

Preschool, Lower School,  
Middle School, High  
School

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215-725-3383 - school



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



## *The Lion's Pulse*

#6 2/14/24

**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.

**Ski trips:** 7th and 8th grades and our highschoolers all learn to ski here at CGCA as part of our Physical Ed. program. They all get professional lessons and opportunities to learn this lifetime skill. The 7th and 8th have been to Spring Mt. and Montage Mt. The High School is going to go to Montage this Friday.

**Intramural indoor soccer** is well underway with approximately 80 students participating in the program. 8-11 year olds make up the bulk of the program. 6 and 7 year olds participate in a shorter season with a brief amount of training and lots of play time. We have 2 more weeks left. They play this Saturday and next at 1pm at the CGCA gym.

**We welcome Mrs. Altamari return** to school this week after her operation and recuperation time. So glad to see her back and also wish to give a big shout out and thanks to one of our veteran ACE subs that took up the torch so wonderfully while Mrs. A was out, Mrs. Clydesdale. She was expertly assisted by and attributes much of the success to Mrs. Perez, the class's aide and Miss Kelly, their afternoon teacher.

**Snow days:** As you well know we always bank in some extra time into the school year in anticipation of snow days. If we don't use the snow days, it just means we have a few extra days to aid in the teaching process. It also helps in planning so that we do not have to lose vacation days if we do have snow days. We are getting close to our limit and will enact "Snow Flex Days" if we go beyond our banked time. You can read more about flex days [here](#).

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

**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.

**Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor** - The kindergarten class is learning about Dr. Mae Jemison and Simone Biles.

**1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn** - The 1st grade class is learning about the following famous African-Americans: Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington Carver, Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph. They are also reading units on Ezra Jack Keat's Snowy Day.

**1st grade - Miss Parke** - The 1st grade class is learning about the following famous African-Americans: Frederick Douglas, George Washington Carver, Wilma Rudolph, Jesse Owens and Harriet Tubman.

**2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley** - The 2nd graders are learning about the life of Ruby Bridges. They read and discussed her life. They also watched some videos about her life.

**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:

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!!!!

**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.](#)

**BASKETBALL:**

Wed, 2/14	MS/HS Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Thu, 2/15	MS Girls Basketball Practice	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
Fri, 2/16	MS/HS Boys Basketball Practice	3:30 pm-5:30 pm

**REHEARSAL:**

Tue, 2/13	Rehearsal - Full Cast ALL Present	3:15 pm-5:30 pm
Wed, 2/14	Rehearsal - Mrs. Potts, Belle, Madam Grand Busche, "Home", "Home Tag", "Beauty and the Beast"	3:15 pm-5:30 pm
Thu, 2/15	Rehearsal - Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Madame, Babette, Chip, "Somewhere There"	3:15 pm-5:30 pm

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

1/18/24  
 Elijah Burse - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto  
 Keturah Clement - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto

1/22/24  
 Titus Dexter - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto  
 Devin Brooks - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto

1/24/24  
 Milan Rice-Fleming - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto  
 Emily Weems - 6th grade - Mrs. Valletto

1/25/24  
 Antonio Ortiz - 7th grade - Mr. Attir  
 Audrey Kodjovi - 7th grade - Mr. Attir

1/26/24

1/29/24

London Reese - 7th grade - Mr. Attir  
 Khali Barmore - 7th grade - Mr. Attir  
 Bryan Vaz - 7th grade - Mr. Attir

Ryleigh Peterson - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Valletto  
 Philicia Simmons - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Valletto

1/31/24  
 Jonah Roman - 5th grade - Mrs. Wright

2/2/24  
 Caelyn Henry - 9th grade - Mrs. Copeland  
 Robert Burton - 9th grade - Mrs. Copeland

2/5/24  
 Khaliyah Kemp - 9th grade - Mrs. Copeland  
 Robbie Burton - 9th grade - Mrs. Copeland

**DATES:**

<b>Feb</b>	<b>2/9</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Merit Honor Roll Trip
	<b>2/14</b>		<b>Wed</b>	Candy Grams by CBS
	<b>2/16</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Registration Due 2024-25 Year
	<b>2/16</b>		<b>Fri</b>	HS Ski and Midnight Madness
	<b>2/19</b>		<b>Mon</b>	No School Presidents Day
	<b>2/22</b>		<b>Thu</b>	Black History Displays HS/MS
	<b>2/23</b>		<b>Fri</b>	Mid-Quarter; Soul Food Day HS/MS
	<b>2/24</b>		<b>Sat</b>	New Student Testing

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

# **Plano Lessons**

By Stephanie Chisholm

816-830-6334

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

Limited # of seats available

**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 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.

**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](http://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.

**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 \$5.50 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](#)