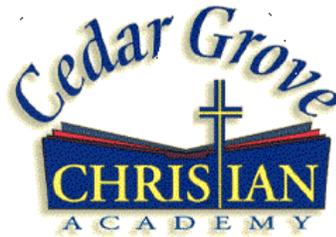


Preschool, Lower,  
Middle and High School

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Biblical values.*



#4 12/18/21

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR :** Make December a special month to honor our Lord for His birthday by making a conscious, specific effort of sharing the Love of Jesus every day with someone between now and December 25. It would be great to hear about some of those situations so CGCA can encourage others to do the same.

***Christmas vacation begins at noon on Friday, December 17, 2021. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30 am.***

**RED JUICE ALERT** Please do not send RED juice in your child's school lunch. Inevitably it spills or splashes and stains our tables, benches, and floors. Not sure why red does that when most colors do not but that one is a bad one. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

#### **MORNING HOURS:**

Students in grades 1-8 are considered late if they are not seated in the classroom by 8:30am. We encourage you to arrive by 8:15am and may arrive as early as 7:45. Daycare runs from 7-7:45 am.

Preschool daycare runs 7- 8:05 am and they are considered late by 8:40 am.

**CAR LINE DROP OFF:** You all have been awesome in the drop off line in the morning! Thanks for pulling up as far as possible so we can get the maximum number of cars in the lot. However, some of you could help us even more by remaining in your car and saying your goodbyes from the comfort of the driver's seat. We have several people at drop off to help with bags, coats, hats, gloves, masks etc. Due to the high volume, it is helpful to keep the cars moving as quickly as possible. If you do want to take more time dropping off your child, I suggest you come before 8:10 am. From 8:10 to 8:30 the volume increases dramatically. Keep in mind you can drop off as early as 7:45 am (grades 1-9) without daycare charges. I also suggest dropping off no later than 8:25 to allow your child time to get to class and not be marked tardy. Grades 1-9 are marked tardy if not in class by 8:30 and PreK and Kindergarten by 8:40.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** *Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia applications for the 2022-2023 school year are open now. The application deadline is March 1, 2022. They require all families to be Philadelphia residents and meet their financial criterion. CSFP will be awarding 2,000 new, four-year K-8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarships next school year. To apply, please visit their website at [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org).*

**REGISTRATION 2021-2022:** Please be watching for emails in January concerning the Continuous Enrollment process introduced last year. Your student is automatically Reenrolled unless the office is notified otherwise by February 16. After **February 16, 2022**, enrollment will be open to new families. *Plan on reserving your space early.*

**Christian High School:** We firmly believe that as a Christian school, our mission is to train young people to be outstanding servants of God. We have longed for the opportunity to offer this training to our young people right up through their graduation from high school. Thanks to the board's decision, we now can do this even better. So what does that all mean now? It means you do not have to look for a high school. Our students will automatically be promoted into 9th grade here at CGCA upon completion of 8th grade. Tuition remains unchanged for their 9th grade year (excluding any standard increase for all CGCA students). The high school classes will be centered around the gymnasium area of our school for 9th grade and 10th grade. We are looking forward to facility enhancements for the students' final two years in 2023 and 2024, culminating in our first 12th grade graduation in 2025. We will publish many more details as we continue through this process. I welcome your questions and look forward to speaking with all of you.

**INDOOR INTRAMURAL SOCCER:** This league begins the first week in January. Permission slips went out for students ages 8-11. This is a parent-led ministry of our school to teach good sportsmanship and build skills. To do this we need dedicated adult volunteers to be involved. If you are interested in becoming a part of this worthwhile program please indicate that on the permission form or contact our school 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.

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 still has not provided required and state mandated school bus transportation for students all over the city. We have not been immune to this problem. We still only have 1 of our 3 buses running. 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.**

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.

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

12/6/21  
Milan Rice-Fleming - Mrs. Nolan - 4th grade  
Keturah Clement - Mrs. Nolan - 4th grade

12/8/21  
Devin Brooks Outten - Mrs. Nolan - 4th grade  
Jacob Hines - Mrs. Nolan - 4th grade

12/9/21  
James Hannah - Miss Schermerhorn - 3/4 ACE  
J'aime Williams - Miss Schermerhorn - 3 4 ACE

12/10/21  
Julianna Copeland - Miss Schermerhorn - 3/4 ACE  
Yael Lopez - Miss Schermerhorn - 3/4 ACE  
Brittney Boyd - Miss Schermerhorn - 3/4 ACE

12/13/21  
Zabria Woodard - Mrs. Bryan - 3rd grade  
Nevaeh Spencer - Mrs. Bryan - 3rd grade

12/15/21  
Jonah Roman - Mrs. Bryan - 3rd grade  
Andres Roldan - Mrs. Bryan - 3rd grade

12/16/21  
Guetchina Clement - Mrs. Weber - 1/2  
Tyrone McMillan, Jr. - Mrs. Weber - 1/2

12/17/21  
Alyssa Amoh - Mrs. Weber - 1/2  
McKenzie Williams - Mrs. Weber - 1/2  
**Recited Luke 2:8-14 over the PA**  
Selah Daniels - Mrs. Weber - 1/2  
Aubrei Dunkley - Mrs. Weber - 1/2  
Eli Jones - Mrs. Weber - 1/2  
Ethan Williams - Mrs. Weber - 1/2

**DATES:**

<b>Dec</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>DCC</b>	<b>Fri</b>	Noon Dismissal - Informal - <b>NO DAYCARE</b> Staff Christmas Luncheon
<b>Dec-Jan</b>	<b>12/17-1/1/22</b>		<b>Fri-Sat</b>	Christmas Vacation
	<b>1/3/22</b>		<b>Mon</b>	School and Daycare resume
	<b>1/7</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Progress Reports emailed
	<b>1/8</b>		<b>Sat</b>	CGCA Indoor Intramural Soccer Try-Outs
	<b>1/11</b>		<b>Tue</b>	JE Chapel Speaker
	<b>1/15</b>		<b>Sat</b>	Pancake Breakfast
	<b>1/17</b>		<b>Mon</b>	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr.
	<b>1/21</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Progress Reports emailed
	<b>1/25</b>		<b>Tue</b>	End of 2nd Quarter PTF: Country Fair Meeting
	<b>1/27</b>		<b>Thu</b>	7th grade Ski Trip
	<b>1/28</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Merit Honor Roll Trip Report Cards Issued

## **BASKETBALL:**

### **Girls**

Mon, Dec 20	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Mon, Dec 27	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Mon, Jan 3	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Wed, Jan 5	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Mon, Jan 10	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Wed, Jan 12	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

### **Boys**

Tue, Jan 4	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 6	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Fri, Jan 7	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Tue, Jan 11	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 13	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Fri, Jan 14	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 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 ON RENWEB and at least 24 hours in advance. Menus are posted Friday or Saturday for the next week, so you may order over the weekend for the following week. If your child is absent or does not have lunch for some reason, we have a book where we record credits for any meals not received.

**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.

**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](#)