

# Gauger Cobbs Newsletter

December 23, 2022-Holiday Edition

## Principal's Message

Good Evening Gauger Families,

I don't have a lot to report right now as we are winding down for the winter holiday. However, I want to wish everyone a relaxing, safe, and joyous holiday season! Additionally, I pray that we have a great 2023, and I look forward to ringing in another year. I want to say that I am so thankful for all of the wonderful students, and staff that we have in our school. As a school staff, we appreciate your support of our building, and we look forward to a great second half of the school year when we return in January. Happy New Year to all!

### **A few things ahead:**

As we start school in January, we will be focusing on Smarter Balanced test questions in both Math, and ELA to start each class. As many of you are aware, we recently gave your child a letter that had scores from last year's test. The letter had the student's scale scores as well as their performance level (PL level). The scale scores have a range set by the state and the students then fall into a PL level from 1-4. (1-lowest, 4-highest) The Smarter Balanced is primarily how we receive our report card as a school from the State of DE, and we want our kids to do well. That said, it is really important to understand that the rating system is based on "Growth" versus "Proficiency". Therefore, any growth attained by a child is where we want them to be as we move into the school year and testing season.

Additionally, in the coming weeks, we will be recommending some of our students for additional support in an after-school tutoring program that is slated to have transportation. We will have limited slots for the tutoring programming, and we will be communicating with those families. Students will be required to attend the sessions from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and a parent permission slip will be required for the student to stay after school.

Outside of this tutoring, 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](#)

As some are aware, the Christina School District put out communication for "Tuesday tours" and we welcome anyone from the community to come into the building to tour with an escort. However, we don't allow anyone from the public in our classrooms due to security concerns. If you would like to take a tour of the building with an administrator, please fill out the attached form:

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

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

Sincerely,

Sean Mulrine

Principal

Gauger Cobbs Middle School

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## How to interpret the Smarter Balanced results from last year!

Below is an example of a letter that was for a 6th-grade student.

If you look at the example below you will see Math Score: XXXX and your student will have a scale score.

The Performance level is the PL level 1-4. Keep in mind that this test was taken last year so the scale score will be based on the grade level that your child was in the previous year. The purpose of the letter is to make sure that your child knows where they fell on the scale score for their grade level and we want them to continue to work hard this school year to improve their score.

December 16, 2022

Dear Student: John Doe

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 Smarter balanced testing window in the [Spring](#). It is important that you know how you how you performed on the Smarter Balanced Test in 6<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2021-2022.

Please know that students in the State of DE and our school [are judged](#) on how they grow each year on the Smarter Balanced test. We want to do our best so please review your scale scores as well as your PL level. Let us set a goal to do better this testing season.

Math Score: XXXX

Performance level (1-4): Level X

Mathematics				
Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
5	<2455	2455-2527	2528-2578	>2578
6	<2473	2473-2551	2552-2609	>2609
7	<2484	2484-2566	2567-2634	>2634

Thank you for reviewing your scores.

Sean Mulrine

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PBS corner

January Focus: Kindness to our fellow students

We love to reward our students for great behavior and for doing the right thing each day. We will have several drawings in the month of January. So let's continue to earn that Cobra Cash!

## Calendar of Events

12/22/22 through 1/2/23-Schools closed (Winter Break)

1/3/23-Schools reopen

1/16/23-MLK holiday (No school)

1/26/23-End of MP 2

2/9/23-Report cards sent home and loaded to HAC




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for athletic events!**

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[christinak12.org/athletics](https://christinak12.org/athletics)

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## Gauger Sports Corner

- 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)

Boy's Basketball Coach: Tarik Robinson

He can be reached at [Tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:Tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us)

Girl's Basketball Coach: Gail Morris

She can be reached at [Gail.Morris@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:Gail.Morris@christina.k12.de.us)

Cheerleading Coach: Anya MacKenzie

She can be reached at [ANYA.MCKENZIE@CHRISTINA.K12.DE.US](mailto:ANYA.MCKENZIE@CHRISTINA.K12.DE.US)

## Who to contact?

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

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### **Grade Level Secretaries:**

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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: please contact the acting assistant principal.

Andy Feldmann at [andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us) or at 454-2358 ext. 121

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

### **Dean Assignments:**

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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:**

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### **Counselor Assignments:**

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

### **Social worker:**

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### **School Psychologist:**

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### **Visiting Teacher:**

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### **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:**

Tyonna Brooks (fishbowl) ext: 120 email: [tyonna.brooks@christina.k12.de.us](mailto:tyonna.brooks@christina.k12.de.us)

### **Communities in Schools:**

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### **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:**

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

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# 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.

Please see our teacher directory at this link to email any of our staff.

### [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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## DIAA Sports Physical FORM



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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.

## Bell Schedule



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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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