

Preschool, Lower School,  
Middle School, High  
School

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

*The Lion's Pulse*



#8 3/3/23

**March 13, 2023 and May 5, 2023 - NO SCHOOL:** March 13th is normally on our calendar as a half day inservice. However, this being a re-accreditation year for our school, we are in need of a longer period of time for our teachers and staff to meet and review the process. CGCA is accredited through Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Middle States Accreditation Association. These 2 organizations maintain very high standards of certification. Once every 7 years our entire school must go through a process to completely review every aspect of our educational, financial, spiritual and governing processes to align with these very high standards. Though we work on the process daily in preparation for renewal, we still need to conduct summary meetings that can begin to draw the program together in preparation for the accrediting boards evaluation. March 13 and May 5th are 2 days we have scheduled in our calendar this year to begin to pull details together in preparation for this upcoming evaluation.

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Please invite your friends and family members, who might have school age children, to attend one of our Open Houses which will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, March 9 - 8:30 am - Noon

Thursday, April 13 - 8:30 am – Noon

Thursday, May 4 - 8:30 am – Noon

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** During the month of February we will be highlighting some of the things being done in our classes. Many biographies of famous African Americans are displayed in our hallways around the building.

**Miss Schermerhorn - 1st grade** - The 1st grade class is learning about the following

famous African-Americans: Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington Carver, Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph, and Mae Carol Jemison.

**Mrs. Quigley - 2nd grade** - The 2nd grade class read about Ruby Bridges, watched video clips of her story, and saw interviews with Ruby. They discussed how this little girl impacted their lives.

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**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.

**COUNTRY FAIR:** This year's Country Fair and Flea Market is April 29, 2023. Please save the date. We are again collecting **donations** for our **Silent Auction** and **White Elephant** tables. If you, your place of employment, a family member, or a friend have any items, services, or gift certificates that we could use, please contact the school and let us know. If you have the address of a store, restaurant, company, or even a person to whom we could send a letter requesting a donation, please send that information to the school office as well. We hope to have many valuable items for auction again this year. You will also find the **Volunteer form** at the end of this edition of the newsletter and on our website's homepage. **Please complete and return the Volunteer form to the school office as soon as possible.** Under the Current Families drop down menu you will find Country Fair forms. You may fill out the form online. Thank You!!!!

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

2/15/23

Analisse Rosado - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto  
Audrey Kodjovi - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto

2/16/23

Benjamin Amparo - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Contreras  
John Campo - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Contreras

2/17/23

J'aime Williams - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Contreras  
John Kelly - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Contreras

2/22/23

Simone Gates - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright  
Ashley Spivey - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

2/23/23

Milan Rice-Fleming - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright  
Caine Cheatham - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

2/24/23

Devin Brooks-Outten - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright  
Jacob Hines - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

2/27/23  
 Randolph Rousseau - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan  
 Nile Sterling - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

3/1/23  
 Jonah Roman - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan  
 Zedic Nickerson - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

3/2/23  
 Yael Lopez - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Shackelford  
 Aubrei Dunkley - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Shackelford

3/3/23  
 Josiah Dodson - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Shackelford  
 Julianna Copeland - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Shackelford

**DATES:**

<b>March</b>	<b>3/9</b> <b>3/11</b> <b>3/13</b>		<b>Thu</b> <b>Sat</b> <b>Mon</b>	Open House - 8:30 am - 12:00 pm New Student Testing No School - Faculty In-Service Preschool Daycare Only Lower School Program (gr. 1,2) 7:30 pm SAT Week
	<b>3/17</b> <b>3/27-3/31</b>		<b>Fri</b> <b>Fri-Sat</b>	

**INDOOR INTRAMURAL SOCCER AT CGCA:** Games for ages 8-11 are played every Saturday in our school gym. The practice and game schedules can be found at the end of this document and on [our website HERE](#).

**WINTER INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE SCHEDULE:**

**Sat, March 4**

9:00 am – Boys – Gold vs. Green

10:00 am – Girls – Gold vs. Green

11:00 am – Boys – Blue vs. Red

12:00 pm – Girls – Blue vs. Red

**Sat, March 11**

9:00 am – Girls – Red vs. Green

10:00 am – Boys – Blue vs. Gold

11:00 am – Girls – Blue vs. Gold

12:00 pm – Boys – Red vs. Green

**Sat, March 18**

9:00 am - Boys - 1st place vs. 4th place

10:00 am - Girls - 1st place vs. 4th place

11:00 am - Boys -2nd place vs. 3rd place

12:00 pm - Girls - 2nd place vs. 3rd place

**Practice Schedule:**

Mondays - 6-7 pm – Girls Blue

Tuesdays - 6-7 pm – Boys Gold                      7-8pm – Boys Green

Wednesdays - 6-7 pm - Boys Red

Thursdays - 6-7 pm – Girls Gold                      7-8pm – Girls Red

Fridays - 5-6 pm – Girls Green                      6-7pm – Boys Blue

**TRACK:**

Tue, 3/14                                      Track Practice                                      3:00-5:30 pm

Wed, 3/15                                      Track Workout (Gym)                                      3:30-4:30 pm

Thu, 3/16                                      Track Practice                                      3:30-5:30 pm

Tue, 3/21                                      Track Practice                                      3:30-5:30 pm

Wed, 3/22                                      Track Workout (Gym)                                      3:30-4:30 pm

Thu, 3/23                                      Track Practice                                      3:30-5:30 pm

Tue, 3/28                                      Track Practice                                      3:30-5:30 pm

Wed, 3/29                                      Track Workout (Gym)                                      3:30-4:30 pm

Thu, 3/30                                      Track Practice                                      3:30-5:30 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.

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:** Parents are discouraged from entering the classroom during the school day. If you need to drop off anything for your student we request that you stop by the office. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

**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](#)