



# Cardinal Charter Academy

2021-2022

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## Message from the Principal

Cardinal Families,

Following last night's Board Meeting, I wanted to provide each of you with an update on how things are shaping up as we rapidly approach the beginning of the 21-22 school year.

Our team is excited to see a return to more normalcy with all of our students attending class on campus, daily. In order to facilitate this safely, the Board is supporting our adherence to the guidance provided in the NC Strong Schools Toolkit, and heeding recommendations set forth by the CDC and our Governor. Highlights include:

<b>Masks</b>	--Mandatory Indoors for All Staff, Students & Volunteers (regardless of vaccination status) --Optional Outdoors
<b>Distance</b>	3 feet distance when possible
<b>Cleaning</b>	Continued Enhanced Sanitation Provisions
<b>Facilities</b>	Closing off of Water Fountains

One noticeable omission from last year's plan is the temperature checks. These will not be required as we enter the 21-22 school year. Lunch plans will be made closer to August 23.

Families with extenuating health circumstances or other special needs (IEP/504, etc.), which could potentially prevent them from sending their student to school in person, must [submit an APPLICATION](#) for the alternative Virtual Option no later than Tuesday, August 10. Applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and determinations of placement will be made no later than August 16. Admission to the Virtual Cardinal program is NOT guaranteed and should only be considered as a last resort in the most extreme of circumstances. **Virtual Cardinal will require a 1-year commitment (through 21-22).**

Please note that the Administration of Cardinal Charter Academy reserves the right to make decisions based on the safety and welfare of all of our students. This will always be the top priority for my team and me. That said, if a time comes where we need to pivot and increase or decrease restrictions, we look forward to your continued partnership.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend!

**Brian Bauer**  
**Principal**



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## Upcoming Calendar Dates (as of 8/5 check [Calendar](#) for updates)

- 8/6 10 a.m. Cardinal Convo ([signup](#))
- 8/7 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Summer Block Party for returning families; school tours for new families
- 8/10 5:30 p.m. 6th Grade Flight School ([Zoom](#))
- 8/12 5:30 p.m. 7th and 8th Grade Flight School ([Zoom](#))
- 8/16 7 p.m. PTC Meeting ([signup](#))
- 8/19 Meet the Teacher (times on next page)
- 8/20 5:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation, parents only (no children)
- 8/23 First Day of School (except Kindergarten; see page 4)
- 8/23 Kindergarten Assessments
- 8/24 Kindergarten Assessments
- 8/25 6 p.m. Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
- 8/26 Kindergarten Staggered Entry
- 8/27 Kindergarten Staggered Entry
- 8/30 First full day for Kindergarten students
- 9/6 No School—Labor Day Holiday

## Cardinal Convo—Updated

Cardinal Convos are meetings held monthly between Mr. Bauer and interested parents. Topics for Cardinal Convos range from school programs like AIG info, to Bullying Awareness, to High School Preparation, and much more. They are a chance for parents to hear directly from Mr. Bauer and ask questions about important topics and what is going on in the school.

A Cardinal Convo (CC) will take place **August 6 at 10 a.m.** over Zoom. The CC will focus on Cardinal’s new Principal, Mr. Bauer, who will provide a little bit about himself and expectations for the 2021-2022 school year. The CC Zoom will be recorded and available on the PTC website after the meeting.

A link to register for the Zoom may be found [here](#).

To receive a volunteer hour, please [sign up here](#). Families who sign up and attend will receive an hour of volunteer time (one per carpool number).

**New Families: When signing up on [signup.com](#), please enter a zero (0) when asked for a carpool number.**



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**The first day of school is **August 23!** Please mark your calendars.  
100% attendance is extremely important for our funding!**

## August 19: Meet the Teacher

Grades 1-8 have meet the teacher (MTT) on August 19. Students may bring ONE parent/guardian with them to meet the teacher. The times will be split according to last names. More information about MTT will be provided in a future newsletter.

12:00-12:30 p.m. Grades 1-4, Low Stimulation/IEP/EC

12:30-1:15 p.m. Grades 1-4, Last names A-L

1:15-2:00 p.m. Grades 1-4, Last names M-Z

2:15-2:45 p.m. Grades 5-8, Low Stimulation/IEP/EC

2:45-3:30 p.m. Grades 5-8, Last names A-L

3:30-4:15 p.m. Grades 5-8, Last names M-Z

## CCA Uniforms—Updated

When uniform shopping this summer, remember we have two uniform suppliers: FlynnO'Hara and Lands' End. Uniform bottoms (navy or khaki) may be purchased anywhere that sells uniform-style clothes. A copy of the uniform policy can be found here and will be updated soon. Dresses and jumpers for K-5 have been added.

FlynnO'Hara:  
8613 Glenwood Ave  
Raleigh, NC  
919-326-8000

Lands' End: Online or phone ordering only.  
[www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) School code:  
900190042  
1-800-469-2222

## F-Pass Registration—New

All returning and new families wishing to carpool using an F-Pass must fill out a form here. The purpose of F-Pass is to reduce the number of cars going through regular carpool. The F-Pass is a shorter carpool line where students are loaded more quickly and it is available to families meeting one of the following conditions: 3 or more carpooling families in one vehicle OR 6 or more students in one vehicle OR students with a documented medical need.

## Walker Pass—New

All returning and new families wishing to walk home must request a walker pass here. Families who qualify (home is within 1 mile of school) will receive an email with instructions regarding the walker badge. Walker badges must be displayed on backpacks.



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## Kindergarten Schedule—Updated

Kindergarten students will have assessments and staggered entry the first week of school. This helps our kindergarten team purposefully place your child with a teacher and group that will help provide a successful first year of elementary school. **The sign up for assessments may be found [here](#).** The first week's schedule is below. Your child's staggered entry day will be determined by their last name. Feel free to reach out to our kindergarten team lead, [Mrs. Benefiel](#), if you have any questions.

- 8/20 5:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Orientation, parents only (no children)
- 8/23 Kindergarten Assessments
- 8/24 Kindergarten Assessments
- 8/25 6 p.m. Kindergarten Meet the Teacher
- 8/26 Kindergarten Staggered Entry, last names A-K
- 8/27 Kindergarten Staggered Entry, last names L-Z
- 8/30 First full day for Kindergarten students

## Get Ready for Kindergarten!—New

Here are some tips for our families with young Cardinals:

- Practice being away from parents for a few hours at a time.
- Practice managing bathroom independently including flushing/buttoning/washing hands and working a belt.
- Practice opening up lunch box/containers, eating in 30 minutes, and cleaning up trash.
- Practice writing name; using pencils, play dough, scissors; opening glue sticks to strengthen fingers.
- Practice cleaning up after self and managing materials (unpack book bag, keep up with pencil box, put coat on hook, know which lunch box is theirs).
- Practice playing games with peers/family (board games/pool games/playground) where you have to follow rules and take turns.
- Practice communicating needs and feelings to an unfamiliar adult.
- Practice following 2-step directions (put your toy away and wash your hands for snack).
- Practice working independently for 10-15 minutes (coloring book, puzzle, blocks).
- Read together every day and talk about the book(s)!



# Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

## Personal Care Routines

- Use the bathroom
- Practice good hygiene
- Dress independently
- Eat lunch



## Social Emotional

- Interact positively with peers and adults
- Ask for help
- Separate from parent
- Handle emotions appropriately

## Academic

- Knowledge of books
- Some letter awareness
- Recognize their name in print
- Some awareness of colors and shapes
- Counts to 10 and recognizes some numbers
- Ability to sit and listen for 5 to 10 minutes
- Follow simple directions

## Fine Motor

Can hold and use the following

- Pencil
- Markers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue



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## Volunteer Commitment—New

As part of your agreement to send your student(s) to Cardinal Charter Academy, you commit to fulfill a certain number of hours of volunteer time. The time is 20 hours for one student attending, or 30 hours if you have more than one student attending the school.

Volunteering is crucial to success for both our school and families. The Parent Teacher Co-op (PTC) provides many ways for parents to earn their volunteer hours. Hours may be earned by attending PTC meetings, volunteering in your child's classroom, donating supplies for school events, attending spirit nights, and much more. The PTC uses [signup.com](http://signup.com) for our school community's volunteering and wishlist needs. Volunteer opportunities will be highlighted in newsletters and are available on the PTC website, [www.ccaptccary.org/volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.ccaptccary.org/volunteer-opportunities/). A list of volunteer FAQs may also be found on the PTC website under volunteer opportunities, and we encourage parents to read through them.

Please join the PTC at our first meeting on August 16 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria or via Zoom. The focus of the first meeting will be on how to be involved at Cardinal and general procedures at Cardinal. Sign up to attend [here](#).

## Flight School—Updated

Flight school is Cardinal's name for middle school orientation. At flight school, families will learn all about what middle school looks like at Cardinal.

Flight school will take place over Zoom this year on August 10 (for grade 6) and August 12 (for grades 7 and 8). Both flight schools will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Please register for the flight school Zooms below. You will be sent an individual link to the Zoom after registering.

[Sixth Grade Flight School Zoom](#)

[Seventh and Eighth Grade Flight School Zoom](#)

## PTC Meetings—New

The purpose of the Parent Teacher Cooperative (PTC) is to support CCA and its teachers and staff. The PTC provides volunteer opportunities throughout the year for parents and sponsors fundraising efforts at the school. Parents are automatically members of the PTC by having a child attend CCA, and there are no dues or membership fees.

The first PTC meeting of the 2021-2022 school year will take place **August 16** at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

Sign up to attend the meeting [here](#).

PTC meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., and parents earn 1 volunteer hour for attending.

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## Enrollment—New

Please give a warm Cardinal welcome to our new enrollment manager, Ms. Sulay Jones. For registration and enrollment questions, please contact her.



Sulay Jones  
Enrollment Manager  
[sjones@cardinalcharter.org](mailto:sjones@cardinalcharter.org)

## Block Party—Updated

CCA's annual block party is returning! It will be held Saturday, August 7. There will be a Fresh ice cream truck, along with games, giveaways, and more. School tours will be available for registered families. Stop by anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and bring the whole family. Masks are optional while outside and required inside the school building.

Sign up for school tours [here](#). If you don't have a carpool tag number yet, please enter the number zero when prompted in the signup.



## 2021-2022 Supply Lists

School supply lists for 2021-2022 may be found on the PTC website under the resources tab.

[www.ccaptcary.org](http://www.ccaptcary.org)

## Middle School Notes—New

Information regarding middle school sports and electives will be coming in the next newsletter.

## Stay Connected!

There are multiple ways the school and PTC communicates with parents.

[CCA Facebook Page](#)

[CCA Families Only Facebook Page](#)

PTC Website: <https://ccaptcary.org/>

## Amazon Smile

Don't forget to shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/90-1031905](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-1031905). Amazon donates to Triangle Charter Education Association Inc., the governing board for Cardinal Charter.

## 2021-2022 School Calendar

The school calendar is available on the homepage of the PTC website in both a list view and more visual view.

[List View](#)

[Visual View](#)



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JOIN US FOR THE CARDINAL

# SUMMER

## *Black Party*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7  
10 AM - 1 PM      RAIN OR SHINE

Tours available for registered families  
FRESH LOCAL Ice cream truck  
Games  
Giveaways  
Spirit Wear sale

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
**LANE & ASSOCIATES**

**MASKS REQUIRED INSIDE, OPTIONAL OUTSIDE**