

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter January, 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families:

As we approach the halfway point in our school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience, grace, and flexibility as we continue to navigate these uncertain times together. Your involvement in your child's education is critical to their success, and we are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with you!

Thanks to our music department for finding creative and innovative ways to share our students' talents with you during this holiday season! Congratulations to the students and staff members involved in our holiday performances! Each concert was fantastic, and we are looking forward to more opportunities to celebrate with our students this month!

With winter weather upon us, school cancellations can be found on local television and radio stations as well as the district's Facebook page. Skylert calls will be made to the contact information you provided in Skyward.

Also, please understand that school cancellations due to weather could result in changes to the school calendar—specifically the Blue/Gray hybrid schedule, the end of the first semester, and the posting of report cards.

We continue to be grateful for every opportunity we have to learn and grow together at CCMS. We appreciate your continued cooperation in making that possible. As always, if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the middle school office.

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed.D.
Principal



CCMS Student Council Sponsored Spirit Week



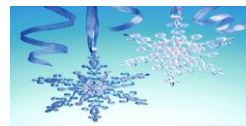
Monday, January 18 – Comfy Winter Clothes – Wear a comfy winter sweater or sweatshirt to school.

Tuesday, January 19 – Winter Whiteout – Wear as much white as possible.

Wednesday, January 20 – Winter Cap and Scarf Day – Wear a winter hat or scarf to school.

Thursday, January 21 – Fuzzy Sock Day – Wear fuzzy socks to keep your toes nice and warm.

Friday, January 22 – Falcon Friday – Wear blue or gray to show Falcon pride! Teachers may dress down for \$5 with donations benefiting Mini-THON.



Upcoming Quiz Bowl Schedule

Practice - Tuesday, January 5 – 3:20-4:15 pm

Matches - Tuesday, January 12 – 3:30-5:30 pm

Matches - Tuesday, January 19 – 3:30-5:30 pm

Matches - Tuesday, January 26 – 3:30-5:30 pm

Follow Dr. Rackley on Social Media!

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



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



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



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



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

Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

January begins a new calendar year and the halfway point of the 2020-2021 school year.

Don't forget to register your Weis card to help us earn money for our school. All you need to do is register your card at the store and every time you shop, our school earns money!

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!

P-SP is still collecting codes off Coca-Cola products, such as lids from bottles, part of the 12 pack container listing the official rewards code, cases, and Powerade caps. Collected caps can be sent to school with your student and give to their homeroom teacher.

Our P-SP meeting will resume on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83922692998?pwd=RUJFMVhGaolobkVXZdEVENUFmVzBSZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 2269 2998
Passcode: wtHb3H

As always, if you have any questions, please email Kristi Glassford, president at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

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.

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.

News from the Attendance Office

Parents: Please remember that an **Excusal from Attendance Form** must be filled out **in advance** for a trip, even if it is only one day. Those forms are available in the main office, the attendance office or the CLSD website (www.clsd.k12.pa.us) - Parent Info. tab - Forms.

*It is understood that Parents or Guardians have reviewed the orders from the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health that outline considerations for travelers as a result of COVID-19. The approval of each trip assumes that each parent or guardian accepts the responsibility to travel consistent with the order dated, November 17, 2020, amended November 25, 2020, and updated December 4, 2020.

When you are submitting an absentee note, your child's first and last name must be on the note. Those notes are due on the morning of their return to school. Failure to submit an absentee note will result in an unexcused absence. If you are submitting a note from a physician's office, please make sure that all of the dates for which the physician is excusing are listed on the note. Physician's notes will not be accepted if they are altered in any way. Physician's notes may be faxed directly to the attendance office at 717-389-1858.

CCMS Performing Arts

The cast and crew of the CCMS Performing Arts' spring musical "Shrek Jr." has been selected. A huge thank you to everyone that submitted an application or an audition. We cannot wait to get started with our practices! Information on the musical will be distributed soon!



Youth Action Club (YAC)

When Youth Action Club (YAC) is approved to return to in-person extra-curricular activities, we will be working on the birdhouses and outdoor furniture for the classroom. Stay tuned for our work sessions.



Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for December. 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 – Atalia Alnoor
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Daphne Rodriguez Rosario
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Sanaiya Fripps
Team Horizon 7-1 – Addyson Culp
Team Spartans 7-2 – James Kuhne
Team Knights 7-3 – Owen Popejoy
Team Mariner 8-1 – Margaret Cuthie
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Isabelle Mong
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Noah Reilly

News from the Nurse

Please keep your child home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have a pending COVID-19 test, or anyone in the house tests positive for COVID-19. Please notify the nurse, Mrs. North, at 717-389-1845, or via email at nnorth@clsd.k12.pa.us if you are experiencing any of these situations.

Parents of 6th Grade Students: The state of Pennsylvania mandates that every 6th grade student has a physical exam. If you have not already done so, please submit completed 6th grade physical forms to the nurse as soon as possible. Forms may be found on the CLSD website, under Services-Health Services. Current 6th grade students MUST also show proof of TDAP and MCV vaccination prior to entering 7th grade. It is highly encouraged that proof of vaccination of Tdap and MCV be turned in to the school nurse prior to the end of their 6th grade school year in order to help your student transition into 7th grade smoothly. Vaccination records may be viewed in Skyward.

Parents of 7th Grade Students: The state of Pennsylvania mandates that every 7th grade student has a dental exam. If you have not already done so, please submit 7th grade dental forms to the nurse as soon as possible.

Please call the nurse's office with any questions or concerns at 717-389-1845.

News from the Music Department

CCMS 7th Grade Band and 8th Grade Band will be presenting a virtual concert on Thursday, January 28. Check out the CLSD website on the day of the concert for details.

CCMS had three students audition for PMEA District 7 Band. Students submitted recordings this year in place of live auditions. Grade 8 French horn players Audrey Fugate and Ryan Ney earned a spot in District 7 Band. Honorable mention to grade 7 clarinetist Ali Gatto who missed the band by just a few points.

Toys for Tots

During the month of December, CCMS Student Council held our fifth annual Toys for Tots drive to collect toys and monetary donations for the local Toys for Tots Marine Corps League Post 525. Cedar Crest Middle School was proud to donate two boxes of toys to Toys for Tots to provide gifts for local children.

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 the school until an adult comes to the door to pick them up.**

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

Attention Parents of 8th Grade Students!

It is time to begin the process of orientation and registration for Cedar Crest High School. Below is a timeline of events to follow.

Course Selection Process to begin after the holidays: Upon our return from the holiday break, we will be working our way through the course selection process for choosing classes for 9th grade. During this time, if you have any questions, concerns, etc. please do not hesitate to call, chat, or email Mr. Swartz in the guidance office at 717-389-1846 or dswartz@clsd.k12.pa.us.

January 4, 5, 6, 7 – Presentation about CCHS

During health classes, 8th grade students will learn about various departments at CCHS.

January 8 – Program regarding offerings at Career and Technology Center

This will be online during English classes throughout the day.

January 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22 – Course Selection Materials Distributed

Information will be distributed to 8th grade students with an explanation of the process.

January 27 – Cedar Crest High School Orientation 6:00 pm (Snow date – February 3)

Orientation program is held in the High School Auditorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

January 27 – Window opens in Skyward at 3:00 pm for students and parents to register online.

January 28, 29 and February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 – Student training and entering of course registration selections into Skyward. This will happen during the school day in classroom sessions.

Open Office Hours

February 1, 3, and 8, 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Mr. Swartz will be available for individual consultation with families in the Cedar Crest Middle School Counseling Office. Come with your sons and daughters to address questions you may have. No appointment is necessary. You may also join me on Teams for an online meeting. Teams link forthcoming.

Deadline for Completion

February 5 – Final deadline for completion of course registration (Window for registration from homes closes February 5.)

If you have any questions, we welcome calls to the Middle School Counseling Office at 717-389-1846.

Information from the District Office

January 2021 Calendar Notes (*January is School Directors Recognition Month*):

- **Friday, January 1: No School – Last Day of Winter Vacation**
- **Monday, January 4:** CLSD Board of School Directors Public Work Session, 5:30 pm; Check website for info and a link to view or participate online
- **Monday, January 11:** CLSD Board of School Directors regular meeting, 5:30 pm; Check website for info and a link to view or participate online
- **Wednesday, January 13:** *CLSD Custodians & Maintenance Workers Recognition Day*
- **Monday, January 18: School is In Session.** This is the weather make-up day for the School Closure on December 17, 2020
- **Friday, January 22:** End of the 2nd Marking Period/1st Semester
- **Monday, January 25: No School for Students (Professional Development Day)**

News from the Café.....

Hello CCMS Family!

Food Service is excited to bring in the New Year! See the bullets below to know what is coming to the café in 2021!

- Food Service is committed to providing nutritious meals while offering increased choices to our students
 - Deli sandwiches, vegetarian muffin meals, Uncrustables and pre-made salads will be available daily.
 - Pizza Line is re-opening on of January 4
- Main Line will feature student favorite Hot Sandwiches and NEW menu items!
 - Chicken Wing Bar is coming to the main line on January 19
 - Check out our menu online @ [CCMS Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)
- **Packer Snacks** – Students who pack, can pick up a **FREE** snack each day in the cafetorium seating area.

Reminder – All students are free for the remainder for the 2020-2021 school year!

THIS IS NOT A NEED-BASED PROGRAM. Breakfast is offered FREE every morning, while lunch is offered FREE during each student's lunch period. Students eating in the Skylight area can come pick up lunch or the packer meal from the café! Student participation helps school food service raise funds and increase the variety of fruits and vegetables while improving the overall quality of the food.

Food Service continues to provide a safe and clean eating environment for students. All foods continue to be fully packaged, and surfaces are wiped on a routine basis to help fight the spread of germs. Hand sanitizer and hand washing stations are available for use in the café.

If you have any questions regarding free meals, please contact Emily Rodriguez at erodriguez@clsd.k12.pa.us or 717-389-1849



January 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	5 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	6 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	7 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	8 Day 3 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	9
10	11 Day 3 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	12 Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	13 Day 4 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	14 Day 5 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	15 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	16
17	18 Asynchronous Day for Students (Learning activities found on Schoology.)	19 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	20 Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	21 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	22 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	23
24	25 No School for Students	26 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	27 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	28 Day 3 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	29 Day 3 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	30
31	1 Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	Notes				

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<https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/>