

# *Gauger Cobbs Newsletter*

March 17, 2023-Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## Principal's Message

Good Evening Gauger Families,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who celebrate!

I have a few updates to share with families and I hope that everyone is doing well as we get ready to head into the fourth marking period.

I want to remind families that the end of Marking period 3 is on March 30, 2023, and we will be posting report cards to the Home access center on April 20. Additionally, we will be sending a paper report card home with ALL students on April 20th so that you will have a physical copy.

I encourage you to log in to Home Access Center to view the student's grades. Please remember that 70% of the student grade is constituted of Summative Assessment and 30% is Formative Assessment. Students have the ability to make up Summative Assessments by requesting and working with their teachers.

It is important to note that all formatives should lead up to the summative assessment and I would expect that as long as the student has done well on their formative assessments they would do well on the Summative Assessment.

On the HAC website, you should be able to see current grades, attendance, and Report cards on the HAC site.

- You can access HAC via this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you again for your support and have a great evening!

Sincerely,

Sean Mulrine

Principal

Gauger Cobbs Middle School

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## Congratulations to Mr. Kevin Davis!

Kevin Davis has been selected after receiving many nominations from staff, students, and community members. We wish Kevin well as we know he will represent us well at the School District level.

Thank you for your hard work Mr. Davis and for always doing right by kids!

## Calendar of Events

3/29/23-4/4/23-District Art Show

3/30/23-End of MP 3

3/31/23-School Closed-Grading/PD day

4/7-4/14-Spring Break

4/20/23-MP 3 Report cards uploaded to HAC and sent home with students

5/12/23-8th grade dinner dance

5/15-5/18-Smarter Balanced Testing

6/12-Move up Ceremony(more information will follow)



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## Rock Your Sock- Tuesday, March 21st!

Tuesday, March 21st, ROCK YOUR SOCKS for Down Syndrome Awareness!

Every year on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of Ds chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!

## Winner of Penny Wars to support Special Olympics

Congratulations to the 6th-grade team for winning Penny Wars!

Gauger collected \$120 towards Special Olympics!

7th grade donate: \$43.78

6th grade donated: \$56.53

Great job to our students for supporting Special Olympics!

## PBS focus March

Our focus for our school-wide drawings will be on time to class for the remainder of the month of March! We will be drawing Cobra Cash during lunches and rewarding our winners with prizes.

NOTE: Students will need to earn Cobra Cash to attend any school events.

## School Dance-March 30

We will have a school dance on Thursday evening March 30th from 6-8 p.m. that is sponsored by the Student Council!

See flyer for more information.



- If your child has a fever (100 or higher), **they need to stay home from school until fever free for 24 hrs without taking fever reducing medication** (Ex: Tylenol/Advil)
- If your child vomits, **they will need to remain home until free of vomiting for 24 hrs prior to returning to school.**
- If your child does not feel well and cannot attend school, please send in an absence request note form to the attendance office to excuse absence from school. *We do not have virtual classes, but students can message teachers via Schoology and complete assignments through Schoology from home.*
- If your child comes to the school nurse not feeling well in school, we will treat their symptoms the best we can. **If a student needs to go home or comes to the nurse multiple times due to not feeling well, a parent will be contacted to pick them up from school.**

We are seeing more and more students coming to the nurse first thing in the morning upon arrival to school not feeling well. ***If your child does not feel well please consider allowing them to stay home to rest/drink fluids/and take over-the-counter medication for their symptom.***

## Spring Track and Girl's Soccer information

We need girls for Soccer! Please contact Mr. Garner if your child is interested!

Here is the website where families can find schedules, transportation & other updates!

<https://www.gaugermiddlesports.com/>

### **Girl's Soccer**

Coach: Ashley Garner

EMAIL: [ashley.garner@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:ashley.garner@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Boys & Girl's Track**

Boy's Coach: Tarik Robinson Jr

EMAIL: [tarik.robinsonjr@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:tarik.robinsonjr@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Girl's Coach: Brittney Kilgoe**

EMAIL: [brittany.kilgoe@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:brittany.kilgoe@christina.k12.de.us)

No student shall stay for the game without a ticket and a guardian.

- The sports schedule can be found here. <https://www.gaugermiddlesports.com/>
- Sports Physicals are required to participate. See the DIAA form below. The school nurse must be given the form and then the child is given clearance to participate.
- [DIAA Physical form](#)
- Students must have a C average in order to participate in sports.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to [Monica.wise@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:Monica.wise@christina.k12.de.us) or Kevin Davis at [kevin.davis@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:kevin.davis@christina.k12.de.us)(Athletic Directors)

## DIAA Sports Physical FORM





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## District Art Show

Christina School District will be showcasing outstanding artwork from students in grades K–12 at our Annual District Art Show at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School, located at 50 Gender Road, Newark, DE, from March 29 through April 4. More than 1,000 works of art by Christina students will be available for the public's viewing and enjoyment from March 29 through April 4, from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

An opening reception for the exhibiting young artists and their families, staff, and the Christina community will be held Tuesday, March 28, from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Congratulations to our student artists and our dedicated staff who helped bring about this important experience. We are excited to return to an in-person art show this year and hope you enjoy the show!

The opening reception and art show are free and open to the public.

[Flyer - English](#)

[Flyer - Spanish](#)

## Tutoring Support from BACK TO BASICS (FREE)

### Tutoring Support

Finally, If you are interested in basic tutoring support, we have a contract with "Back to Basics" tutoring vendor to support our students. If you are interested in that support, please fill out the

following form: [Back To Basics Link](#) Please note once you fill out the form a representative from Back to Basic will reach out and it doesn't cost you anything!

## Who to contact?

### **Principal's secretary:**

Patty Landreth- ext: 103 email: [patricia.landreth@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:patricia.landreth@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Grade Level Secretaries:**

Alyce Derr-ext: 101 email: [alyce.derr@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:alyce.derr@christina.k12.de.us)

Betty Wilson-ext: 102 email: [betty.wilson@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:betty.wilson@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Assistant Principals:**

6th grade and 7th grade Robert Jefferson at 454-2358 ext. 121 email:

[robert.jefferson@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:robert.jefferson@christina.k12.de.us)

8th grade: Dionne Avant: email: [dionne.avant@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:dionne.avant@christina.k12.de.us) ext: 117

### **Dean Assignments:**

Matthew Kelly-Grade 6 ext: 125 email: [matthew.kelly@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:matthew.kelly@christina.k12.de.us)

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Andy Grunow -Grade 8 ext: 231 email: [andrew.grunow@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:andrew.grunow@christina.k12.de.us)

### **School Resources Officer:**

Delaware State Trooper Cpl. Nicholas Giakas (Auditorium Hallway) ext: 308 email:

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### **Counselor Assignments:**

Kristin Jeanne-6th grade-(Fishbowl)ext:123 email:[kristin.jeanne@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:kristin.jeanne@christina.k12.de.us)

Amber Schneider-7th grade-(Fishbowl) ext: 334 email: [amber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:amber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us)

Andy Feldmann-8th grade-(Fishbowl) ext: 116 email:[andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Social worker:**

Gwendolyn Miles ext: 850 email: [gwendolyn.miles@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:gwendolyn.miles@christina.k12.de.us)

### **School Psychologist:**

Amy Lowe-Office ext:119 email:[amy.lowe@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:amy.lowe@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Visiting Teacher:**

Dawn Jackson-Truancy (Principal Suite)ext:463 email: [dawn.jackson@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:dawn.jackson@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Educational Diagnosticians:**

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Colleen Konkle-8th grade (Ed suite)ext: 122 email: [colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Behavioral Health Consultant:**

Kristie Watunya (fishbowl) ext: 120 email: [Kristie.watunya@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:Kristie.watunya@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Communities in Schools:**

Shakeya Carter ext: 307 email: [shakeya.carter@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:shakeya.carter@christina.k12.de.us)

### **School Nurse:**

Kathleen Luna (Nurse's Suite) ext:105 email: [kathleen.luna@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:kathleen.luna@christina.k12.de.us)

Aubrey Rogers (Nurse's Suite) ext: 105 email: [aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Technology Coordinators:**

Kerry Waugh-6th grade- email: [Kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:Kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us)

Michael Holmes-7th grade- email: [mailto:michael.holmes@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:mailto:michael.holmes@christina.k12.de.us)

Erik Evans-8th grade- email: [erik.evans@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:erik.evans@christina.k12.de.us)

## Gauger Cobbs Middle School Dress code-Repeated

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



- 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. Katie Luna and Ms. Aubrey Rogers 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.**

[kathleen.luna@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:kathleen.luna@christina.k12.de.us)

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[aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:aubrey.rogers@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>

## Checking Your Student's Academic Progress

Though many parents use the Home Access Center (HAC) to check their student's academic progress, **Schoology** is another great place to look. The student's teacher can provide you with an **access code** to get into the school page for the class. Please **email** your child's teacher for the access code for the class that you want to view. The code can then be sent to you via email.

## [STAFF DIRECTORY](#)

Please click [here](#) to access the Schoology Grades Reference Guide For Parents. Once you access your student's Schoology courses, you will be able to check their progress. This includes whether or not assignments have been submitted, if a grade has been changed and if there is a rubric, etc.

## Technology Support

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

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## 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.

## 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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