Gauger Cobbs Family News

Week of April 12, 2021

Gauger Cobbs Middle School Updates

Good Evening Gauger Families,

I hope everyone is doing well over this Spring Break and hopefully had a chance to relax with your family. What a crazy year this has been for all involved with education, including our parents and guardians. For those that know me, I have five children and it has been a struggle at home for my family too. I am hopeful we will be back to some sense of normalcy very soon as a school system and as a nation.

As a reminder, we have now entered the 4th Marking Period for the 2020-2021 school year with summer on the horizon. It is important that we finish out the school year strong and that we remain committed to delivering instruction for the final 9 weeks of school.

As a follow-up, the district has communicated with families about offering students an opportunity to do additional days of Hybrid Learning over the past month. We remain committed to delivering instruction to our Virtual Academy students and we will not change our instructional model for our students. For students in the Virtual Academy, they will remain working remotely through the end of the school year. Parents who would like to increase the number of days that their child attends should make a request to the grade level guidance counselor. We will look at transportation and room capacity to make a determination on the parent's request.

Support staff

• You can reach your guidance counselor, dean, or support staff by clicking the link below.

Click here.

VERY IMPORTANT: (See Calendar and Schedule below)

- As of this week, we have collapsed the Wednesday "Asynchronous-Not Live" model, and students are expected to attend ALL of their classes remotely via Zoom link on Wednesdays.
- Learning for ALL students will be done remotely on Wednesdays but the difference is that it will be live instruction and not Asynchrous work.
- We will continue to offer office hours for additional student support as has been the case for the entire school year.

Sean Mulrine Principal Gauger Cobbs Middle School

Report Cards

- Grades were posted on April 1st at 4:30 p.m. to our HAC system.
- Please make sure you review the <u>HAC system</u> to check for your child's attendance and MP3 report card. If you don't have your password, please contact the main office to get a reset password.
- If you see an error or mistake, please first reach out to the teacher on the schedule. If you should need further assistance, please contact the guidance counselor or grade level administrator.

Honor Roll MP3

Certificates have been mailed home for our Honor and Distinguished Honor Roll groups. We are
so proud of the efforts that many of our students have made during this pandemic. Kudos to the
students who have earned honors! We are acknowledging the student via the announcements in
the morning and some of our grade level teachers are setting up virtual Honor Roll Assemblies.
Great job!

Summer School or Extended School Year

- School Counselors and teachers will be sending home failure notices and information to families
 regarding summer expectations. If a child has failed ELA for the school year, they must attend
 Summer School or face the possibility of being retained.
- We will also communicate our Math, Science, and Social Studies failures to our families and we
 expect our students to participate in summer learning if they have failed any of their core subjects
 for the school year.
- Communications will be sent out in the coming weeks for summer school and extended school year to our families.

Technology

- We have received Chromebook protection cases for all of our students and they will be distributed this upcoming week.
- Please make sure you child is charging their device each night so that it has a full charge upon arrival to school.
- If your child is in need of a device or support, please let your grade-level technology coordinator know ASAP.

Bark Alerts

• See the parent letter attached from our district. Please note the important information regarding this monitoring tool that runs in the background of all student devices 24 hours a day/7 days a week. If a student searches for anything that is considered self-harm, suicide, sexual in nature, bullying, etc. you will receive an email or phone call depending on the nature of the situation.

Attendance

- Please make sure your child is attending school each day. If you receive a phone call about your student being absent that is because the student missed all or some periods for the entire day. If they are doing the work at a different time outside of the scheduled class hours, it will be listed as Present Asynchronous (PA). If they are physically in the class at Gauger, it will be listed as Present Hybrid (PH) or Present Synchronous (PS) via online session. Please note attendance is expected to be taken each period, each day for all students and the attendance will be listed in HAC attendance. If you have any concerns, please let our team know right away!
- We are now sending phone notifications for individual classes that were missed and we
 encourage you to reach out to the teacher or office if there is a question about a student's
 attendance.
- You can also view the attendance on <u>HOME ACCESS CENTER</u> and if you don't have a link, you can
 contact your grade level counselor or the main office to get a password reset. (See contact lists
 below in the "Old News" section.
- If you feel that we have made an error, please first reach out to the teacher first and it can be corrected by the teacher. If not, please notify the main office at 302-454-2358, so that the attendance can be corrected on our end.

Sports

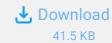
- All students are eligible if they have a DIAA physical on file with the nurse and passing their classes for the 3rd marking period.
- DIAA physicals can be obtained via this link or in the main office.
- Spring Track Practice will start on Monday, April 12th after school starting at 2:30 pm and will go until 4:30 pm.
- Transportation will be provided for all students who participate if they are not CHOICE students.
- If there are any questions, you can email Monica Wise at monica.wise@christina.k12.de.us.

State Testing

- We will begin Smarter Balanced testing the week of 4/26 in both Math and ELA. The teachers will share more information with your student. The testing will be shorter this year and will NOT count towards students or school's accountability at the state level.
- Students will also take DESSA Science and DESSA Social Studies in their Science and Social Studies classes.
- Parents wishing to opt-out of state testing should send an email to
 <u>Leatrice.Hill@christina.k12.de.us</u> or the school testing coordinator and CC:
 <u>Sean.mulrine@christina.k12.de.us</u> and the subject should be opt-out of state testing.



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Cohort A Face-to-Face (F2F) Instruction Cohort B/C/CSDVA zoom in		ALL STUDENTS Wedn	S VIRTUAL- nesday	Cohort B Face-to-Face (F2F) Instruction Cohort A/C/CSDVA zoom in		
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8:50-9:50	Block 2**	Zoom Lesson instruction. *5	for full day of	8:50-9:50	Block 2**	
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11:00-12:00	Block 4**	Rota	ition.	11:00-12:00	Block 4**	
12:00-12:15	Grab and go Bus Dismissal			12:00-12:15	Grab and go Bus Dismissal	
12:20-12:50	Staff Lunch	12:20-12:50	Staff Lunch	12:20-12:50	Staff Lunch	
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1:45-2:05	Block 3-Office Hours	1:45-2:05	Block 3-Office Hours	1:45-2:05	Block 3-Office Hours	
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April Calendar PDF-CLICK HERE

CLICK HERE FOR THE APRIL CALENDAR

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Calendar

Calendar:

<u>Christina School District 2020-2021 School Calendar</u> (Traditional School Year)

- CSD district calendar can be found at this link: click here
- School Closed-Memorial Day May 31st
- June 3-End of MP 4
- · June 4-School Closed-Grading/PD day
- June 14-Last Student Day

Old News

8th-grade Scheduling

- See the course catalog for our District High Schools. Click here: Course Catalog
- High School Groups were made in Schoology and students been invited and they may need to accept the invitation.
- Ms. Schneider will be in contact with your student to assist with the 8th-grade scheduling. If you
 have any questions about scheduling, please reach out to Amber Schneider (8th-grade counseloramber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us) or Robert Jefferson (8th grade AdministratorRobert.jefferson@christina.k12.de.us).

COVID Testing and information

https://www.christinak12.org/CovidTesting

Information on Antigen Testing can be found here: <u>click the link</u> SIGN UP FOR ANTIGEN TESTING AT GAUGER: Fill Out the form

Technology Update:

If you still need a device, you should contact the grade-level technology coordinator.

If you have any questions or still need a device, please email the grade-level technology coordinator below.

Need help with your device or having an issue with technology: Fill out this form and detail your needs: <u>Technology Assistance form.</u>

We have deployed our Chromebooks to students who are in need of a device.

6th grade: Kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us
7th grade: Krista.varnes@christina.k12.de.us
8th grade: Erik.evans@christina.k12.de.us

Support staff

You can reach your guidance counselor, dean, or support staff by clicking the link below. Click here.

Cafeteria/Food Services: (Click here for more information on food services)

Students in the school will be given breakfast and lunch. For students who are either at home, in the virtual academy or any other person under 18, please see a listing of food service options.

Transportation:

Please remember that your child will need to wear a mask to ride the bus that they are assigned. Questions about the bus number or information should be directed to our school secretaries at 302-454-2357 or district transportation can be reached at 302-454-2281, press zero for dispatch.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to serve your child. Have a great day!

Sean Mulrine

Principal
Gauger Cobbs Middle School





DIAA 2020-21 Preparticipation Physical Form Packet final rv 7-16-20.pdf

