

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*

#7 - 2/4/25

**REGISTRATION 2025-2026:** Your student is automatically Re-enrolled unless the office is notified otherwise by February 14th. After February 14, 2025, enrollment will be open to new families. Plan on reserving your space early.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia applications for the 2025-2026 school year are still open. **The application deadline is March 1, 2025.** 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.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.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.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR:** We have been hit hard by the cold and flu season. We have taken measures to limit the spread of germs by increased cleaning and sanitizing. Please do your part by keeping sick students home with time to recover.

**LINK TO PICS OF RECENT EVENTS:** CGCA [Click on this Link to see pictures](#) of Christmas in the classroom, Race for Ed., CBS, Championship Soccer and many more events. Pictured below is This month's Principal's Award winner, Josiah Bowne and his nominating teacher Miss Kelly.



**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 6 - Evening Open House 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Thursday, March 6 - 8:30 am - Noon**

**Thursday, April 3 - 8:30 am – Noon**

**Thursday, May 1 - 8:30 am – Noon**

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

1/22/25

Jayden Renelus - 3rd - Mrs. Bryan  
Jaelani Martinez - 3rd - Mrs. Bryan

1/27/25

Talia Rosa - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari  
Justice Dunkley - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari

1/30/25

Eli Jones - 4th - Mrs. Nolan  
Jace Rolon - 4th - Mrs. Nolan

1/24/25

Alanna Santana - 3rd - Mrs. Bryan  
Isaiah Lassiter - 3rd - Mrs. Bryan

1/29/25

Danny Le - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari  
Elisia Noel - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari

1/31/25

Camryn Johnson - 4th - Mrs. Nolan  
Aaron Padilla - 4th - Mrs. Nolan

**DATES:**

|            |           |  |            |  |
|------------|-----------|--|------------|--|
| <b>Feb</b> | <b>1</b>  |  | <b>Sat</b> | Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am-2:00 pm                        |
|            | <b>3</b>  |  | <b>Mon</b> | Country Fair forms go home                                     |
|            | <b>6</b>  |  | <b>Thu</b> | Evening Open House 5-7 pm                                      |
|            | <b>7</b>  |  | <b>Fri</b> | Report Cards Issued  |
|            | <b>8</b>  |  | <b>Sat</b> | Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am-2:00 pm                        |
|            | <b>14</b> |  | <b>Fri</b> | Candy Gram by CBS<br>Registration Due 2024-25 year             |
|            | <b>15</b> |  | <b>Sat</b> | Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am-2:00 pm                        |
|            | <b>17</b> |  | <b>Mon</b> | No School - Presidents' Day                                    |
|            | <b>21</b> |  | <b>Fri</b> | HS Ski and Midnight madness                                    |
|            | <b>22</b> |  | <b>Sat</b> | Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am-2:00 pm<br>New Student testing |
|            | <b>26</b> |  | <b>Wed</b> | Mid-Quarter  |
|            | <b>27</b> |  | <b>Thu</b> | MS/HS Black History Projects                                   |
|            | <b>28</b> |  | <b>Fri</b> | MS/HS Soul Food Day  |

**ATTENTION PARENTS:**

One of our school families is looking for someone to watch her son from 5:00-8:00 am. If you are interested in helping this family, please contact the school office.

**INDOOR INTRAMURAL SOCCER:**

Sat, Feb. 1 1 - Boys - Green vs. Blue  
2 - Girls - Green vs. Blue  
3 - Boys - Red vs. Gold  
4 - Girls - Red vs. Gold

Sat, Feb. 15 1 - Boys - Gold vs. Blue  
2 - Girls - Green vs. Red  
3 - Boys - Green vs. Red  
4 - Girls - Gold vs. Blue

Sat, Feb. 8 1 - Boys - Red vs. Blue  
2 - Girls - Red vs. Blue  
3 - Girls - Green vs. Gold  
4 - Boys - Green vs. Gold

Sat, Feb. 22 1 - Girls - Blue vs. Green  
2 - Boys - Blue vs. Green  
3 - Girls - Gold vs. Red  
4 - Boys - Gold vs. Red

**Practice Schedule - 2025**

Mon. - 6-7 - Boys Green 7-8 Girls Red  
Tues. - 6-7 - Boys Blue 7-8 Girls Green  
Wed. - 6-7  
Thur. - 6-7 - Girls Gold 7-8 Girls Blue  
Fri. - 5-6 - Boys Red 6-7 Boys Gold

**CHEERLEADING:**

|             |                |                |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mon, Feb 3  | Cheer Practice | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Wed, Feb 5  | Cheer Practice | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Fri, Feb 7  | Cheer Practice | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Mon, Feb 10 | Cheer Practice | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Wed, Feb 12 | Cheer Practice | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |

## **BASKETBALL**

|             |  |                |
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| Mon, Feb 3  | MS Boys Basketball @ Green Street Friend |                |
| Wed, Feb 5  | MS/HS Boys Practice                      | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Thu, Feb 6  | MS Boys Tourney @ Philmont               |                |
| Fri, Feb 7  | JV Basketball @ Calvary                  | 4:00 pm        |
| Mon, Feb 10 | MS/HS Boys Practice                      | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Tue, Feb 11 | MS Boys Basketball vs. Calvary           | 3:30 pm        |
| Wed, Feb 12 | JV Boys vs. Philmont                     |                |
|             | (Senior Night)                           | 4:00 pm        |
|             | MS/HS Boys Practice                      | 3:30 - 5:30 pm |

**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 - #193:** 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. Our closing number is **193** and it will be announced on *KYW – 1060 AM – news radio station*. (School closings are also posted at [www.KYW1060.com](http://www.KYW1060.com) on the internet). All CGCA emergency closings can also be seen on the major Philadelphia TV stations (3, 6, and 10).

**LUNCH PROGRAM:** You may go into your FACTS/RenWeb account and set up orders for your child(ren), which we will see in our system. All lunch snacks and meal orders should be made at least 24 hours in advance and online.

**PRETZELS:** Pretzels are sold outside the office on Tuesdays for \$1.00 each.

**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.

**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 turned off and left in the office or designated location while he/she is in the building. Parents must sign the cell phone form for their child. Middle and high 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 - 12<sup>th</sup> graders may keep their phones in their lockers and are solely responsible for the safety of that device.

**FACTS Family Portal:** I hope you are regularly checking your child's grades. You can access FACTS/RenWeb using the link at the bottom of the page on our [school's website](#). Please call our school office if you need any assistance.

**CLEARANCES:** Parents interested in attending field trips with their child must have a PA Child Abuse Record Check and PA Criminal History clearance. If you are interested in getting your clearances, please feel free to go to our school website and click on Parent Helps, and scroll down to PA Background Checks for Volunteers. Once you have both clearances, please provide the office with a copy of the same.

**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 \$5.50 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](#)

[FACTS login](#) (District Code: cg-pa)

[Extracurricular opportunities](#)

[Hand book/uniform code/supply lists/forms](#)

[New Student Application](#)

[Faculty/Staff Applications](#)