

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter November, 2020



Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe, but we have already reached the end of the first marking period. Thank you for your patience, grace, and flexibility as we navigate these uncharted waters together! Our first two months together have been wonderful! We have been able to celebrate so many successes and make so many great connections with our students and staff! It is so good to be a CCMS Falcon!

November is another exciting and busy month at CCMS. Our Drama Club is hard at work with their production of Fairy Tale Courtroom; and our Book Fair begins this month. This year, our Student Council is planning a Falcon Family Food Drive to support families in our #CommUNITY, and our annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive begins this month as well! Don't forget to participate in our November Spirit Week! We love your #FalconSpirit, CCMS! Please see the information on these and so many other events in the rest of our newsletter.

As a reminder, Parent-Teacher Conferences are Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 this year. Directions on how to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences were sent home on October 14. Please see the information included on the next page. We are looking forward to connecting with our Falcon families and developing learning plans for our students!

We are grateful to all of our families for their support and encouragement during this first marking period. We are looking to continue learning and growing together in whatever capacities we can during these uncertain times! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Take care and be well,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed.D.
Principal

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 3: Quiz Bowl Practice — Using Teams from home, 3:15-4:00 pm
- Nov. 4: 1st Marking Period Ends
- Nov. 6: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS — Professional Development for staff members
- Nov. 10: Quiz Bowl Practice — Using Teams from home, 3:15-4:00 pm
- Nov. 12: Report cards available online beginning today for all grade levels.
- Nov. 17: Quiz Bowl Practice — Using Teams from home, 3:15-4:00 pm
- Nov. 21: P-SP Meeting — via Zoom, 7:00 pm
- Nov. 23: NO SCHOOL FOR MS STUDENTS — Parent-Teacher Conferences—1:00-8:30 pm
- Nov. 24: NO SCHOOL FOR MS STUDENTS — Parent-Teacher Conferences—8:00 am-2:30 pm
- Nov. 25-30: NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK

Spirit Week Events – Nov. 16-20

- Nov. 16 – Morning Monday – Wear your favorite comfy clothing including sweatpants, sweatshirts, and cozy socks.
- Nov. 17 – Turkey Wars – Grade 6 wear yellow, Grade 7 wear red, Grade 8 wear white. Staff will wear brown to transform CCMS into one big turkey!
- Nov. 18 – Fall Flannel Day – Wear your flannel apparel.
- Nov. 19 – Thursday Jersey Day – Wear your favorite sports jersey or sports apparel.
- Nov. 20 – Falcon Friday – Wear your blue and gray Falcon apparel! Staff can dress down for a \$5 donation to benefit the December food drive.

Cedar Crest Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, November 23 (1:00-8:30 pm), and Tuesday, November 24 (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 Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 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 17.**

At this time, parents may select in-person or virtual parent conferences. If you want your conference to be held virtually instead of face-to-face, please forward your PTCFast confirmation email stating the date and time to the teacher and inform them you want a virtual meeting. The teacher will email you a Microsoft Teams Meeting Link a few days prior to your conference.

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.

CCMS and Toys for Tots

CCMS will be collecting toys/monetary donations for the Marines Toys for Tots Organization. Collection boxes are located in the Commons Area during the month of November. Please consider contributing a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots. Some ideas are crayons & coloring books for the little folks as well as curling irons, makeup, or sporting equipment for the older kids!



CCMS Basketball Information

7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball

Any 7th and 8th grade boys interested in trying out for basketball should attend workouts that will be held on the following dates/times:

Thursday, November 5, 3:00-4:30

Tuesday, November 10, 5:00-6:30

Thursday, November 12, 3:00-4:30

Tuesday, November 17 5:00-6:30

You will be able to pick up information about tryouts at those workouts and in the middle school office.

7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball

Any 7th and 8th grade girls interested in trying out for basketball, should attend workouts that will be held on the following dates/times:

Monday, November 2, 5:30-7:00

Wednesday, November 4, 5:30-7:00

Monday, November 9, 5:30-7:00

Wednesday, November 11, 5:30-7:00

Monday, November 16, 5:30-7:00

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30-7:00

Tryouts will be held on November 20 with the time TBA. You will be able to pick up information about tryouts at those workouts and in the middle school office.

Falcon Family Food Drive

Student Council will be collecting nonperishable food donations. Students may drop off canned goods, pasta, snacks, cereal, etc. at the tables in the Commons Area during homeroom. Please no glass containers. There will be a prize for the homeroom with the most donations.



Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

At our October PSP meeting, we held a virtual election for the vacant vice president seat. Congratulations to Matthew Davis! We look forward to working with you!

Students were given a flyer to help earn money for our school by participating in WEIS 4 School. Use the barcode attached to that flyer to register your Weis Card for the program and then every time you shop, we earn money for CCMS. Any questions, please email kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us

During the upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences on November 23, P-SP is hosting the Wich Way Food Truck as a dinner treat for our hardworking teachers. If any parent would like to help offset the cost with a monetary donation, all donations can be sent to school with your student in an envelope addressed to Mrs. Glassford in the Main Office and given to your students homeroom teacher. We appreciate all your support!

Please join us for the November P-SP meeting using the link below. As a friendly reminder, there is no December meeting. The first meeting of the New Year will be held on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm. All parents and teachers are invited to attend.

Topic: November P-SP Meeting CCMS
Time: November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83743370250?pwd=c1RxaXlOLoxRSO1iSXMmRWVhHY2dzUTo9>

Meeting ID: 837 4337 0250
Passcode: pFfJc6

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristi Glassford, President at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

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

The 2020 CCMS school-wide spelling bee will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 1:15 pm. The contest will be held in the auditorium and is open to students in all grades. Please contact Mrs. Raytick in the Learning Center if you are interested in participating in this year's spelling bee. Good luck to all the participants.

Cedar Crest MS Drama Presents: A Fairy Tale Courtroom

Cedar Crest Middle School Performing Arts will present **Fairy Tale Courtroom** on Saturday, November 14. This performance will be in the form of a virtual platform. If you would like to view the play, please email kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us for information. This extremely adaptable comedy shows the other side of several familiar fairy tales, when two of their biggest villains, the Big Bad Wolf and the Wicked Witch, are brought to trial. Both the Wolf and the Witch have been frolicking from fairy tale to fairy tale, wreaking havoc as they try to prevent the general public from living happily ever after. Hear the personal accounts of what happened, told in testimonies and flashback sequences, from characters such as Snow White, Dorothy, Sleeping Beauty, the Three Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, and many others, including the Witch and the Wolf themselves, as each trial unfolds.

Please help support our amazing Cast and Crew who have been working so hard. For only \$5 we will send a link to view the show from the comfort of your home.



CCMS Fall Book Fair Volunteers Needed

The Fall Book Fair will be held November 16-24. Students may shop with their class or during HR, FLEX, and NEST periods. We are still in need of parent volunteers during the fair. Look for the volunteer sign-up on the Learning Center Announcements homepage at <http://journaling.clsd.net/msfalcons>.



Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for October 2020. Students of the Month are posted on the bulletin board located between the main office and the attendance office along with a description of why their teachers chose to recognize them!

- Team Blast 6-1 – Emily Engle
- Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Haidyn Newmaster
- Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Mirolla Aziz
- Team Horizon 7-1 – Tanner Zimmerman
- Team Spartans 7-2 – Jensen Porrata Santana
- Team Knights 7-3 – Abena Obuobisa
- Team Mariner 8-1 – Miguelina Jimenez
- Team Enterprise 8-2 – Savannah Harvey
- Team Endeavor 8-3 – Matthew Golub

YAC – Youth Action Club

Unfortunately, group participation in Wreaths Across American at Fort Indiantown Gap has been cancelled for this year. Students who signed up for YAC will receive a Teams link for our next online planning meeting. Our next activity will be held after school on Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12 when we will cleanup the outdoor classroom. Any CCMS student interested in participating in YAC's service projects may sign up at any time in the Learning Center.

CCMS School Store

The CCMS School Store is currently open for students every day during our Flex period by appointment. All the student needs to do is let their teacher know what day they would like to browse/shop.

Parents, the CCMS School Store will be set up in the Commons Area of CCMS during parent-teacher conferences on Monday, November 23 from 3:00-8:30 pm and Tuesday, November 24 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Come find your holiday and school apparel needs here! You'll find sweatshirts, sweatpants, short-sleeve, and long-sleeve t-shirts, shorts, hats, stadium blankets, hair scrunchies, headbands, magnets, and ear buds.

We have lots of wonderful Cedar Crest spirit wear available in both student and adult sizes.

News from Yearbook Staff

Yearbooks are now on sale! Reserve your copy at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/general/displayLanding?portal=true> using the code 13619. Order early to save money! The price of the yearbook will be \$24.00 until January 1, 2021. After January 1, the yearbook will return to the regular price of \$25.00. Orders may also be submitted to Ms. Oblinsky in Room A-19. Include your child's full name, grade, homeroom teacher's name, and a check made payable to Cedar Crest Middle School. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Oblinsky at toblinsky@clsd.k12.pa.us.

Interested in sharing photos for the yearbook? Use the eShare link to upload school related photos: <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=CCMS21>. The code is CCMS21.

Quiz Bowl Practices Begin This Month

Students who signed up for Quiz Bowl should log on to Teams while at home on November 3, 10, and 17 from 3:15-4:00 pm. Please contact Mrs. Raytick in the Learning Center with any questions about Quiz Bowl.

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 gray every Friday to show your Falcon Spirit!



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 you 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

Are you ready for new menu items? We sure are! Check out our November menu to see all the new food items, we have to offer. We are serving a new breakfast lineup that includes yogurt options and Poptarts. Lunch features will include a new pre-made salad each week. These pre-made salads are packaged safely in our commercial kitchens and contain lean proteins, romaine lettuce, cheese and croutons. Make sure your CCMS students try these new menu options!

Free meals to continue through June 30, 2021!

Food Service is proud to announce that all meals served to children are free until June 30, 2021! This means that each day, each child is entitled to one free breakfast and one free lunch. Students should order their free breakfast every day during NEST. There will no longer be a pre-order for lunch. Students may enter the cafeteria, select any menu entrée, one fruit or one vegetable, and head towards the register. Milk is optional, and up to two fruits and two vegetables can be selected. This is an excellent time to take advantage of FREE meals as we enter the holiday season! Students who pack their meals are ALSO encouraged to pick up one fruit, one vegetable and a milk to add to their packed meal for FREE.

Parents can email Ms. Emily Rodriguez at CCMS for any questions regarding the breakfast and lunch programs at erodriguez@clsd.k12.pa.us or call her at 717-389-1849

Winter Sports Physicals and Concussion Testing

Students planning to try-out for a winter sport team need to have their **PIAA physical packet completed online** in our **ATS system**.

Instructions are on the school website. We are **NOT** excepting paperwork except for **CIPPE section 6** (the doctor's portion) this may also be downloaded into the ATS system. All information was to be completed by October 30 but will be extended until **November 13, 2020**. If you had your PIAA physical for a fall sport or completed the physical prior to **October 9, 2020** and are planning on trying out for a winter sport a CIPPE section 7 must be completed by that same date **November 13**.

If your son or daughter had an injury or illness during the fall after receiving their physical after **June 1, 2020**, whether at home or school, then **CIPPE section 8** must also be completed. Section 8 must be turned in no later than **November 13**, if required. If you have questions contact Chris Seldomridge or Sean Dougherty.

News from the District

Military Families are reminded to complete the survey sent via Skyward Message Center and email no later than Sunday, November 1. You can also register for meals to be distributed at the November 12 Veterans and Military Families "Drive of Honor" at the end of the survey. Veterans residing in the district are asked to call (717) 389-1810 by November 1 to register for meals for the event.

Thank an Educator: Recognize your student's special teachers, staff members, or coaches with a Certificate of Appreciation by donating to the Falcon Foundation through the "Thank an Educator" program. Make a donation in an amount of your choosing by December 11 for certificate delivery the week of December 14. Visit www.clsd.pa.us and select Falcon Foundation under the COMMUNITY tab menu.

November 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	3 Day 4 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	4 Day 5 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	5 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	6 No School for Students	7
8	9 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	10 Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	11 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	12 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	13 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	14
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Inclement Weather Procedures and Skylert Notification Information

The decision to close school or open two hours later will be announced before 7:00 AM on the CLSD Home page, www.clsd.k12.pa.us, as well as on the [Cornwall-Lebanon School District Facebook](#) and Twitter pages (@CLSD_Schools), and on local radio and TV stations. The Skylert automated notification system also will be used to contact parents/guardians during the school day in the event of a building power failure, hazardous situation, or an early dismissal. Please review the important information that is printed inside the front cover of the 2020-21 CLSD Calendar of Events. The District website is the first place important information is posted. Please, **do not** contact school or District offices in the case of these events as it is important for our phone lines to be available for emergency communications.

Remember, the Skylert notification system is only as accurate as the information you have provided to the District. Be sure your phone/email settings allow (do not Block) these **three** numbers: (717) 272-2031; (717) 389-1810; (717) 389-1836 and emails from @clsd.k12.pa.us addresses. Please review your information and make any updates in Skylert (for general information sharing, including school closings):

1. Login to your Skyward account.
2. Click the word “Skylert” in the left menu.
3. Fill-in and check or uncheck your desired settings. Be sure to select at least one email or phone number in each category.
4. **Click “SAVE”** in the upper right side of the page when you are done and BEFORE you click on Exit.

SKYWARD Family Access My Account | Email History | Exit

[District Link](#)

Home: Skylert enables you to receive notifications concerning your child(ren). You have control over which notifications to receive and how you would like to receive them.

My Skyward Contact Info

Contact Info	School Hours Emergency	Attendance	General	Non-School Hours Emergency	Weather Emergency	Survey
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Secondary Guardians are not allowed to update the Primary Phone number

Additional Contact Info for Family With: []

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