus here at CGCA and will continue to follow guidelines provided to us from the various knowledgeable entities. To that end we will ask that all students and staff wear face covers when indoors and in close proximity to others. We need to make sure approx. 300+ people are in masks everyday. As you can imagine, with mask prices the way they are today that can get costly. We ask that every child provide their own mask daily. However, many struggle with this and several are repeat offenders. We have purchased masks to keep on hand for students who forget them. It is amazing how fast that cost adds up. So, we will have masks on hand, but are now requiring that students purchase them. Students who forget masks may get them from the office for \$1.00.

#### **BUS AND CAR TRANSPORTATION:**

As many of you know, the Philadelphia School District has struggled to provide school bus transportation for students all over the city. We have not been immune to this problem. We have 1

of our 3 buses running on a close to regular schedule. One has been assigned but has run infrequently and the 3rd route is still unassigned. We have been in regular and consistent contact with the district and our assigned bus company. For now, if you are having issues, you do have a few options. Daycare is available as early as 7 am and runs until 6 pm if that will help. If the problem is a bus issue we can work with you on daycare costs. The district has also extended the option for families whose assigned bus is not running to get paid monthly to bring their children to school by themselves. For information on this option please contact Mrs. M. Lopez in our main office.

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 drop off time 7:45-8:40.** Also, for the safety of our children, please **do not double park on Lawndale Street.** Responsible students are available from 8 – 8:40 am to assist preschool students in getting safely to their proper classroom. Thank you.

1. Parking at CGCA - Please do not park in front of the walk gate on Lawndale St. Some of the staff park in the yard and they often have to come and go. You may park there from 2:45 - 3:30 since staff are not moving during this time.

2. Drop off and pick up - Due to COVID restrictions during the time frames of 7:30 - 8:45am and 2:45-3:30pm only students and staff enter the building. If you have business with the school we ask that you work around these time frames. These are the highest volume times and there is a tendency for excessive numbers of people in the building so we find the need to restrict access during these hours.

3. If you do wish to pick up your child early, it is necessary to notify the school no later than 2:30 and then give very specific instructions on where and who will be conducting the early dismissal. After 2:30 you may need to wait for the child's regular dismissal time. It is a very busy time in the main office and in the classrooms. This makes setting up and facilitating early dismissal difficult. Imagine if even just 20 people wanted early dismissal and it all had to happen during this high volume, exceptionally busy time. Mistakes can be made and that could be very dangerous and frustrating. It takes time for the office to organize the dismissal and for the teachers to wrap everything up and prepare a child to leave early. We do appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

4. Preschool Safety Patrol students are available 8 am - 8:40 am to walk Prek 3,4 and Kindergarten students safely to their rooms and get connected with their teachers. Prior to that, daycare staff will care for all the children in the gym.

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

10/4/21  
Elijah Burse - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan  
Alexander Jacob Hines - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

10/6/21  
Ashley Spivey - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan  
Kassidy McCrea - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

10/7/21  
Jaime Williams - 3/4 ACE - Ms. Schermerhorn

10/8/21  
Romal Williams - 3/4 ACE - Ms. Schermerhorn

Julianna Copeland - 3/4 ACE - Ms. Schermerhorn

Kendi Easterling - 3/4 ACE - Ms. Schermerhorn

10/11/21

Ava Jones - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan

Caleb Gill - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan

10/13/21

Zabria Woodard - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan

Amari Weaver - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan

10/14/21

Bria Abraham - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

Xavier Pedraza - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

Tegan Barco - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

10/15/21

Kelah Devin - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

Maliha Cheatham - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

**DATES:**

<b>Oct</b>	<b>18-19</b>		<b>Mon-Tue</b>	No School or Daycare, grade 1-8, Teachers' Conference
	<b>22</b>		<b>Fri</b>	High School Cornerstone Ceremony
	<b>27</b>		<b>Wed</b>	Picture Retake Day
	<b>28</b>		<b>Thu</b>	7th grade Spaghetti Dinner
	<b>29</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Progress Reports emailed

**SOCCER SCHEDULE:**

Tue, 10/19	MS Boys Soccer Erdenheim Cup @ Philmont	
Wed, 10/20	MS Girls Soccer Erdenheim Cup @ Philmont	
Thu, 10/21	Girls Soccer v. Calvary @ home	3:45 pm
	JV/MS Boys Soccer Practice	3:15-4:45 pm
Fri, 10/22	MS Boys Soccer v. Calvary @ home	3:45 pm
Tue, 10/26	JV/MS Soccer Practice	3:15-4:45 pm
Wed, 10/27	Girls/Boys Soccer @ Home v. Center School	3:45 pm
Thu, 10/28	JV/MS Soccer Practice	3:15-4:45 pm
Fri, 10/29	MS Soccer vs. Penn Christian @ Home	3:45 pm

**VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:**

Sat, 10/16	Quakertown Homecoming	2:00 pm
Wed, 10/20	JV/MS Volleyball Practice	3:15-4:30 pm

Mon, 10/25	JV/MS Volleyball Practice	3:15-4:30 pm
Wed, 10/27	JV/MS Volleyball Practice	3:15-4:30 pm

**MORNING HOURS:** Children who arrive before 7:45 am must report to the daycare until 7:45 am. Grades 1-9 will be supervised at 7:45 am in the yard or gym. Lines enter the building at 8:05 am and class activities begin at 8:15 am. All children in grades 1-9 should arrive by 8:20 am at the latest. The late bell rings at 8:30 am. Preschool daycare runs 7- 8:05 am and they are considered late by 8:40 am.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**INSTRUMENT LESSONS:** Information about band instrument lessons was sent home for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 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. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students turn their phones into a homeroom teacher. 7-9<sup>th</sup> graders may keep their phones in their lockers and are solely responsible for the safety of that device.

**DAYCARE BILLING:** Just a reminder that daycare bills for grades 1-9 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 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.

Check your email for information on setting up your account with ProCare. Once you have created a username and password, you will be able to view the activity on your account and

**make payments online.**

**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

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](#)