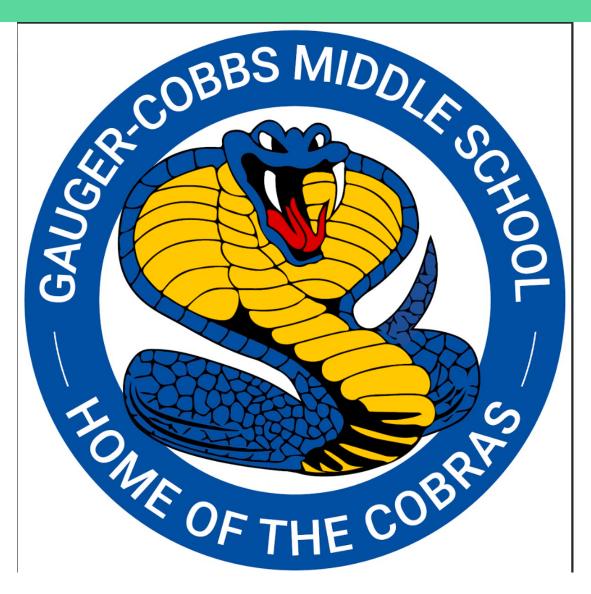
# Gauger Cobbs Newsletter

2/14/2025



# Principal's Message

**Subject: Important Updates for Gauger Cobbs Families** 

Good Evening Gauger Families,

Congratulations to our Eagles fans! What a great Super Bowl win by the Birds over the Chiefs!

I hope you are doing well as we head into the third marking period. For those who celebrate, I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day with your significant other.

Last Friday, February 7, 2025, we distributed second marking period report cards to all students.

The report cards are now available on the Home Access Center, and your child was given a printed copy to bring home to you.

As we are in the winter season, please ensure your child is prepared for virtual learning at a moment's notice. See below for more information.

Additionally, cold and flu season is upon us, and we are seeing an uptick in illnesses. If your child is experiencing fever or vomiting, please keep them home and send a note to the main office upon their return. Our facilities team has been instructed to perform extra sanitization in classrooms and restrooms each night.

As we head into the weekend, please remember that students will be off on Monday for Presidents Day.

### **Failure Notices:**

The guidance team will be sending letters to students with two or more marking period failures. This serves as a summer school warning. Further information about summer school programming will be provided in the coming months.

### Parent Conferences: March 14, 2025

We encourage parents to sign up for 20-minute slots with teachers, which can be held in person, via Zoom, or by phone. Please email your child's teacher as soon as possible to secure a spot. Slots are first come, first served, and once filled, additional conferences will need to be scheduled outside of the designated day. Conferences are always welcomed and encouraged by our teachers. If you experience any difficulties, please contact an administrator.

### Staff Directory

#### **Teacher of the Year Nominations:**

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to nominate a teacher for the 2025-2026 Gauger Cobbs Middle School Teacher of the Year Award!

Do you know an amazing teacher who inspires their students and makes a difference? Help us celebrate excellence in teaching by nominating a Christina School District classroom teacher. We welcome nominations from students, staff, parents, and community members.

Submit your nomination online at <a href="https://www.christinak12.org/nominate">www.christinak12.org/nominate</a> by March 3, 2025.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Minimum of three years teaching in a Delaware public school.
- Actively teaching in the Christina School District at the time of nomination and throughout the 2025-2026 school year.
- Teachers recognized as Christina School District Teacher of the Year in the past three years are not eligible.

### **Parent Camp:**

Register at www.bit.ly/GaugerCobbs-PC.

A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants prior to the event. Please share the link through secure systems and avoid posting on social media to prevent disruptions. Encourage others to register via the form.

Join our new community space on Mighty Networks and check out ParentCamp videos on YouTube!

### **Inclement Weather Preparedness:**

With winter weather threats, please ensure students take their Chromebooks home daily for potential virtual learning days.

### **Parent and Student Communication:**

[Sign up for alerts] to stay updated on school closings and announcements.

## **Helpful Links:**

- Staff Directory
- Home Access Center (HAC)
- Schoology Parent Login

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful evening!

Sincerely,

Sean Mulrine
Principal, Gauger Cobbs Middle School
sean.mulrine@christina.k12.de.us



# Super Bowl LIX

NFL · Sun, Feb 9



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Kansas City Chiefs

(17 - 3)

Philadelphia Eagles

(18 - 3)

## Super Bowl

Team	1	2	3	4	Т
Kansas City Chiefs	0	0	6	16	22
Philadelphia Eagles	7	17	10	6	40

### **Calendar of Events**

2/17: Schools & Offices Closed - Presidents' Day

2/19: Virtual-Parent Camp @ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration information forthcoming

2/20: ZOOM PTA MEETING: 6:30-7:30pm CLICK HERE

2/26: MP 3 Interim Progress Reports on HAC at 11 a.m.

3/7: PTA Sponsored Dance 6-8 p.m.

3/7: Winter Sports Recognition Banquet

3/11: Athletics Fundraiser-Chik Fil A Bear Night

3/14: Parent Conferences. School Closed

3/15: Science Olympiad Competition (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

3/20: Blue Coats BB game

3/22: Cobra Chess Challenge (12- 5 p.m.)

3/24: Pretzel Sale (PTA Sponsored)

### Calendars:

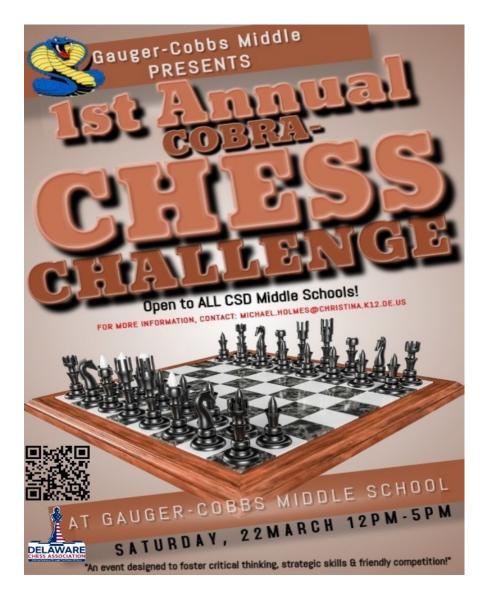
**District Calendars** 

### **GCMS Clubs**

Our after-school clubs are meeting on Thursday afternoons, and students are welcome to stay after school each week. Transportation is available for students who need it, but they must be routed in advance. We encourage students to reach out to the club advisors and get involved. The following clubs are available:

- Business Professionals of America Ms. Taren Harmon
- Chess Club Mr. Michael Holmes
- Technology Student Association Ms. Gail Morris
- Future Farmers of America Mr. Ashley Garner
- FCCLA Ms. Julia Rice
- Science Olympiad Ms. Sikna Bazzi and Ms. Kelly VanCamp
- National Junior Honor Society Ms. Mya Avant

- Student Council Ms. Kaline Graham
- Music Club-TBD
- Boys and Girls Club



# **Sports**

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.

### **Spring Sports start in March.**

The Winter Season is coming to a quick end 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: <a href="mailto:tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us">tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us</a>
Ted McGonigle email: <a href="mailto:theodore.mcgonigle@christina.k12.de.us">theodore.mcgonigle@christina.k12.de.us</a>

Girls' Basketball Head Coach:

Gail Morris: <a href="mailto:gail.morris@christina.k12.de.us">gail.morris@christina.k12.de.us</a>

**Cheerleading Head Coach:** 

Anya McKenzie: <a href="mailto:anya.mckenzie@christina.k12.de.us">anya.mckenzie@christina.k12.de.us</a>

## **School Wide Testing**

- February 10-21(6th and 8th grade Social Studies)
- May 5-9 (DESSA-ELA and Math)
- May 12-16(DESSA-Social Studies)
- April 28-May 2nd (DESSA-Science)
- June 2-6 (Final iReady Diagnostic)



SY25 Assessment Calendar (3) (2).pdf

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# 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. (<u>CSD School Closings and Announcements</u>)



GaugerMS Synchronous Day Schedule- SY25.pdf

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# **Report Card and MP Dates**

Marking Period	Begins Grading Window OPENS(This is the cut off date for assignments to be	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

# Gauger PTA

Please sign up to support our building.

Kerry Waugh is President and can be reached at <a href="mailto:kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us">kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us</a>

• PTA membership form

ORDER SCHOOL ATTIRE FROM GIVEBACKS

- <a href="https://gauger.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true">https://gauger.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true</a>
- We raised \$140 for the 4 families affected by the fire at Fox Run Apartments, PTA was able to purchase \$35 Amazon gift cards for each of the 4 families. Thank you so much to those who purchased shirts and to the entire Gauger Community for your continual support of Gauger PTA.
  - There will be a PTA Sponsored Fall/Winter Sports Recognition and Dance on Friday 3/7, more information will be coming next week.
  - There will be a zoom PTA meeting on Thursday 2/20 6:30-7:30pm: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87982997836?pwd=z9SeBVAdaCbv80CLA0XBSW6ZEeZJFq.1



# We're going cashless for athletic events!

Buy event tickets online. christinak12.org/athletics

## **PBS focus for February**

Our focus for our school-wide drawings will be on **On time to class** for the remainder of the month of February! 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.

### 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 (<u>aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us</u>) 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 <u>colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us</u> (7th grade)(6th grade A-K)
  - Ms. Karyn Treibly <u>karyn.treibly@christina.k12.de.us</u> (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.



## CSD MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE (4) (1).pdf

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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: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

### **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: <u>LINK</u>

### **Nurse's Email and phone numbers.**

302-454-2358 ext: 103

aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us

### christy.chester@christina.k12.de.us

302-454-2358 ext: 332

## **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: <a href="https://hac.doe.k12.de.us/HomeAccess/">https://hac.doe.k12.de.us/HomeAccess/</a>

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



### **Contact Us**

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Website: <a href="https://www.christinak12.org/Domain/20">https://www.christinak12.org/Domain/20</a>

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