

# Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter October, 2021



## Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families:

Sincere thanks to all of you and your students for a great start to the 2020-2021 school year! We have loved getting to know our Falcons! It is so good to be back and connecting with our #CommUNITY!

We appreciate your flexibility, patience, and grace. There will be instances this year where we will be learning and growing with you and your students! We are excited to continue offering awesome opportunities to our learners. We will keep you up-to-date with activities and events to get more and more students involved in our Falcon Life at CCMS! Please keep an eye on our monthly newsletters for more information.

Please remember, Monday, October 11, is a Professional Learning Day for staff; there is no school for students. This day does NOT count as a cycle day.

We appreciate our parents and always encourage their involvement in our activities at CCMS. We are grateful for our Parent-School Partners (P-SP) and are looking forward to having opportunities to engage our families. Please be sure to read the information from the District in this newsletter as the P-SP is seeking volunteers for many different aspects of their events and activities!

Here's to another great month with our Falcon Family! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!

Be well and stay safe,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed.D.  
Principal

## Calendar of Events

- October 1: Blast (6-1) – Pavilion Day, 8:30 am-2:30 pm
- October 4: Sketch – Mrs. Ryland's room, A-13, 3:15-4:05 pm (see next page for details)
- October 4, 18, 25: Mini-THON planning meeting in A-13, 3:15-4:15 pm
- October 6, 13, 27: MS Baseball – Mr. White's room, B-29, 3:15-4:05 pm (see next page for details)
- October 11: Professional Learning Day for Staff (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
- October 12: Last day to register for Reading Olympics (see next page for details)
- October 15: PINK OUT for students and staff – wear pink today!
- October 15: Blue Aggies (6-2) – Pavilion Day, 8:30-11:30 am
- October 15: Last day to sign up for Quiz Bowl (see next page for details).
- October 20: P/T Conferences – Online registration begins at 7 pm (see page 3 for details).
- October 21: P-SP Meeting, Learning Center, 7 pm
- October 22: Horizon (7-1) – Afternoon at the Pavilion 12:30-2:30 pm

## Spirit Week Events – Oct. 25-29

- Oct. 25 – Football Jersey Day – Wear your favorite football jersey or shirt and show spirit for your favorite team!
- Oct. 26 – National Pumpkin Day – Wear orange today.
- Oct. 27 – Color Wars – Gr. 6-purple, Gr. 7-Green, Gr. 8-Black.
- Oct. 28 – FalconScare – Wear your school-appropriate Halloween costume.
- Oct. 29 – Falcon Friday – Wear Falcon colors to show school spirit. Staff dress down for \$5, and students wear a hat for \$1.

## Sketch Club

Sketch is back! Sketch is the after-school art club that is open to everyone who loves creating art and building friendships along the way. Please contact Mrs. Bott or Mrs. Ryland for further details. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4 from 3:15-4:05 pm. Students can take the activity bus home or have a parent pick them up.

## CCMS Drama – Rock of Ages

CCMS Performing Arts' rehearsals for Rock of Ages Middle School Edition are in full swing! Set on L.A.'s famous Sunset Strip in 1987, Rock of Ages tells the story of Drew, a city boy from South Detroit, and Sherrie, a small-town girl, who have both travelled to L.A. to chase their dreams of making it big and falling in love. Show dates will be November 12 and 13. Stay tuned for performance information.

Please join us on Saturday, October 16 from 9 am-1 pm for our Fall Craft and Vendor show at CCMS Cafeteria. Combined with the Fall Drama students from CCHS the show will feature local crafters and vendors, kids' crafts, and food.

## MS Baseball Club

The MS Baseball Club is for interested baseball players in 8<sup>th</sup> grade only who plan to try out for the high school baseball team next year. The club will meet on Wednesdays, in Mr. White's room, from 3:10-4:10 pm starting on October 6, and meeting again on October 13 and October 27. Players may be picked up by a parent in front of the middle school or take the activity bus home. We don't have an attendance policy but hope players will take advantage of this opportunity and attend frequently. The goal of the club is to raise awareness for the HS baseball program, build relationships among the players, and improve ability through drills being taught at the high school level.

## Quiz Bowl Tryouts

Quiz Bowl is an academic and general knowledge contest. The team(s) compete against other schools in Lebanon and Lancaster counties from January through March. Interested students should sign up in the Learning Center by Friday, October 15. Please contact Mrs. Raytick at [praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us) if you have any questions about Quiz Bowl.

## Pink Out for Students & Staff

Friday, October 15 is our **PINK OUT** for all students and staff. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink to support the battle against breast cancer.

## Reading Olympics Teams Forming Sign up by October 12!

Reading Olympics is an academic competition in which students answer questions about books on a 45 book reading list. Teams consist of 8 to 12 members; 10 students participate per round. A team from CCMS will compete against other teams from IU13 in March. Sign up in the Learning Center by Tuesday, October 12. Please contact Mrs. Raytick in person in the Learning Center or by email at [praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us) if you have any questions about the Reading Olympics.

## YAC – Youth Action Club

Students in all grades are invited to join the Youth Action Club. The club usually meets after school to plan/perform school and community service projects. We hope to be able to participate in tree planting in October and Wreaths Across America in December. If you are looking for a chance to help improve our larger community, sign up with Mr. Muritz in B-01 or Mrs. Raytick in the Learning Center.

## News from Yearbook Staff

### Two Ways to Purchase a Yearbook!

1. Visit [YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM](http://YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM) and order electronically.
2. Return the Yearbook form with payment to Ms. Oblinsky in Room A-19. Checks should be made payable to CCMS. Purchase early to save!

### INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING PHOTOS?

#### Two Ways to Submit Photos!

VISIT [YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM](http://YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM)

Click on the community upload banner

School access code: ccms22

Yearbook Snap App!

Download our App to upload your photos!

Photos must be actual size (Megabytes)

If you have questions regarding purchasing or submitting photos to the yearbook, email Ms. Oblinsky at [toblinsky@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:toblinsky@clsd.k12.pa.us).

## Cedar Crest Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, November 22 (1:00-8:30 pm), and Tuesday, November 23 (8:00 am-2:30 pm), concurrent with the elementary school conferences. Conferences are currently scheduled to be held in the building, but a virtual option will be available for families who request it.

A letter will be sent to middle school families via Skyward on Wednesday, October 13, regarding this year's conferences. Scheduling will be done online through PTCFast.com. Parents will find the link on our district website under the middle school tab and will need to provide a valid email address to register. **The online scheduling will open at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 20 and will close at the end of the day on Tuesday, November 16.**

If you are not able to schedule using the internet, paper request forms will be available in both the Main Office and the Guidance Office. If you are choosing this option, please have the form returned to our Guidance Office as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Middle School Guidance Office at 717-389-1840.

## Safety Drills

Throughout the school year, we will have fire, weather, and intruder drills to review emergency procedures with our students and practice our response to a serious incident. Please discuss these drills with your student and help them to learn from these experiences.

## Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The October P-SP meeting will be held Thursday, October 21. Dr. Rackley and others will be sharing the most up-to-date information about the happenings at CCMS.

Any questions or concerns please contact Matthew Davis, president at [yodendelgra@gmail.com](mailto:yodendelgra@gmail.com).

## Newsletter

Just a reminder that a newsletter containing information and a list of calendar events for each upcoming month will be available on our website ([www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us)) and distributed to parents via Skyward.

## News from the Nurse

Cold and allergy season is upon us. Please ensure your student has a reusable water bottle to use at school throughout the day. Per our school policy, medication consent forms must have a doctor's signature in order for the nurse to give any medications to students at school (even if it is over the counter medications such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, etc.). Cough drops are permitted to be carried by students without a doctor's note.

Please return 6th grade private physical examinations and 7th grade private dental examination reports as soon as possible. Forms can be picked up in the main office, or you can find them on the CLSD web page under the Health Services tab.

Please contact Mrs. North, school nurse, at 717-389-1845 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for September 2021. Students of the Month are posted on the bulletin board located between the main office and the attendance office along with a description of why their teachers chose to recognize them!

Team Blast 6-1 – Lucille Saltern  
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Gabriella Pizarro  
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Gabriella Jean-Philippe  
Team Horizon 7-1 – Caroline Figueroa  
Team Spartans 7-2 – William Werner  
Team Knights 7-3 – Christopher Martinez Mejia  
Team Academy 7-4 – Atalia Alnoor  
Team Mariner 8-1 – Owen Popejoy  
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Samantha Satterfield  
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Jayden Reyes

## 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>

## A Message from our Food Service Coordinator

Hello CCMS Falcons!

FREE Breakfast and Lunch is off to a great start for this school year at CCMS! In case you didn't already know... every CCMS student is entitled to one FREE Breakfast and one FREE Lunch each school day. Breakfast is served Grab 'N Go style in the Commons, while lunch is served hot and ready for all CCMS in the café.

During the month of October, take a look at our menu for special treats all month long! The café is working on a surprise during National School Lunch week so stay tuned!

Did you know that October is my favorite month? I love the month of October because I can celebrate my favorite holiday...HALLOWEEN! On Thursday, October 28, join us during lunch and enjoy a very spooky lunch and creepy dessert with us in the café, if you dare!

Make sure to wear your school appropriate costume for Falcon Scare on Thursday, October 28! I'll be the Wicked Witch of the Café, what will you be?

Ms. Emily Rodriguez, RDN  
Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services

### News from the District

Falcon Foundation Applications due October 15: The Falcon Foundation is pleased to announce that grants and awards will again be offered this fall to district students, employees and community members. Three types of sponsorship are available – Student Educational Opportunity Awards, Employee Educational Opportunity Awards, and Project Grants. Descriptions and applications for these grants and awards are posted online. Visit any school or the District website and click on the “Falcon Foundation” Quick Link icon for more details. Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, October 15, 2021.

Special Invitation for CLSD Veterans & our Military families: A complimentary breakfast is planned for Wednesday, November 10, to honor veterans who reside within the district. We also extend this invitation to those within our district family who are currently serving in the United States military. Please complete the Military Families Survey you will receive via Skyward, or call 717-389-1810, to register prior to October 29. Each veteran may bring one guest. Reservations are required as space is limited.

Volunteers and Chaperones: CLSD greatly appreciates the volunteers and chaperones who provide assistance to students and teachers. Volunteers are essential to the success of students. Look under the “Community” tab on the District Home page for details. Anyone who will be serving as a volunteer for the District must complete the Volunteer Information packet, located on the website, prior to serving as a volunteer, and follow any existing COVID-19 guidelines pertaining to their volunteer assignment.

### Private Transportation

#### **Student Drop-Off Procedures (Start of Day)**

**Who:** All middle school students

**When:** Morning drop-off, starting at 7:45 am

**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, starting at 3:00 pm

**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.**

## Inclement Weather Procedures & Skylert Notification System

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 *CLSD 2021-22 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 and email settings allow (do not Block) these numbers: 717-272-2031; 717-272-2036 and 717-389-1810, and emails from @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.
4. Click “SAVE” in the upper right side of the page when you are done.

Skylert enables you to receive notifications concerning your child(ren). You have control over which notifications to receive and how you would like to receive them.

My Skyward Contact Info

Contact Info	School Hours Emergency	Attendance	General	Non-School Hours Emergency	Weather Emergency	Survey
* Primary Phone: (717) [ ]-[ ]-[ ]-[ ]-[ ]-[ ]						
Family With: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Cell Phone: (717) [ ]-[ ]-[ ]-[ ]-[ ]-[ ]						
Family With: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Info Phone: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]						
Busing Family With: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Email: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] @comcast.net						
Family With: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

\*\*Secondary Guardians are not allowed to update the Primary Phone number\*\*

Additional Contact Info for Family With: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Phone Numbers	School Hours Emergency	Attendance	General	Non-School Hours Emergency	Weather Emergency	Survey
Additional Phone 1: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 2: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 3: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Phone 4: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: If you need to change any “Emergency Contact” information, please contact your student’s school office.