

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter August/September, 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Cedar Crest Middle School! The summer has flown by, and we are excited to welcome all of our learners to CCMS on Monday, August 30, 2021.

What a wonderful time to be a CCMS Falcon! There are so many amazing things happening at CCMS, and you will get to be an integral part of all of them! We are excited to introduce our new Fab(rication) Lab to our 7th grade Falcons and our STEM Lab to our 8th graders! Middle school is such a fabulous opportunity to learn and grow! This is the time when you start to become a young adult—you learn to advocate for yourself, take ownership of your learning, and pursue those areas that interest you. Do you see the common theme, Falcons?! YOU! You are the most important part of this journey. We want to empower you to be the best person, learner, classmate, friend, and #CommUNITY member that you can be! This is the most exciting part of your middle school adventure!

No matter what is happening in the world around us, it is important for you to commit to your learning here at Cedar Crest Middle School! There will never be a better time to engage in your learning, invest in your education, and build a foundation for your future endeavors!

We have high expectations for all of our Falcons at CCMS! As your principal, I have complete faith that you will rise to meet and exceed our expectations in every facet of our Falcon Life! Every member of our team is looking forward to helping you to succeed in this journey!

Best wishes for a wonderful, safe, and healthy school year!

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley
Principal

Calendar of Events

- August 12: Middle School Orientation for 6th grade parents, CCMS Auditorium, 6 pm
- August 19: P-SP Meeting, Learning Center, 7 pm
- August 30: First Day for Students
- September 2: Open House for Parents, 6 pm
- September 3: In-service for Staff
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
- September 6: Labor Day – No School
- September 16: P-SP Meeting, Learning Center, 7 pm
- September 20: Fall Picture Day

Falcon Fridays at CCMS

Every Friday at CCMS is Falcon Friday! On Falcon Friday, all students and staff should wear our school colors—blue and gray—or their favorite Falcon Spirit or Cedar Crest gear to promote our #CommUNITY, school culture, and Falcon Pride!

This year, we are planning contests and special photo opportunities on Falcon Fridays! Look for Falcon Friday Features on our social media networks!

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)



[@CCMS](https://www.blogspot.com/@CCMS)



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



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

“FIRST DAY” Instructions and Paperwork

Upon arrival at CCMS:

All students report immediately to homeroom. Teachers and staff will be available to direct students to their homerooms.

On the first day of school, all students will receive the following items:

1. A copy of their schedule
2. A copy of the CCMS Handbook
3. A student calendar/planner to record and organize assignments
4. Free and reduced school lunch information
5. Student emergency health information form
6. Open House Letter
7. Laptop insurance information
8. Consent to Take Medication Form (Please see below for more information from the school nurse.)

Please review all the handouts with your child so that you and your child are familiar with school policies and procedures. We ask that the endorsed title page of the handbook and the student emergency health information form be returned as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday, September 2, 2021.**

Homeroom information can be accessed beginning on Tuesday, August 24 at 4 pm through Family Access by clicking on the Student Profile then the Scheduling tab. Parents who do not have Family Access can sign up by stopping by the CCMS Guidance Office with your photo identification.

News from the Nurse

Please review information in the handbook related to health services with your student. The Cornwall Lebanon School District website addresses the health and safety protocols for this year. This information will be updated as needed.

Medications may be dropped off with the nurse on Wednesday, August 25 from 3-4:30 pm. Please have the medication order, signed by the practitioner, at the time medications are dropped off, or have the doctor's office fax the order prior to August 25, to (717) 389-1858.

Whenever possible, medications should be given at home. The Cornwall-Lebanon School District adopted the medication policy using the PA Department of Health guidelines. Guidelines require both parent and physician signatures for administration of both prescribed and over the counter medications (Tylenol, Tums, Ibuprofen). A parent or adult designee must transport all medications to and from school. Students may not transport medications to or from school unless an order to self-carry a medication is signed by both the parent and physician.

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Connect with Us!

We want parents involved in the events and activities at Cedar Crest Middle School—but more importantly, we want our families to have the opportunity to see the amazing things that are happening in our classrooms every day!

We are committed to sharing pictures and stories with you via our social media networks! Many of our teams and teachers are active on several social media outlets. Dr. Rackley and our CCMS P-SP post regularly so you can see the great activities and learning experiences here at CCMS!

Where can you find us? Look for us on Twitter, Wakelet, Instagram, and Blogspot (see the links on the first page of this newsletter).

What is Twitter? Twitter is a social media service that allows for teachers to caption pictures, tweet about what is happening in their classrooms, and send reminders about their team and class activities! www.twitter.com/DrRackleyCCMS

What is Wakelet? Wakelet is a curation site where Mrs. Rackley collects most of our social media posts from each week and posts them in one location on Wakelet. Each week, Dr. Rackley will post a link to her updated Wakelet. www.wakelet.com/@DrRackleyCCMS

What is Instagram? Instagram is a social media network most well-known for posting pictures! Teams and teachers can post and caption pictures of their teams, classes, and activities. www.instagram.com/drrackleyccms

What is Blogspot? Dr. Rackley writes a blog to share her thoughts and reflections on the events that are taking place within our school. <https://mrsrackleyccms.blogspot.com>



Physical Education Shirts

Dress requirements and information regarding ordering shirts for physical education will be discussed with students on the first day that they have PE. Paperwork will be sent home regarding how to order shirts. Students are responsible for ordering their own shirts. All money and orders will be handled through the physical education department; no money will be collected until after the shirts arrive.

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

Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

How can you stay involved in your child's education? Attend the P-SP meetings at CCMS! This group of parents and staff work together to enhance a positive academic and social environment at our school.

P-SP provides academic incentives for each marking period, sponsors the fall and spring dances, and numerous other activities at the school. This year we hope to continue these activities as well as others throughout the year.

We need you! The first meeting of the school year will be Thursday, August 19 at 7 pm in the CCMS Learning Center (Library). We will discuss events for the school year, organize committees and much more. We look forward to seeing you that evening!

As a reminder, in order to take part in ANY of our school sponsored events, you must have your volunteer clearances on file with the District Office prior to being allowed to chaperone. If you need assistance in learning how to obtain your clearances log on to the CLSD website and click on the Volunteers & Chaperones for information.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Davis, president, at yodendelgra@gmail.com.

Newsletter

Our newsletter containing a calendar of events and information for each month will be available on our website (www.clsd.k12.pa.us) and distributed to families via Skyward.

Cedar Crest Middle School Performing Arts (CCMSPA)

Do you have a love for singing and acting? Perhaps you're more of a hands-on construction type? Do you love fashion design, hair, and makeup? Look no further!! CCMSPA is an all-inclusive club where productions are put on twice a year. Audition packets are available in the Main Office. An informational meeting for interested students is being held on Tuesday, September 7, 6-8 pm in the CCMS Auditorium. Everyone who turns in paperwork either to audition, or to be part of our Tech Crew, is in the production. Parents of children who join are encouraged to attend the Parents' Meeting on September 14, 6-8 pm in the CCMS Auditorium. Our fall musical ROCK OF AGES MIDDLE SCHOOL EDITION will be performed November 12 and 13. Any questions, please contact Kristi Glassford at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.



Breakfast and Lunch @ CCMS

Welcome to the 2021- 2022 school year! The Food Services Department is serving FREE breakfast for all students, starting on Monday, August 30 at the Commons Café Breakfast Cart in the Commons Area for the entire school year. Breakfast is an important part of the school day, and in an effort to reach all students, our breakfast offerings are located in our Commons Area. Students may pick up various hot and cold breakfast options to enjoy in their homeroom.

The Food Service Department is also happy to announce that we will be serving FREE lunch to all students during the 2021-2022 school year. Every student is encouraged to purchase a FREE meal during their scheduled lunch period. Students who pack may also receive a free fruit, vegetable, and milk as part of the free meal program. Snacks and extras will continue to be available for students with positive account balances and/or carrying cash or check.

Although all meals are free of charge to any Cornwall-Lebanon student, we continue to ask families to complete the 2021-2022 Free & Reduced Meal Application. Benefits for completing the application include: discounted internet services and possible P-EBT funding. Please be sure to check out the Food Services website for full menus, and a link to the 2021-2022 Free & Reduced Price School Meals Application. We look forward to serving healthy meal options to your students again this year! Any questions, please call Food Services at 717-389-1849.

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School Supplies Requested

As we make plans for the opening of school, we're excited to welcome our students and help them prepare for a healthy, productive year. In order to ensure that students are organized and prepared for learning, we are asking that students keep the following materials in their backpacks to use at school. Please purchase these materials as you are able. Once class assignments are finalized, please let your child's homeroom teacher know if you need assistance to acquire any of these items. At CCMS, Every Falcon Counts, and we'll be sure that each of our students has what they need to learn at school and at home.

Mientras hacemos planes para la apertura de la escuela, nos complace dar la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes y ayudarlos a prepararse para un año productivo y saludable. Debido a las pautas de seguridad de COVID-19, el intercambio de materiales será limitado. Para asegurarnos de que los estudiantes estén organizados y preparados para el aprendizaje, les pedimos a los estudiantes que guarden los siguientes materiales en sus mochilas para usar en la escuela. Adquiera estos materiales en la medida de sus posibilidades. Una vez finalizadas las asignaciones de clase, informe al maestro de aula de su hijo necesita ayuda para adquirir alguno de estos. En CCMS, Cada Halcón Cuenta y nos aseguraremos de que cada uno de nuestros estudiantes tenga lo que necesita para aprender en la escuela y en casa.

Suggested Individual Supplies	Suministros Individuales Sugeridos
<p><u>To keep in backpack and bring to/from school:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - backpack - ear buds or headphones - calculator (suggested TI 30xiis) - pencils - small pencil sharpener - dry erase marker - cloth or sock - highlighter (preferably yellow) - colored pencils - ruler - glue stick - eraser - lanyard - one—1-2” binder and dividers (required for 7th & 8th graders; suggested for 6th graders) - reusable water bottle (suggested) 	<p><u>Para guardar en la mochila y traer a/desde la escuela:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mochila - auriculares o audífonos - calculadora (TI 30xiis sugerida) - lápices - sacapuntas pequeño - marcador de borrado en seco - tela o calcetín - resaltador (preferiblemente amarillo) - lápices de colores - regla - barra de pegamento - borrador - acollador - uno carpeta de 1-2” y separadores (requerido para estudiantes de 7º y 8º grado; sugerido para estudiantes de 6º grado) - botella de agua reutilizable (sugerida)

District Calendar

A pdf file of the 2021-2022 district calendar will be available in the Community Tab under Events & Activities on the district website (www.clsd.k12.pa.us).

Suggested
School Supplies
Checklist



Bus Transportation

Students' bus assignments are based on their home address. In the cases of split families, within the district, please contact the district office at 717-272-2031 to arrange bus assignments to both parents' addresses if needed. Transfer passes for students to ride buses other than those to which they are assigned will be issued **ONLY IN CASES OF EXTREME EMERGENCY** because of overcrowding in fully assigned buses.

Cornwall-Lebanon buses will use audio and video recording devices to monitor bus behavior in accordance with CLSD Policy #810.2.

Bus information was posted to Skyward on Friday, August 6. Please refer to the Skylert message on August 6 for details regarding transportation information. This information can be viewed through the Family Access website by clicking on the Student Info tab and then View Bus Schedule. Any questions regarding transportation should be directed to the District Office at 717-272-2031.



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 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.

Activity Buses

The Cornwall-Lebanon School District provides activity buses for secondary students who must stay after school for athletic activities, club activities, other school related activities, tutoring, and detention. The activity buses leave the middle school main entrance starting at 4:15 pm. The activity buses run Monday through Thursday during the school year. Information regarding the activity bus runs, the location that the buses serve, and the bus number for the area is posted at several locations in the middle school. Our school staff is also available to assist students with determining the correct activity bus to take for the journey home. **Students are encouraged to have their school ID to board activity buses. It is the students' responsibility to know which activity bus they ride before boarding the bus.**

Only students who are involved in supervised after school athletics or activities may ride the activity buses. Students who choose to stay after school to observe an activity such as a sporting event are not permitted to ride the activity buses. Activity buses are a convenience offered to parents who are not able to secure their child who is involved in a supervised after school athletic event or other school activity.

Activity buses are not a replacement for the regularly scheduled bus routes. The activity bus may only bring a student to the approximate area where the student resides. Students need to advise the driver where they need to depart the bus in advance of the stop. Parents may still have to drive to a suitable location along the route to transport the student home. Students riding the activity buses are subject to the same disciplinary guidelines as students who ride the regular buses.