

# Cobra Highlights

September 20, 2024



## September Newsletter

Hello Gauger Cobbs Cobra Families:

I hope this message finds you doing well. We are off to an excellent start for the school year and we are looking forward to serving your student this school year. I will try to be brief in the newsletters and will send out bi-weekly communications or any additional communications as needed. We have a lot going on each day but I wanted to share some updates below that I think would be helpful.

If you would like to check on your student's progress, please make sure you 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"?

- [CLICK HERE TO ACCESS HAC](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at 302-454-2358. As you enjoy these remaining weeks of summer, know that we are excited about another great year of pursuing our Mission and Vision.

**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.

Have a great evening,

Sean Mulrine Sr.  
Principal  
Gauger Cobbs Middle School

## Calendars

**IMPORTANT Dates:** [\(CSD CALENDAR-CLICK HERE\)](#)

**Tuesday, September 23**-School Picture Day during MATH classes.

**Wednesday, September 25**-MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**October 3-4, 2024**-(Thursday and Friday) School Closed.

**October 7, 2024**- (Monday) Chromebooks will be delivered to students this week.

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## Open House-Wednesday, September 25 from 6-8 p.m.

Open House will take place on the evening of Wednesday September 25, 2024 and families will be able to visit all classes this evening.

Parents report to Advisory at 5:50-6:00 PM (Advisory)

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

Doors Open to parents and they report to Advisory.

- (A [template](#) will be provided to teachers for their kids to fill out for their parents)
- The parent gets the student schedule and the guardian fills out parent contact information via QR Code.

## School Pictures Day! Monday 9/23/24

Students must be in uniform as these photos will be in the Yearbook and on ID badges. Thank you for your assistance in making sure your child is in uniform. If you have any questions about Yearbook, please reach out to Ms. Helen Kim our Yearbook advisory.

[helen.kim@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:helen.kim@christina.k12.de.us)

# **PHOTO DAY** *is easy as 1,2,3*

**1** Visit ***Shop.LegacyStudios.com***

Online  
Code:

**4667F25**

**2** *Save the Date*

**9/23**

**3** *Smile!*

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## **HOW TO ACCESS YOUR UNDERCLASSMEN'S PORTRAITS**

If you'd like to view your  
school portraits, but don't  
have your online code, visit:



**[www.LegacyFindMyCode.com](http://www.LegacyFindMyCode.com)**

Questions? Ask our photo providers at ***ask.LegacyStudios.com***





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**Technology agreement-  
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**Technology agreement-  
SPANISH**



## Troubleshooting Chromebooks



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**Chromebooks How To Links.pdf**

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## How to track your students bus?

### Transportation

#### [Where's the Bus - Real-Time Bus Tracking App](#)

- Christina School District school buses are equipped with GPS technology that will let parents know precisely when their child's bus will arrive at the bus stop and help our Transportation Department efficiently manage our bus fleet.

WheresTheBus is a user-friendly school bus tracking system that will precisely identify where the student's assigned bus is and when it will arrive at his/her assigned bus stop. The WheresTheBus app means peace of mind for parents providing up-to-the-minute ETAs to eliminate the stress of uncertainty.

We are encouraging our parents to try this exciting new technology, as we continually strive to provide the best possible transportation service. Parents will be provided information to

create an account to sign up.

- <https://www.christinak12.org/Page/5224>

# TRANSPORTATION

**NEW**

## Wheres TheBus™

Why Wonder?

### NEW SCHOOL BUS TRACKING APP

Real-Time Bus Arrival Information



**CHRISTINA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Questions?

Transportation Dispatch

Hours:

5:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Please call **(302) 454-2281,**  
**ext. 1** for assistance.

## **PBS Corner**

Students will earn Cobra cash for doing the right thing in school.

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.

## **SEPTEMBER FOCUS:**

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

## **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 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



## 24-25 Grading Schedule Timelines (1).xlsx

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## 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.

## Notes from our Nurse

<https://www.christinak12.org/Domain/1981>

It is our nursing team's goal to partner with you and the staff at Gauger Cobbs Middle School to keep your students healthy, safe and ready to learn. Please make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast each morning. We do offer breakfast each morning in school as well. If possible, please send your student to school with a personal water bottle.

Nutrition and hydration play a huge role in keeping your student healthy & on task in school. Our nursing team **can be reached directly by phone#454-2358 ext: 105.**

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL

Students who are entering Gauger Cobbs Middle School as a first time student to a Delaware Public School **must have a physical exam (within 2 years), up to date immunizations, and TB risk screening (within 1 year) submitted to the school nurse. This is a Delaware law; if noncompliant, your student will be excluded from school until the documents are received.**

## Medication

Christina School District guidelines regarding medication: **All medication must be brought to school and picked up from school by a parent/guardian.** All medication must be in the original container and prescription medication must be labeled for your student. This is a state law; therefore, noncompliance will result in your student not receiving the medication at school.

Asthma/Allergies/Seizures/Diabetes

Documents can be downloaded from <https://www.christinak12.org/Domain/1981>

Action plans are required to be updated yearly by their physician. All students with known diagnosis of asthma, allergies, seizures, or diabetes should have their inhalers/nebulizers, Epi-Pens/Auvi-Q, Diastat, insulin and any other needed supplies brought into the nurse's office prior to the start of school by parent/guardian please.

### **Health Screenings**

Orthopedic (postural/gait/scoliosis) screenings will be given to all Gauger Cobbs Middle School students. Vision & hearing screenings will be given to all 7th graders. These screenings will be completed at the beginning of the school year. If your student fails their screenings, we will mail home a letter recommending an evaluation by their physician.

### **Illness/Sickness**

All students going home due to a health issue must be evaluated by a school nurse first. The school nurse will contact the parent/guardian and the student will be sent home from the school nurse's office. Students should not text/call/email their parents asking to be picked up from school. Use of their personal cell phone is in conflict with the code of conduct.

Aubrey Rogers, RN

Christy Chester, RN

### **Sports information**

Get INVOLVED! The Fall Sports Season has kicked off and we have Boy's soccer and Cross Country practicing right now.

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

Boy's Soccer: Ashley Garner (email: [ashley.garner@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:ashley.garner@christina.k12.de.us))

Boy's Cross Country: Tarik Robinson Jr. (email: [tarik.robinsonjr@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:tarik.robinsonjr@christina.k12.de.us))

Girl's Cross County: Brittany Kilgoe (email: [brittany.kilgoe@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:brittany.kilgoe@christina.k12.de.us))

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

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



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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.

## 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Bell Schedule



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

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## 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](#)

## Special Education Credential Letter



**TeacherCredential Letter FY24.pdf**

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## School Counselor of the Year Nominations are Open!

Dear Educators, Students and Families,

Do you know an exceptional school counselor? Of course you do! There are lots of them, but has one made a significant impact on you, your child or maybe the school where you work? Now is the time to recognize and reflect on how school counselors impact and promote the academic and social emotional growth of students as they prepare to become citizens of the 21st century.

Would you like to honor a school counselor who has gone above and beyond the regular duties of their job, as they plan and implement programs and activities that make a difference for the students, families and communities in Delaware? In appreciation of our school counselors' invaluable contributions, the DSCA Board is now accepting nominations for our Delaware School Counselor of the Year Award.

Nominating a school counselor is easy and a school counselor only needs **ONE nomination** in order to be part of the process. Please use and share the link below:

[DE School Counselor of the Year Nomination Form 2024-2025](#)

**The deadline for nominations is Nov. 4, 2024**

All nominees will be notified of their nomination(s) after the deadline date and will be provided with information about the next step in the process.

It is important to note that this award is different from the State of Delaware Behavioral Health Professional of the Year Award. School counselors are eligible for both awards, but each is overseen by different entities and has different requirements. The attached chart outlines some of those similarities and differences.

Feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested in nominating a school counselor. If you have any questions, contact Jodi DaCosta, [jodi.dacosta@mydsca.org](mailto:jodi.dacosta@mydsca.org) or [\(302\) 722-7118](tel:3027227118).

Sincerely,

Nicole Cox & Jodi DaCosta

DSCA Professional Recognition CO-Chairs

**School Counselor of the Year vs. Behavioral Health Professional of the Year Comparison**  
**DSCA**

**School Counselor of the Year Award**

**State of Delaware**

**Behavioral Health Professional of the Year Award**

- Process is managed and overseen by the Delaware School Counselor Association.
- Only School Counselors can be nominated.
- The nominee must hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in Guidance and Counseling and be certified as a school counselor by the State of Delaware.
- The nominee must be a full-time practicing school counselor at the time the individual is nominated and must have completed at least five years of service as a school counselor in a PreK-12 setting.
- The nominee must be employed by a school/school district.
- The nominee must be a current member of the Delaware School Counselor Association.
- Three finalists are selected from the nominees who completed the nomination requirements. They are announced at the annual Celebration and Recognition Dinner in February.
- Delaware SCOY Winner is announced at the DSCA Spring Conference.
- Delaware SCOY Winner is nominated for the ASCA School Counselor of the Year Award.
- Finalists each receive \$500
- The School Counselor of the Year receives an additional \$1,000
- Process is managed and overseen by the Delaware Department of Education.
- Eligible candidates are school employees whose position is health care practitioner or social or human services provider who offers services for the purpose of improving an individual's mental health such as: school counselors; social workers; licensed clinical social workers; school psychologists; and school nurses.
- The nominee must be employed by a school/school district or charter school.
- Each school district in the state selects one individual as their District Behavioral Health Professional of the Year. One nominee shall represent all of the Charter Schools.
- All the Districts' BHP of the year will be nominated for the State of Delaware BHP of the Year award.

- State of Delaware BHP of the Year is selected annually through a process developed by DDOE.
- Individuals who are chosen Behavioral Health Professional of the Year for their respective school districts will be awarded \$2,000.
- The individual who is chosen state Behavioral Health Professional of the Year shall be awarded \$3,000 in addition to the district level award.

## 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](mailto:tywania.spicer@christina.k12.de.us)
- 7th grade (Adam Mayer) [adam.mayer@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:adam.mayer@christina.k12.de.us)
- 8th grade (Jeffrey Frampton) [jeffrey.frampton@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:jeffrey.frampton@christina.k12.de.us)

### Guidance:

- 6th grade (Amber Schneider) [amber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:amber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us)
- 7th grade (Andrew Feldmann) [andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us)
- 8th grade (Kristin Jeanne) [kristin.jeanne@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:kristin.jeanne@christina.k12.de.us)

- **Attendance Concerns:** the secretaries in the main office or our visiting teacher (Dawn Jackson)
- **Medical Concern:** The school nurse is Ms. Aubrey Rogers ([aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us)) or 302-454-2358 ext: 105
- **Concern about Special Education:**
  - Ms. Colleen Konkle [colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us) (7th grade)(6th grade A-K)
  - Ms. Karyn Treibly [karyn.treibly@christina.k12.de.us](mailto: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](mailto:dionne.avant@christina.k12.de.us)
- 7th grade 8th grade-Dr. Edward Avinger 454-2358 (ext.: 121) [edward.avinger@christina.k12.de.us](mailto: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](#)



