

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter March, 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families:

What an interesting couple weeks we had in February with all of our SNOW! While it was fun hearing your students tell us about the fun they had on their snow days, we are looking forward to warmer weather!

It's hard to believe, but we are currently at the midway point of the third marking period. Progress reports will be posted to Skyward for all students. Please take this time to discuss your student's progress with him/her.

Our Performing Arts Program is busy working on their production of "Shrek the Musical JR" and will present their performances on March 25, 26, and 27. Please see the information from CCMS Performing Arts later in this newsletter! Best wishes to the entire cast, tech crew, Mrs. Glassford, and Mrs. Pohlkotte!

We have spent a lot of time this school year learning and growing as a #CommUNITY and the spring will be no different! We still have many events planned to engage our students in their experience at CCMS. Best wishes to our Quiz Bowl Teams in their end of season tournament! We are also looking forward to our upcoming spring concert season from our music department.

While this year has been different than any of us could have anticipated, we are so grateful for the opportunity to be together at CCMS and look forward to a great end of the year together! As always, we appreciate your continued support of your child's education. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the middle school.

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed. D.
Principal

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, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 4:00-5:00 pm. The link for the zoom meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81568560327?pwd=aXg4TjJVNFlTaENWdW05SzN6OEUrQT09>

Spirit Week Events – March 15-19

March 15 – National Nap Day: Bring your favorite stuffed animal in your backpack and wear your favorite pajama pants.

March 16 – National Panda Day: Wear black and white and bring your favorite stuffed animal in your backpack.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day: Wear green and bring in your good luck charms.

March 18 – National Incredible Kid Day: Wear gold or yellow to show your greatness. Search for hidden starts around the school to redeem for a prize in A-13.

March 19 – Spirit Day: Wear blue and gray to show your Falcon Spirit. Search for hidden starts around the school to redeem for a prize in A-13.

Lollipop Fundraiser

Student Council representatives will be selling lollipops on Monday, March 22 thru Friday, March 26 during Flex. The price for each lollipop is \$1 and proceeds will go to the student activities fund. Look for your Student Council homeroom representative to stop by your classroom!

Food Drive Sponsored by Student Council

Student Council will be collecting food to help some of our Falcon Families. Donations can be dropped off in the Commons Area during homeroom from March 1-12.

Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The P-SP is already beginning to plan for next year, and we are looking for committee chairs and officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact Kristi Glassford at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm via the ZOOM link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83630769446?pwd=NETBZ2tWa1czeHzZWRYNWhWcDdmUT09>

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

Hersheypark Ticket Sales!!!

Discounted Hersheypark tickets are available from the P-SP! Orders and money are due March 26. Ticket prices: \$36.95 each (ages 3 & up)
Meal tickets: \$12.99 each
Snack vouchers: \$4.50 each

Tickets will be distributed on or before the week of May 1, 2021. Any questions please email kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

CCMS Performing Arts to Perform *Shrek The Musical JR.*

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in *Shrek The Musical JR.*, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, *Shrek JR.* is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

We have double cast this show. Our Swamp cast will perform via live stream March 25 at 7:00 pm and the recorded version will show March 27 at 3:00 pm. The Duloc cast live stream will be shown March 26 at 7:00 pm and the recorded version available for viewing March 27 at 7:00 pm. A huge shout out to the CCHS group under direction of Mr. Chris Schwalm for live streaming for us and to Mr. Tim McGowan for recording our shows.

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

Music In Our Schools!

The music department is excited to announce the CCMS solo and small ensemble concert will be a virtual event that will become available on the afternoon of March 4. Please check the calendar on the district website for a link to hear those student performances. Also during the month of March, several music ensembles will be recording selections to share with all four district elementary schools as part of our annual Music In Our Schools Month outreach and advocacy.

Quiz Bowl Matches - Virtual

March 2 – 3:20-5:20: CC 1 vs. Ephrata 1
CC 2 vs. Ephrata 2

March 13 – 8:00-noon: Quiz Bowl Tournament
Details to follow

Youth Action Club - YAC

YAC - Youth Action Club will be meeting virtually to organize work on the outdoor classroom. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join the virtual meeting on March 9 from 3:30-4:00 pm and either or both of the planned work sessions after school on March 16 and 23. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Raytick at praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us.

PSSA Information

As many of you know, we are anticipating that the state mandated PSSA testing dates will be held in April. This year the English/Language Arts test will be administered April 19-23, 26 and the Math Assessment on April 27-30. Eighth grade students will take the PSSA Science test on May 3-6.

Reading Olympics

On Monday, March 8 during Flex there will be a Reading Olympics meeting. The Reading Olympics contest will be held on Tuesday, March 30 from 8:00 am to noon. Students working from home that day will be able to join the competition online. The link will be provided at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact, Mrs. Raytick at praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us.

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.

Please remember to keep your emergency contact information updated in Skyward. Now is a great time to review and update any information which has changed.

Attention parents of 6th grade students: The state requires all 7th grade students to have both the **Tdap** and **MCV** vaccines, prior to the first day of school. If your child is missing these immunizations, please contact your doctor as soon as possible. All 7th grade students will be required to provide documentation of Tdap and MCV to the nurse **PRIOR** to the first day of the 2021-2022 school year. Immunization records may be faxed to our nurse's office at 717-389-1858. Please contact Mrs. North, CCMS school nurse, at 717-389-1845 if you have any questions.

News from the District

The calendar of key district dates for the 2021-2022 school year has been approved by the Board of School Directors. Check on the district website <www.clsd.k12.pa.us> under the "Community" tab.

March 15: Deadline to apply for Falcon Foundation grants and awards. Click on the "Falcon Fnd." Quick link icon on the district web Home page for more info, www.clsd.k12.pa.us. For further information, please contact: Arianne Chernich or Tamara Gross, Grants and Awards Committee Co-Chairs: falconfoundation@clsd.k12.pa.us or (717) 679-5782.

March 31: 3rd Marking Period Ends

March 31: School is In Session (weather make-up day for the closure on February 2, 2021)



Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for February. 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 – Sophia Mays
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Avery Lechleitner
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Ishmal Ejaz IV
Team Horizon 7-1 – Lacey Lane
Team Spartans 7-2 – Joshua Grove
Team Knights 7-3 – Zayden White
Team Mariner 8-1 – Sarah Ventura
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Camerin Velazquez
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Aidan Arnold

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.

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.



DO WHAT IS RIGHT. BE POSITIVE.
SHARE YOUR TALENTS. WORK HARD.
WINGS OF PRAISE

Performing Arts Fundraiser

Please join us for a FUN, fundraiser to benefit the Performing Arts at CCMS. We are hosting a raffle basket fundraiser. Follow our Facebook page for information about the baskets and ticket sales. Tickets are available in the CCMS main office daily from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, March 15-19 and March 22-24 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Tickets are on sale for \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00. Drawing will be held via Facebook Live after the 7:00 pm performance on March 27. Below are just a few pics of the 32 baskets.



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

March 2021

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| 7 | 8 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 9 Day 3 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 10 Day 3 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 11 Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 12 Day 4 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Day 5 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 16 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 17 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 18 Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 19 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 23 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 24 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 25 Day 3 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 26 Day 3 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 30 Day 4 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually. | 31 Day 5 (Snow Make-Up) Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually. | 1 No School for Students <i>(Professional Learning Day for Staff)</i> | 2 No School | 3 |