

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter November, 2019



Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe, but we have already reached the end of the first marking period. The first quarter has been a successful one! Many thanks to all of you for your support and participation in our fundraiser and the Giant A+ Program. Our Falcons CARE groups are up and running with amazing projects to reach out to our community.

November is another exciting and busy month for CCMS. Our Drama Club is hard at work with their production of A Wicked Christmas Carol! Our semi-annual Book Fair begins at CCMS this month, and our musical ensembles are busy preparing for their concerts.

Please note the Parent-Teacher Conferences are Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26 this year. Directions on how to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences were sent home on October 14. Please see the information included on next page.

Know that your efforts and involvement in your child's education are recognized and appreciated! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley
Principal

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Calendar of Events

- Nov. 1: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Act 80 Day-This day counts as day 6! Monday, November 4 will be day 1!)
- Nov. 4: Mini-THON meeting — room A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 4: MS TSA meeting — room B-34, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 5: Toys for Tots Collection Box — Commons Area (see information on the next page)
- Nov. 5: Jump Start — room B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 5: Quiz Bowl — Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 6: MS Baseball Club — room B-29, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 6: Report cards posted online
- Nov. 7: Jump Start — room B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 7: Envirothon — room B-19, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 7: YAC — Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 8: Grade 8 Fall Activity Day — Students need to dress for outside weather — Periods 1, 2, and 3
- Nov. 11: School-wide Spelling Bee — Auditorium, 1:00 pm
- Nov. 11: MS TSA meeting — room B-34, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 11: Mini-THON meeting — room A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 12: Jump Start — room B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 12: Quiz Bowl — Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 12: Winter Cheerleading Tryout Meeting and Clinic for Gr. 7/8 Students — CCHS Gym, 3:15-5:00 pm
- Nov. 13: CLSD Veterans' Day Breakfast in the Cafeteria— 8:00 am — Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white & blue
- Nov. 13: MS Baseball Club — room B-29, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 13: Drama Club Assembly for grade 6—Aud., 1:10 pm
- Nov. 14: Drama Club Assembly for grade 7—Aud., 9:00 am

Cedar Crest Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, November 25 (1:00-8:30 pm), and Tuesday, November 26 (8:00 am-2:30 pm), on the same dates as the elementary school conferences. There will be no classes for middle school students on those days.

A letter was sent home via Skyward on Monday, October 14, 2019, regarding this year's conferences. Scheduling is being done online through PTCFast where a valid email address is required to register. Parents will find the letter and the link on our district website under the middle school tab by clicking on the Conferences article in the News Section. **The online scheduling will close on Tuesday evening, November 19.**

If you are not able to schedule using the internet, please contact the Guidance office at 717-389-1840. If you find you cannot attend a scheduled conference, even at the last minute, please call the main office at 717-272-2032.

Jump Start After school tutoring program

Jump Start is an after school tutoring program designed for students who need academic assistance. Students will be able to use resources for research, complete homework, and work on projects. It is open to all students in grades six through eight from 3:10-4:10 pm. Students will report to B-28 after second run buses have been called. Students may ride the activity bus home.

Dates are posted in the office and all classrooms.

Nov. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21

Dec. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19

Jan. 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

Mar. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31

Apr. 2, 7, 14, 16

These dates are subject to change.

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G Bee

The school-wide spelling bee will be held on November 11 at 1:00 pm. Parents of participants are invited to attend. The contest will be held in the auditorium.

Calendar of Events (Continued)

Nov. 14: Winter Cheerleading Tryouts for Gr. 7/8 Students — CCHS Gym, 3:15-4:30 pm

Nov. 14: Jump Start — room B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 15: Drama Club Assembly for grade 8—Aud., 12:30 pm

Nov. 15: Drama Club Performance—Aud., 7:00 pm

Nov. 16: Drama Club Performance—Aud., 7:00 pm

Nov. 18: Mini-THON Fundraiser-Movie Night — Auditorium, 3:10-5:00 pm (see details below)

Nov. 19: Jump Start — room B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 19: Quiz Bowl — Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 20: Ironmasters Game Night — A-03, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 20: MS Baseball Club — room B-29, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 21: Envirothon — room B-19, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 21: Jump Start — room B-28, 3:10-4:10 pm

Nov. 21: P-SP Meeting — Learning Center, 7:00 pm

Nov. 25: NO SCHOOL FOR MS STUDENTS — Parent-Teacher Conferences—1:00-8:30 pm

Nov. 26: NO SCHOOL FOR MS STUDENTS — Parent-Teacher Conferences—8:00 am-2:30 pm

Nov. 27-29, Dec. 2: NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK

Movie Fundraiser – November 18

Students may make a donation to stay after school and watch a movie in our auditorium. Students must take the 4:10 pm activity bus home or be picked up at the main entrance at 5:00 pm. Snacks and drinks will be sold for \$1. All profits will go to the Four Diamonds.

CCMS and Toys for Tots

CCMS will be collecting toys/monetary donations for the Marines Toys for Tots Organization. Collection boxes will be located in the Commons Area starting the week of November 5. Please consider contributing a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots.



Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

Fall is in full swing and so is the CCMS P-SP. Fall is a busy time of year!

Don't forget to make sure your Giant bonus card is registered with Giant A+ rewards. It's not too late to register your card if you forgot! Stop by any Giant store, go to customer service, and they will be happy to help you, or you can register online.

During the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences on November 25, P-SP will provide dinner for our hard-working teachers. A form was sent home asking for donations of baked goods for dessert or monetary donations to help pay for the meal. Please fill out this form and return it to the main office by November 12.

The P-SP is hosting a Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm here at CCMS. All proceeds benefit CCMS Wish Week. If interested in volunteering or being a vendor, please email Kristi Glassford at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

The first week of November, we will be sending home a Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser. These gift cards make great holiday gifts while also helping to fund fieldtrips and more! To coincide with the gift card sale, we will be hosting a Texas Roadhouse Dine-in night on December 17. More information to follow!

The November P-SP meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm in the MS Learning Center. Please note there is no December meeting. The first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm. All parents and teachers are invited to attend. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristi Glassford, President at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

CCMS School Store

The CCMS school store is currently open for students to shop on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00-8:30 am!

Parents, the CCMS School Store will be set up in the main lobby of CCMS during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 25, 1:00-9:00 pm, and Tuesday, November 26, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Come find your holiday and school apparel needs here. Sweatshirts, T-shirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, coffee mugs, magnets, hats, socks, shorts and other items available. We have lots of wonderful Cedar Crest spirit wear available for adults and students alike!

Cedar Crest MS Drama Presents: *A Wicked Christmas Carol*

Cedar Crest Middle School Performing Arts will present *A Wicked Christmas Carol* on Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 pm in the Cedar Crest Middle School Auditorium. The play is a mash-up of two great literary classics, Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz". It's Christmas time in all of Oz. Everyone is celebrating, except for citizens of Winkie Country, who are under the oppressive leadership of the Wicked Witch of the West, Lina. Cursed by the thirst for power, she rules Winkie Country with an iron fist and has a lump of coal for a heart. She even makes her citizens work on Christmas, a holiday which she despises. After learning of the death of her sister the Wicked Witch of the East, Lina will stop at nothing to rise to power, until she meets a charming young lad by the name of Wee Willie Soforth and the "ghosts" of Christmas past, present, and future. Will these "ghosts" and the kind spirit of Wee Willie change her heart forever before she meets her fate with a bucket of water?

Tickets may be purchased in the CCMS Commons Area on the following:

Saturday, November 2 – 10:00-11:00 am

Wednesday, November 6 – 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, November 7 – 6:00-7:00 pm

Tickets may also be purchased at the door before each performance. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and FREE for CLSD Gold Card holders.



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Call us at 717-272-2032 or
visit www.clsd.k12.pa.us



Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for October. Stop by the bulletin board located between the main office and the attendance office to see the star students and why they were chosen by their team of teachers.

Team Blast 6-1 – Tanner Zimmerman
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Evan Garman
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Julyanah Hoffman
Team Horizon 7-1 – Alison Forker
Team Spartans 7-2 – Anna Kulakov
Team Knights 7-3 – Leah Jaeger
Team Voyager 7-4 – Rosalia Mannino
Team Mariner 8-1 – Vinay Saraiya
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Krassimir Vassilev
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Leyani Aguilar

YAC – Youth Action Club

Is your student interested in joining others to help improve our community? YAC will meet in the Learning Center after school on selected Thursdays throughout the school year. We just completed a food drive for the Rescue Mission and are organizing volunteers for Wreaths Across America. Any CCMS student may join the group. We will be brainstorming more school projects and distributing information about Wreaths Across America at the meeting on November 7. We will need parent volunteers for this event on December 14. Please contact Mrs. Raytick in the Learning Center for additional information at praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us or cmuritz@clsd.k12.pa.us.

CCMS Fall Book Fair Volunteers Needed

The Fall Book Fair will be held November 4-8, in the learning center classroom. Students may shop with their class or during HR, FLEX, and NEST periods. We are still in need of volunteers for a few slots during the fair. Look for the volunteer sign-up on the Learning Center Announcements homepage at <http://journaling.clsd.net/msfalcons> or directly at <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/xbvEyC9qR>

News from Yearbook Book Staff

Students should have received a yearbook email by now. If you have not received an email, visit yearbookorderscenter.com to set up your purchase. Simply type the web address on the location bar of your internet browser and enter the school order number, 13619. Please verify your school name, **Cedar Crest Middle School**, before ordering. We are also accepting orders at school. Please send the completed order form and check or money order payable to Cedar Crest Middle School to Miss Oblinsky in room A-19.

Quiz Bowl Practices Begin This Month

Students who signed up for Quiz Bowl should report to the Learning Center Tuesday afternoons beginning November 5. We will practice every Tuesday (when school is in session) from 3:10-4:10 pm during November and December. Students may ride the activity bus; parent pick-ups should be here by 4:15 pm.

Envirothon

Envirothon is an annual environmentally themed academic competition for all ages organized by the Lebanon County Conservation District. "The Envirothon is a fun, academic, hands-on event which challenges students to think critically about the natural world and their role in it." The competition is held at Middle Creek Wildlife Management area in May. This club meets every first and third Thursday after school to develop an extended knowledge of Pennsylvania's wildlife, soils, and land management, aquatics, forestry, and current environmental issues and concerns.

News from the Music Department

Falcon Ensemble will perform a variety of patriotic and American tunes beginning at 7:30 am as guests arrive for the annual CLSD Veterans Day Breakfast on Wednesday, November 13.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for LLMEA Middle School County Orchestra: Alexis Bodie, Alexis Fessler, Alison Forker, Heidi Fox, Alex Medzoyan, Viseth Meng, Ryan Ney, and Anna Peelen. The festival will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on November 23.

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.

Coming to the CCMS Cafeteria

Starting November 4, you can pick up a **Grab N' GO** entrée or complete lunch from the pizza counter! The Grab N' GO entrée will contain one large muffin, a GO BIG yogurt and a cheese stick. Students can choose their own fruit or vegetable to finish the meal, or pick up the Grab N' GO Lunch Box that will already contain a fresh fruit and vegetable option. Milk is always recommended to complete a meal.

Grab N' GO Entrée - \$2 (Can count towards a meal with an additional fruit or vegetable)

Grab N' GO Lunch - \$2.75 (Can count as a full free meal, or a reduced price meal)



Image is for reference only, CCMS café will provide a variety of fruits and vegetables in the box.

Winter Sports Physicals and Concussion Testing

Students who are planning to try-out for a winter sport team need to have their PIAA physical packet completed and turned into the main office or the athletic trainers by November 11, 2019. If you had your PIAA physical for a fall sport and are planning on trying out for a winter sport a CIPPE section 7 must be completed by that same date.

If your son or daughter had an injury or illness during the fall after receiving their physical after June 1, 2019, whether at home or school, then section 8 must also be completed. Section 8 must be turned in no later than November 14 if required.

Falcon Fridays at CCMS

Every Friday at CCMS is Falcon Friday! Falcon Friday is an opportunity to show our school spirit, take pride in being a Cedar Crest Falcon, and demonstrate our unity as part of this amazing Falcon Family.

Wear your blue and grey every Friday to show your Falcon Spirit!



