

# Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter August/September, 2019



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Welcome to a new school year at Cedar Crest Middle School! On August 26, 2019, we will begin the 2019-2020 school year! The faculty and administration are excited about the upcoming year! We hope that you will have a successful and enjoyable experience at the middle school. As the principal, I am looking forward to working with you and your children to help make this school year one that is full of positive and wonderful learning opportunities.

This school year holds many experiences that we are excited to share with you. Cedar Crest Middle School is a 1:1 school with each student receiving a laptop to use for school! We could not be more excited about the possibilities that this initiative creates for our students. We are so grateful to Dr. Murray and the Technology Support staff for helping us with these amazing opportunities!

Our schedule also allows students the opportunity to receive academic assistance during Flex time and take advantage of the resources available through our NEST (Nurturing Everyone's Strengths and Talents) program. Our Falcons CARE program has continued to grow and expand into fantastic community outreach and support opportunities for our students!

Please review the information in this newsletter carefully as it is pertinent to the start of school.

Middle school can be both a challenging and rewarding time. Please know that the faculty and staff at Cedar Crest Middle School are here to assist you and your students throughout this school year.

Best wishes for a wonderful and productive school year!

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley  
Principal

## Calendar of Events

- August 15: P-SP Meeting – Learning Center, 7 pm
- August 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Night – A-04, 7 pm
- August 20: Staff Orientation Day
- August 21: In-service for Staff
- August 22: In-service for Staff
- August 26: First Day for Students
- August 29: Open House for Parents, 6 pm
- August 30: In-service for Staff  
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
- September 2: Labor Day – No School
- September 9-10: Height/Weight/Vision Screening
- September 17: Fall School Picture Day
- September 18: Hearing Screening
- September 19: P-SP Meeting–Learning Center, 7 pm

## Newsletter

A newsletter containing information and a list of calendar events for each upcoming month will be available on our website ([www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us)) and distributed to parents via Skyward.

## Follow Mrs. Rackley on Social Media!

Click on the links below to follow Mrs. Rackley on Twitter, Wakelet, Blogspot, or Instagram for the latest happenings at CCMS!



[@MrsRackleyCCMS](https://twitter.com/MrsRackleyCCMS)



[@MrsRackleyCCMS](https://www.wakelet.com/@MrsRackleyCCMS)



<https://mrsrackleyccms.blogspot.com/>



<https://www.instagram.com/mrsrackleyccms>

## “FIRST DAY” Instructions and Paperwork

### Upon arrival at 8:00 am:

6th grade students report to the auditorium,  
7th grade students report to your homeroom, and  
8th grade students report to the homeroom.

On the first day of school, all students will receive the following items:

1. A copy of their schedule
2. A copy of the CCMS Handbook
3. A student calendar/planner to record and organize assignments
4. Free and reduced school lunch information
5. Student emergency health information form
6. Open House Letter
7. Laptop insurance information
8. Consent to Take Medication Form (Please see below for more information from the school nurse.)

Please review all the handouts with your child so that you and your child are familiar with school policies and procedures. We ask that the endorsed title page of the handbook and the student emergency health information form be returned as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday, August 29, 2019.**

The 2019-2020 Voluntary Student Insurance Brochure & Enrollment information can be found on the CLSD website. Click on the Parent Info. tab and then click on the Forms tab.

Homeroom information can be accessed beginning on Monday, August 19, at 4:00 pm, through Family Access by clicking on the Student Profile then the Scheduling tab. Parents who do not have Family Access can sign up by stopping by the CCMS Guidance Office with your photo identification on weekdays between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

## District Calendar

To download a pdf file of the 2019-2020 calendar, click the link under the Quick Links menu on the left side of the CLSD website [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us).

## Connect with Us!

We want parents involved in the events and activities at Cedar Crest Middle School—but more importantly, we want our families to have the opportunity to see the amazing things that are happening in our classrooms every day!

We are committed to sharing pictures and stories with you via our social media networks! Many of our teams and teachers are active on several social media outlets. Mrs. Rackley and our CCMS P-SP post regularly so you can see the great activities and learning experiences here at CCMS!

**Where can you find us?** Look for us on Twitter, Wakelet, Instagram, and Blogspot (see the links on the first page of this newsletter).

**What is Twitter?** Twitter is a social media service that allows for teachers to caption pictures, tweet about what is happening in their classrooms, and send reminders about their team and class activities! [www.twitter.com/MrsRackleyCCMS](http://www.twitter.com/MrsRackleyCCMS)

**What is Wakelet?** Wakelet is a curation site where Mrs. Rackley collects most of our social media posts from each week and posts them in one location on Wakelet. Each week, Mrs. Rackley will post a link to her updated Wakelet. [www.wakelet.com/@MrsRackleyCCMS](http://www.wakelet.com/@MrsRackleyCCMS)

**What is Instagram?** Instagram is a social media network most well-known for posting pictures! Teams and teachers can post and caption pictures of their teams, classes, and activities. [www.instagram.com/mrsrackleyccms](http://www.instagram.com/mrsrackleyccms)

**What is Blogspot?** Mrs. Rackley writes a blog to share her thoughts and reflections on the events that are taking place within our school. <https://mrsrackleyccms.blogspot.com>



## Breakfast Program/Food Services Information

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! The Food Services Department is pleased to announce that they will be serving breakfast starting on Monday, August 26 at the Commons Café Breakfast Kiosk in the Commons Area. Breakfast is an important part of the school day, and in an effort to reach all students, we our breakfast offerings is located in our Commons Area. Students may enjoy various hot and cold breakfast options on their way to homeroom. In celebrating a new school year, students who purchase a breakfast meal on Tuesday, August 27, at the Commons Café Breakfast Kiosk will be entered to win various prizes, including a \$10 Apple gift card and school supplies! Please be sure to check out the Food Services website for full menus, free and reduced priced school meal information, and a link to the 2019-2020 Free & Reduced Price School Meals Application. We look forward to serving healthy meal options to your students again this year! Any questions, please call Food Services at 717-389-1849.

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Call us at 717-272-2032 or  
visit [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us)

## Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

How can you stay involved in your child's education? Attend the P-SP meetings at CCMS! This group of parents and staff work together to enhance a positive academic and social environment at our school.

P-SP provides academic incentives for each marking period, sponsors the fall and spring dances, and numerous other activities at the school. This year we hope to continue these activities as well as others throughout the year.

We need you! The first meeting of the school year will be Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 pm in the CCMS Learning Center (Library). We will discuss events for the school year, organize committees and much more. We look forward to seeing you that evening!

As a reminder, in order to take part in ANY of our school sponsored events, you must have your volunteer clearances on file with the District Office prior to being allowed to chaperone. If you need assistance in learning how to obtain your clearances log on to the CLSD website and click on the Volunteers & Chaperones for information.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Glassford, president, at [kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us).

## Giant A+ Program

Each year, you can earn CASH for our school by shopping at Giant food stores. During the 2018-19 school year, P-SP earned over \$4,484.92! Details will be distributed as they are available from Giant!

## News from the Nurse

Please review information in the handbook related to health services with your student. Whenever possible, medications should be given at home. The Cornwall-Lebanon School District adopted the medication policy using the Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines. Guidelines require both parent and physician signatures for administration of both prescribed and over the counter medications (Tylenol, Tums, Ibuprofen). A parent or adult designee must transport all medications to and from school. Students may not transport medications to or from school unless an order to self-carry a medication is signed by both the parent and physician.

## Falcon Fridays at CCMS

Every Friday at CCMS is Falcon Friday! On Falcon Friday, all students and staff should wear our school colors—blue and grey—or their favorite Falcon Spirit or Cedar Crest gear to promote our #CommUNITY, school culture, and Falcon Pride!

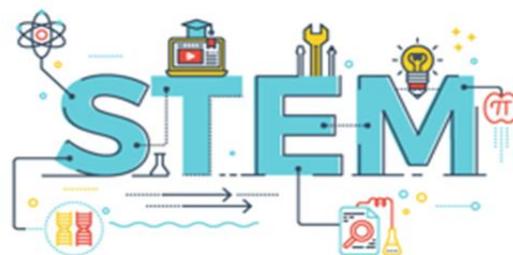
This year, we are planning contests and special photo opportunities on Falcon Fridays! Look for Falcon Friday Features on our social media networks!

## Gym Locks

Gym locks can be purchased in the main office at a cost of \$5 beginning Tuesday, August 13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Only school purchased locks may be placed on gym lockers. The purchase of gym locks is highly encouraged, and the locks can be used for the rest of your child's school career.

## Physical Education Shirts

Dress requirements and information regarding ordering shirts for phys. ed. will be discussed with students on the first day that they have PE. Paperwork will be sent home regarding how to order shirts. Students are responsible for ordering their own shirts. All money and orders will be handled through the physical education department; no money will be collected until after the shirts arrive.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night**  
**Thursday, August 15, 2019**  
**Beginning at 7:00 PM during the**  
**CCMS P-SP meeting**

All parents who are attending the P-SP meeting are welcome to bring their incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Room A-04! This will be a great opportunity for students to meet other 6<sup>th</sup> graders and explore fun STEM activities. Please e-mail Mrs. Becker with any questions ([kbecker@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kbecker@clsd.k12.pa.us)).

## Bus Transportation

Students' bus assignments are based on their home address. In the cases of split families, within the district, and day care is needed for all week, Monday thru Friday, please contact the district office at 717-272-2031 to arrange bus assignments to both parents' addresses if needed.

Transfer passes for students to ride buses other than those to which they are assigned will be issued **ONLY IN CASES OF EXTREME EMERGENCY** because of overcrowding in fully assigned buses. "As Needed" bus card will need the reason for the alternate stop, and the date they will need to ride that bus (i.e., morning, afternoon, or both). One day "**emergency**" cards will be issued only to those students submitting a **written note with the above information**. Staying over at another student's home or going to an evening social event with another student are NOT emergencies. Transportation to events is a parental responsibility. Students who face an emergency and are in need of a transfer must submit a note containing the above information to the office upon their arrival at school in the morning.

Cornwall-Lebanon buses will use audio and video recording devices to monitor bus behavior in accordance with CLSD Policy #810.2.

Bus information was posted to Skyward on August 5. Please refer to the Skylert message on August 5 for details regarding transportation information. This information can be viewed through the Family Access website by clicking on the Student Info tab and then View Bus Schedule. Any questions regarding transportation should be directed to the District Office at 717-272-2031.

## Private Transportation

### **Student Drop-Off Procedures (Start of Day)**

**Who:** All middle school students

**When:** Morning drop-off

**Where:** The rear of the middle school at Door 6

**How:** Proceed down Falcon Drive and follow the yellow signs directing to the MS student drop off area

Vehicles will form a line in the drop off loop and students will exit the vehicle at the walkway to Door 6

### **Student Pick-Up Procedures (End of Day)**

**Who:** All middle school students

**When:** Afternoon pick-up

**Where:** Only 6th grade students - The rear of the middle school at Door 6

7th and 8th grade students - The side door on the cafeteria patio at Door 5

Any combination of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students - The side door on the cafeteria patio at Door 5

**How:** Vehicles will park near their assigned door, and the person picking up a student will walk to the assigned door for dismissal. Students are required to stay inside until an adult comes to the door for pick-up.

**Please do not pick your child up at the main entrance during dismissal time.**

## Activity Buses

The Cornwall-Lebanon School District provides activity buses for secondary students who must stay after school for athletic activities, club activities, other school related activities, tutoring, and detention. The activity buses leave the middle school main entrance starting at 4:15 pm. The activity buses run Monday through Thursday during the school year. Information regarding the activity bus runs, the location that the buses serve, and the bus number for the area is posted at several locations in the middle school. Our school staff is also available to assist students with determining the correct activity bus to take for the journey home. **Students are encouraged to have their school ID to board activity buses. It is the students' responsibility to know which activity bus they ride before boarding the bus.**

Only students who are involved in supervised after school athletics or activities may ride the activity buses. Students who choose to stay after school to observe an activity such as a sporting event are not permitted to ride the activity buses. Activity buses are a convenience offered to parents who are not able to secure their child who is involved in a supervised after school athletic event or other school activity.

Activity buses are not a replacement for the regularly scheduled bus routes. The activity bus may only bring a student to the approximate area where the student resides. Students need to advise the driver where they need to depart the bus in advance of the stop. Parents may still have to drive to a suitable location along the route to transport the student home. Students riding the activity buses are subject to the same disciplinary guidelines as students who ride the regular buses.