



CEDAR CREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

2021 – 2022



DIRECTORY
Of
STUDENT CLUBS,
ORGANIZATIONS
And
ACTIVITIES

A note to middle school parents...

The CCMS Parent-School Partners (P-SP) has developed this resource guide to encourage our children to seek new opportunities and ventures within our school and within our community. This booklet summarizes the extra-curricular activities found at CCMS, as well as some of the other opportunities available to our students. As parents, it is our hope that this information may inspire one student and hopefully, all of our students, to consider extra-curricular activities that will enhance their academic careers at CCMS. Parents are encouraged to become involved as volunteer advisors, assistants, chaperones, and spectators based on the needs of the organization.

Our administrators and faculty have been very supportive in helping us compile information on clubs, organizations, and athletics open to CCMS students. The directory is not all-inclusive and the information will continue to change during the school year, but it will serve as a resource.

Still need more information? Call or stop by the CCMS office and talk with the staff. The CCMS phone number is: 717-272-2032.

CCMS Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The Cedar Crest Middle School Parent-School Partners (P-SP) is a forum for parent participation to enhance a positive academic and social environment for the benefit of all students at Cedar Crest Middle School. Prior to volunteering, please visit the **Community Tab** on clsd.k12.pa.us under the **Volunteer Information** option to get the latest information on required clearances.

Goals:

- To improve communication with parents
- To improve communication from parents to teachers and administration
- To keep parents informed about curriculum issues and changes
- To offer assistance with existing and potential student/social activities
- To support school and classroom activities, as requested
- To provide input to administration regarding community concerns
- To encourage growth in participation in the P-SP and its activities

Meetings: All 2021-2022 meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month in the CCMS Learning Center. The meeting dates are listed in the school district calendar. For your convenience, they are also listed below:

Thursday, August 19, 2021
Thursday, September 16, 2021
Thursday, October 21, 2021
Thursday, November 18, 2021
*No December meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Thursday, March 17, 2022
Thursday, April 21, 2022
Thursday, May 19, 2022

CCMS Clubs/Organizations/Activities

Baseball Club

The Middle School Baseball Club is for 8th graders interested in trying out for the high school baseball team next spring. The club will build relationships between baseball players in the 8th grade class, refine their skills through positional drills, teach proper training methods, and stress the importance of good sleeping and eating habits.

The club meets every Wednesday throughout the year from 3:10-4:10.

Baseball Club Advisors:

Mr. Ryan White, CCMS Teacher (rwhite@clsk.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Mark Wojdyla, CCMS Teacher (mwojdyla@clsd.k12.pa.us)

CCMS Volleyball Club - Boys

The CCMS Boys Volleyball Club is open to students in grade 6th through 8th interested in playing volleyball. Skill development, strength training, sportsmanship, and team concepts will be emphasized. Practices will begin in early March, Monday through Friday from 3:10 through 5:00 pm. All skill levels are welcome.

CCMS Boys Volleyball Advisor:

Mr. Steve Johnson, CCMS Teacher (sjohnson@clsd.k12.pa.us)

CCMS Volleyball Club - Girls

The purpose of the Junior High Girls Volleyball program is to develop the skills and abilities of junior high athletes. It is open to students in grades 7 through 9. Skill development, strength training, sportsmanship, and team concepts will be emphasized. The program will prepare athletes for high school varsity and JV levels. Tryouts are held the 3rd week of August. Practices are *typically* held Monday through Friday from 5:00 through 7:00 pm, but subject to change. Games are *typically* held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

Junior High Girls Volleyball Coach:

Mrs. Jessica Kishbaugh, Head Coach (jesskish11@gmail.com)

CCMS Performing Arts

CCMS Performing Arts (formerly CCMS Drama Club) will focus on all aspects of performing arts. Students who participate will gain exposure through various workshops in auditioning, acting, singing, choreography, script writing, rehearsal, performance and working with the stage crew. Students will also have the opportunity to audition and be featured in the Fall Play and the Spring Musical. This year we will also be implementing new programs; such as Student Ambassadors and Skit Fest (more details to come).

CCMS Performing Arts Advisors:

Mrs. Kristi Glassford, Director (kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mrs. Tara Pohlkotte, Assistant Director

Chamber Orchestra

Auditions are only for string orchestra. Extra rehearsals will be held before school, 1-2 times a month, as well as during Day 1 and Flex if possible. Chamber Orchestra is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade string players. Students will play more advanced music and learn more advanced string techniques and shifting. This group performs at the elementary schools for the Music in Our School assemblies in March, as well as other times small string groups are needed.

Chamber Orchestra Advisor:

Ms. Heidi Eck, CCMS Teacher (heck@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Diamond Dash

This committee is for 8th grade students who are passionate about planning events and raising money for Four Diamonds and student activities. This group meets from February to May and plans the majority of the activities that take place during the Diamond Dash Festival, which is a school-wide event.

Diamond Dash Advisor:

Mrs. Lynn Lechleitner, CCMS Teacher (llechleitner@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Envirothon

Students who are interested in learning about their local environment and competing against other school districts can participate in Envirothon. During the meetings, students will learn about forestry, soils and land use, aquatics, and wildlife. They will use that knowledge to compete in the spring at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. CCMS Envirothon will meet every first and third Thursday of the month after school from 3:10 to 4:10 pm. Students must participate in half of the meetings to be qualified to compete in the Envirothon competition.

CCMS Envirothon Advisors:

Mrs. Daugherty, CCMS Teacher (kdaugherty@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mrs. Davis, CCMS Teacher (tdavis@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mrs. Nolan, CCMS Teacher (jnolan@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Falcon Ensemble

Falcon Ensemble is an auditioned band open to any students, grades 6 through 8, who are enrolled in the CCMS Band program. Auditions will take place in September. Rehearsals are Wednesdays after school from 3pm to 4pm. Falcon Ensemble has many performances throughout the year including the CLSD Veterans Day Breakfast, CLSD Holiday Breakfast, Music in Our Schools Month Concerts, Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, Music Performance Assessment, Spring Concert, and the Hershey Park/Adjudication Trip.

Jazz Band Advisor:

Mr. Jared Daubert, CCMS Teacher (jdaubert@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Falcon Fusion

Falcon Fusion is a select ensemble that is open to 7th and 8th grade students that qualify through an audition process. Students in this ensemble will perform some a capella literature in three parts as well as some accompanied pieces. Repertoire for this ensemble is more challenging thus providing an outlet for advanced students to grow as musicians. Falcon Fusion rehearsals are every other day during Flex.

Falcon Fusion Advisor:

Mrs. Leslie Rauchut, CCMS Teacher (lrauchut@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Falcon Readers Book Club

This club meets periodically after school throughout the course of the school year. Listen to the announcements or check the newsletter for upcoming dates. We will choose one book to read and discuss as a group. We will meet weekly during the book to break the reading and discussion into more manageable chunks. Books are provided, just bring yourself! Falcon Readers is open to all students who like to read. Our meetings consist of quality conversation and making connections with peers. We have fun reading and chatting about our thoughts about the books we read.

Falcon Readers Book Club Advisors:

Miss Julia Kenny, CCMS Teacher (jkenny@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mrs. Miriam Kreider, CCMS Teacher (mkreider@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Geography Bee

Are you interested in geography? If so, then you should look into our annual Geography Bee. The Geography Bee is open to students in all grades. Dates and times of the Geography Bee will be placed on the morning announcements in early December. There will be a qualifying pretest. The top 15 qualifiers will then compete at the school-level competition. The winner of school-level competition will then complete an online geography test in order to qualify for the National Geographic's state-level competition.

Geography Bee Advisors:

Mr. Michael Trump, CCMS Teacher (mtrump@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Chris Muritz, CCMS teacher (cmuritz@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Girls Who Code

Girls Who Code is a club where students learn about inspiring women in the world of technology and will learn how to code using simple and fun online coding tutorials. Skills learned will include building animations, games, apps, and interactive online books. The possibilities are endless! Using these skills, students will build interactive projects that can be shared with our community. Girls Who Code meets once a month. No experience necessary. This club is open to **all students** in grades 6 through 8.

Girls Who Code Advisor:

Ms. Tracey Oblinsky, CCMS Teacher (toblinsky@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Jazz Band

The CCMS Jazz Band rehearses music in the jazz idiom for public performances. Participants will play a variety of jazz styles and receive instruction in improvisation. CCMS Jazz Band is open to any band instrument, guitar, electric bass, upright bass, and keyboard players in grades 6-8 and meets in the morning before school in the band room.

Jazz Band Advisor:

Mr. Jared Daubert, CCMS Teacher (jdaubert@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mini-THON

Do you like planning events, especially events for a great cause? All students in 6th, 7th and 8th grader are welcome to join Mini-THON Committee! Each year, the CCMS Mini-THON committee plans our student-run Mini-THON. Students brainstorm a theme, design t-shirts, plan activities/food, solicit donations from local businesses, run the event...and so much more! Mini-THON meetings are Mondays from 3-4 pm in A-13. FTK!

Mini-THON Advisor:

Mrs. Beth Rodkey, CCMS Teacher (brodkey@clsk.k12.pa.us)

Morning Announcements

The morning announcements are broadcast live each morning by 8th grade students to the entire student body via the MRS or streamed online. Students in 7th grade are eligible to try out for morning announcements in the spring (typically in May). If selected, students get to work with and use modern broadcasting technology tools.

Morning Announcements Advisor:

Mr. Chad Hibshman, CCMS Teacher (chibshman@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Odyssey of the Mind

The OM program is open to grades 6 through 8 and promotes creative thinking and teamwork by challenging teams to solve problems through divergent means. A club meeting is held in September for sign-ups and the program runs until mid-March or May, depending upon competition results. Parent volunteers are needed to coach teams (teams consist of 7 team members). The OM coach arranges dates and times of meetings; attendance is mandatory. Practice usually occurs after school and varies in length of time. OM teams frequently practice on weekends and evenings. Students and parents should be prepared to make a major commitment to this activity and parent involvement is needed for this program. We are a district club and are not funded by the district. There is a membership fee of \$40 per participant.

Odyssey of the Mind Advisor:

Mrs. Rose Lantz, CLSD OM Club President (rlantz63@gmail.com)

Reading Olympics

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/round. A team of CCMS students will compete against other teams from the IU13.

Reading Olympics Advisor:

Mrs. Pamela Raytick, CCMS Teacher (praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Quiz Bowl

This is a competitive team of students, in grades 6, 7 and 8, who are interested in all types of subjects from music to science to math to sports. Practices are held Tuesdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and during Flex period. The team competes in the Lancaster-Lebanon Middle School Quiz Bowl League. The matches are typically held once a week starting at the beginning of January and ending with a tournament in March. Middle school quiz bowl is a great training ground for the high school quiz bowl team.

Quiz Bowl Advisor:

Mrs. Pamela Raytick, CCMS Teacher (praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Sixth Dimension

Sixth Dimension is the name of the select ensemble for 6th grade singers. Auditions will occur during the first few weeks of school for any 6th grade chorus student who is interested. Sixth Dimension rehearses on Days 2-4-6 (same as chorus) during the Flex period. Sixth Dimension will perform at the December and May concerts, and other events as scheduled (including possibly the District Holiday Breakfast). More advanced repertoire will be taught and students learn more about vocal production and breathing techniques.

Sixth Dimension Advisors:

Ms. Heidi Eck, CCMS Teacher (heck@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Sketch

If you love art or want to learn more about art, this is the club for you! CCMS's art club is where creative minds come together to create art. It is open to all 6th to 8th grade students. We meet once a week after school from 3:10 to 4:10. Students may ride the activity bus or have parents pick them up by 4:10.

Sketch Advisor:

Mrs. Debra Ryland, CCMS Teacher (dryland@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mrs. Ashely Bott, CCMS Teacher (abott@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Spelling Bee

Students in all grades, 6th through 8th, are invited to sign up to participate in the school-wide Spelling Bee. Sign up will be in early October. Materials will be distributed for students to study. Spellers will meet during Flex period to practice. The final structure of the school-wide bee will be based on the number of students who wish to participate. The school-wide bee will be held after Thanksgiving.

Spelling Bee Advisor:

Mrs. Pamela Raytick, CCMS Teacher (praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Student Council

Interested in being a student leader at CCMS? Considering running for CCMS Student Council! Student Council is a group of students who are elected to make important decisions for the school. Student Council meets every Friday during homeroom. Student Council needs people who are respectful, responsible, and will speak up for other students. If you would like to run, please contact Mrs. Rodkey or Mr. Wojdyla for more information.

Student Council Advisors:

Mrs. Beth Rodkey, CCMS Teacher (brodkey@clsk.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Mark Wojdyla, CCMS Teacher (mwojdyla@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Students for Christ

The club provides a time of fellowship for students in grades 6th through 8th to encourage one another in their faith in Jesus Christ. The club is active all school year with meetings being held on Tuesdays from 7:30 am to 8:00 am in room B-20. Parent volunteers are needed.

Students for Christ Advisor:

Mr. Brian Brassart, CCMS Teacher (bbrassart@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Technology Student Association (T.S.A.)

The focus of the T.S.A. is to prepare students in grade 6th through 8th to compete in a series of challenges based on technology issues ranging from CO₂ cars to digital photography. Each challenge is designed to promote creativity, competitiveness, and problem solving skills to accomplish a given task. Challenges may be individual, or team-based oriented, pre-announced, or impromptu. Three official progressive competitions are held each year; regional, state, and national. In the past few years, Cedar Crest teams have placed at each competition. Parent assistance is needed. T.S.A. will meet once or twice a week during November, December, January, and February and then twice a week in March. The regional conference takes place at the end of February, and the State Conference takes place at the beginning of April. The majority of work/projects will need to be completed outside the school day.

Technology Student Association (T.S.A.) Advisor:

Mr. Daniel Stoddard, CCMS Teacher (dstoddard@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Wellness Club

This club is open to girls in grades 6 through 8. The club meets 1 to 2 times per week in the fall and again in the spring. Activities include swimming, tennis, walking/running, fitness center, cooking, jumping rope, basketball and more.

Wellness Club Advisor:

Mrs. Lynn Lechleitner, CCMS Teacher (llechleitner@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Yearbook Staff

This club is charged with designing the school's yearbook and is open to 7th and 8th grade students. Activities include photographing events that occur throughout the school year, creating and planning page layouts, and working as a team to meet critical deadlines. Applications for yearbook are available in May, and club size is limited. The club meets bi-monthly, after school from 3:00 to 4:00 pm as needed. Please note: Participation in yearbook does require attendance at sporting events and other after school activities.

Yearbook Staff Advisor:

Ms. Tracey Oblinsky, CCMS Teacher (toblinsky@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Youth Action Club (YAC)

Youth Action Club is a school and community service group that meets twice a month throughout the school year. One meeting is a planning meeting; the other meeting is a service project. Each year the group works at the Gettysburg National Military Park also participates in Wreaths Across America and the United Way Day of Caring. Other past projects have included purchasing Christmas gifts for the kids living at the Agape House, cleaning the school vans, and volunteering at Jubilee Ministries. The group is open to all students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Youth Action Club (YAC) Advisors:

Mrs. Pamela Raytick, CCMS Teacher (praytick@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Chris Muritz, CCMS Teacher (cmuritz@clsd.k12.pa.us)



CCMS Athletic Programs

The athletic programs at CCMS are diverse in terms of age/grade requirements, practice schedules, etc. Many coaches offer an informational session (usually held just prior to bus dismissal or before the start of first period) for students interested in playing a particular sport. Students should listen for announcements regarding these meetings and subsequent sign-ups. In most cases, district coaches and community-based teams place information in the CCMS office.

Junior High Boys Basketball

Open gym begins in October and is recommended for any student who is trying out for the team. Students should listen for announcements regarding time and place for open gym and official tryout dates. Tryouts are usually around the week before Thanksgiving. Practices schedules will be made available from coaches and may involve Saturday mornings. Practices begin in late November with the season ending in mid-February. Coaches will inform students about practice location (CCMS or CCHS gym); some evening practices can be expected.

Junior High Boys Basketball Coaches:

Mr. Tyler Massar, 9th Grade Coach (tyler_massar@pasd.us)

Mr. Phil Rader, 8th Grade Coach (prader@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Andrew Gates, 7th Grade Coach (agates@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Junior High Girls Basketball

The girls' basketball program is open to girls in 7th, 8th, and 9th grade and involves competition in the Lancaster-Lebanon League. Candidates should possess a strong interest and be motivated to improve their basketball skills. Coaches are looking for players with athletic skills, good attitudes, and a strong work ethic. Open gyms for girls in grades 7th through 12th begin in October at CCHS or CCMS. The open gym sessions provide "skills workouts". Following team selection, the junior high girls practice daily after school at the middle or high school. Saturday practices can be expected.

Junior High Girls Basketball Coaches:

Mr. Eric Walters, 9th Grade Coach (ejw716@live.com)

Mr. Todd Yancey, 8th Grade Coach, (toddyancey23@gmail.com)

Miss Kelly Snyder, 7th Grade Coach, CCMS Teacher (kelsnyder@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Cheerleading

The Junior High Cheerleading squad cheers for the football, soccer, wrestling and basketball teams. Pre-tryout clinics provide opportunities for candidates to learn and practice cheering techniques. It is open to students in 7th and 8th grades. Clinics and tryouts for football and soccer cheerleading occur in the spring. Clinics and tryouts for the basketball season are held in the fall. Practices are normally held twice a week from 9:00 am to 11:00 am during the summer, then at least twice a week prior to game season to learn new cheers and stunts, etc.

Cheerleading Coach:

Mrs. Jessica Ebersole, Head Coach (jlm5801@gmail.com)

Cross Country Team

This is one sport where everyone who wants to work hard and improve is welcomed and encouraged, even if you never thought of yourself as a "runner" before. Seventh, eighth, and ninth graders set personal and team goals, testing themselves each week in two-mile long races across fields, through woods, and over hills. There are no benchwarmers here! The team is active from August through October, Monday through Friday with two Saturday meets. Signups take place in late May, but interested students should visit Coach MacNeill in C-23 once the school year begins and come on board as soon as possible.

Junior High Cross Country Coach:

Mr. Andrew MacNeill, Head Coach, CCMS Teacher (amacneill@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Junior High Football

The Junior High Football programs are divided into two separate levels. The 7th and 8th graders will compete as an organized team and the 9th grade students will compete on a separate level. Both are recognized as junior high football teams. Junior High Football introduces players to the rules, fundamentals, and techniques of football. The players participate in daily workouts, which condition them both physically and mentally. The team will practice after school from 3:00 to 5:30 pm daily on the CCHS football fields. Regular attendance is mandatory, and students must maintain passing grades in classes.

Sign-up sheets are available in the CCMS office. Optional weight training is encouraged and will be offered three sessions a week throughout the summer. For the 7th and 8th graders, lifting is held at the middle school. Ninth grade students will lift in the high school weight room. Official practices start in mid-August and continue through the final week of October.

Junior High Football Coaches:

Mr. Steve Lyter, 7th & 8th Grade Head Coach, CCMS Teacher (slyter@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Isaac Custer, Assistant Coach 7th & 8th Grade, CCHS Teacher (icuster@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Ryan White, Assistant Coach 7th & 8th Grade, CCMS Teacher (rwhite@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Junior High Girls Field Hockey

Junior High Field Hockey open to students in grades 7 through 9. Participants will learn the game and develop skills, techniques, and strategies. Interscholastic competition in the Lancaster-Lebanon League included. Sign-ups occur in the spring, and practice begins in late August; daily practices are from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Regular attendance is required.

Junior High Girls Field Hockey Coaches:

Mrs. Megan Dodson, Head Coach, CCMS Teacher (mdodson@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Miss Joanna Yeater, Assistant Coach, CWES Teacher (jyeater@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Junior High Boys/Girls Soccer

The purpose of the Junior High Soccer Program is to develop the skills and abilities of junior high athletes. Skill development, sportsmanship, and team concepts will be emphasized. The program will prepare athletes for high school varsity and JV levels. It is open to students in grades 7 through 9. Boys and Girls Soccer is a fall sport, with sign-ups occurring in the spring. Sign-ups for the upcoming soccer seasons are announced over the morning announcements. Practices are 3:15 to 5:00 pm. Daily attendance is mandatory.

Jr. High Boys/Girls Soccer Coaches:

Boys – Mr. Isaac Hostetter, Head Coach (ish-17@hotmail.com)

Mr. Joe Spade, Assistant Coach

Girls – Mr. Francis Fiorentino, Jr., Head Coach, CCMS Teacher (ffiorentino@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Brett Orwig, 7th Grade Coach

Junior High Track and Field

The Junior High Track and Field Team is the largest athletic team at CCMS. It is open to students in grades 7 through 9. No one sits on the bench; everyone competes! Sign-ups are held in February and the team is active from March through May. Practices are held daily after school and regular attendance is important. Information will be available in the main office during the season.

Junior High Track and Field Coaches:

Mr. Andrew MacNeill, Head Coach (Distance Events), CCMS Teacher (amacneill@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mrs. Kim Sullivan, Assistant Coach (Sprint Events), CCMS Teacher (ksullivan@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Mr. Steve Lyter, Assistant Coach (Throw Events), CCMS Teacher (slyter@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Ms. Jessica Herb, Assistant Coach (Jump Events), CCMS Teacher (jherb@clsd.k12.pa.us)

Junior High Wrestling

The Junior High Wrestling Team helps the student athlete to learn appropriate sportsmanship within an atmosphere of vigorous competition. It is open to students in grades 7th through 9th. By participating, students can develop a sense of commitment, self-discipline, and a good work ethic. Junior High Wrestling introduces players to the rules, fundamentals, and techniques of wrestling. The athletes experience daily workouts that condition them both mentally and physically. Participants must maintain passing grades in classes. Sign-ups are held in late October and the season begins one week before Thanksgiving. Wrestling practice will be after school daily, and time are TBD. Regular attendance is mandatory.

Junior High Wrestling Coach:

Mr. Cam Eisenhauer, Head Coach, (came10192@yahoo.com)

More opportunities may be found by looking at the Community Bulletin Board on the Cornwall-Lebanon School District website at: <https://www.clsd.k12.pa.us/domain/1164>

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