



Cardinal Charter Academy

2021-2022

March 20, 2022



Message from the Principal

Greetings, Cardinal Families!

It's a short week this week at Cardinal! Monday is a teacher workday. And, just three weeks until Spring Break! This year is flying by!

I've enjoyed getting to know some 8th graders and their parents this week as we have been meeting for individual conversations regarding high school transition and registration. Check the Sign-Up Genius Tuesday for added dates.

This week was Ms. Harvell's (EC Teacher/Facilitator) last week. Ms. Sciacca, our Student Services Coordinator, has taken on the EC Facilitator duties. EC schedules and case managers may shift a bit over the week as we reallocate staff. Also, we are recruiting for two additional EC teachers and instructional aides. Please contact Ms. Sciacca directly with any questions (asciacca@cardinalcharter.org).

Ms. Galluzzo, our new Math 7 teacher, has transitioned to full-time! Effective Tuesday, she will be teaching the full Math 7 schedule. Ms. Schmitz and Mr. Barnes have done a great job stepping into the 7th grade math classes to keep instruction moving forward. We appreciate them so much for stepping up and teaching an extra class. Ms. Schmitz will continue to work with our sixth graders that are taking Math 7 plus.

As we move into the final quarter of the school year, please keep in mind that on-time, all-day attendance is critical. State testing (EOG/EOC) will begin May 26, 2022. A more specific schedule will be forthcoming. It is important for students to be in class consistently to help ensure their mastery of grade level skills and concepts.

Looking forward to another amazing week working together with staff, students, and families here at Cardinal!

**Cardinally yours,
April Goff, Principal**

No School for Students on Monday, March 21



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Upcoming Calendar Dates (as of 3/20 check [Calendar](#) for updates)

3/21	Teacher Workday (no school for students)	3/30	End of Quarter 3
3/22	Track Meet at Wilson Prep	4/1	Paid Dress Down Day—Decades Day (tickets)
3/23	Spirit Night at Blaze Pizza (signup)	4/8	Early Release at NOON
3/25	Deadline to Order Yearbooks	4/11-15	Spring Break
3/29	Track Meet at Wilson Prep	4/18	Teacher Workday (no school for students)

Yearbooks

Time is running out to order yearbooks! Orders must 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 THIS Friday, March 25.**

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

CCA Yearbook ID: 13332722

Notes from our Counselor—**New**

Mrs. Robertson-Brooks, our Guidance Counselor, has begun visiting classes for classroom guidance activities. She will be starting to run groups within the next week or so. The three groups that she will start with are: Anger Management, Bullying Prevention, and Grief & Bereavement. Parents, if you want your child to participate, please email Mrs. Robertson-Brooks (srobertsonbrooks@cardinalcharter.org). A brief description of each group is below.

Anger Management Group

Since unchecked anger can often lead to aggressive behavior, anger management uses various techniques to help a person cope with thoughts, feelings, and behaviors in a healthy and more productive way.

Bullying Prevention Group

Bullying can threaten students' physical and emotional safety at school and can negatively impact their ability to learn. The best way to address bullying is to stop it before it starts. This group aims to make our school safer and prevent bullying.

Grief and Bereavement Group

Most people will experience loss at some point in their lives. Grief is a reaction to any form of loss. Bereavement is a type of grief involving the death of a loved one. Bereavement and grief encompass a range of feelings from deep sadness to anger. The process of adapting to a significant loss can vary dramatically from one person to another. It often depends on a person's background, beliefs, and relationship to what was lost. This group will help students process through their emotions, discuss various stages of grieving, and allow them to share in a safe space with their peers dealing with similar situations.



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Decade Day Paid Dress Down Day—**New**

April 1 will be a PAID dress down day with proceeds supporting our clinic! Students may wear clothes representing a particular decade, such as 70's or 80's wear. Attire must be school appropriate, and no ripped/torn clothes. Spirit wear/class shirts are also acceptable; however you still must pay. Purchase tickets for the dress down [here](#). If you purchased a dress down pass with your school start pack, you do NOT need to purchase an additional ticket.



Spirit Event at Blaze Pizza—**New**



On **March 23**, Cardinal will have a spirit event at Blaze Pizza at Park West in Morrisville (1024 Market Center Drive) 5 to 8 p.m. Blaze will donate 20% of the proceeds to Cardinal's PTC.

Families may earn a half hour volunteer credit for attending the spirit event. Sign up for the event [here](#) and then email your carpool number and a picture from the restaurant or at home with takeout to cardinalcharterevents@gmail.com. All pictures must be received by March 24 at midnight to receive credit. The signup closes on March 23.

Lost and Found

Please label everything that your child wears or brings to school.

Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria. All unlabeled items are held for 2 weeks after being posted in the newsletter and on Facebook. After the two week waiting period, all unlabeled items will be donated. Please claim items as soon as possible. If you know the owner of an item, please tag them to make them aware. Please bookmark the album as photos are updated periodically. Please note that only those items with names, identifying marks, names or unique characteristics, names are photographed and stored in a secure location. Unlabeled items will still be located in the Lost and Found in the cafeteria for the two week holding period.

Students may check Lost and Found for unlabeled items or request assistance at the front desk for labeled items. Also, parents may stop by the front desk after morning drop off or when you come in to volunteer during open hours to look in Lost and Found.

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Track Information

Please note the start times of the meets. Track practice will be Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m.

Track families only: Join the remind group for all updates by sending a text to 81010 and in the message type "@g666kk".

Wilson Prep Address: 2755 Tilghman Road, Wilson, NC 27896

Cardinal Home Track Address: Buffalo Road Athletic Complex 5812 Buffaloe Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616

Maureen Joy Address: Buffalo Road Athletic Complex 5812 Buffaloe Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616

March 22 Cardinal @ Wilson Prep Academy

March 29 Cardinal @ Wilson Prep Academy

April 5 Cardinal @ Wilson Prep Academy

April 20 Cardinal Hosting Track

(3:30 Start Time- Athletes there by 3 p.m.)

April 26 Cardinal @ Maureen Joy

(3:00 Start Time- Athletes there by 2:30 p.m.)

May 3 Middle School Championship

Wilson Prep hosting track



Spring Picture Day fun!



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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>

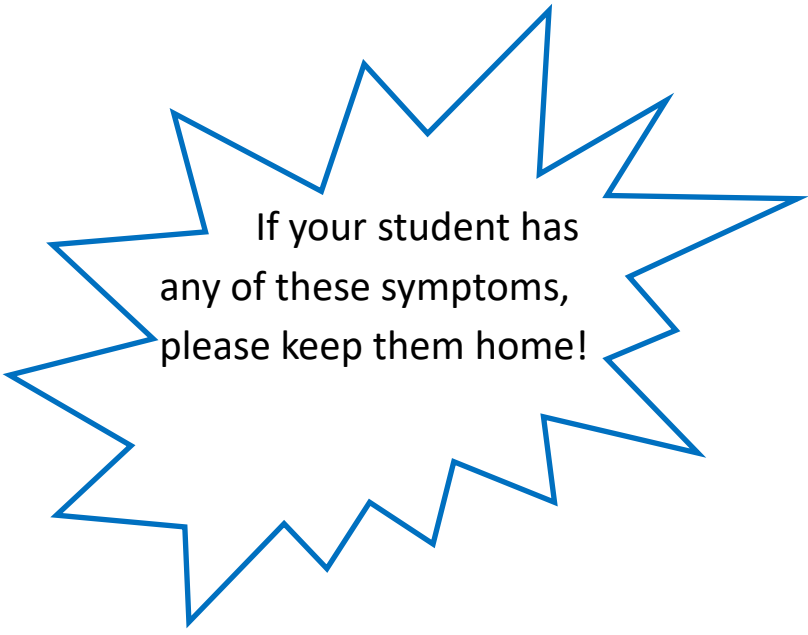
We are continuing to use SignUp this year to provide volunteer opportunities and wishlists. Training will be available for teachers, room parents, and committee chairs from our volunteer coordinator, Allison. Please [contact](#) her if you need help.

Covid Symptom Reminders

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick is essential to keep infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.

For students, staff, and teachers with chronic conditions, symptom presence should represent a change from their typical health status to warrant exclusion from school. Occurrence of any of the symptoms below while a student, teacher, or staff member is at school suggests the person may be referred for diagnostic COVID-19 testing or evaluation.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



If your student has
any of these symptoms,
please keep them home!

More information on [how to monitor for symptoms](#) is available from the CDC.



School Lunch Menu for the Week of March 21*

School breakfast and lunch are free for all students.



	21-Monday	22-Tuesday	23-Wednesday	24-Thursday	25-Friday
Breakfast	No School	Pop tarts Apple Slices	Pancakes Oranges	French Toast Apple Slices	Cereal Graham Crackers Oranges
Lunch	No School	Carolina Hot Dog Slaw Baked Beans Apple/Diced Pears Ham and Cheese Sandwich	Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Tots Apple/Sliced Peaches Chef Salad	Chicken Nuggets Roll Corn Side Salad Ham and Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Dippers Roasted Broccoli Applesauce Turkey and Cheese Sandwich

*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.

Enrollment Questions

Ms. Lanfrey is assisting with marketing and enrollment. If you have questions about enrollment for next year, please email her at jstafford@cardinalcharter.org.



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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 March 7	Number of new COVID-19 Cases for the week of March 14
2	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 immediately for further instructions related to quarantine and guidance moving forward.

COVID Information

Please continue to 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 optional for all students, staff, and volunteers in the building.

Mrs. McLaughlin, our CRT, was a feature reader in Ms. McLaughlin's second-grade class! Yep, they're related!





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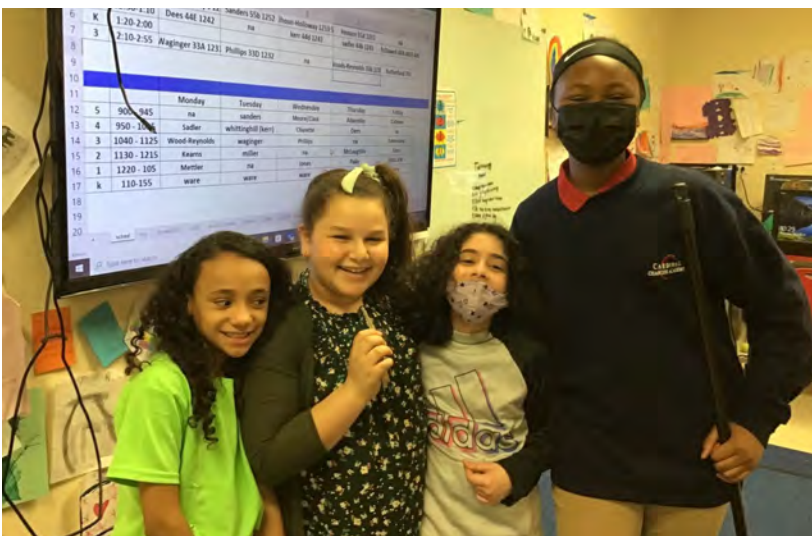
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Mrs. Waginger's third-grade class explored the states of matter through a root beer float experiment!



Ms. Groo's third-grade class was ready for St. Patrick's Day!!



Four of Ms. Dees' students were very kind and helped organize Mr. Conversano's room!

CAUSE A SCENE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: Cardinal Charter Academy

Date: 3/23/2022

Time: 5:00 - 8:00

Location: Blaze Pizza Morrisville-1024 Market Center Drive

Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



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Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in and take-out only. Not valid for online orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.