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.

#2 - 10/7/24

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

**<u>PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY</u>: 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.

**Mid-Quarter reports:** have been emailed to families. Please stay current with your child's progress and be sure to assist as needed to keep them on track. Our first quarter report cards will come out in approximately 4 weeks.

**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.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 - COME AND HAVE DINNER WITH US!! LET US DO THE COOKING FOR YOU! Spaghetti Dinner forms have been sent home. All proceeds will benefit the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip.

**<u>#1 PRIORITY ON PRAYER:</u>** To keep the emphasis on starting our school year off with an attitude of prayer, we are emphasizing prayer in a different way each day, encouraging children and our families to make prayer for our school a #1 priority. Pray daily, keep a prayer journal and pray that many will remain faithful in prayer all month. Access the <u>POP calendar here</u>

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

9/16/24 Ashton Howard - 6th grade - Miss Kelly Josiah Bowne - 6th grade - Miss Kelly 9/19/24 Taye Evans - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Valletto John Kelly - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Valletto

#### 9/20/24 Jaime Williams - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Valletto Jonah Roach-Goffee - 7/8 ACE - Mr. Valletto

9/25/24 Caitlynn Wilson - 12th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg Robert Burton - 9th grade - Mrs. Copeland

9/27/24 Caitlynn Wilson - 12th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg Isaiah Small - 12th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg

10/2/24 King Williams - Kindergarten - Miss Ide Amora Cruz - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

10/4/24 Taylor Howard-Richardson - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari Kian Patel - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari

# DATES:

9/23/24 Antonio Ortiz - 8th grade - Mrs. Wright Chennelle Patterson - 8th grade - Mrs. Wright

#### 9/26/24

Micah Thompson - 12th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg Isaiah Small - 12th grade - Mrs. VanEmburg

9/30/24 Jacob Clydesdale - Kindergarten - Miss Ide Summer Mckinney-Jamison - Kindergarten - Miss Ide

10/3/24 Danny Le - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari McKenzie Williams - 3/4 ACE - Mrs. Altomari

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# SOCCER SCHEDULE:

Tue, October 8	MS Boys Soccer vs. Philmont MS Girls Soccer vs. Philmont	3:45 pm 3:45 pm
Wed, October 9	Boys Soccer @ Caskey Torah Academy Girls Soccer @ Caskey Torah Academy	5:15 pm 4:15 pm
Fri, October 11	Boys Soccer @ Calvary	
Tue, October 15	Boys Tourney @ Philmont	
Wed, October 16	Girls Tourney @ Philmont	
Fri, October 18	Soccer Practice	3:30 pm

### VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

Wed, October 9	MS/HS Volleyball Practice	3:30 pm
Thu, October 10	HS Girls Volleyball @ Quakertown MS Girls Volleyball @ Quakertown	4:45 pm 4:45 pm
Wed, October 16	HS Girls Volleyball vs. Calvary	

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE: Tuesday, September 24, 8:45 am -** Our entire school gathered at the flagpole to pray for our nation. Several students and some staff led us in prayer.

- 1st grade Miss Parke: Jonathan Cappell and Penelope Dobbins
- 1st grade Miss Schemerhorn: Skylar Hart and Jurnee Carroll
- 2nd grade Mrs. Quigley: Riley Shy and Jace Semekor
- 2nd grade Mrs. Weber: Cyris Morris and Eden Petion-Roberson
- 3rd grade Mrs. Bryan: Armando Izarra and Rolmaney Chrispin
- 3/4 ACE Mrs. Altomari: Talia Rosa and Taylor Howard-Richardson
- 4th grade Mrs. Nolan: Brielle Harris and Chris Tchokoto
- 5/6 ACE Mrs. Fox: Amanda Randall and Peyton Scott
- 5th Mr. Attir: Khali Simpson and Jonathan Grasty
- 6th grade Miss Kelly: Jonah A. Roman and Mikayla Alam
- 7th grade Miss Dais: Titus Dexter and Natalie Lebron
- 8th grade Mrs. Wright: Khali Barmore and Ashton Cajuste
- 9/10 Mrs. Copeland: Khaliyah Kemp and Robbie Burton
- 11/12 Mrs. VanEmburg: Caitlyn Wilson and Isaiah Welsh

### 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 School 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.

**<u>BUS AND CAR TRANSPORTATION</u>**: 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 **<u>no parking</u>** permitted on

Bingham St., except for school buses. <u>Cars should never be driven into the school yard, even</u> <u>during inclement weather.</u> Please have your child leave and board your car at the curb. Also, for the safety of our children, please <u>do not double park or park in the drop-off only zone on</u> <u>Lawndale Street.</u> Responsible students are available from 8 - 8:30 am to assist preschool students in getting safely to their proper classroom. Thank you.

**MORNING HOURS:** Grades 1-12 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. Lines enter the building at 8:05 am and school begins at 8:15 am. All children should arrive by 8:20 am at the latest. The late bell rings at 8:30 am. Preschool - can arrive for daycare 7- 8:15. They are considered tardy at 8:40

**LUNCH PROGRAM:** You may go into your FACTS 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 FACTS 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. The office is open for calls at 7:45 - 4:15 and for visiting 9- 2:30.

**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 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 - 10<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 <u>school's website</u>. 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 \$5.25 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.

Check your email for information on setting up your account with ProCare. Once you have created a username and password, you will be able to view the activity on your account and make payments online.

**<u>AMAZON SMILE</u>**: Amazon has a program called "Amazon Smile" that donates .5% of eligible purchases to a charity of the members choosing. Simply shop on <u>Smile.Amazon.com</u> 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 FACTS login (District Code: cg-pa) Extracurricular opportunities Hand book/uniform code/supply lists/forms New Student Application Faculty/Staff Applications