



# Cardinal Charter Academy

2021-2022

January 2, 2022



## Upcoming Calendar Dates (as of 1/2 check [Calendar](#) for updates)

1/3	Teacher Workday (No School for Students)	1/6	Home Basketball Games ( <a href="#">tickets</a> )
1/3	Intent to Return Begins	1/6	6 p.m. Prospective Parent Info Session
1/5	9 a.m. Prospective Parent Info Session	1/7	Yearbook Covers Due
1/5	5:30 p.m. Board Meeting at Wendell Falls	1/7	Away Basketball Games
1/6	Fall and Winter Sports Pictures	1/10	7 p.m. PTC Meeting ( <a href="#">signup</a> )

## Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! I am so thankful to be starting 2022 with each of you and am looking forward to a strong finish to the school year! Exciting things are happening this month!

Intent-to-Return for our current families opens Monday, January 3, 2022. We are excited to welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you and your student(s) during the 2022-2023 school year!

Open Enrollment for new students continues as well!

Cardinal Reset begins with staff development on Monday, January 3, 2022 with most changes effective for second semester, January 24, 2022. A couple of specific things to be aware of as we move toward second semester:

- Morning Meeting which will include Social Emotional Learning for all students will be incorporated into the daily schedule.
- Greater accountability for all members of the Cardinal community surrounding the following:
  - Uniforms/dress code
  - Late arrival/early dismissal
  - Overall school-appropriate behavior
  - Communication

More detailed information surrounding the specific elements will be included in the next three weekly newsletters (January 9, January 16, January 23). If you have any questions surrounding the Cardinal Reset, please email me.

As always, but with extra vigilance returning from the break, please practice safe protocols with regards to student illness. Remember to see Nurse Sophie's updates and to keep your student home if there has been exposure to or symptoms of Covid.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy beginning to 2022.

Cardinally yours,

**April Goff**  
**Principal**



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## Teacher Workday January 3—No School for Students

### Staffing Update—**New**

- Administrative Assistant (12 month position)
  - We do have a daily substitute in this role effective January 3, 2022. (Ms. Susanna Ware)
- School Counselor
  - We have interviewed and identified a candidate. We are currently waiting for the candidate to complete their responsibility in the online application system.
- 5th Grade ELA/SS
  - We have identified a regular, daily substitute that has committed to take on this role until the position is filled. (Mr. Leonard Moore)
- 6th Grade Math
  - A substitute will continue to fill this vacancy with the support of our Middle School CRT, Ms. Kelly McLaughlin.
- 6th Grade Social Studies
  - Ms. Alyssa Bossi will be with us until January 11, 2022.
  - A substitute will fill this vacancy as we continue to recruit for this position.
- 7th Grade Math (potential to include Math 1 and/or Math 2)
  - 7th Grade math classes will continue to be taught by Mr. Andrew Barnes, Ms. Theresa Schmitz, and Ms. Kanika Hunter as we continue to recruit for this position.
  - Math 1 will continue to be taught by Ms. Kanika Hunter.
  - Math 2 will continue to be taught by Mr. Clinton Mack.
- Elementary EC
  - We continue to recruit for this position.
- Middle School EC
  - A new staff member is scheduled to begin this week, pending final confirmation.
- EC Aid
  - A candidate has been identified. The candidate is currently considering the position.
- Elementary Music
  - Ms. Natalia Ezhova, daily substitute, has found a full-time position and will no longer be filling this vacancy.
  - A substitute will fill this vacancy.
- Registrar
  - We continue to recruit for this position.
- Reading Specialist
  - We continue to recruit for this position.



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## Staff Meeting Snacks—**New**

A staff meeting will take place **Wednesday, January 5**, and staff will be treated to snacks and drinks during their meeting. Please [sign up here](#) to donate food and supplies. All items must be dropped off by 9 a.m. Wednesday.

## Mid-Year Testing—**New**

The mid-year testing window is upon us. Students will participate in middle-of-the-year NWEA and iReady assessments. More information, including testing dates, will be in next week's newsletter.

## Board Meeting—**Updated**

**\*Location Change\*** A board meeting will take place **January 5 at 5:30 p.m.** at Cardinal Charter Academy at Wendell Falls. The public is invited to attend. Stakeholders may view the board meeting via [Cardinal's Facebook page](#).

## MS Sport Photos—**Updated**

Fall and winter sports picture day takes place this Thursday, **January 6**. There will be a team picture and individual pictures (by request only). The following sports will have team pictures: boys' soccer, cross country, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and cheerleading. All athletes must wear their regular uniform on Thursday. This means a navy or white polo shirt, khaki or navy bottoms, belt, socks, and tennis/closed-toe shoes (no boots).

## Calendar Change

On December 16, our board held a special meeting to change **January 3** to a teacher workday. There will be no school for students on January 3. This change will allow valuable time for staff to meet in preparation of the Cardinal Reset scheduled to kick off at second semester. The updated school calendar may be viewed on the PTC website [here](#).

## PTC Meeting

A PTC meeting will take place **January 10** at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meeting will also be available on Zoom. A link to register for the Zoom is within the SignUp.

## Safety Patrol

We are re-opening applications for safety patrol. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to apply. Safety patrol is where students help out during morning carpool, afternoon carpool, and other various events throughout the year. Students must fill out [this form](#) to apply.

If your student is currently on safety patrol, please fill out a new form to update their availability for the new year.

Sign up to attend the meeting [here](#). You must be signed up to receive your volunteer hour for attending. Those who attend in person will receive 1 hour of volunteer time. Those attending via Zoom will receive the actual time of the call, up to 1 hour. You must be on the SignUp to receive the volunteer credit.

A uniform recycle sale will take place before the PTC meeting on Monday night, at 6:15 p.m. Only credit cards are accepted.



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## Intent to Return is Open—**New**

Intent to return opens for current families on January 3. This is the opportunity for current families to let us know they'll be back next year and save their student's seat. If you do not indicate you are returning, your student will lose their seat for the 2022-2023 school year. The process has changed from previous years, and this year, families will need access to their PowerSchool Parent Portal. The instructions are below:

1. Visit the PowerSchool Parent Portal Page: <https://cardinalcharter.powerschool.com/public/>
2. On the left side, click on the FORMS icon then click Intent to Return 2022-2023.
3. Fill out the Intent to Return 2022-2023 form. If you select Not Returning, there will be additional questions to answer.
4. Once all fields with an asterisk (\*) are filled in, submit the form, and you are finished.

If you do not know your login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal, submit a request for assistance at [PS Assistance](#) where a staff member will respond to your request as quickly as possible.

If you try the link before the window opens, it may appear open, but you will get an error upon submission. Please wait until Monday, January 3, to complete the form.

**The deadline to complete the intent to return form is February 4.** The lottery for the 2022-23 school year will take place February 14, 2022. Please invite your friends and neighbors to be at Cardinal!

## Cardinal Convo

Cardinal Convos are meetings held monthly between Mrs. Goff 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 Mrs. Goff and ask questions about important topics and what is going on in the school.

A Cardinal Convo (CC) will take place **January 20** at 10 a.m. in the cafeteria and at 5 p.m. over Zoom. The CC will focus on Cardinal Reset and some of the changes that will be taking place for the second semester. 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).

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## Immunization Records

Parents of kindergarteners and anyone new to the school: All updated immunization records and health assessments that were due at the beginning of the school year **MUST** be on file for your student or submitted to Nurse Sophie before returning to school January 4.

Parents of seventh graders: Only updated immunization records **MUST** be on file for your student or submitted to Nurse Sophie before returning to school January 4.

For questions, please [email Nurse Sophie](#).

## Yearbook Cover Contest

One elementary and one middle school student design will be selected for the cover (front and back) of the 2021-22 Yearbook. Our theme this year will be *Better Together*. All entries must be drawn on white 8.5 x 11 inch paper and include the words "Cardinal Charter Academy" & "Better Together" & "2021-22". Please use markers, crayons, color pencils, water colors, etc. Make it colorful! (Make sure any extra pencil lines are erased thoroughly.) Please list student name, grade, and homeroom on the back of the artwork or include in the email when submitting.



Scanned artwork entries should be submitted to [cardinalcharteryearbook@gmail.com](mailto:cardinalcharteryearbook@gmail.com) or dropped off at the office by **January 7**.

The winners will be announced mid-January. The two winners of the contest will have their artwork displayed on the yearbook covers and will receive a free spirit wear shirt. Entries not selected for the cover will be listed in the yearbook.

## Yearbooks

It's time to order your yearbook! Orders may be placed using the link provided below. The cost for a yearbook is \$25 and there will be one yearbook for the whole school (elementary and middle are combined again this year). **Yearbooks must be ordered by March 25.**

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

CCA Yearbook ID: 13332722

## 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, and funds are then directed to the PTC.

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## COVID Information—Updated

On December 30, the [NCDHHS Toolkit](#) was updated with new quarantine guidelines. These guidelines now involve a 5-day quarantine for both a diagnosis of or exposure to Covid.

If you are diagnosed with Covid, you need to complete a 5-day minimum quarantine and may return on day 6 as long as you've been fever free for over 24 hours and other symptoms are improving.

If you have been exposed to someone with Covid without a mask and you are not fully vaccinated (you are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after 2nd dose of Pfizer for anyone under 18, 2 weeks after 2nd dose of Moderna or single dose of J&J for anyone over 18, 2 weeks after Covid boosters for anyone who is eligible to receive it) then you must complete a 5-day quarantine and get tested on day 5. You may return as soon as your test comes back negative, not prior to receiving your test results, and as long as you remain symptom free.

If you have been exposed to someone with Covid and are fully vaccinated, you will not be required to quarantine unless you become symptomatic. If you become symptomatic, you must isolate immediately and get tested for Covid to rule it out.

For international travel only, not domestic, we will require you complete a 5-day quarantine with Covid testing on day 5 and you may return once you receive a negative test result.

With Covid cases on the rise, please be diligent about symptom screening, checking temperature, and checking for any symptoms of Covid, everyday before reporting to school. If you have any symptoms, please remain home and get tested before returning on campus in order to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

Cardinal follows the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) related to COVID-19 safety protocols and procedures. A link to the toolkit can be found here: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/strong-schools-nc-public-health-toolkit>.

We are not requiring, but are strongly encouraging, everyone 5 and older who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine to get one if they wish to do so. A link to the CDC website where you can find more information about the COVID-19 vaccines is here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>.

Masks are required for all students, staff, and volunteers in the building. Masks are worn except when eating/drinking or while outside.



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## School Lunch Menu for the Week of January 3

School breakfast and lunch are free for all students.



	3-Monday	4-Tuesday	5-Wednesday	6-Thursday	7-Friday
Breakfast	No School	Mini Maple Waffles Apple	Pancakes Oranges/Raisins	French Toast Apple Slices	Cereals Scooby Graham Cracker Snacks Oranges
Lunch	No School	Salisbury Steak Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Apples/Golden Raisins Turkey and Cheese Pinwheels	Mac and Cheese Dinner Roll Carrots Banana/Slice Peaches Ham and Cheese Pinwheels	Pizza Roasted Broccoli Side Salad Apples/Mandarin Oranges Turkey and Cheese Pinwheels	Fish Nuggets Cornbread Muffins Corn on the Cob Tangerines/ Pineapple Ham and Cheese Pinwheels

\*Menus may change due to food availability.

### Fast Food

Fast food is not allowed on campus for students per our policy in the Parent-Student Handbook, page 14. If your child forgets his/her breakfast or lunch, do not bring in fast food or have it delivered. Breakfast and lunch are available free of charge for every student this year.



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## 2021-2022 Basketball Schedule

**\*\*4:15 p.m. start times** unless noted. Home games take place at Cardinal Charter's gym. Cheerleaders will not be traveling to away games due to COVID protocols. For a full list of the schedule that includes addresses to away games, please [click here](#).

1-6-22	Cardinal Wendell Falls @ Cardinal
1-7-22	Cardinal @ Dillard Academy
1-11-22	Cardinal @ RISE SE RALEIGH CHARTER
1-12-22	Cardinal @ Mt. Zion (BOYS ONLY- no girls team)
1-19-22	Wayne Prep @ Cardinal
1-20-22	Cardinal @ Cardinal Wendell Falls
1-24-22	**Cardinal @ Maureen Joy Charter School (girls tip at 3:30, boys at 4:30)
1-25-22	**Cardinal @ Wayne Prep (girls tip at 4, boys at 5:30)
1-27-22	**Cardinal @ Durham Academy (girls tip at 4, boys at 5:15)

February 7-12, 2022 **CIAC Basketball Tournament**, Time and Seeding Information TBD

## Basketball Game Information

Games are different from those in previous years due to COVID protocols. Here are some important updates/reminders about the home games:

- Masks are required while inside the gym.
- There will be NO CONCESSIONS or eating/drinking in the gym.
- Students in grade 5 and under must be accompanied by a parent at the games.
- Games are 60 minutes each (boys and girls). All students must be picked up by 6:30 p.m.

### Ticket Information:

- Tickets are only available for pre-purchase [HERE](#). Tickets are not sold at the door.
- Tickets are \$3.00 for students and \$5.00 for all others.
- Student tickets must be purchased by the day before the game by 11 p.m. They are not available on game day.
- Middle school students with a pre-purchased ticket may stay after school for the games.
- General admission tickets will be available beginning each Sunday in the parent newsletter. More tickets may become available on game day at 8 a.m. if there are unused student-allocated tickets.
- **All ticket sales end at 3 p.m. on game day.**
- If you have any questions, please reach out to [Ms. Gautreau](#).



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## Weekly COVID-19 Report—Updated

Cardinal Charter Academy strives to be completely transparent with our community while still protecting privacy. Each week, CCA will provide our families with an updated account of COVID-19 cases in the building along with a comparison to the week prior. Cardinal will continue to follow CDC and NCDHHS procedures and notify those who were **potentially exposed**. We are in consistent collaboration with the Wake County Health Department in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID within our community.

Number of COVID-19 Cases for the week of December 20	Number of new COVID-19 Cases for the week of December 27
0	0

If there is a confirmed exposure or positive case in your home please keep your child(ren) at home and email Nurse Sophie Tyler [styler@cardinalcharter.org](mailto:styler@cardinalcharter.org) immediately for further instructions related to quarantine and guidance moving forward. As always, anyone who experiences symptoms associated with COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately and then advise Cardinal Charter Academy of any positive diagnosis for COVID-19. A FAQ of COVID protocols may be found [here](#).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Updated

Use the links below to find new volunteer opportunities to fulfill your volunteer commitment. A complete list of volunteer opportunities can be found on the PTC website [here](#).

List of volunteer opportunities:

Administrative and Operations Support (including CCC): <https://signup.com/go/ccaadminopportunities>

Carpool and Cafeteria Helpers/Monitors: <https://signup.com/go/ccacarpoolcafeteria>

We are continuing to use SignUp this year to provide volunteer opportunities and wishlists. Training will be available for teachers, room parents, and committee chairs from our volunteer coordinator, Allison. Please [contact](#) her if you need help.