

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

#5 1/21/24

REGISTRATION 2024-2025: Your student may be automatically Re-enrolled unless the office is notified otherwise by February 15. After February 15, 2024, enrollment will be open to new families. Plan on reserving your space early.

MORNING HOURS - Be ontime: Most of you have done an outstanding job getting your child(ren) here on time. However, these past few weeks several have been arriving too late. I would like to encourage you to arrive with your 1st-11th grade child no later than 8:10 AM. They need time to get to class by 8:15. Those arriving between 7 and 8:10 will be able to get to class on time and will most likely have less traffic during the drop off process. Children who arrive before 7:40 am must report to the daycare until 7:45 am. Grades 1-11 will be supervised at 7:45 am in the yard or gym. Students move to classes at 8:05 am and class activities begin at 8:15 am. Preschool daycare runs 7- 8:05 am and they are considered late by 8:30 am.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: **Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia** applications for the 2024-2025 school year are still open. **The application deadline is March 1, 2024.** They require all families to be Philadelphia residents and meet their financial criterion. CSFP will be awarding 2,500 new, four-year K-8th grade scholarships next school year. To apply, please visit their website at www.csphiladelphia.org.

Race for Ed fundraiser celebrations and rewards: Our 1- 4th grade and our 5-11th grade students that got a head start on the fundraiser and had donations within the first week were all awarded with an 'EXTREME RECESS' activity this past month. Also, our highest student earner in every class won a trip to Chuck E Cheese or Altitude. The Chuck E Cheese trip went

off wonderfully this past Thursday and the Altitude is happening this Monday. In the end we essentially met our goal of \$20,000. Thank you all who worked so hard to support our school and help us raise the funds to afford our new digital sign scheduled to be erected this winter, add to our new school bus fund and provide hundreds of dollars to many classrooms for supplies that make each of our child's education more enjoyable and effective.

Snow, Snow, Snow: Whether you are a fan of snow or not, our snow drought of over 700 days has ended. I think I have never seen it snow significantly twice in one week. The first snow day was necessary since the smaller roads in neighborhoods, including the roads around the school were untreated and quite slippery. Just not a wise thing to bring over 250 cars up and down the roads and expect no significant incident. The second day was also clearly needed to keep our families safe.

We do have time built into our calendar for some snow days and we still have extra time allotted and will not need to make up days at this point.

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. **Piano lessons** are available upon request, but are handled by Mrs. Chisholm. A flier with sign up information was given to interested students.

INDOOR INTRAMURAL SOCCER AT CGCA: Games for ages 8-11 are played every Saturday in our school gym with nearly 80 participants. The practice and game schedules can be found at the end of this document and on [our website HERE](#).

Piano Lessons

By Stephanie Chisholm

816-830-6334

Offered at Cedar Grove On Thursdays
\$25 per lesson, payment due by lesson

Limited # of seats available

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, February 1, 2024 - 5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 8:30 am – Noon

Thursday, April 11, 2024 - 8:30 am - Noon

Thursday, May 2, 2024 - 8:30 am – Noon

COUNTRY FAIR: This year's Country Fair and Flea Market is April 27, 2024. 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 **Bake Sale schedule** and **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!!!!

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 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.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING : 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. Please update these phone numbers whenever necessary. All CGCA emergency closings can also be seen on the major Philadelphia TV stations (3, 6, 10 and 29).

School Uniforms: Please take some time to review your child's uniforms. The school logo should be on all polos and uniform pants must be the correct style. If you are uncertain of styles you can view them [HERE](#). Pants should have all internal stitching (no patch pocket pants). Clothing should be loose fitting; no stretch pants or joggers. Boy's hair must be short - above the eyes, ears and collar when in a natural position. No non naturally occurring coloring may be used in hair.

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

1/3/24
Makayla Kennedy - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
Khali Simpson - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

1/4/24
Ariagny Soto - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
Sebastian Molina - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

1/5/24
 Kylin Purnell - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
 Makayla Kennedy - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan

1/8/24
 Ashley Burton - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright
 Josiah Bowne - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

1/11/24
 Ashton Howard - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright
 Gloria Melone - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

1/12/24
 Jaime Williams - 5/6 grade - Miss Kelly
 Morgan Teasley - 5/6 grade - Miss Kelly

DATES:

Jan	1/15 1/18-19 18 1/22 1/25 1/26 1/30		Mon Thu Mon Thu Fri Tue	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day HS MidTerms Race for Ed Chuck E. Cheese trip MS/HS Race for Ed reward outing End of 2nd Quarter Merit Honor Roll trip MS Science Fair

BASKETBALL:

Mon, Jan 22	MS/HS Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Tue, Jan 23	MS Boys @ Holmesburg	4:30 pm
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Wed, Jan 24	MS Boys @ Basketball @ Elkins Park	4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 25	MS Girls Basketball Practice	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Fri, Jan 26	HS JV Ball @ DCCS	4:00 pm
	MS/HS Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

REHEARSAL:

Tue, Jan 23	Rehearsal - Be Our Guest/Finale/Gaston/ Human Again (No Girls BB)	3:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Wed, Jan 24	Rehearsal - Be Our Guest/Finale/Gaston/ Human Again (No MS Boys BB)	3:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Thu, Jan 25	Rehearsal - ALL PRESENT	3:15 pm - 5:30 pm

CHEERLEADING

Wed, Jan 24	Cheerleading Practice	3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 25	Cheerleading Practice	

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 may be driven into the school yard off of Bingham St. during drop off time 7:45-8:30 am. Also, for the safety of our children, please do not double park 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.

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 pm since staff are not moving during this time.

2. If you do wish to pick up your child early, it is necessary to notify the school no later than 2:30 pm 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.

3. Preschool Safety Patrol students are available 8 am - 8:30 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.

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.

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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.

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](#)