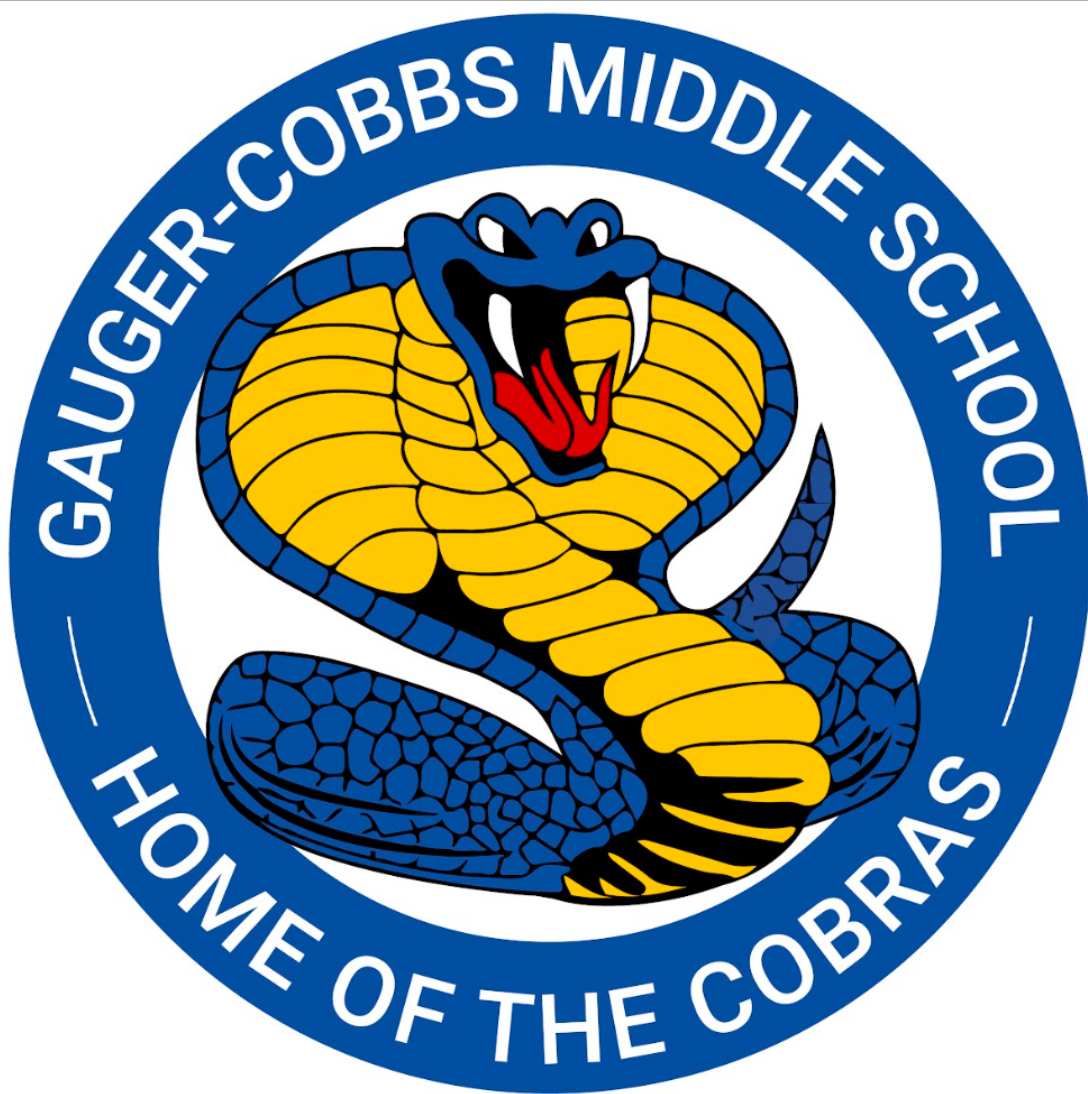


Gauger Cobbs Newsletter

Holiday Edition 12/20/2024



Principal's Message

Subject: Important Updates for Gauger Cobbs Families

Good Evening Gauger Families,
I hope this message finds you well. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all our Gauger Cobbs Families! It's hard to believe we're already heading into 2025 but the New Year is just around the corner. I pray that you have a healthy New Year, and we look forward to serving your child at GCMS.

I have a few important updates to share:

End of Marking Period 2

As we approach the end of Marking Period 2, the midpoint of the school year is just around the corner. It's essential for students to stay on top of their "Summative" assessment grades, which account for 70% of their overall grade. The remaining 30% comes from "Formative" assessments. Summative assessments include unit tests and major projects, while Formatives typically consist of quizzes or classwork assignments. All formative assessments are designed to help students master the content and succeed in their summative assessments.

Please remember that we have a test/retest policy. If your child does not do well on a summative assessment, they should work with their teacher to schedule a retest opportunity.

I encourage families to discuss grades with their children and reach out to teachers via Home Access Center or Schoology if you have any questions or concerns.

New Marking Period Rotation (MP 3)

After the end of Marking Period 2 on January 24, 2025, we will begin the rotation for Marking Period 3 starting on January 25, 2025.

Tutoring Support

For families seeking additional academic support, we have partnered with "Back to Basics" tutoring. If you're interested in tutoring services, please reach out to Ms. Leatrice "Michele Hill" at michele.hill@christina.k12.de.us.

Helpful Links:

- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Home Access Center \(HAC\)](#)
- [Schoology Parent Login](#)

Thank you again for your continued support. Have a wonderful evening and a relaxing winter holiday!

Sincerely,

Sean Mulrine

Principal

Gauger Cobbs Middle School

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Calendar of Events

12/23-Schools Closed & Offices Open

12/24 - 12/25-Schools & Offices Closed: Winter Break

12/26 - 12/27-Schools Closed & Offices Open (Winter Break)

12/30: Schools Closed & Offices Open (Winter Break)

12/31 - 1/1-Schools Closed & Offices Open (Winter Break)

1/2: Schools Closed & Offices Open

1/3: Schools Closed & Offices Open

1/6: School Reopens for ALL students and staff

1/10PBIS - Pep Rally 2nd Block-tentative

1/20: Schools & Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day

1/24: End of MP 2

1/27: Schools Closed & Offices Open - Grading Day (Paraprofessionals PD)

2/7PBIS/AC - Honor Roll Assembly

2/10: Schools Closed - Elementary Conferences & Secondary PD

2/11GCMS - Science Fair
 2/12GCMS - Science Fair
 2/13Lip Sync Competition - 2nd Blk.
 2/17: Schools & Offices Closed - Presidents' Day
 Calendars:
[District Calendars](#)

TESTING-January/February

January 6 -10: iReady diagnostic
January 13-17: 7th Grade Social Studies
January 28 - Feb. 11: ACCESS Testing*
February 10 -14: 6th and 8th Grade Social Studies

*Notices for ACCESS TESTING are being sent home with our eligible students. This test is for ELL students and is required by the State of DE for all students who have been identified as ELL.

Report Card and MP 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 CLOSES @ 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

Synchronous Learning Schedule

Synchronous(LIVE ZOOM) Schedule

Parents and Students,

I wanted to communicate with our team in the event of inclement weather or a need to go virtual in the coming weeks.

That said, as we move through the winter season, it's prudent to prepare for the possibility of a snow day impacting school operations. The district has two options:

1. **"Snow-Day"** which means we are off school and there will be no live zoom teaching sessions. We will need to make this day up at the end of the school year.
2. **"Synchronous Day-Live via Zoom"** If we announce a Synchronous day which means we will have a school day and it will be live based on the schedule below. ALL ZOOM LINKS will be in

the teacher's SCHOOLOGY FOLDER. ****We will not need to make up Synchronous days at the end of the school year!****

- Gauger Cobbs "SYNCHRONOUS-LIVE" Schedule. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Delivered content via ZOOM.
- SCHOOLOGY page updated with live links and content!
- We will follow our normal schedule rotation 1,2,3,4
- Attendance will be taken for ALL students.

Parent and Student Communication:

- Sign up for alerts: [Click here](#)
- School's snow day policies and where to find updates. ([CSD School Closings and Announcements](#))



GaugerMS Synchronous Day Schedule- SY25.pdf

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**Gauger Cobbs Middle School
Synchronous Learning Schedule
7:00AM- 2:30PM**

7:00-8:00 am	Teacher Planning Period- Making/ Posting content for the day; posting assignments	
8:00-1:05 pm	Schools/ Programs with 4 Class Periods: 3, 70 + 1, <u>60 minute</u> blocks in the day; RTI/intervention/etc is pushed in to support Tier 1 instruction; provides 5 minutes <u>of time</u> between classes	
		8:00 to 9:10 Block 1
		9:15 to 10:25 Block 2
		10:30 to 10:45 School-wide Break
		10:50 to 12:00 Block 3
		12:05 to 1:05 Block 4
1:05- 1:35	Lunch Break	
1:40-2:30 pm	Staff Office Hours: Teachers available for help on email/ Schoology, students completing assignments asynchronously	

iReady Parental Support Needed(see below)



What is Advisory Class (daily 7:10 – 8:10 am)?

During Advisory Class students work on Organizational skills (Binders & Binder Checks), test taking strategies, study skills, Time Management skills, general support for Math and ELA classes, and character and social development lessons.

The weekly Advisory schedule is generally:

<u>Monday</u> Developing Future Readiness	<u>Tuesday</u> Persisting Through Obstacles	<u>Wednesday</u> Rigorous Academic Preparedness	<u>Thursday</u> Persisting Through Obstacles	<u>Friday</u> Activating Knowledge & Skills
Check-In & Reflection Goal Setting i-Ready Reading	i-Ready Reading Conferencing Small Group Instruction	AVID Strategies Binder Organization Reading/Writing I-Ready Math	i-Ready Math Conferencing Small Group Instruction	Community Circle Social Emotional Lesson

One intention for Advisory Class is to build a community within the group; this time is focused on helping students gain skills/habits to increase success in their academic courses through our implementation of [AVID](#) strategies and utilization of lessons from [Second Step](#) to support students in their social and emotional growth. During Advisory Class students will be asked to set goals, plan out steps for meeting those goals, and reflect on their progress towards meeting those goals. Through community circles students have an opportunity to learn more about their classmates and discuss various topics to hear different perspectives. Students are also afforded the time to work on the online platform [iReady](#) – students take a diagnostic assessment three times a year and depending on their results the program will design an individual pathway to address gaps in their understanding or topics to be furthered explored to stretch their understanding of a topic.

Gauger-Cobbs Middle School starts each day with Advisory Class, students are asked to go to their lockers and then report to Advisory Class. Students have time to finish up their breakfast while morning announcements are shared via intercom (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or through [GMAP](#) (Gauger Morning Announcement Program). Then students are asked to participate in different activities depending on the day of the week. This is the same classroom where students return at the end of the day to store their binders for the next day.

Why are we sharing this with you? First, we know what an important influence you are on your student(s) and their future and we wanted to share with you some of the activities we are providing to help support their journey to becoming productive learners and leaders in the global community. Hopefully students have been sharing some of the activities/conversations they are engaging in during Advisory Class. We are also asking for your support in encouraging students to take advantage of this Advisory Class to set goals and work towards achieving them. Students should come to Advisory Class with their Chromebooks charged, headphones to participate in the iReady program, a willingness to engage in developing positive relationships within their school community, and an understanding that Advisory Class is an opportunity to support their growth in academics, emotional, and social growth.

Gauger PTA

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](#)

ORDER SCHOOL ATTIRE FROM GIVEBACKS

- <https://gauger.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true>

8th grade (High School Scheduling)

Middle School Orientation – 8th grade assembly to hear about high school options and also receive the course scheduling card

- December 9-18

Middle School Course Scheduling Card Activity – 8th grade advisory teachers will provide time for students to fill out their course planner cards

- January 6-10

Middle School Conferences for Scheduling

- January 21-24

Sports

The Winter Season is under way at this time and we thank our coaches for supporting our student athletes during the winter season..

Boys' Basketball Head Coach(s):

Tarik Robinson Sr. email: tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us

Ted McGonigle email: theodore.mcgonigle@christina.k12.de.us

Girls' Basketball Head Coach:

Gail Morris: gail.morris@christina.k12.de.us

Cheerleading Head Coach:

Anya McKenzie: anya.mckenzie@christina.k12.de.us

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.

If your child is interested in the Spring Sports(Track) or Girl's Soccer, please make sure that they get a DIAA sports physical and that it is in file with the school nurse.



**We're going cashless
for athletic events!**



Buy event tickets online.
christinak12.org/athletics

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PBS focus for January

Our focus for our school-wide drawings will be on Positive Interactions for the remainder of the month of January! Teachers are expected to reward students with Cobra Cash for doing the right thing!

Academically, we are handing out Cobra Cash rewards for students who are completing lessons during advisory. We will be drawing names during lunches and rewarding our winners with prizes at the end of the month(January)

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)

Gauger Cobbs Middle School Dress code

Parents thank you for your help in maintaining our school uniform policy. Please make sure you reiterate to your child that "hoodies" are never to be worn in the building. They can be placed in the

locker upon arrival at the school. If your child gets cold, please send them in with either a cardigan or sweatshirt without a hood that is grade-level color.

We have seen students wearing Crocs, and these are not permitted. Also, sun glasses are not permitted to be worn during the school day. Thank you for your support of our middle school dress code policy.



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Student Manual

Student Manual Information

[DISTRICT SECONDARY STUDENT MANUAL](#)

Parents we ask you for your continued support with some of the following expectations for all of our students! We had expectations assemblies this past week for all grade levels and reviewed many of the topics from our Student Manual. We stressed proper bus behavior, being on time to class, resolving conflicts, and getting additional support if needed. I encourage you and your child to review our Student manual at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nurse Contact Information

If your child has any of the symptoms below, please keep them home and send in an illness note upon their return to school.

- Sore throat
- Cough
- Shortness of breath, trouble breathing, severe wheezing
- Chills or shaking with chills
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of smell or taste
- Congestion, runny nose
- Fever of 100.4F or above

If your child is experiencing **ANY** of the symptoms above, have them tested (home tests acceptable) for COVID before returning to in person learning to assure the health and safety of the school community. *Please be mindful that a fever is not a common early symptom for COVID and is not the sole indicator of COVID-19.*

Ms. Aubrey Rogers and Christy Chester are Gauger's school nurses. If you have any COVID concerns or questions, please see their email below to make contact. For more information about health or to learn more about our nurses, you can visit the "Nurse's Corner" by clicking here: [LINK](#)

Nurse's Email and phone numbers.

302-454-2358 ext: 103

aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us

Attendance Notes and Policy

Parents it is important that you send in an attendance note within 5 days of your student being absent.

Valid Reasons for Excused Absences and Tardies

- Illness of student
- Medical diagnosis and/or treatment
- Death in immediate family
- Contagious disease in the home
- Legal business requiring the student's presence
- Suspension or expulsion from school
- Observance of religious holiday
- Approved college visits
- Authorized school-sponsored activities

If you want to submit a note electronically, [click here](#).

You can see the district policies at the link below.

<https://www.christinak12.org/attendance>

Technology Support

- TECHNOLOGY REQUEST LINK: [CLICK HERE](#).

DIAA Sports Physical FORM

<https://education.delaware.gov/diaa/>

HAC Information

Parents, if you have never logged into HAC in the past, you will need an **access code** which can be provided by the school secretary. If you have logged into the system in the past, you don't need the access code. If you have been in HAC at any time during your child's education, you will need to request a password reset via the email that is on your child's school profile in Eschool.

Please see below for instructions on how to log into the Home Access Center.

Home Access Center (HAC) is a secure web-based portal that also allows you to:

- Monitor attendance
- View Schedules
- View report cards

[Click here for Home Access Center.](#)

Home Access Center (HAC) Information

Follow these steps to log onto Home Access Center:

Go to URL: <https://hac.doe.k12.de.us/HomeAccess/>

Choose Christina School District from the drop-down menu.

FirstName.LastName (John.Snow)

Password must have capital, lowercase, and a number.

PLEASE DO NOT SHARE YOUR PASSWORD. Students in Grades 6-12 have their own logon.

In the case of a forgotten username or password, please

Click the "Forgot My User Name or Password" link.

An email with your user name and a temporary password will be sent to the email address currently on file with the school

If you still have trouble with your username and temporary password, please email our secretaries.

Bell Schedule



Class Schedule 24-25.docx (1).pdf

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Gauger Cobbs Middle School

Our 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.

Nuestra Visión: En la escuela Gauger-Cobbs creemos en un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y colaborativo que inspira y prepara a todos los estudiantes para ser estudiantes productivos y líderes en la comunidad global.

Our 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.

Nuestra Misión: Nuestra misión en la Escuela Intermedia Gauger Cobbs es engranar a todos los estudiantes en su aprendizaje a través de un plan de estudios desafiante, desarrollando relaciones positivas y promoviendo una cultura de propiedad personal en el crecimiento académico, social y emocional de cada estudiante.

Gauger Cobbs Middle School's Core Values

- Passion for excellence for our students and school
- Positive Relationships between, school, home, and the community
- Respect and dignity for ourselves and one another
- Teamwork in that we include all stakeholders in our efforts to make Gauger the best it can be
- Community in which stakeholders share responsibility for providing a safe social and learning environment for all those involved in the educational process

Valores fundamentales de la escuela Gauger Cobbs

- Pasión por la excelencia para nuestros estudiantes y la escuela
- Relaciones positivas entre la escuela, el hogar y la comunidad
- Respeto y dignidad por nosotros mismos y los demás
- Trabajo en equipo en el que incluimos a todas las partes interesadas en nuestros esfuerzos para hacer que Gauger sea lo mejor que puede ser
- Comunidad en la que las partes interesadas comparten la responsabilidad de proporcionar un medio ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y social para todos los involucrados en el proceso educativo



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