

# Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter February, 2021



## Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families:

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year! What a journey this school year has been for all of us! We are grateful for your continued patience, grace, and flexibility!

Report cards for the second marking period will be posted this week to Skyward under the Student Portfolio tab. Please take this opportunity to discuss this school year with your child and review their progress toward their goals. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or team for information or assistance.

Our drama club is busy working on their production of "Shrek, JR" which will be presented in March. Stay tuned for more information on the performances to be held on March 25, 26, and 27.

Our 8th grade students are in the midst of the course registration process; please take note of the timeline located within this newsletter. Our counseling staff works very hard with our teachers, students, and parents to answer all your questions and address your concerns. Please feel free to contact Mr. Swartz, your child's counselor, if you have questions regarding course registration for the high school.

With the possibility of winter weather, please continue to tune to local television and radio stations regarding school delays and closings. We will be using the Skylert system to notify parents and guardians of closings and delays. Please do not call the middle school office for this information.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed.D.  
Principal

## Calendar of Events

Feb. 1, 3 & 8: Mr. Swartz from the MS Counseling office will meet with parents and students on Teams to discuss course selection for 8th grade students, 3:00-7:00 pm. (See next page for details.)

Feb. 4: The Middle School and High School Orchestra Concert will be posted as a virtual activity.

Feb. 5: Final deadline for completion of course registration for 8th grade students

Feb. 15: **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Day Holiday (2nd snow make up day)

## Quiz Bowl Matches - Virtual

- Feb. 2 – 3:20-5:30: CC 1 vs. Ephrata 1  
CC 2 vs. Ephrata 2
- Feb. 9 – 3:20-5:30: CC 1 vs. LMS  
CC 2 vs. Annville-Cleona
- Feb. 16 – 3:20-5:30: CC 1 vs. Manor MS  
CC 2 vs. Centerville MS
- Feb. 23 – 3:20-5:30: CC 1 vs. Ephrata 2  
CC 2 vs. Solanco

## Mini-THON Planning Meetings

Help us plan this year's Mini-THON! Anyone interested in helping to plan, organize, and execute this year's Mini-THON is welcome to attend our meetings by joining the Zoom meeting on Monday, February 1, 8, and 22 from 4:00-5:00 pm. The link for the zoom meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81568560327?pwd=aXg4THlVNFITaENWdW05SzN6OEUrQT09>

## Attention Parents of 8th Grade Students!

The process of registering 8th grade students for classes at Cedar Crest High School is continuing this month. We welcome calls to the Middle School Counseling Office if you have any questions.

Below is a timeline of events to follow:

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

### Open Office Hours

**February 1, 3 & 8, 3:00 – 7:00 pm**

Mr. Swartz will be available for individual on Teams for individual consultation with families. Join online with your sons and daughters to address questions you may have. No appointment is necessary. Teams link forthcoming.

### Deadline for Completion

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



## Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for January. 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 – Lennix Thomas  
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Eddiel Nunez  
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Christopher Martinez Mejia  
Team Horizon 7-1 – Kieran Toomey  
Team Spartans 7-2 – Cassidy Truax  
Team Knights 7-3 – Destiny Colon  
Team Mariner 8-1 – Sara Kneasel  
Team Enterprise 8-2 – John Zang-Peters  
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Samantha Stoffer

## Spirit Week

February 8 – Show some love for your favorite sweatshirt and wear it today!

February 9 – February Colors Day – Grade 8-wear white, Grade 7-wear red, Grade 6-wear pink. Everyone gets a Hershey Kiss.

February 10 – Twin Day – Wear a matching outfit with your friends. Everyone gets a Hershey Kiss.

February 11 – Honoring Presidents' Day – Wear your red, white, and blue to school today.

February 12 – Falcon Friday – Wear Falcon colors – Blue & Gray! Staff may dress down for \$5 with proceeds benefiting the Student Council Activity Fund.

## CCMS Performing Arts to Perform Shrek JR The Musical

Rehearsals are underway for the CCMS Performing Arts Program's production of Shrek JR The Musical. Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale wouldn't be complete without a few twists and turns along the way. Stay tuned on information how you can follow us along on this epic adventure!

Join us for a FUNraiser to benefit the show. CCMS Performing Arts will be hosting a Raffle Basket fundraiser! Follow our Facebook page for photos of our donated baskets, information how to purchase tickets and when our cast and crew will be doing a LIVE drawing. We appreciate your support!

<https://www.facebook.com/Cedar-Crest-Middle-School-Performing-Arts-2280585828695735>



## Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The P-SP will once again be selling discounted tickets to Hersheypark for the 2021 season. All tickets sold are for use any day the park is open to the public starting in April 2021 through January 2022. Order forms will be distributed the week of February 22 and will be sold thru March 29. Tickets will be sold for a price of \$36.95 each. Purchase as many as you would like for family and friends!

At the January P-SP meeting motions were made and approved to sponsor microphones for the Drama Club, to purchase t-shirts for new students in collaboration with the Student Council, and to become a t-shirt sponsor for the Diamond Dash. Thank you to everyone that attended and made these opportunities possible.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83095432953?pwd=NVpQM2x6LoxScFZoc3FVQ0owMlAvZz09>

If you have any questions, please email Kristi Glassford, president at [kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us).

## News from the District

**February 15 - NO SCHOOL** - Presidents' Day Holiday (unless needed as a snow make-up day).

Information about any **School Closings or Delays** will be posted to the District Home page: [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us) and also to the Cornwall-Lebanon School District **Facebook** page and Twitter (@CLSD\_Schools). Be sure to update your weather emergency contact information under the **Skylert** tab on the parent portal and be sure your device permits calls from these phone numbers: (717) 272-2031 and (717) 272-2036.

**CLSD Calendar of Events:** Please check the District website calendar for updates to events listed in the 2020-2021 CLSD Calendar. Many activities listed in the calendar will have an online option for remote viewing. If available, the link will be posted on the scheduled event date on the website calendar: [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us). Most home athletic events are available for viewing via livestream on [CCHStoday.com](http://CCHStoday.com).

## 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](mailto:nnorth@clsd.k12.pa.us).**

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 completed 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 Yearbook Book Staff

Yearbooks are still on sale! Reserve your copy at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/general/displayLanding?portal=true> using the code 13619. 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.

## Spring Sports Physical Information

Students in grades 7 and 8 who are interested in spring track and did not participate or try out for a fall or winter sport must complete a PIAA physical packet on line in the ATS system. Existing athletes will be able to log in by following the direction found on the school website [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us) by clicking on the athletics tab. NEW athletes, those who have never played an interscholastic sport for Cedar Crest must contact the athletic trainers, Chris Seldomridge: [cseldomridge@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:cseldomridge@clsd.k12.pa.us) or Sean Dougherty: [sdougherty@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:sdougherty@clsd.k12.pa.us). You may complete this process until February 26, 2021 at 11:59 pm when it will be shut down.

The physical packet will comprise of seven pages of PIAA CIPPE sections 1-6, 10, the Risk of Injury Acknowledgement, and medication form. There are eight pages to be completed prior to trying out. The medication form must be completed by a parent and family physician, if the athlete requires medication to be taken while participating in sports or if the child has permission to take medication given by the school medical staff if the an illness/injury would benefit from appropriate medication or topical agent. If you participated or tried out for a fall sport but not a winter sport, you will need to complete a PIAA CIPPE section 7 and 10. If you only played a winter sport, only a section 7 needs to be completed. These forms need be completed by February 26. In either case, you may complete the paperwork online. Go to the school website, click on the athletics tab.

If you need to have a physical completed by a doctor, please complete the forms in ATS and print section 2 and 5 after being completed. Print section 6 from the efile tab in ATS and take all three forms to the doctor and then upload the section 6 completed by the doctor back into the ATS system. If you go to the doctor's office and use their forms, they are not the same as school forms. We will not accept these forms if handed in to the office. We will accept the section 6, but it must be uploaded into the ATS system.

Concussion testing for spring sports will only be for students who have been diagnosed with a head injury or concussion. You will be notified if you need to have a neurocognitive test.

## Boys Interested in Volleyball?

Attention any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade boy interested in playing volleyball. We will have two more open gyms on Wednesday, February 3 and 24, from 6:15 -8:15 pm in the CCMS gym. Masks are required.

The season will begin Monday, March 1, from 3:00–5:00 pm in the CCMS gym. We will continue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday thru March and April. For additional information and to register, please send the below information to: Mr. Johnson at [sjohnson@clsd.12.pa.us](mailto:sjohnson@clsd.12.pa.us).

Student Name  
Parent Name  
Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number/email address

Please reserve your spot prior to March 1 (even if you are a returning player). Additional information and announcements will be made through the CCMS morning announcements in mid-to late February. Please stay tuned.

## Girls Club Lacrosse

Attention any 6th, 7th, or 8th grade girls interested in playing lacrosse this spring. Practices will begin Wednesday, March 17, from 3:15-5:15 pm. Practice will be held outside every Wednesday and Friday. The cost to play this season will be \$60 per student athlete. All student athletes must have a stick, mouthguard, goggles, and cleats. Money and registration forms are due by Friday, February 19. Registration materials may be picked up in the girl's locker room. You may contact Coach Weiss at [alex.weiss1996@gmail.com](mailto:alex.weiss1996@gmail.com), if you have additional questions.



## News from the Café...

Food Service is excited to share the following additions and changes to the Middle School Cafeteria Menu during the month of February!

- Check out our menu for additional new menu features every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday using this link to the [CCMS Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#).
- February Main Line Highlights!
  - We will feature Orange Chicken and Stir-Fried Rice on February 10!
  - Get ready for our Valentine's Day special meal of Lasagna with Garlic Texas Toast, Side Salad, and a free Ice Cream Treat on February 12!
  - Chicken Wing Bar was a huge success! Be on the lookout for it again on February 16!
- **Packer Snacks** – Students who pack, can pick up a **FREE** snack each day in the cafetorium seating area.
- **3-Day Hybrid Meal Pack** – Families can register to pickup a 3-day meal pack (breakfast and lunch) for the days their students are virtual. Go to [clsd.k12.pa.us](http://clsd.k12.pa.us), click on **Lunch Menu**, scroll down to **VIRTUAL SOLUTIONS (K-8 Virtual and Cedar Crest Cyber/C3) and CLSD Community** and click on the **Survey Link**. The 3-day Meal Packs may be picked up on Mondays between 4:30-5:30 pm at Door 6 of the Middle School.

**Reminder – All students are free for the remainder for the 2020-2021 school year. However, to be included in possible additional USDA benefits, we encourage all families to submit a new 2020-2021 Free & Reduced Price School Meal Application which can be found on the Food Service website!**

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 sitting in the Skylight area can come pick up lunch from the café or the packer meal! If you have any questions regarding free meals, please contact Emily Rodriguez [erodriguez@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:erodriguez@clsd.k12.pa.us) or 717-389-1849.



## National Recognition for CCMS Creativity Lab

Dr. Mariah Rackley, Mr. Ray Truex and students in Mr. Christopher Schwalm's CCHS Broadcast Video course produced a Live stream Virtual Tour inside the new Creativity Lab course for 8th grade students at CCMS. The Livestream was broadcast January 28, on the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Facebook page. Read more about student agency, problem-solving and the [CCMS Creativity Lab in Principal Rackley's post on the NASSP website](#). Dr. Rackley was named one of the Digital Principals of the Year for 2018 by NASSP.

Watch the archived LiveStream on the [CCHStoday page](#). (After starting the video, scroll to the start of recording at 6 min 30 secs.)

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# February 2021

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