

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter November, 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families,

It is hard to believe, but we have already reached the end of the first marking period. Thank you for your patience, grace, and flexibility as we navigate these challenging times together! Our first two months together have been a time to celebrate our successes and new adventures and make great connections with our students and staff. It is so good to be a CCMS Falcon!

November is another exciting and busy month at CCMS. Our Drama Club is hard at work with their production of *Rock of Ages*, and our Book Fair begins this month. Our Student Council is again planning a Falcon Family Food Drive to support families in our #CommUNITY, and our annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive begins this month as well! Don't forget to participate in our November Spirit Week! We love your #FalconSpirit, CCMS! Please see the information on these and so many other events in the rest of our newsletter.

As a reminder, Parent-Teacher Conferences are Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23 this year. Directions on how to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences were sent home via Skyward on October 13. Please see the information included on the next page. We are looking forward to connecting with our Falcon families and developing learning plans for our students!

We are grateful to all of our families for their support and encouragement during this first marking period. We are looking to continue learning and growing together! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Take care and be well,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed.D.
Principal

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 1: Mini-THON meeting in A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 3: MS Baseball, Mr. White's room in B-29, 3:15-4:15 pm
- Nov. 3: 1st Marking Period Ends
- Nov. 4: Fall Activity Day, periods 1-3 for 8th grade students. Students must wear their PE shirts.
- Nov. 5: Professional Learning Day for Staff (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
- Nov. 8: Mini-THON meeting in A-13, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 8: Sketch, Art rooms A-13/A-15, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 9: Quiz Bowl, Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 10: MS Baseball, Mr. White's room in B-29, 3:15-4:15 pm
- Nov. 11: YAC, Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 11: Report cards available online
- Nov. 15: Sketch, Art rooms A-13/A-15, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 16: Quiz Bowl, Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 17: P-SP Meeting, Learning Center, 7 pm
- Nov. 18: YAC, Learning Center, 3:10-4:10 pm
- Nov. 22: NO SCHOOL FOR MS STUDENTS — Parent-Teacher Conferences—1:00-8:30 pm
- Nov. 23: NO SCHOOL FOR MS STUDENTS — Parent-Teacher Conferences—8:00 am-2:30 pm
- Nov. 24-29: NO SCHOOL—THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Nov. 30: School resumes



CCMS Drama – Rock of Ages

CCMS Performing Arts invites audiences of all ages to view our public performances of Rock of Ages Middle School Edition. The show is 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. Performances are scheduled for November 12 at 7:00 pm and November 13 at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This is a reserved seating event. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. CLSD Gold Card Holders are invited to view one performance of their choice for free. Please visit

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/57412> to purchase tickets. Any questions please email Mrs. Glassford at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.



Books-A-Million Book Fair at CCMS

This fall Books-A-Million will be at CCMS hosting our school book fair! We will have books for students in all grades – elementary through high school – with a focus on middle school titles. The fair will be open to students and classes during the school day and open for parents during conferences.

Hours of operation:

November 16, 17, 18, 19 – 9:00 am-3:30 pm

November 22 – 12:30-9:00 pm

November 23 – 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

The November P-SP meeting will be held Thursday, November 18. Dr. Rackley and others will be sharing the most up-to-date information about the happenings at CCMS.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Matthew Davis, president at yodendelgra@gmail.com.

Spirit Week Events – Nov. 8 - 12

Nov. 8 – Turkey Day – Grade 6 wears brown; grade 7 wears orange; grade 8 wears red.

Nov. 9 – Twin Day – Wear a matching outfit with your friends.

Nov. 10 – Wacky Wednesday – Wear “mix matched” clothes with wacky socks and hairstyles.

Nov. 11 – PJ Pants Day – Wear your pajama pants to school.

Nov. 12 – Falcon Friday – Wear blue, gray, and white to show your school spirit.

Falcon Family Food Drive

Student Council will be collecting nonperishable food donations from November 8 thru 12. Students may drop off canned goods, pasta, snacks, cereal, etc. at the tables in the Commons Area during homeroom. Please no glass containers. There will be a prize for the homeroom with the most donations.



Lollipop Fundraiser

Student Council representatives will be selling lollipops on Tuesday, November 9 thru Friday, November 12 during Flex. The price for each lollipop is \$1 and proceeds will go to CCMS Wish Week and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Look for your Student Council homeroom representative to stop by your classroom with details.

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). All conferences must be scheduled in advance. There will be no classes for middle school students on those days.

A letter was sent to middle school families via Skyward on Wednesday, October 13, regarding this year's conferences. Scheduling is being done online through PTCFast.com where a valid email address is required to register. Parents will find the letter and the link on our district website under the middle school tab by clicking on the CCMS Conferences article in the Latest News Section. **The online scheduling will close at the end of the day on Tuesday, November 16.**

Conferences are currently scheduled to be held in person at CCMS, but a virtual option is available for families who request it. Families who are interested in a virtual conference should forward your PTCFast confirmation email stating the date and time to the teacher and inform them you want a virtual meeting. The teacher will email you a Microsoft Teams Meeting Link a few days prior to your conference.

If you are not able to schedule using the internet or need any assistance, please contact the Guidance Office at 717-389-1840. If you find you cannot attend a scheduled conference, even at the last minute, please call the main office at 717-272-2032.

CCMS and Toys for Tots

CCMS will be collecting toys/monetary donations for the Marines Toys for Tots Organization from November 8 thru the end of the month. Collection boxes are located in the Commons Area during the month of November. Please consider contributing a new, unwrapped toy to Toys for Tots. Some ideas are crayons & coloring books for the little folks as well as curling irons, makeup, or sporting equipment for the older kids!



Cedar Crest Middle School
101 East Evergreen Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

CCMS School Store

The CCMS School Store is currently open for students on Tuesday and Thursday during Flex. Students should check in with their teacher before reporting to the school store.

Parents, may stop by and visit the CCMS School Store during parent-teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday, November 22 and 23. Come find your holiday and school apparel needs here! You'll find sweatshirts, sweatpants, short-sleeve, and long-sleeve t-shirts, hats, stadium blankets, and ear buds.

We have lots of wonderful Cedar Crest spirit wear available in both student and adult sizes.

All purchases must be paid by cash or check.

YAC – Youth Action Club

Youth Action Club is a school and community service club open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Students interested in completing some school and community service with schoolmates are invited to attend our first meeting of the year on Thursday, November 11, from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Learning Center. We will be discussing possible school projects and organizing our participation in Wreaths Across America (December 18 at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery). Students attending the meeting may ride the activity bus or have a parent pick them up at 4:15 pm.

Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for October 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 – Wyatt Wolfe
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Aidan Enimpah
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Jean Carlos Cruz Rivera
Team Horizon 7-1 – Edward Kuntz
Team Spartans 7-2 – Abigail Maclean
Team Knights 7-3 – Caroline Heller
Team Academy 7-4 – Aryam Skerrett Navarro
Team Mariner 8-1 – Abena Obuobisa
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Noah Bensing
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Olivia Davies

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

News from the District

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.

CLSD Board of School Directors:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021, 5:30 pm, in the large group instruction room (LGI) at the high school. A work session will be held Monday, November 8, 5:30 pm, in the same location. Both meetings are open to the public. Meetings also are live streamed. Visit to watch the live stream or register to attend the next meeting:

<https://www.clsd.k12.pa.us/cornwall-lebanon-school-district/our-district/school-board/2021-2022-board-meeting-dates/>

Thank an Educator This Holiday Season:

Recognize your student's special teachers, staff members, or coaches with a Certificate of Appreciation by donating to the Falcon Foundation through the "Thank an Educator" program. Make a donation in any amount of your choosing by Friday, December 10, for Certificate Delivery the Week of December 13. Visit www.clsd.pa.us and select **Falcon Foundation** under the COMMUNITY tab menu.

Holiday Breakfast Concert for District Residents

age 65+: Ticket order forms for the annual Holiday Breakfast Concert will be available the first week in November for district residents age 65 or older. A person under age 65 may attend only if accompanying his or her spouse who meets the age requirement. Order forms are available at any district school office or on the district website. Bring the completed ticket order form to the **rear** of the middle school **on Wednesday, December 1**. Ticket distribution will begin at 1:00 pm and continue until all 400 tickets have been distributed, or until 1:30 pm. The breakfast concert is Tuesday, December 14, at 8:00 am, at the middle school cafeteria. Doors to the CCMS cafeteria at the rear of the building will open at 7:30 am. **Tickets are required.**

Winter Sports Physicals and Concussion Testing

Students planning to try-out for a winter sport team need to have their PIAA physical packet completed online in our ATS system. Instructions are on the school website. We are **NOT** excepting paperwork except for **CIPPE section 7** (the doctor's portion). This is found in the ATS system by clicking the efile tab and downloading the form. You may also upload the form once it's completed into the ATS system. All information is to be completed by November 12. If you had your PIAA physical for a fall sport or completed the physical prior to October 8, and are planning on trying out for a winter sport, a CIPPE section 8 must be completed by November 12. The ATS system will shut down at 11:59 pm on November 12 in order to process the paperwork for the coaches.

If you need a physical for the winter or spring, the school will be offering physicals on November 11, from 2:30-5:00 pm at the high school athletic training room. Sign up in the ATS system for a time through your personal ATS account. If you don't have an account, send an email to the athletic training staff with the information required. This is found on the school website by clicking the athletics tab and then physicals information. Once you have an account all paperwork must be completed 24 hours prior to the physical.

If you have questions, contact Chris Seldomridge or Sean Dougherty.

News from Yearbook Staff

Two Ways to Purchase a Yearbook!

1. Visit 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

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.

Cafeteria Updates from our Food Service Coordinator

Hello Hungry Falcons! The CCMS Cafe employees would like to thank you for all the tremendous support for free meals! CCMS is serving more students now than ever before!

Here are a few tips to make sure you get the most out of free meals.

- Get to lunch promptly. No running in the halls...but make sure not to dilly dally as our most popular items are moving quickly for lunch.
- Ask for help! If you are unsure if something is included in a free meal, ask any cafe attendant for help.
- Keep a copy of our menu on your phone so you know what's your best option for lunch each day.
- Be patient in line. Many students are choosing to eat with us so lines get long but there is plenty of food to go around.
- At breakfast, make sure to get in line early so you aren't late to class!
- Be sure to hand in your money for snacks in the morning during homeroom so we can keep our lines moving quickly!
- Above all else, remember to be kind to others and our staff. We are all working hard to make sure we keep our hungry Falcons fed!

Check out our Thanksgiving meal on November 18! We will be serving a no-bake pumpkin cheesecake this year as our holiday dessert... YUM!

As always, feel free to reach out to me via email at erodriguez@clsd.k12.pa.us or by phone (717-389-1849) with any questions regarding free meals.

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

Wish Week Craft Show Saturday, December 4

Student Council is holding their 2nd Annual Wish Week Craft Show to benefit our Falcon Families on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm in the CCMS Cafeteria. This event featuring local crafters and vendors, food concessions, kids' craft corner, raffles, and more! Anyone interested in becoming a vendor please email kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.



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), 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.

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