

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 - 2/24/25

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.

1st grade - Miss Schermerhorn - The 1st grade class is learning about the following famous African-Americans: Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph and George Washington Carver.

4th grade - Mrs. Nolan - The 4th grade class is learning about African American Revolutionary War Heroes, Black History Art and Harry Hoosier. Students are writing about "He Had a Dream, I Have One Too." They are researching and presenting a project on a Black History Hero.

MS/HS - Soul Food Day and Black History Reports Fair

LINK TO PICS OF RECENT EVENTS: CGCA [Click on this Link to see pictures](#) of Eagles Greenout day and many more events.

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, March 6 - 8:30 am - Noon

Thursday, April 3 - 8:30 am – Noon

Thursday, May 1 - 8:30 am – Noon

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-8th grade scholarships next school year. To apply, please visit

their website at www.csphiladelphia.org.

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.

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.

COUNTRY FAIR: This year's Country Fair and Flea Market is April 26, 2025. 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. 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](#). For the next 2 Saturdays children ages 6 and 7 can play at 1pm. No registration or fees are required. We will have a time of devos, skill building and games.

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

2/3/25

Karis Santiago - 5th grade - Mr. Attir
Tabitha Jean - 5th grade - Mr. Attir

2/5/25

Xavier Pedraza - 5th grade - Mr. Attir
Ryan Holley - 5th grade - Mr. Attir

2/7/25

Aubrei Dunkley - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Fox
Amanda Randall - 5/6 ACE - Mrs. Fox

2/10/25

Ashton Howard - 6th grade - Miss Kelly
Gloria Melone - 6th grade - Miss Kelly

2/12/25

Nile Sterling - 6th grade - Miss Kelly
Mikayla Alam - 6th grade - Miss Kelly

2/13/25

Zabria Woodard - 6th grade - Miss Kelly
Randolph Rousseau - 6th grade - Miss Kelly

2/19/25

Siannie Lebron - 7th grade - Miss Dais
Natalie Lebron - 7th grade - Miss Dais

2/20/25

Leah Reese - 7th grade - Miss Dais
Titus Dexter - 7th grade - Miss Dais

2/21/25

Milan Rice-Fleming - 7th grade - Miss Dais

Keturah Clement - 7th grade - Miss Dais

DATES:

Feb	22		Sat	Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am - 2:00 pm New Student testing
	26		Wed	Mid-Quarter
	27		Thu	MS/HS Black History Projects
	28		Fri	MS/HS Soul Food Day
Mar	1		Sat	Intramural Soccer game 9:00 am-2:00 pm
	6		Thu	HS Ski and Midnight Madness Open House - 8:30 am
	8		Sat	Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
	10		Mon	No School Faculty In-Service DCO
	14		Fri	High School Formal - Cairn Lower School Program 1st, 2nd
	15		Sat	Intramural Soccer games 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 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 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 : *Due to bad weather, our school may need to either close early or not open on occasion. An Alert 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. Most CGCA emergency closings can also be seen on the major Philadelphia TV stations (3, 6, and 10).*

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.

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 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. 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 1-9 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](#)