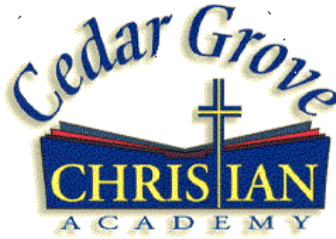


**Preschool, Lower School,  
Middle School**

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#1 10/1/22

**WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!** We are off to a great start this school year. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We take that responsibility very seriously. It was great seeing all the familiar faces again and welcoming new families. The school is a lonely quiet place over the summer, and it was thrilling to have all the families descend on the academy rekindling friendships and welcoming newcomers.

We have truly been blessed here at CGCA with every department. We praise God for His provision. This has allowed us to bring quality aides and assistants into the classrooms. All the kindergarten and preschool classes have full time teachers along with aides.

**WELCOME NEW FACULTY/STAFF:** We welcome the following faculty/staff and rejoice that the Lord brought them here. Joining our staff is:

- Joy Valletto – 6th grade homeroom teacher
- Caleb Myers – PE/Health and AD
- Arastus Attir – full time Art teacher, ACE Proctor
- Ray Rutherford - 7/8 ACE homeroom and MS/HS Science teacher
- Christine Clydesdale - Part time Long term sub in 5/6 ACE teacher
- Aaron Bashir - Part time HS/MS Math and 7/8 ACE teacher

**HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you have not yet sent in items for our homeless outreach program, please do so right away. We are accepting items through Wednesday of this week and creating gift packages for them to be distributed by Philadelphia's official home outreach system this coming weekend. Unsure about what to send? [Click Here for more details.](#)

**SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK:** The theme, *Suit Up* with the Armor of God!.

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the [a]wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Ephesians 6:10-12

Spiritual Emphasis week was September 26 – September 30 at all grade levels. During this time we participated in Priority on Prayer, See you at the Pole, Special Chapel speakers and MS/HS

Retreat at Black Rock Retreat Worship Center in Lancaster with grades 6-10 for a time of spiritual awakening, comradery, motivational opportunities, team building and fun! The highschool and middle school spend three days and 2 nights challenging our students to draw closer to God and each other. It was a great time of fun and worship.

**#1 PRIORITY ON PRAYER:** To keep the emphasis on starting our school year off with an attitude of prayer, we are emphasizing prayer in a different way each day, encouraging children and our families to make prayer for our school a #1 priority. Pray daily, keep a prayer journal and pray that many will remain faithful in prayer all month. Access the [POP calendar here](#)

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE: Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 8:45 am** - Our entire school gathered at the flagpole to pray for our nation. Several students and some staff led us in prayer.

1st grade – Miss Parke: Zoe Campbell, Kayden Swilley

1st grade - Miss Schemerhorn: Andrew Urey, Talia Rosa

2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley: Camryn Johnson, Taylor Howard-Richardson

2nd grade - Mrs. Weber: Aaron Padilla, McKenzie Williams

3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan: Karis Santiago, Kelah DeVine

3/4 ACE - Mrs. Brennan: Amanda Randall, Aubrei Dunkley

4th grade - Mrs. Nolan: Josiah Bowne, Zedic Nickerson

5/6 ACE - Mrs. Clydesdale: Justus Cedeno, Abigail Berrios

6th grade - Mrs. Valletto: Bryan Vaz, Audrey Kodjovi

7th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall: Jaycelyn Strickland, Caiden Baptiste

8th grade - Ms. Nottage: Khaliyah Kemp, Makayla Littles

7/8 ACE - Mr. Rutherford: Layla Ibrahim

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

9/8/22

Micah Thompson - 10th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg

Isaiah Small - 10th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg

9/16/22

Sani Lassiter - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Rutherford

Layla Ibrahim - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Rutherford

9/23/22

Kennady Eakins - 7th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall

9/14/22

Makayla Little - 8th grade - Ms. Nottage

Khaliyah Kemp - 8th grade - Ms. Nottage

9/19/22

Austin Wright - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Rutherford

Clay Bowne - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Rutherford

9/26/22

Chase Hogue - 7th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall

Jamiya Kilson - 7th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall

Brian Crawford - 7th grade - Mr. Jiwanmall

9/28/22

Caleb Gill - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan  
Ava Jones - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

9/30/22

Joshua Jean - 3/ 4 ACE - Mrs. Brennan  
David Edwards - 3 /4 ACE - Mrs. Brennan

**Intramural Basketball for grades 3-5:** We are now in our 3rd week of intramural basketball for grades 3-5 at CGCA. Practices are Thursdays at 6pm and Games begin at 10am on Saturdays. We only have about 20 students participating so if your child is in grades 3-5 and interested in participating please notify Mrs. Bryan at [nbryan@cgca.org](mailto:nbryan@cgca.org).

**Lower School Bake Sale this week:** Parents please send in a bake sale item with your child on Thursday of this week, Oct. 6th. Any parents who wish to come and help sell items from 9-10:30 on Thursday or Friday should contact our school office ASAP. We could use your help.

### **VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:**

Wed.	10/5/22	HS Girls Volleyball vs. City School	4 p.m. (away)
Mon.	10/10/22	MS Girls and HS Girls vs. Quakertown	(away)
Mon.	10/31/22	HS Girls Volleyball vs. City School	@home

### **SOCCER SCHEDULE:**

Thu.	10/6/22	MS Girls and Boys Soccer Games vs. Philmont @home	
Mon.	10/10/22	MS Girls Soccer @ Philmont	3:45 p.m.
		MS Boys Soccer @ Philmont	4:45 p.m.
Tue.	10/11/22	Soccer Game vs. Newtown Friends	4:00 p.m.
Thu.	10/13/22	MS Boys Soccer vs. Calvary @home	3:45 p.m.
Tue.	10/18/22	Philmont Girls Erdenheim Cup	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wed.	10/19/22	MS Girls Soccer vs. TCA @ home	3:30 p.m.
Thu.	10/20/22	5 & 6 Grades vs. Greene Street Soccer @ home	3:30 p.m.
Tue.	10/25/22	7 & 8 Grades vs. Greene Street Soccer @ home	3:45 p.m.
Wed.	10/26/22	Coed Soccer @ Center School	3:30 p.m.

**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.

**MORNING HOURS:** Grades 1-10 Children who arrive before 7:45 am must report to the daycare until 7:45 am. Grades 1-10 will be supervised at 7:45 am in the yard. Lines enter the building at 8:05 am and school begins at 8:15 am. All children should arrive by 8:20 am at the latest. The late bell rings at 8:30 am. Preschool - can arrive for daycare 7- 8:15. They are considered tardy at 8:40

**LUNCH PROGRAM:** Our lunch program started Thursday, September 1st. Students may also purchase beverages, lunch, and snacks. You may go into your RenWeb account and set up orders for your student(s), which we will see in our system. Send lunch money with your student each day.

**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. The office is open for calls at 7:45 - 4:15 and for visiting 9- 2:30.

#### **DATES:**

Mon.	Oct. 3	Mid-Quarter grades
Thur.-Fri.	Oct. 6 - Oct. 7	Bake Sale by Lower School
Fri.	Oct. 7	5th grade Retreat Outing
Mon.-Tue.	Oct. 17 - Oct. 18	NO school or daycare - Teacher's Conference
Tue.	Oct. 25	Spelling Bee Registration Due
Wed.	Oct. 26	Picture Retake day

**INSTRUMENT LESSONS:** Information about band instrument lessons was sent home last week 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. **Piano lessons** may be 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 - 10<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 1-8 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.

**BUS AND CAR TRANSPORTATION:** 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 should never be driven into the school yard, even during inclement weather.** Please have your child leave and board your car at the curb. Also, for the safety of our children, please **do not double park or park in the drop-off only zone on Lawndale Street.** Responsible students are available from 8 – 8:30 am to assist preschool

students in getting safely to their proper classroom. Thank you.

**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