

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

#3 - 10/18/24

REMINDER: There is **no school** on Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25 due to teachers' conferences.

Election Day is Nov. 5. - School Closed: This being a somewhat contentious general election year and CGCA being a polling site we have decided to close school for the day. We encourage everyone to get out and vote.

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY: **Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 9:00 am**, the photographer will be here for absentees and retakes. Students who were absent should bring their picture money and dress appropriately. Students who had a problem with their pictures should return their complete picture package, except for the group picture.

RACE FOR ED walk-a-thon: If you have not done so already **check your email for your Race For Ed link** that you can send out and start receiving donations (Delivered Oct. 8).

For those reading this who are seeking donations, please be sure to post ASAP. The sooner the requests get out the more chances of reaching folks and getting in those donations. For those of you who may be donating let me thank you in advance.

Safety and Security at CGCA: This past month we conducted a drill at our school. We had our first fire drill of the year and we conducted an evacuation drill in which everyone in the school walked to our emergency evac location. It all went very smoothly.

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Bring your slightly used clothing and household textiles to CGCA by Nov. 5. Our High Schoolers will be taking the bags of clothes to Second Ave. to raise money for their senior activities.

MORNING HOURS: Children who arrive before 7:45 am must report to the daycare until 7:45 am. Grades 1-12 will be supervised at 7:45 am in the yard or gym. Lines enter the building 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.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS: Each month students are nominated by our teaching staff for consideration for recognition of their outstanding behavior and achievement. 1 child is selected from preschool, one from lower school and one from our middle school/high school divisions. Each recipient receives a certificate from the principal during a regular assembly (chapel) and it will be announced in this school newsletter and on the hallway digital message boards. The principal will consult with each winner and give them the opportunity to voice their ideas on how to make our school better. This month's recipients are:

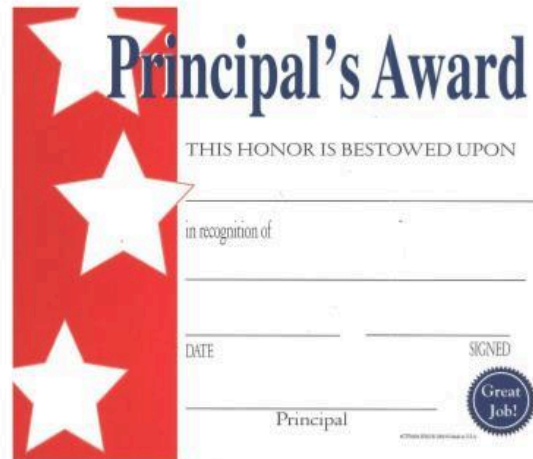
Principal's Award Winners



King Williams PS

Imsaal Nasim MS/HS

Paola Gallardo LS



ABSENTEE CALLS REQUIRED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Parents are required to call the school office (215-725-3383) by 8:45 am if your Middle or High School child will be absent. This will help us be more consistent with our records and help ensure the safety of our children.

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 block the road 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.

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

10/9/24 Noah DeSouza - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor Jennah Rivers - Kindergarten - Mrs. Semekor	10/10/24 Madison Dennis - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn Benyamin Murillo - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn
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10/11/24 Agnes Morgan - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn Amari Heard - 1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn	10/14/24 Benjamin Rasmuson - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber Zuri Welsh - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber
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10/16/24 Zaire Welsh - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber Melchizedek Jean - 2nd grade - Mrs. Weber	10/17/24 Hannah Dorval - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley Serenity Bowne - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
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10/18/24
Aaron Elliott - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley
Kyzr Lopez - 2nd grade - Mrs. Quigley

DATES:

Oct	24-25 30		Thu-Fri Wed	No School or Daycare--Teacher's Conference Picture Retake Day
Nov	5 7 8 11 12		Tue Thu Fri Mon Tue	No School - Election Day Open House 8:30 am-12 pm Race for Education event No School - Veterans Day No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences Preschool day care only

SOCCKER SCHEDULE:

Tue, Oct. 22	Soccer @ TCA	Boys 3:45 pm and Girls 3:45 pm
Tue, Oct. 29	Faculty Soccer Game	
Mon, Nov. 4	Coed Soccer vs. Center School	3:45 pm

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

Wed, Oct. 23	HS Girls Volleyball vs. Calvary (Senior Night)
Wed, Oct. 30	Faculty Volleyball

BASKETBALL:

Tue, Oct. 29	Girls Basketball Tryouts
Thu, Oct. 31	Girls Basketball Tryouts

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.

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 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** 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 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 - 12th 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](#)