

Remote Learning Begins on Monday, April 6, 2020

Hello Gauger-Cobbs Middle School Families and Students,

I wanted to send a communication to families and I hope that this email finds all of you safe and healthy. Gauger Cobbs Middle School Staff has been working diligently to learn new technology, adapt and design new opportunities for learning, and convert current curriculum to an online format.

It is important that both you and your student review this email, our website, and your teachers' Schoology page for important information. We will also utilize other communication vehicles, as well, to distribute this information.

Additional information regarding end of year information will be communicated as soon as a decision is rendered by the Christina District Office in coordination with guidance from the Governor's Office and Delaware Department of Education.

Remote Learning will begin on Monday, April 6th and continue until schools are scheduled to reopen on Monday, May 18th. Instruction will be delivered via Schoology, Zoom, and other electronic platforms to provide students with a mix of review and new learning content. For those students unable to access technology, printed learning materials will be available every Wednesday at the five meal distribution sites.

This is new to us all. We are all moving forward with the intent of trying our best. We have no doubt that there will be additional communications as we work through the first few weeks of remote learning. Please be patient and mindful of our efforts to provide your student with our best attempt at teaching in this new way.

Regards,

Gauger-Cobbs Middle School Administrative Team

Marking Period 3

Third marking period grades will be calculated as of the last day we were in session, March 13th. Grades will only be counted on the work submitted as of that date. Students will not be responsible for any assignment due after March 13th as part of the third marking period grade and there will be no opportunity for students to make up work. Specific questions regarding grades and assignments should be directed to your student's teacher. Student grades will be available on Home Access Center on 4/9 by close of business. If you have any additional questions or comments, please reach out to the grade level guidance counselor listed below. If you would like to login to HAC: <https://www.christinak12.org/Page/351>

Gauger Cobbs Middle School Remote Learning Plan Schedule **(9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**

Teachers will communicate the times of lesson via email or Schoology. In some cases, teachers will post the lesson on Schoology and students will be able to work independently or they will provide direct instruction via Zoom. (please make contact with the teacher directly for any questions, if you don't get an answer, please reach out to an administrator at email listed below.) Additionally, each teacher will communicate their office hours to families for their classes.

April 6th will be a "Gold Day"

6	7	8	9
Yellow	Blue	Yellow	Blue

Time	Periods
9:30	Block One
10:30	Block Two
11:30	Block Three
12:30	Lunch
2:00	Block Four
4:00	End of School Day

Academic Feedback

Teachers will utilize the eSchool Gradebook during this time of remote learning. Students will be provided feedback, however, the assigned work will not be graded and the work completed during the remote learning time period will not impact a student's GPA.

Teachers will enter participation, assignments, and activities into the gradebook. The assignment will earn one of three comments:

- X - The student was not involved in remote learning for this activity
- 1 - The student participated in an aspect of the remote learning activity but did not complete component(s) of the assignment
- 2 - The student participated in the remote learning activity and completed all elements of the assignment

Counselor and Dean contacts:

In addition to remote class time, educators will also maintain office hours. Staff members may be reaching out at different times via phone. Counselors, educational diagnosticians, psychologists, and the like may be utilizing the phone to provide additional contacts and services. It is possible that the phone number may show as a blocked call as many teachers may utilize the *67 option.

Although we are publishing formal class in office hours times, educators can always be contacted via Schoology, email, etc.

Zoom, Schoology, and General Video Conferencing Tips

During remote learning, specifically when Zoom or other live learning classroom tools are utilized, new expectations for students have been developed to support the best experience possible. These new expectations are also available in the accompanying email and on our website.

During remote learning, specifically when Zoom or other live learning classroom tools are utilized, please keep in mind:

- **Dress Code:** Please follow the same school dress code. Offensive or inappropriate clothing is still unacceptable.
- **Location:** Choose an appropriate setting; the kitchen, office or living room are examples of viable (good) options. Do not use a bedroom, bathroom, or dark location.
- **Background:** Be mindful of your background; check the area for inappropriate posters or items. Bright windows can be problematic when utilizing a digital camera. Additionally, be mindful of family members during this time.
- **Integrity:** Remember this is school. Be mindful of our language; do not take videos or snapshots of other people; do not post anything to social media; do not be text on your phones during live learning times.
- **Noise:** During live learning times your mic should be muted and all background noise should be minimized. No background music should be playing and any audible notifications should be turned off.
- **It's Still the Teacher's Classroom:** The teacher is still in charge. Any direction that your teacher gives is expected to be followed, in accordance with the District's Student Manual.

Gauger Cobbs Middle School- WHO TO CONTACT

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Thank you for your continued support!