

Cobra Highlights

October 28, 2024



Principal Updates

Hello Gauger Cobbs Cobra Families:

The Fall Season is upon us with Day Light Savings falling on Sunday November 3rd, so don't forget to change those clocks. It is hard to believe, but we are at the end of the first Marking Period on Friday, November 1st!

Please pay particular attention to the calendar below because the month of November has a lot of things going on, and we have several school days off. We have a remote half day on Friday, November 1st, and students should login to their Schoology account. From there they should follow their links to Zoom classes. The day is a virtual half day for students, and it will be preparation for the winter months should we have to be off for inclement weather.

I know that Halloween falls this Thursday, and often the day after the event we see a lot of candy in classrooms. Please remind students that candy should be eaten at lunch or left at home.

As we move into our 2nd marking period, it is important for students to continue to do their best each day. Please note that MP 1 Report cards will be uploaded to HAC on 11/20/24, and we will sent home a copy with students on this day. I will be sending home Smarter Balanced Test Scores from last year as I think it is important for our students and families to see how they performed last year. Additionally, we will be doing some goal setting with our students so that we can perform well on State Testing in the Spring.

Parent conferences will take place throughout the month of November, and preference will be given to students who are in danger of failing or failing core subject areas. Teachers should be reaching out to families to schedule parent conferences in the coming days, and we will offer conferences in person and Zoom. If you would like to schedule a conference, please email the teacher ASAP. If you need additional support, please reach out to a core teacher, guidance counselor, or grade level administrator.

[CLICK HERE FOR DIRECTORY](#)

If you have any concerns, please reach out to the teacher and/or guidance counselor.

If you would like to check on your student's current progress, please log in regularly to the Home Access Center to check on your student. If you are having difficulty with HAC, please email the grade level counselor list below in the area called "Who to contact"?

Additionally, I would encourage families to follow their students on Schoology. All teachers have been given a Schoology Access code for parents to view their students on the program. In the event that you haven't been given a code, please email the teacher first and then the grade-level counselor. See below for the grade-level counselor's email address.

- [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS HAC](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SCHOOLOGY\(PARENT LOGIN\)](#)

IMPORTANT Dates:(CSD CALENDAR-CLICK HERE)

[District Calendars](#)

Monday October 28-Friday November 1st **SPIRIT WEEK**

Friday November 1, 2024- **END OF MP 1**

Friday November 1, 2024-**Remote 1/2 day.** -CSD: Remote Learning Day Half Day & Professional Development Half Day (**End of MP1**)

Sunday, November 3, 2024 **DAY LIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

Monday November 4, 2024-**NO SCHOOL.**CSD: Schools Closed & Offices Open - **Grading Day** (Paraprofessionals Off)

Tuesday November 5, 2024-CSD-**NO SCHOOL.** Schools Closed & Offices Closed - **Election Day**

We will return to school on Wednesday, November 6th - BLUE DAY

No School on Monday, November 11th - **Veterans' Day**

Friday November 22, 2024-**FALL DANCE** sponsored by PTA and Student Council

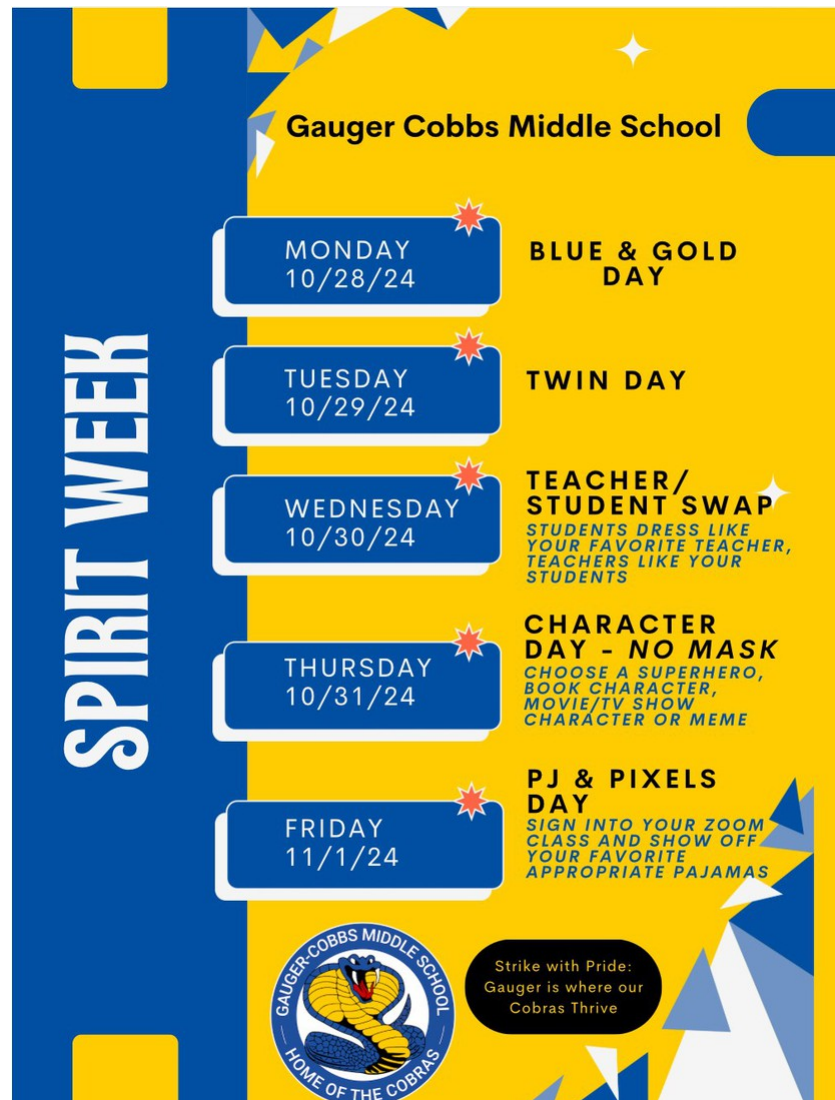
FALL BREAK - November 25th - 29th

Wednesday November 20, 2024-MP1 Report card uploaded to HAC and sent home via student.

Outside Food Delivery

In an effort to reduce disruptions to the school day, please help us by remembering the following:

- Students are not permitted to receive deliveries from outside vendors like Door Dash, Grubhub, UberEats, etc.
- Students should be sent to school with lunch or eat school lunch which is provided at no cost to all of our students.
- We ask that families not drop off fast food during the school day, as this requires calling students out of class and can create disruptions in the cafeteria.



Gauger Cobbs Middle School

MONDAY
10/28/24

BLUE & GOLD DAY

TUESDAY
10/29/24

TWIN DAY

WEDNESDAY
10/30/24


TEACHER/STUDENT SWAP
STUDENTS DRESS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER, TEACHERS LIKE YOUR STUDENTS

THURSDAY
10/31/24

CHARACTER DAY - NO MASK
CHOOSE A SUPERHERO, BOOK CHARACTER, MOVIE/TV SHOW CHARACTER OR MEME

FRIDAY
11/1/24

PJ & PIXELS DAY
SIGN INTO YOUR ZOOM CLASS AND SHOW OFF YOUR FAVORITE APPROPRIATE PAJAMAS

 **Strike with Pride:**
Gauger is where our Cobras Thrive

SPRIT WEEK

Spring
FORWARD



-1 hour

Fall
BACKWARD



-1 hour

SCHEDULE: November 1st - Half Day REMOTE Day for Students

(GOLD DAY - B DAY)

Our Schedule for the morning:

8:00-8:20 - Block 1

8:30-8:50 - Block 2

9:00-9:20 - Block 3

9:30-9:50 - Block 4

(Students are done for day)

Criteria for Success:

Our goal is for each student to successfully log into Schoology, and follow your teacher's directions for the day by Zooming with your class and completing any assigned work.

The purpose of this remote half-day schedule is to prepare students and staff for the possibility of remote learning due to inclement weather.

All students are expected to attempt to zoom in so that teachers can identify and fix issues.

- ALL teachers shall create a Zoom link and place the link in a SCHOOLGY FOLDER titled "November 1st Remote Day".

No School on Monday, November 4th - Grading Day

No School on Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day

We will return to school on Wednesday, November 6th - BLUE DAY

No School on Monday, November 11th - Veteran's Day

FALL BREAK - November 25th - 29th

Sports information

The Fall Sports Season is coming to an end and the Winter Season is upon us all. Thank you to all of our student-athletes for your participation and for our coaches who supported the students

throughout the season.

Cross Country:

10/29/24

Tuesday 3:30pm Tri-Meet

(Shue MS) Away

[Lums Pond State Park](#) CSD District Championships. State park fees apply to all spectators. (6 Teams)

10/30/24

Wednesday 3:00pm

[DAAD Middle School Invitational](#)

(Christiana HS) Away

[Killens Pond State Park](#) (5 Teams)

Boy Soccer:

10/30/24

Wednesday 3:30 p.m - TBD

We have cheerleading and Basketball tryouts coming in November.

In order to tryout for Winter Sports, student must have a physical on file with the school nurse, and have eligible grades with no behavioral issues.

ALL events will be posted on our Sports Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions regarding sports, please reach out to our athletic coordinator Monica Wise at monica.wise@christina.k12.de.us.

Again, if your child would like to participate in Fall or Winter sports, they must have a DIAA physical form on file with our school nurse.



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Marking Period Important Dates

Marking Period	Interim Entry Begins Grading Window OPENS(This is the cut off date for assignments to be included in the IPR)	Interim LOCKED Grading Window CLOSSES @ 4 p.m. (This is the last day grades can be loaded to the IPR 'Load from Gradebook')	Interim on HAC @ 11 a.m.	Report Card Entry Begins Grading Window Open	End of Marking Period	Report Card Locked Grading Window Closes@ 4 p.m.	Report Card Review/Verification*	Report Card on HAC by 11 a.m.
MP 1	9/30/24	10/7/24	10/9/24	10/25/24	11/1/24	11/15/24	10/25/24-11/19/24	11/20/24
MP 2	12/2/24	12/9/24	12/11/24	1/17/25	1/24/25	2/4/25	1/17/25-2/6/25	2/7/25
MP 3	2/14/25	2/24/25	2/26/25	3/21/25	3/28/25	4/8/25	3/21/25-4/10/25	4/10/25
MP 4	4/28/25	5/5/25	5/7/25	6/4/25	6/11/25	6/16/25	6/4/25-6/18/25	6/18/25

Please join on PTA to support YOUR STUDENT!

PTA membership: PLEASE JOIN

Please sign up to support our building.

Kerry Waugh is President and can be reached at kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us

[PTA membership form](#)

PBS Corner

Students will earn Cobra cash for doing the right thing in school. Please speak to your child about appropriate behavior in an educational setting. If they have any issues, please be sure to let our staff know immediately so that we can support you and your child in doing the right thing.

Please note that students can use Cobra cash to get into our Game room during lunch and it will be tied to all school events.

November Focus:

Our school focus this month will be "on time to class" compliance. Students will earn Cobra Cash for being in uniform, on time to class, and have an opportunity to enter a drawing at the end of the month for being on time to class.

Uniform Policy

We are doing a great job with uniforms overall. Please make sure your student is in uniform each day as that is our school expectation.

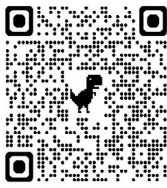
- 6th-8th grade must wear a collared polo shirt.
 - 6th: RED
 - 7th: GRAY
 - 8th: NAVY BLUE
- Hoods will be allowed to be worn this school year but must be in the grade level color and must be worn down at all times due to school safety concerns.

Technology Agreements

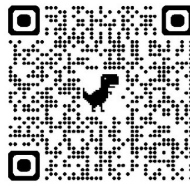
- [Technology Agreement \(English\)](#)

- [Technology Agreement \(Spanish\)](#)

Acuerdo Tecnológico Español



English Technology Agreement



SPANISH VERSION

ENGLISH VERSION



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SCHOOL HOURS

Regular School Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

After school clubs and activities throughout the year. We will offer sports activity buses again this year, which will provide free transportation home for students participating in activities and will depart at GCMS 4:00 PM. Unless a student is with a teacher, there should be no students in the hallways or classrooms after 2:15 PM.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL//Absences Notes

Tardiness to School:

If your child comes to school after the 7:10 a.m. start time, they must get a late pass from the main office. If they arrive on a late bus they will be given a late bus pass from our staff members outside.

Absence notes:

If your student is absent for any reason, please have them turn in their absence note to the advisory teacher first thing in the morning. You do have the option to submit an online form via the following link on our school website. [CLICK HERE](#)

2023-2024 Bell Schedule



Who to contact?

- For an Academic/Classroom Behavior Concern: The first person you should always contact for an academic concern is your student's teacher. Voicemail and email are available and all parents should expect a reply within one business day. If not, please contact the grade-level administrator or Principal.
- For a General Behavior/Social Concern: Contact the grade level dean of the students or grade level counselor.

Deans:

- 6th grade (Tywania Spicer) tywania.spicer@christina.k12.de.us
- 7th grade (Adam Mayer) adam.mayer@christina.k12.de.us
- 8th grade (Jeffrey Frampton) jeffrey.frampton@christina.k12.de.us

Guidance:

- 6th grade (Amber Schneider) amber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us
- 7th grade (Andrew Feldmann) andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us
- 8th grade (Kristin Jeanne) kristin.jeanne@christina.k12.de.us
- **Attendance Concerns:** the secretaries in the main office or our visiting teacher (Dawn Jackson)
- **Medical Concern:** The school nurses are Ms. Aubrey Rogers and Ms. Kristy Chester (aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us) or 302-454-2358 ext: 105
- (kristy.chester@christina.k12.de.us) or 302-454-2357 ext: 332
- **Concern about Special Education:**
 - Ms. Colleen Konkle colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us (7th grade)(6th grade A-K)
 - Ms. Karyn Treibly karyn.treibly@christina.k12.de.us (8th grade)(6th grade L-Z)

A General School Concern: Begin with the Assistant Principal.

- 6th grade and **ALL** Special Education students. Dionne Avant (ext: 117) dionne.avant@christina.k12.de.us
- 7th grade 8th grade-Dr. Edward Avinger 454-2358 (ext.: 121) edward.avinger@christina.k12.de.us
- **A Registration Concern:** Please contact the main office at 302-454-2358 and speak to a secretary. Ms. Wilson, Ms. Derr, or Ms. Landreth.
- To speak with the Principal, please contact the main office and ask to speak to Patty Landreth (Principal Secretary)

Calendars:

[District Calendars](#)

Mission and Vision of Gauger Cobbs Middle School

Vision: At Gauger-Cobbs Middle School we believe in a safe and collaborative learning environment inspiring and preparing all students to be productive learners and leaders in the global community.

Mission: Our mission at Gauger Cobbs Middle School is to engage all students in their learning through challenging curriculum, developing positive relationships, and promoting a culture of personal ownership in each student's academic, social, and emotional growth.

We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you to make your student's middle school experience as positive and successful as possible.



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