

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.*



#3 11/2/21

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.

Race For Education: Thank you all so very much for turning in over 2,200 labels for our Race For Ed. fundraiser. Reponse donations have been coming in steadily. Our Race for Ed. event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12. Come on out and join in on the fun.

Thanksgiving Feasts: Our Middle School/High feast date has not changed. It is still to be held on Friday, Nov. 19th. Lower school feast will now be held on Thursday, Nov. 18th. Be sure to keep an eye out for information coming home concerning donations for the feasts.

End of our First Quarter: Our first marking period ends this Wednesday. Final reports will be given out at Parent Teacher conferences or the day after them. Please be sure that all fees are up to date to avoid report card holds.

Parent Teacher conferences: You should have received a notice from your child's homeroom teacher concerning the need or offer of a private conference with your child's teacher(s) concerning grades and the start of this school year. Please be sure to fill out the form and turn it in no later than this Friday.

Open House: We have an Open House scheduled for this Thursday, Nov. 4, from 8 am to 12 noon. Please encourage families you know that are looking for a quality Christian Education for their child to come out, meet our students and staff and learn more about our school. All are welcome.

Spaghetti Dinner: This was an awesome event. Our 7th grade class did a great job preparing and serving meals to over 150 people. It was a great night of fun and fellowship. The 7th grade class will use the funds raised to subsidize their upcoming ski trip this winter. Thank you all who participated.

Bundles Of Love at Christmas: So far our school has raised over \$800. The donations will be used to buy Christmas gifts for needy children in remote and impoverished areas of our world. AMG International sponsors the program and works with local indigenous churches to get needed items and toys for children who suffer from lack of needed life sustaining items. Along with this

bundle of gifts they bring along the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your donations make this possible. Please fill those Bundles of Love Banks sent home with your child and bring them in by Nov. 12th so we can get them to Ken Ivins and AMG international to buy these bundles of love.

Thanksgiving donation table: We are again collecting food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. We hope to make several boxes to give to needy families in our area this Thanksgiving so they can have a bountiful table this holiday. We accept turkeys (or \$ to buy them), canned goods, boxed items, shelf stable bagged items or items to help round out the Thanksgiving table. Please have all items in by Wednesday, Nov., 17th. They can be placed on the donation table just outside our main office.

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.

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.

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

10/21/21

Asha Trice - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Syris Spencer-Bey - 1st grade - Miss Parke

10/25/21

Javier Montanez - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
Talia Rosa - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

10/28/21

Joshua Williams - Kindergarten - Mrs. Gold
Kian Patel - Kindergarten - Mrs. Gold

10/22/21

Cam'Ron Flood - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Ava Irving - 1st grade - Miss Parke

10/27/21

Joanna Lopez - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
Isaiah Lassiter - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

10/29/21

Brenden Moredan - Kindergarten - Mrs. Gold
Jamar Davis - Kindergarten - Mrs. Gold

DATES:

Nov	1		Mon	Forms go home to schedule parent teacher meetings
	3		Wed	End of First Quarter
	4		Thu	Open House 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
	9		Tue	Pastor Scott - Chapel
	11		Thu	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
	12		Fri	Progress reports emailed Race for Education event Last day for Bundles of Love donations
	15		Mon	NO SCHOOL grades 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conference - Report Cards Issued. Preschool daycare only available 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
	16		Tue	Ken Ivins - Chapel
	18		Thurs.	Lower School Thanksgiving Feast
	19		Fri	Middle School Thanksgiving Feast
	22-26		Mon-Fri	NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING
	26		Fri	Progress reports emailed

SOCCER SCHEDULE:

Wed, Nov 3 Coed MS Soccer Game @ Newtown Friends @ 3:45 pm

Thurs. Nov 4 Coed MS Soccer Game vs. Penn Christian @ 3:45 pm

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

Wed, Nov 10 JV/MS Volleyball Game v. Teachers @ 2:15 - 3:30 pm

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.

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 4th through 8th 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. 5th and 6th grade students turn their phones into a homeroom teacher. 7-9th 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](#)