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December 10, 2017

Upcoming Calendar Dates (as of 12/10, check [LiveCalendar](#) for updates)

12/11 PTC Meeting 7-8pm (Cafeteria)	1/3/18 Classes Resume
12/13-18 Holiday BOGO Free Book Fair	1/3/18 Board Meeting (5:30-6:30)
12/14 Prospective Family Information Session	1/5/18 Neon & 80s Dress Down Day (\$2 Student Council)
12/15 Parents Night Out/Movie Night	1/5/18 Glow Social (Middle School)
12/20 Early Dismissal (Festive Dress Down Day)	1/6/18 Prospective Family Information Session (9-10am)
12/21/17-1/2/18 NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)	1/8/18 PTC Meeting 7-8pm (Cafeteria)

Message from the Principal

There will be lots of fun stuff going on this week! We're hosting a really big book fair, and more details can be found in this newsletter. We're putting out some reading and math challenges for your children to attempt during the break. We've got three more basketball games for girls and boys between now and the break, and we've got an upcoming information session if you know of other families who are interested in attending Cardinal next year. There are lots of classroom celebrations and events planned as well, but we're also focusing on squeezing in as much instruction as we can before our break!

- PTC meeting on Monday night at 7:00. Come support our school and learn how you can help support our teachers.
- Away basketball games on Tuesday
- Information session for prospective families on Thursday night at 6:00
- Home basketball games on Thursday; girls play at 4:15 and boys play at 5:15
- Parents Night Out / Movie Night on Friday! Bring your children to us to watch a movie and have fun while you shop, have a nice dinner out, or just enjoy some free time!

Please continue to support our teachers; they work really hard to provide a top-notch education for your children and we want to work with you as a team! We appreciate all that you parents do for us, especially at this time of year. Thank you for volunteering and giving. Let's have a great week of school!

Becky Draper, Ed.D.

Parents Night Out/Movie Night

The PTC is hosting a Parents Night Out this **Friday, December 15th** from **7-9 pm** in the gym. We will be showing The Santa Clause (1994, PG) and selling pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks at the concessions stand (prices ranging from \$1 to \$3).

Students will have the option to purchase a \$2 ticket at the door to be redeemed for popcorn and water, and are encouraged to bring blankets, sleeping bags, and/or pillows. Please RSVP to the event so we can get an idea of how many to plan for.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FAFAD2EA2FD0-rsvp

To ensure a successful event, we need parent chaperones. If you can be at the event the entire time (7-9 pm), please consider chaperoning! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-movie>

The whole family is invited to attend, however we ask that a parent remains if a younger sibling is not kindergarten age. (If this is the case for you, why not also sign up to be a chaperone and get volunteer credit for your time?)

We hope to see a lot of students there!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Current list can be found on the [PTC website](#))

Scholastic Holiday Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-holiday>

Support Staff Secret Santa <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-support>

Movie Night Chaperones (12/15) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-movie>

Gifts for CCA Families in Need <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4cabaf22abfa7-adopt>

CCA Staff Cookie Exchange <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-ccastaff1>

Open Enrollment Marketing <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-open>

Carpool <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-carpool1>

Cafeteria <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-lunch>

Prospective Family Information Sessions

Prospective family information sessions, open enrollment, and recommitment time is here! The recommit window has already opened and will close on December 31st.

Upcoming Events:

Information Sessions: December 14th, and January 16th

Recommitment Process: November 1st - December 31st

<http://apply.cardinalcharter.org>

Open Enrollment: December 1st - February 1st

Lottery Date: Mid to late February

Open Enrollment Information Flyers Distribution

Open enrollment season is here, and we are going to offer 1 volunteer hour for each parent who will take 15 of our Open Enrollment Information Flyers to a place in the community. This can include community centers, churches, daycares, preschools, arts/dance studios, non-profit organizations centered around youth, and libraries.

To receive the volunteer hour, parents will need to provide sfarrington@cardinalcharter.org a location and address that they are delivering the flyers to. There is a maximum of 2 locations per family.

Flyers can be picked up by a parent at the front office after Wednesday, December 6th.

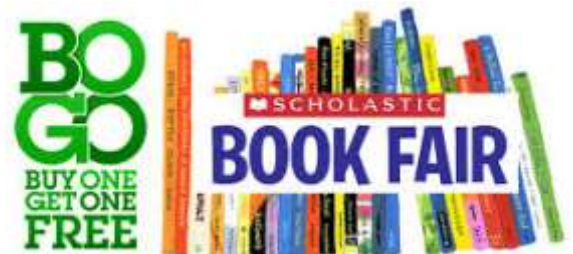
This opportunity is open to the first 40 parents who signup [HERE](#).

Scholastic Holiday Book Fair Buy One Book, Get One Book Free

The Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free Holiday Book Fair starts this week! It will be open December 13th-18th, from 8am-2pm each day, in room 145 (downstairs). The fair will also be open before and during movie night on Friday, December 15th, from 6-7:30pm, for parents to purchase books.

Students will be visiting the fair throughout the week and making their wishlists. We need volunteers to help make this a successful fair, so please signup if you can help!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FAFAD2EA2FD0-holiday





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Staff Appreciation Events

CCA Staff Cookie Exchange (Do you like to bake?)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-ccastaff1>

Support Staff Secret Santa (Lots of slots available!)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-support>

It's Photo Time!!

Help save Ms. Mecklenburg's life! The Yearbook students are desperate for something to do!

Please email your photos from events (fun run, color run, harvest festival, City BBQ spirit night, Blaze Pizza spirit night, first grade field trip, character land parade, Didgeridoo Down Under, first day of school pics, dress down days, Wake County Animal Treats, candy round-up for the USO, etc.), sports (soccer games, basketball games, cross country meets, middle school houses kickball games, first vs. second recess soccer game), or the classrooms (in-house field trips, door decorating, art classes, holiday parties, etc.) to Ms. Meck before the students force her to listen to Brittany Spears again!

(This cry for help is real!)

Please include the name of the event or the classroom teacher!

As always, a million thanks! We couldn't do Yearbook without you!

Early Release December 20th

K-2 will dismiss at 12pm, and 3-8 will dismiss at 12:10pm.

Blue tags can enter at 11:30am.

Red tags can enter at 12pm.

Students may not be checked out at the front office after 11:30am.

Please look for information about lunch procedures from your child's teacher closer to the 20th.

Festive Holiday Dress Down Day New money collection procedures

Students will be allowed to wear festive holiday clothes on December 20th. Students can wear a shirt representing a holiday color (blue, green, red, etc.) or an entire outfit to show off their holiday spirit! Jeans are allowed, but no ripped/torn jeans or leggings. Festive pants may also be worn. Festive shoes must be closed-toe.

The cost to participate in dress down day will be \$2 plus fees. Money will be collected using Classy and can be found [here](#). There will be **no cash** collections for dress down day. Please do not send in money to the school. All money will be collected using Classy, which takes credit/debit cards or pre-paid cards only. The total cost will be \$2.42 with the credit card processing fee. Students will need to print a receipt of their payment on Classy to give to their teacher to participate. Money collected for dress down day will go toward a staff event being planned for January.

Most of you are familiar with the Classy site that we used for Fun Run donations. In order to allow our teachers to focus on teaching their students, we're hoping to save them from handling dress down day monies. To do this, the PTC is doing a trial run of using Classy to handle all donations for our festive holiday dress down day.

We encourage all feedback about this system to be sent to ccaptccomms@gmail.com.

<https://give.classy.org/CCAPTCdressDownDay2017Dec20>



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Dismissal Reminders

Once your child leaves the room at dismissal, please do not send them back into the building to retrieve items; especially after their car has already been parked.

Per the parent handbook, early dismissal ends at 2:30pm. Parents parking to pick up their children after that time, without being instructed to do so by a staff member or carpool volunteer, block traffic in carpool and mess up the process. If you have a doctor's appointment or something of that nature, you need to contact your teachers via email ahead of time so that they are made aware of this. Children will not be released after 2:30 from the front office.

You can find more information about carpool in the Parent Handbook on Live Binder. The link for Parent Live Binder is <https://bit.ly/CCABinder>. The password is **SchoolChoice**.

Lost and Found

All non-CSUSA clothing, lunchboxes, and water bottles will be donated or thrown away every 2 weeks.

Science Fair Judges Needed

We are in need of parent volunteers to help judge the CCA Science Fair on January 10th from 2:45-6:30 pm. If you work in the science or engineering fields and need volunteer hours, please consider helping us judge the work of our amazing students.

Contact the Science Fair Coordinator, Lisa Ross (lross@cardinalcharter.org), if you are able to help out.

*If your child is participating in the fair, we are asking that you not judge this year. Thank you.

NJHS Coin War

(National Junior Honor Society)

NJHS is doing a coin war beginning December 12th and running to the 19th. All money collected will go toward purchasing gift cards for First Responders who have to work over the holidays, away from their families, as a thank you for keeping us safe.

The competition will be between the houses, and the winning house will receive a free dress down day in January.

Jugs will be located in the cafeteria during arrival only. Questions? Please contact sklingler@cardinalcharter.org.



Holiday Week for First Grade

Next week, First Grade will have holiday week! Each day will have a different theme. These themes will be incorporated into different activities. Students are encouraged to dress up as the theme, however they do not have to. If they do not dress up, students must be in uniform. If you have any questions, please let us know! Thank you for your support.

The First Grade Team

Monday 12/11— Reindeer Day
Tuesday 12/12 — Gingerbread Day
Wednesday 12/13 — Elf Day
Thursday 12/14 — Snowman Day
Friday 12/15 — Grinch Day



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Winter Break Challenge

Parents:

In an effort to maintain usage of our instructional software over the winter break, students are encouraged to participate in CCA's Winter Break Challenge. Using the following linked sheets ([K-2](#), [3-8](#)), students will work to color in the picture using the key for both reading and math programs. You can print these at home or ask your teacher to send one home with your child. There will be a prize for the class with the most participation on each grade level. Let's make sure our students are staying active in learning over break!

[K-2 Winter Break Challenge Tracking Sheet](#)

[3-8 Winter Break Challenge Tracking Sheet](#)

Shopping at Amazon

As you're doing your online shopping at Amazon during this holiday season, make sure you have your account linked to smile.amazon.com.

Go to smile.amazon.com. Log in with your Amazon account. Search for "Triangle Charter Education Association".

If you use your Amazon app, set up a bookmark to smile.amazon.com right next to it. Fill up your cart via the app, then go to the bookmark to complete your purchase. Our school will get a donation from your purchase.

Reading Lists for Winter Break and Beyond

Parents:

Ms. McElreath, reading specialist, put together some reading lists for you to help encourage your students to keep reading over the break, and going forward into the new year. The 8th grade one has a selection of books on it that will give advanced readers a jump start on their HS/ AP reading lists, but all the lists have a good mix of book selections.

Questions? Email Alissa McElreath at amcelreath@cardinalcharter.org.

We had a great Hour of Code at Cardinal! Students had opportunities to create a motion activated game using Scratch and their webcams, use coding robots brought in by special guests from SAS, create artwork, games, and more all using code! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped make Hour of Code spectacular!





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Basketball Game Schedule

Come support CCA basketball!

Home games are played in the CCA gym.

Girls play at 4:15pm. Boys play at 5:15pm.

Tickets sold at the door:

\$2 for students, \$4 for adults.

- 12/12/17 @ Carter Community
- 12/14/17 Henderson Collegiate
- 12/18/17 Healthy Start Academy
- 1/4/18 Pre-Eminent
- 1/9/18 RTCA
- 1/11/18 Word of God
- 1/12/18 KIPP
- 1/16/18 Cary Academy
- 1/18/18 @ Sallie B. Howard
- 1/23/18 Durham Academy
- 1/25/18 @ Kestrel Heights (4:30/5:30)
- 1/29/18 Playoff Tournament Begins (TBD)
- 2/3/18 Championship Game

Carter Community: 2722 East Main St., Durham 27703

Sallie B. Howard: 1004 Herring Avenue, Wilson

Kestrel Heights: 4900 Prospectus Dr., Durham 27713

Athletic Team Sponsorships

A new level has been added to available sponsorships—Bronze Star (\$150). Please view the [sponsorship letter](#) for more information, and pass it along to any businesses you think might be willing to sponsor CCA's athletic teams.

Basketball Concessions Sign-Up

Multiple volunteers are needed for all home games.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fafad2ea2fd0-20172018>

Coach Tanceusz is awesome!



Pep Rally on Friday!



Come to our

**BUY ONE,
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BOOK FAIR!

Dates / Times / Place

December 13 - 18

8am-2pm Daily + Friday 6pm-7:30pm

CCA - Room 145

It's **BOGO** Time!

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Credit cards accepted at participating schools.



*All free items must be of equal or lesser value than the ones you buy. Titles vary by Book Fair. All items at your Book Fair are available while supplies last!