

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 - 11/4/24

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.**

RACE FOR EDUCATION: We have not yet finished receiving or tallying all the donations from Race, but so far the Lord has blessed us with approximately **\$ 17,000**. We only have 5 more days to receive funds via our online porthole and have them count to our fundraising competition. I would love it if you would use the link sent to you yesterday to put the word out and take in donations for your child. If you are getting this email and don't have a link to ask for or give donations, please call our school office or donate at this link:

<https://independent.pledgebrite.org/fund/cgrace4u24/jeff--ho>

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 by November 8th - This Friday!!!!

If we raise the full amount by this Friday, our students will earn a special day in school called INSIDEOUT day. You may want to ask them about it or call our school office to find out more.

What are we doing with the funds we raise?

1. Add to our new bus fund so we can have safe, quality transportation for our student trips and activities.
2. Get a new laminating machine for our school office so teachers can preserve hand made and purchased decorations and materials for their classroom decor. and

operations.

3. **Add to our Proposed New Security Wing fund. We are always looking to improve our program. By building a new building to act as a secure entrance to our facility we will create a more safe and secure environment for our children, can operate more effectively and will be able to increase our enrollment helping more Christian families raise their children in the fear and love of God.**

You may continue to send your donations until the end of the school year. Thank you to all who participated in this yearly fund-raiser.



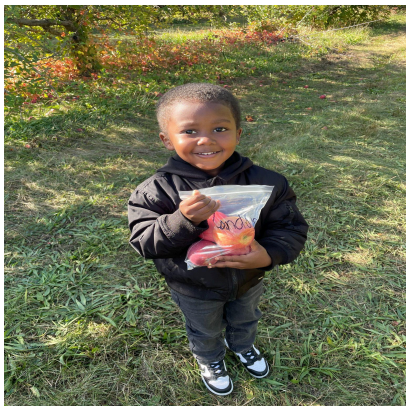
CLOTHING DONATIONS: Bring your slightly used clothing and household textiles to CGCA by Nov. 6. Our High Schoolers will be taking the bags of clothes to Second Ave. to raise money for their senior activities.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Tuesday Nov. 12th is our scheduled annual parent teacher meetings. This is a time when you can meet one on one with your child's teachers. You can imagine how long this takes considering that some of our teachers have up to 120 students in a given day. So, on Nov. 12th the teachers will NOT be conducting regular classes but will rather be scheduling these 1-1 meetings throughout the morning and evening. You should have received notice about the meetings this past week. Letters were sent home with each child explaining the day and inviting you to schedule a meeting if one is not already scheduled by any of your child's teachers. Please complete that form and return it asap. If you did not get a letter, please notify the school office or send a note in with your child.

STORIES TO TELL: CGCA is a great place to grow and learn. We want you to hear about some of the stories we get to live all the time. Here is a sample of some of the great stories of things happening around the school.

PreK - Mrs. Roman

Prek went to Styers Orchard in October! We had a great time riding in a hay wagon, picking apples and pumpkins from the field. God gave us a beautiful day to enjoy his creation. A big thank you to our chaperones, we can not do this without you 😊.



2nd grade - Mrs. Weber

Our class is learning about Native Americans. We have learned about wigwams, longhouses, (chickens,)and teepees. Our class used iPads to research and make authentic looking teepees. Eden and Jacob finishing their teepees.

Using ipads to sharpen their math skills.



Open House: Our next open house is scheduled for this **Thurs. Nov. 7th.** If you know of anyone looking for a good Christian School, please encourage them to call our school office to get details on how to meet our students and staff and hear about our program. Families already enrolled that would like to learn more about the program and see it in motion are always welcome.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone: In Just over 2 weeks Thanksgiving week will be upon us. We here at CGCA know how much you all value your family time. With that in mind, during these very special times of year we like to make extra opportunities for this. For the week of November 25th the school will be closed. It is our prayer that this will allow you and your family time to organize and participate in activities that will help us better understand ALL we have to be thankful for in our lives.

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:

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| <p>10/21/24
Marylee Padilla - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan
Jayden Renelus - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan</p> <p>10/28/24
Asha Trice - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
Guetchina Clement - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan</p> <p>10/31/24
Bria Abraham - 5th grade - Mr. Attir
Tabitha Jean - 5th grade - Mr. Attir</p> | <p>10/23/24
Eliada Roberson - 3rd grade - Mrs. Bryan
Nate Medina - 3rd grade - Bryan</p> <p>10/30/24
Navaeh Warren - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan
Chris Tchokoto - 4th grade - Mrs. Nolan</p> <p>11/1/24
Karis Santiago - 5th grade - Mr. Attir
Xavier Pedraza - 5th grade - Mr. Attir</p> |
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DATES:

Nov	5		Tue	No School - Election Day
	7		Thu	Open House 8:30 am-12 pm
	8		Fri	Race for Education event
	11		Mon	No School - Veterans Day

	12		Tue	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences Preschool day care only
	22		Fri	Lower School Thanksgiving Feast Middle School Thanksgiving Feast Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
	11/25-11/29		Mon-Fri	NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING

CHEERLEADING:

Mon, Nov 4 Cheer Tryouts (6th - 12th grade Girls) - Gym
Wed, Nov 6 Cheer Tryouts (6th - 12th grade Girls) - Gym
Fri, Nov 8 Cheer Tryouts (6th - 12th grade Girls) - Gym

SOCCER:

Mon, Nov 4 Coed Soccer vs. Center School 3:45 pm

BASKETBALL:

Wed, Nov 6 MS/HS Boys Basketball Tryouts
Fri, Nov 8 MS/HS Boys Basketball Tryouts
Thu, Nov 14 HS Boys combined practice
Tue, Nov 19 JV vs. ICBS 4:00 pm
Wed, Nov 20 MS Boys Basketball vs. Elkins Park 3:30 pm
Fri, Nov 22 MS Boys Basketball vs. Philmont 4:30 pm
 MS Girls Basketball vs. Philmont 3:30 pm

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](#)