# **Gauger Cobbs Newsletter**

November 11, 2022

# Principal's Message

Good Evening Gauger Families,

I hope everyone has had a great work week and I am thankful to serve as your child's principal. We are off to a great second marking period and I appreciate your continued support. As we celebrate Veteran's Day, I want to thank all of those veterans who have served our great nation. I know I appreciate my freedom as an American!

I just have a few things to share with our families.

- **Family Fun Night**-We are excited to invite our families to Gauger Cobbs Middle School on *Thursday, November 17, 2022, for a fun-filled event from 6-8 p.m.* We will have free pizzas and drinks available. We have ordered pizzas so bring your student and family out for some fun and games. We look forward to seeing everyone who can come out to this event.
- **Sports tryouts** for basketball are being held the week of 11/14 after school. We have boy's and girl's basketball as well as Cheerleading.
- Winter Concerts. 6th grade on Monday, November 14, 2022, from 7-8 p.m. The 7/8th grade concert is Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 7-8 p.m. Please come out and support our students!
- **Parent Conferences** are not being held as they have been in the past years. Our teachers have been reaching out to struggling students' families and we have been conferencing during the month of November. However, if you have any concerns about your child, please contact your teacher to set up a conference or zoom meeting. All students are off the entire week of November 21st.
- End of MP 1-the end of the marking period has ended and we will be sending home a paper copy of the report card the week of 11/17. You will be able to view the report card on 11/18 via HAC. If you need help with HAC, please contact the main office or a guidance counselor (grade level listed below).
- Reminder: Tutoring is still available through "BACK TO BASICS" a vendor. If interested, please fill out the form at the following link and you will be contacted via the vendor for further support.

#### <u>Back To Basics Link</u>

• Nominate a School counselor for counselor of the school year. see below.

Thank you again for your support and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

### Calendar of Events

11/11-No School-Veterans' Day

11/14-6th grade Winter Concert 7-8 p.m.

11/14-Winter Sports tryouts begin

11/16-7/8th grade Winter Concert 7-8 p.m.

11/16-Family fun night. All families are invited to our November fun night from 6-8 p.m. Free pizza and games will take place on this evening.

11/18-Report Cards uploaded to HAC and sent home with students.

11/21-11/25 Thanksgiving Break

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# Gauger Sports Corner

- Tryouts for winter sports begin the week of 11/14.
- The sports schedule can be found here. <u>https://www.gaugermiddlesports.com/</u>
- 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 <u>Monica.wise@christina.k12.de.us</u> or Kevin Davis at <u>kevin.davis@christina.k12.de.us</u>(Athletic Directors)

Boy's Basketball Coach: Tarik Robinson

He can be reached at <u>Tarik.robinson@christina.k12.de.us</u>

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

Cheerleading Coach: Anya MacKenzie She can be reached at <u>ANYA.MCKENZIE@CHRISTINA.K12.DE.US</u>

For information on schedules, click here:

### Delaware School Counselor of the Year Nominations

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 following link. Delaware School Counselor of the Year Nomination Form (click here) The deadline for nominations is December 5, 2022.

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.

### **PBS** corner

November- Focus: On time to class Winter Dance 12/9 from 6-8 p.m.

See attached flyer.

### Go Guardian-Monitoring

Please remind your student that when they are using their school-issued devices that a program is always running in the background and monitors all activity. It is essential for students to know that the devices are for school usage only and should not be used to look up anything that would be deemed inappropriate or unsafe during the school day.

Please note that if a child types certain phrases or is looking up self-harm/suicide/ or anything that would result in potential harm to a student we will follow up with you. After hours the school district has contracted with a vendor to follow up on these critical situations after hours or on the weekend.

### 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: <u>alyce.derr@christina.k12.de.us</u> Betty Wilson-ext: 102 email: <u>betty.wilson@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### Assistant Principals:

6th grade and 7th grade: please contact the acting assistant principal. Andy Feldmann at <u>andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us</u> or at 454-2358 ext. 121

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

#### Dean Assignments:

Matthew Kelly-Grade 6 ext: 125 email: <u>matthew.kelly@christina.k12.de.us</u> Tywania Phillips-Grade 7 ext: 316 email:<u>tywania.spicer@christina.k12.de.us</u> Andy Grunow -Grade 8 ext: 231 email: <u>andrew.grunow@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### **School Resources Officer:**

Delaware State Trooper Cpl. Nicholas Giakas (Auditorium Hallway) ext: 308 email: <u>nicholas.giakas@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### **Counselor Assignments:**

Kristin Jeanne-6th grade-(Fishbowl)ext:123 email:<u>kristin.jeanne@christina.k12.de.us</u> Amber Schneider-7th grade-(Fishbowl) ext: 334 email: <u>amber.schneider@christina.k12.de.us</u> Andy Feldmann-8th grade-(Fishbowl) ext: 116 email:<u>andrew.feldmann@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### Social worker:

Gwendolyn Miles ext: 850 email: gwendolyn.miles@christina.k12.de.us

#### School Psychologist:

Amy Lowe-Office ext:119 email: amy.lowe@christina.k12.de.us

#### Visiting Teacher:

Dawn Jackson-Truancy (Principal Suite)ext:463 email: <u>dawn.jackson@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### **Educational Diagnosticians:**

Karyn Treibley- 6th grade(Ed suite) ext:126 email: <u>mailto:karyn.treibley@christina.k12.de.us</u> Laurie Gremminger-7th grade (ED suite) ext:462email:<u>laurie.gremminger@christina.k12.de.us</u> Colleen Konkle-8th grade (Ed suite)ext: 122 email: <u>colleen.konkle@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### **Behavioral Health Consultant:**

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

#### Communities in Schools:

Shakeya Carter ext: 307 email: <a href="mailto:shakeya.carter@christina.k12.de.us">shakeya.carter@christina.k12.de.us</a>

#### School Nurse:

Kathleen Luna (Nurse's Suite) ext:105 email: <u>kathleen.luna@christina.k12.de.us</u> Aubrey Rogers (Nurse's Suite) ext: 105 email: <u>aubrey.rogers@christina.k12.de.us</u>

#### **Technology Coordinators:**

Kerry Waugh-6th grade- email: Kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us

Michael Holmes-7th grade- email: <u>mailto:michael.holmes@christina.k12.de.us</u> Erik Evans-8th grade- email: <u>erik.evans@christina.k12.de.us</u>

### 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: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

### **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: <u>LINK</u>

Nurse's Email and phone numbers. kathleen.luna@christina.k12.de.us 302-454-2358 ext: 103 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. <u>https://www.christinak12.org/attendance</u>

### **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 <u>here</u> 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: <u>CLICK HERE</u>.
- <u>Technology Coordinators:</u>

Kerry Waugh-6th grade- email: <u>Kerry.waugh@christina.k12.de.us</u> Michael Holmes-7th grade- email: <u>michael.holmes@christina.k12.de.us</u> Erik Evans-8th grade- email: <u>erik.evans@christina.k12.de.us</u>

### **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: <u>https://hac.doe.k12.de.us/HomeAccess/</u> 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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