

# Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter December, 2020



## Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families...

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2020! What an interesting year it has been for our school, community, and world! I am grateful for our students, families, and staff who have made these uncertain times easier with their patience, grace, and flexibility.

Thanks to our amazing cast and crew of *A Fairy Tale Courtroom* for their hysterical interpretation of so many fun childhood stories! Thanks to Mrs. Glassford, Mrs. Pohlkotte, and all of our adult volunteers for making this show a success. We are grateful for the opportunity to watch our students' recorded performance and celebrate their fabulous work with them!

As we prepare for the holiday season, we know that this year has been different for all of us—there are events, activities, and performances that we are missing right now. But there are sights and sounds around CCMS that look the same! We are already preparing for Wish Week at CCMS and delivering food as part of our Falcon Family Food Drive. Thanks to Student Council and the CCMS P-SP for their support in these endeavors! As we move into our Thanksgiving holiday, I am grateful for the incredible CCMS #CommUNITY where we can learn and grow together!

Best wishes to you and yours for a joyful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed.D.  
Principal

## CCMS Student Council Sponsored Spirit Week

Monday, December 14 – Festive Flannel Day! – Wear any type of flannel

Tuesday, December 15 – Teddy Bear Tuesday – Twas the week before winter break....bring a stuffed animal to school (must fit inside of your backpack).

Wednesday, December 16 – Holiday Hats! – Wear Santa hats, reindeer hats, holiday hats, or any other hat you own.

Thursday, December 17 – Fuzzy Sock Day – Wear fuzzy/cozy socks to school.

Friday, December 18 – Falcon Wonderland Friday – Wear Falcon colors (blue and gray) or Falcon apparel.

### BONUS SPIRIT WEEK DAYS

Monday, December 21 – Holiday Homeroom Light-A-Thon – Homerooms pick a color to compete against other homerooms on your team.

Tuesday, December 22 – Peppermint Swirl Tuesday – Wear red and white and receive a candy cane provided by Student Council.

Wednesday, December 23 – Holiday Sweater Wednesday – Wear a festive sweater! Staff can dress down for \$5 with all donations going to benefit Wish Week charities.



## News from the Music Department

It's time to VIRTUALLY deck the halls with holiday music from our CCMS ensembles. All concert program recordings will be released virtually on the CLSD website calendar. On the day of the concert, simply click on the link provided on the district calendar. This link will allow the CLSD community, parents, and students access to an all-encompassing document featuring live recordings of our music ensembles.

**The 6th Grade Band and Chorus Concert will be released on Thursday, December 10th and the 7th and 8th Grade Chorus Concert will be released on Tuesday, December 15.**

The students have been working hard and have overcome many obstacles to present their music to you this year. We hope that you take the time to appreciate their efforts. We hope to spread some much needed joy and holiday cheer to all! Happy Holidays!

Ms. Heidi Eck, CCMS 6th Grade Chorus and CCMS Orchestra  
Mrs. Leslie Rauchut, CCMS 7th & 8th Grade Choruses  
Mr. Jared Daubert, CCMS Band



## Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for November. 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 – Ryan Brophy  
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Edward Kuntz  
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Seamus Gaughan  
Team Horizon 7-1 – Kylie Boger  
Team Spartans 7-2 – Alexa Hartranft  
Team Knights 7-3 – Rose Jasion  
Team Mariner 8-1 – RJ Young  
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Luke Zimmerman  
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Vivica Gonzalez

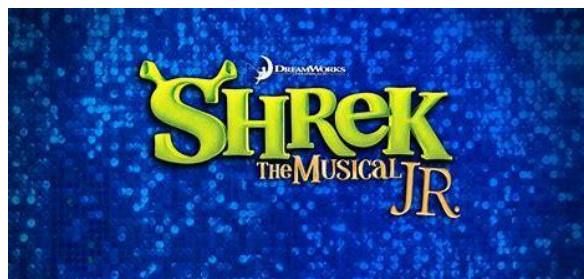
## CCMS Performing Arts

A huge shout out to the cast and crew of Fairy Tale Courtroom. A virtual performance was put together for viewing on November 14. If you did not get a chance to purchase the rights to view, it isn't too late. All you have to do is email [kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us). For a fee of \$5 your entire family can view the performance. Cast and Crew worked so hard since the beginning of September with rehearsing, building sets, painting, and learning technical aspects like sound and lighting. Congratulations on a job well done!

## CCMS Performing Arts Audition Information

Audition packets are available in the main office for Cedar Crest Middle School Performing Arts Spring performance of SHREK the Musical JR. Students will be required to submit a virtual audition including performing lines, and singing. The deadline to submit an audition will be December 14, 2020 at 9:00 pm. The cast list will be posted and emailed on December 18, 2020. For more information please email [kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us).

Please follow our FB Page for up to date information.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Cedar-Crest-Middle-School-Performing-Arts-2280585828695735>



## CCMS Breakfast Cart

Falcon Families: We are thrilled to announce that our Breakfast Cart has reopened at CCMS! Instead of preordering breakfast, our student are now able to access our breakfast cart to pick-up pre-packaged breakfasts on their way to homeroom each morning! We are excited to see our students taking advantage of these free meals through the USDA SSO program during the pandemic. Thanks to Miss Rodriguez and her fantastic staff for helping to return our Grab N Go breakfast option to CCMS!

## Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The P-SP sponsored a dinner for teachers during parent-teacher conferences on Monday, November 23 from Wich Way Food Truck. This was a great success! Thank you to Wich Way for allowing staff to select meals ahead of time and had them individually packaged and ready for the staff to enjoy during their evening dinner break. Thank you so much to those that sent in donations.

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](mailto:kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us).

The CCMS Student Council and P-SP teamed up in the month of November to help support our Falcon Families. Both organizations donated \$1,000 in gift cards to help make the holidays a little brighter. Thank you to all who made that possible!

Just a reminder, there will be no P-SP meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

January 21 meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm.  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82072245483?pwd=V1pRZTQ4bi9qN3BGRoF6YUpaTGxVdzog>

Meeting ID: 820 7224 5483  
Passcode: 3fWADD

The officers of P-SP wish you and your family a joyous, safe, and relaxing holiday. We hope to see you at our January meeting. See you in the New Year!

## 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 until Friday, December 11. Please consider contributing an unwrapped toy. Some ideas are crayons & coloring books for the little folks as well as curling irons, makeup or sporting equipment for the older kids!



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## News from the Nurse

Attention all 6th grade parents or guardians: The state requires that all students have both the Tdap and MCV vaccinations administered after age 11, but PRIOR to the first day of 7th grade. Documentation of Tdap and MCV vaccines must be given to the school nurse before the first day of 7th grade. Also, 6th grade private physical exam forms are due to the nurse as soon as possible.

7th grade students: private dental forms are due to the school nurse as soon as possible.

Health forms may be found on the CLSD website under Health Services. Completed forms and immunizations may be faxed to the nurse's office at 717-389-1858.

Please continue to screen your child for symptoms each morning. Students should not attend school if he/she is feeling ill. The student should NOT be sent to school for evaluation by the school nurse. We appreciate your cooperation with keeping your students at home if they don't feel well.

If you have any questions, please contact the middle school nurse, Mrs. North at 717-389-1845.

## News from Yearbook Book 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 \$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](mailto: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.

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

## Spelling Bee

In November, we hosted our second annual Spelling Bee at CCMS! What a fantastic turnout of impressive spellers! Congratulations to Viseth Meng (school champion), Nathan Meng (first runner up), and Sammy Zeisloft (second runner up), and all of our participants! CCMS certainly does have talent! Special thanks to Mr. MacNeill for moderating, Mr. Fiorentio, Mr. Fulkerson, and Dr. Rackley for judging, and Mrs. Raytick for organizing and coordinating the entire event!



## News from the District

**Support United Way to connect your child with a call from Santa!** While children may still be able to visit Santa this year to give him their Christmas wish list, sign up for a time during the scheduled days, and Santa will call your child. You can provide United Way with details to share with Santa about how your child was naughty or nice for an even more personalized experience. On December 8, 10, 14, 16, 6-8 pm. Santa United calls are \$10 each for an approximately five-minute phone call. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be put back into programs in Lebanon County that support our local children and youth. To schedule a call: <https://app.mobilecause.com/form/yMmixQ?vid=ehdvi>

Holiday Breakfast Event for CLSD Residents age 65+: Due to COVID-19, there will be no in-person Holiday Breakfast Concert program. Instead, CLSD residents age 65+ are invited to drive by the rear of Cedar Crest Middle School to pick up a Holiday Breakfast Treat Gift Box\* on Tuesday, December 15, 9:00-10:00 am. No Tickets are required this year, so there will be **NO ticket pick-up event on December 3.** CLSD residents are asked to present their CLSD Gold Card at the December 15 event to receive their Holiday Treat Gift Box.

## 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](http://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](mailto:@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.

# December 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 No School	1 Day 5 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	2 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	3 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	4 Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	5
6	7 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	8 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	9 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	10 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	11 Day 3 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	12
13	14 Day 3 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	15 Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	16 Day 4 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	17 Day 5 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	18 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	19
20	21 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	22 Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	23 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	24 No School for Students	25 No School for Students	26
27	28 Winter Break: No School for Students December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021	29 Winter Break: No School for Students December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021	30 Winter Break: No School for Students December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021	31 Winter Break: No School for Students December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021	1 Winter Break: No School for Students December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021	2 Winter Break: No School for Students December 24, 2020-January 3, 2021
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