

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 3/11/24

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.

New Hair Code Policy: After much review and information gleaned from multiple sources including sister Christian schools and local church leaders as well as various other agencies CGCA is associated with, we have decided to amend our school hair policy for our young men. The new policy is posted here and will be updated in the student handbook upon the next printing.

Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed. No unnatural hair colors. For all hair styles, a student's hair should not hang below the top of the eyebrows. Before doing something new, please check with the Department School Supervisor. Hats are NOT part of the uniform code.

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.

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 - Miss Ide and Mrs. Negron - The kindergarten children in Miss Ide and Mrs.

Negron's class read stories about Philip Downing, Ruby Bridges, George Crum, Jackie Robinson and Rosa Parks. The children made art projects to represent them. While learning about George Crum, they did a potato chip taste test. We will be concluding our study by learning about Alfred Cralle and using his invention to make ice cream sundaes.

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.

4th grade - Mrs. Nolan - The 4th graders learned about Black Patriots of the Revolutionary War; African-Americans Influential in Revolutionary War Era, Black Inventors/Inventions, "Follow the Drinking Gourd" Underground RailRoad, Rev. Harry Hoosier, "He Had a Dream, I Have One Too" assignment, and Black Art Drawing/Writing.

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, 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](#).

REHEARSAL:

Tue, Mar 12	Rehearsal - Gaston staging and choreography	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Thu, Mar 14	Rehearsal - Review and Be Our Guest	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Mon, Mar 18	Rehearsal - Review and Be Our Guest	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Tue, Mar 19	Rehearsal - Review and The Mob Song	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Wed, Mar 20	Rehearsal - Review and The Mob Song, Line check	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

VOLLEYBALL

Men's Volleyball vs. ICHS

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

2/7/24

Amanda Randall - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari
Brielle Harris - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari

2/8/24

David Edwards - 5/6 ACE - Miss Kelly

2/12/24

Ryleigh Beatty - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
Madison Dennis - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

2/14/24

Violet Gutierrez - Kindergarten - Miss Ide
Amari Heard - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

2/15/24

Rae Weaver - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor
Isabella Jennings - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor
Semekor

2/16/24

Lemuel Paul - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor
Aiden Wadson - Kindergarten - Mrs.

2/21/24

Israel Lee - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Sofia Pedraza - 1st grade - Miss Parke

2/22/24

Zuri Welsh - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Zaire Welsh - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Serenity Bowne - 1st grade - Miss Parke

2/23/24

Jacob Beltran - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Israel Lee - 1st grade - Miss Parke
Santeno Adams - 1st grade - Miss Parke

2/26/24

Andrea Fontalus - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Javier Montanez - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

2/28/24

Armando Izarra - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Jayden Renelus - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

2/29/24

Zamira Chevere - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber
Jayden Philip - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber

3/1/24

Danny Le - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber
Joshua Williams - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber

DATES:

Mar	22 3/25-4/1		Fri Mon-Mon	End of 3rd Quarter No School - Easter Break
April	8-12		Mon-Fri	SAT week - reduced home work during SAT's

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.

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

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.

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](#).

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.

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 \$5.50 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](#)