Principal's Message

Good Evening Gauger Families,

Happy New Year to our Gauger Cobbs Families! It is hard to believe we are already into 2024! I hope everyone is having a great start to the new year.

I have a few updates listed below that I want to share with our families. I wanted to draw attention to the “Synchronous-LIVE ZOOM” schedule below so please review this in the event that we are out...
due to snow.
As you are aware, we are nearing the end of Marking Period 2 so that means that the mid-point of the school year is just around the corner.
It is very important that your child stays on top of their "Summative" assessment grades as they account for 70% of the student’s grade. The other portion of the grade is "Formative" and that accounts for 30% of the student’s grade. An example of a summative grade is a unit test or a large project. A formative assessment grade is typically a quiz or some type of classwork assignment. All formatives should help with mastery of the content and lead to student mastery when students complete their summative assessments. Please keep in mind that we have a test/retest policy and that your child should ask or work with their teacher to get an opportunity to retest if they haven’t done well on the summative assignment.
I encourage families to speak with their children about their grades and to make contact with any teacher via Home Access Center or Schoology if they have any concerns.
We will begin our new marking period rotation after the marking period ends.

**MP 3 rotation (Starts 1/30/24)**
- Advisory (7:00-8:10 a.m.)
- Block 4 (8:13-9:23 a.m.)
- Block 1 (9:26-10:36 a.m.)
- Block 3 (10:40-12:40 p.m.)
- Block 2 (12:43-1:55 p.m.)

**Honor Roll Assemblies**
We will be recognizing our Marking Two Honor Roll students on the following dates:
2/16/24-ALL GRADES
- 6th grade Presentation at 7:15-8:00 a.m.
- 7th grade Presentation at 8:15-9:00 a.m.
- 8th grade Presentation at 9:15-10:00 a.m.

**Black History Month**
We will be celebrating "Black History Month" starting February 1st and each day we will be recognizing a person who has helped shape America.

**Parent Conferences**
Conferences will be coming up on **2/12/24** and our teaching team will be reaching out to families to schedule conferences over the next couple of weeks.

- We will be doing conferences in-person meetings and in some cases via Zoom.
- Failures will take priority when considering conferences.
- If you are interested in a conference, please reach out to the teacher of record.
- More information will be sent to families regarding the scheduling of conferences.

**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](#)

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

I wanted to communicate with our team in the event of inclement weather or a need to go virtual next week. Please note that “Snow” is in the forecast for Tuesday at this time. 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, 2,4,3,1
- Attendance will be taken for ALL students.

**Communication Plan: (SIGN UP FOR ALERTS)**

Parent and Student Communication:
- School’s snow day policies and where to find updates. ([CSD School Closings and Announcements](#))
### Gauger Cobbs Middle School

**Synchronous Learning Schedule**

**7:00AM - 2:30PM**

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<th>Time</th>
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<td>7:00-8:00 am</td>
<td><strong>Teacher Planning Period</strong> - Making/ Posting content for the day; posting assignments</td>
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<td>8:00-1:05 pm</td>
<td><strong>Schools/ Programs with 4 Class Periods:</strong> 3, 70 + 1, 60 minute blocks in the day; RTI/intervention/etc is pushed in to support Tier 1 instruction; provides 5 minutes of time between classes</td>
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<td>1:05-1:35</td>
<td><strong>Lunch Break</strong></td>
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<td>1:40-2:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Staff Office Hours:</strong> Teachers available for help on email/ Schoology, students completing assignments asynchronously</td>
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**Calendar of Events**

- 1/15/24-MLK DAY-NO SCHOOL
- 1/16/24-Student Site Meeting
- 1/25/24-End of MP 2
- 1/26/24-No School. Professional Development/Grading Day
- 1/29/24-No school. Professional Development Day
- 2/8/24-Report cards sent home in person and loaded to HAC by 4 p.m.
- 2/12/24-Parent Conferences (more information will be forthcoming)
- 2/14/24-PBIS Valentine's Skating Party at Christiana Skating Center
- 2/16/24-Honor Roll MP2 Assemblies
- 2/19/24-No School. Presidents Day
- 3/27/24-6th-8th grade Sneaker Ball (6-8 p.m.) 20CC/$11 cash
- May(late) 8th grade Dinner Dance(TBD)
- 6/10/24-8th grade Move up
- 6/11/24-8th grade field trip to Hershey Park

**PBS focus for January**

Our focus for our school-wide drawings will be on Positive Interactions for the remainder of the month of January! 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. We will be drawing names during lunches and rewarding our winners with prizes at the end of the month (January).

**Valentine's Day Dance (Sponsored by Student Council)**

Date: TBD  
Time: 6-8 p.m.  
**Requirements to enter:**

The key to entering the door of excitement is having a Passing Report Card for the 2nd marking period.  
Requirement: C average or better.  
There will be music DJ’d and some good eats and fun.  

The marking period is ending, so focus on your missing work and or test retakes for a great end of the 2nd Marking Period.  
Stay tuned for more details to come.

**Gauger Sports Corner**  
We are heading into the final games of the basketball season and we appreciate the efforts of our student-athletes. Let's finish up strong!

Are you interested in playing a Spring Sport? Spring Sports begin on February 26.  
**Spring Sports: February 26th, 2024**  
- Girl's Soccer  
- Boy's & Girl's Track  
Keep in my that you need to have a physical on file with the nurse. Please get this done before the first day of practice!

No student shall stay for the game without a ticket and a guardian.  
- The sports schedule can be found here: [https://www.gaugermiddlesports.com/](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 (Athletic Director)  
- **PURCHASE TICKETS**  
Boy's Basketball Coach: Tarik Robinson  
He can be reached at Tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us

Girl's Basketball Coach: Gail Morris  
She can be reached at Gail.Morris@christina.k12.de.us

Cheerleading Coach: Anya MacKenzie
Who to contact?

**Principal's secretary:**
Patty Landreth- ext: 103 email: patricia.landreth@christina.k12.de.us

**Grade Level Secretaries:**
Alyce Derr-ext: 101 email: alyce.derr@christina.k12.de.us
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**Assistant Principals:**
(6th grade & 7th grade)
Edward Avinger email: edward.avinger@christina.k12.de.us or at 454-2358 ext. 121

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

**Dean Assignments:**
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**School Resources Officer:**
Delaware State Trooper Cpl. Nicholas Giakas (Auditorium Hallway) ext: 308 email: nicholas.giakas@christina.k12.de.us

**Counselor Assignments:**
Andy Feldmann-6th grade-(Fishbowl) ext: 116 email: andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us
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Karyn Treibley- 7th grade(Ed suite) ext:126 email: mailto:karyn.treibley@christina.k12.de.us
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Behavioral Health Consultant:
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School Nurse:
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Christy Chester (Nurse's Suite) ext:332 email: kristy.chester@christina.k12.de.us

Technology Coordinators:
Kerry Waugh- email: Kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us
Caitlin Adams- email: Caitlin.adams@christina.k12.de.us
Dawn Jackson- email: Dawn.jackson@christina.k12.de.us

ACCESS TESTING
Notices for ACCESS TESTING are being sent home with our eligible students. This test is for ELL students and is required by the State of DE for all students who have been identified as ELL.

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
Download
84.5 KB

Student Manual
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. 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: LINK

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

**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.

**DIAA Sports Physical FORM**

https://education.delaware.gov/diaa/

![2023-24-DIAA-Athletic-Physical-and-Consent-Forms.pdf](Download 613.4 KB)

**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
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

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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