

Preschool, Lower,  
Middle and High School

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

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#1/14/22

**Monday, January 17th, SCHOOL and DAYCARE will be closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday!**

We encourage everyone to make this a day of service to others. In honor of the MLK who sought to live in unity and equality with one another, what better way to show our love for one another than by helping each other.

**Covid Updates:** We have been fortunate at CGCA in that our numbers of students out due to Covid related contacts has been in a steady decline since returning from Christmas Break. Just as we experienced last year around this time there was a pretty dramatic increase of Covid related absences. Most took place even before students returned to school and they had remained home until well or cleared. We continue to monitor absences daily and inform families if there are students or staff who are Covid positive. PTL that most have been very mild cases and most completely asymptomatic.

Students who are out sick are asked to remain home for 48 hours once virus symptoms have passed. Those who have come in direct close-quarters contact with Covid positive individuals are asked to either get a negative test or quarantine for the recommended 5 day period.

We continue to sanitize all touch points in our facilities continuously throughout the day and classrooms at every change of class. Portable sinks are located throughout the building and students are monitored in scheduled and regimented hand washing routines. We continue to enforce mask mandates and distancing.

**WINTER INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE:** The Winter Indoor Soccer League for students and friends ages 8-11 has started. This takes place on Saturday mornings in our gymnasium. The games and practice schedule is attached to this letter or can be found on our school's website here. [The schedule is available at this link.](#)

**NEARING THE ½ WAY POINT OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR!:** January 25th is the end of our second marking period. Report cards are now scheduled to come out Feb. 2nd. How time flies! Soon your child will be a year older and have another grade completed. Enjoy these years and be sure to spend quality time with your children while you can.

**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 2,500 new, four-year K-8<sup>th</sup> grade scholarships next school year. To apply, please visit their website at [www.csfphiladelphia.org](http://www.csfphiladelphia.org).

**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.

**ATTENTION PARENTS – COLD TEMPERATURES:** As the mercury drops, we ask that parents send their child dressed for cold weather. A warm coat, hat, and gloves are needed now and until the end of winter. Even on colder days recess is held outside and children should come prepared for this.

**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.

**REGISTRATION 2022-2023:** Please be watching for emails in January concerning the Continuous Enrollment process introduced last year. (The first email was sent out January 10.) Your student is automatically Re Enrolled 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.

**EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING - #193:** *Due to bad weather, our school may need to either close early or not open on occasion. An Alert Now message will be sent to the primary phone number you have given us for your family and an announcement will be posted on our website at [cgca.org](http://cgca.org). Please update these phone numbers whenever necessary. Our closing number is **193** and it will be announced on KYW – 1060 AM – news radio station. (School closings are also posted at [www.KYW1060.com](http://www.KYW1060.com) on the internet). All CGCA emergency closings can also be seen on the major Philadelphia TV stations (3, 6, and 10).*

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

1/5/22  
Camryn Johnson - 1st grade - Miss Parke  
Ethan Johnson - 1st grade - Miss Parke

1/6/22  
Isaiah Lassiter - Kindergarten - Miss Ide  
Javier Montanez - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

1/10/22  
Karis Santiago - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley  
Khali Simpson - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

1/12/22  
Alivia Vega - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley  
Annalise Noel - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

1/13/22  
Gregory Smith - Kindergarten - Mrs. Gold

1/14/22  
Jamar Davis - Kindergarten - Mrs. Gold

**DATES:**

<b>Jan</b>	<b>1/17</b> <b>1/21</b> <b>1/25</b>		<b>Mon</b> <b>Fri</b> <b>Tue</b>	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Progress Reports emailed End of 2nd Quarter PTF: Country Fair Meeting
	<b>1/27</b> <b>1/28</b>		<b>Thu</b> <b>Fri</b>	7th grade Ski Trip Merit Honor Roll Trip Report Cards Issued

**BASKETBALL:****Girls**

Wed, Jan 19	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Fri, Jan 21	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15pm - 4:30 pm
Mon, Jan 24	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Wed, Jan 26	MS Girls Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

**Boys**

Tue, Jan 18	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Thurs, Jan 20	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Tue, Jan 25	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 27	HS/MS Boys Basketball Practice	@3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Fri, Jan 28	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.

**IT'S NEARLY TAX TIME!** Childcare statements will be sent home if your account is up to date. This is for use in claiming childcare credits on your Federal Income Tax Return. (These are not daycare bills). If your family does not receive one and your child used the daycare, please call the office to have one sent home with your child. Please note if the total paid for the year was less than \$20, the form will not be sent home (unless requested). CGCA's tax ID number is listed on those sheets. This is a confidential number and should not be shared with anyone other than those families who received this statement. **Please note: IRS guidelines do not allow families to claim amounts paid for tuition for education as a child care credit!**

**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](#)

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### Winter Indoor Soccer Schedule for 2022

All games are played on Saturdays in the school gym. Game times are 1 - 9:00, 2 - 10:15, 3 - 11:30, and 4 - 12:45 to avoid overcrowding during this time of COVID.

All players must wear shin guards, Face coverings required for non players only

Jan. 22-  
1 - Girls - Blue vs. Green  
2 - Girls - Gold vs. Red  
3 - Boys - Blue vs. Green  
4 - Boys - Gold vs. Red

Mar. 12 -  
1 - Boys - Gold vs. Green  
2 - Girls - Gold vs. Green  
3 - Boys - Blue vs. Red  
4 - Girls - Blue vs. Red

Jan. 29 -  
1 - Girls - Blue vs. Red  
2 - Boys - Gold vs. Green  
3 - Girls - Gold vs. Green  
4 - Boys - Blue vs. Red

Mar. 19 -  
1 - Girls - Red vs. Green  
2 - Boys - Blue vs. Gold  
3 - Girls - Blue vs. Gold  
4 - Boys - Red vs. Green

Feb. 5 -  
1 - Boys - Red vs. Green  
2 - Girls - Blue vs. Gold  
3 - Girls - Red vs. Green  
4 - Boys - Blue vs. Gold

March 26-  
1 - Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> place vs. 4<sup>th</sup> place  
2 - Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> place vs. 4<sup>th</sup> place  
3 - Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup> place vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
4 - Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> place vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Feb. 12 -  
1 - Boys - Green vs. Blue  
2 - Girls - Green vs. Blue  
3 - Boys - Red vs. Gold  
4 - Girls - Red vs. Gold

April 2  
1 - Boys' Championship  
2 - Boys' All Star Game  
3 - Boys' Awards Banquet  
4 - Girls' Championship  
5 - Girls' All Star Game  
6 - Girls' Awards Banquet

Feb. 19 -  
1 - Boys - Red vs. Blue  
2 - Girls - Red vs. Blue  
3 - Girls - Green vs. Gold  
4 - Boys - Green vs. Gold

#### Practice Schedule – 2022

Mon. – 6-7 – Boys Red      7-8 – Girls Blue  
Tues. – 6-7 - Girls Gold    7-8 – Boys Gold  
Thur. - 6-7 - Girls Red      7-8 - Green Boys  
Fri. - 5-6 - Blue Boys      6-7 – Green Girls

Feb. 26 -  
1 - Boys - Gold vs. Blue  
2 - Girls - Green vs. Red  
3 - Boys - Green vs. Red  
4 - Girls - Gold vs. Blue

Mar. 5-  
1 - Girls - Blue vs. Green  
2 - Boys - Blue vs. Green  
3 - Girls - Gold vs. Red  
4 - Boys - Gold vs. Red