



Thursday, November 19

GCMS Families:

We hope that everyone is doing well.

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Scheduling Reminder

Monday November 23 is a normal school day.

Tuesday November 24 will follow a Thursday schedule.

Wednesday November 25-27 are no-school days for Thanksgiving Break.

Top Catamount

The Top Catamount Winners for cycle 8 are Mr. Brown's UC Irvine for the gentlemen and the Sisters of Spelman of Ms. Hampton for the ladies. Congratulations on your win!

Male advisory runners up: Mr. Pruitt's Ohio State Buckeyes and the Wisconsin Badgers of Ms. Walker

Female advisory runners up: Ms. Martin's Howard Bison and the Purdue Pearls of Ms. Edmondson

Most improved: the Ohio State Buckeyes and Ms. Tippy's Columbia Lions

Special shout out to all 6th grade boys for sweeping the top advisory spots!

8th Grade Caps and Gowns

We will be conducting a socially distanced cap and gown photo day on Monday January 25, with a make-up day tentatively scheduled for March 8. The procedures and requirements for the day will be communicated in January.

Noble Schools Virtual Fair Week

The final day of the Noble Schools Virtual Fairs is today, November 19. The event will be in a panel format with representatives from Mansueto, Chicago Bulls, Rowe-Clark, GCCP, GCMS, and Rauner College Prep. To receive the meeting code for the event, you must email



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benoble@nobleschools.org or call (833)BE-NOBLE. For more information use this link- [Noble Schools Virtual Fair Week](#).

Yearbook Photos

We will need everybody's help to put together our yearbook for 2021. We are asking that scholars submit their photos to advisors following the guidelines on this document- [Virtual Yearbook Submissions](#). Photos must be submitted by November 30. Please direct your questions to khampton@garycomermiddleschool.org.

8th Grade Parents – GoCPS Registration

For all of our 8th grade parents: the GoCPS high school application system is live. If you have not yet activated your account or have not received your letter from CPS, we can help you with the information you need. Please reach out to Amy Agosta at aagosta@garycomermiddleschool.org. If you have forgotten your password, you will need to call the CPS Office of Access and Enrollment at 773.553.2060.

Mobile Medical Services

Every scholar must be up-to-date on the state-mandated vaccinations and physical examinations. If we have reached out to you regarding medical non-compliance, please contact khampton@garycomermiddleschool.org to arrange your next steps.

Enrollment for School Year 2020-2021

Do you love the work we're doing at Comer Middle? Want to share it with your family and friends with middle school-aged children? We have a handful of remaining seats for new 6th graders for this year. If you know anybody who would be interested, please refer them to our website at nobleschools.org/comermiddle or send them directly to our application online at [GCMS SY21 application \(online form\)](#) Incoming 7th and 8th graders may also complete applications to be added to our waitlist.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters





Big Brothers Big Sisters is enrolling youth ages 7-14 for their mentoring program, and every step in the process is now virtual. Their one-to-one mentoring program provides critical resources from fun interactive games and educational tools to guidance on managing stress, maintaining focus on schoolwork, and combating boredom and negative influences. **We currently have 3 male mentors and 4 female mentors just waiting for our kids to sign up.**

To apply for the program: [https://bbbs.tfaforms.net/f/SB Youth Application 20-21](https://bbbs.tfaforms.net/f/SB_Youth_Application_20-21)

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From our partners at the Gary Comer Youth Center

GCYC Spring Program Registration

Gary Comer Youth Center Spring Program Registration will be open Monday December 7. GCYC will be offering a variety of onsite and virtual programs Monday-Friday! Take a break from the school videos and log on for some fun in Sports, Fitness, Cooking Classes, Leadership Development, Robotics, and more!

Visit comereducationcampus.org for more information

GCYC Virtual Culture Club

Calling all 6th-8th graders! Join GCYC Virtual Culture Club program for an opportunity to learn and enjoy CULTURE with FREE Kits & FUN!! Youth will explore different cultures through tasty snacks & treats, painting activities, games, harvesting cultural foods, movies and much more!

Contact Ms. Natasha at nwebb@gcyhome.org or 401-203-3074.

Free Tutoring & Mentoring for SY 2020-21

We would like to get your support as we launch our partnership with Gary Comer Youth Center's student tutoring and mentorship programs this school year. Within this program, students will meet with tutors once a week for individualized academic support afterschool, and with a mentor once a week during school for group mentoring opportunities. The program began on Monday September 28. If your family is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please complete the application below as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email tferguson@gcyhome.org. Thank you!





Study Buddies Mon – Th; 2pm – 4pm

Need help with homework? Don't know how to stay organized in the new online classroom? Having trouble studying? Contact Study Buddies for one-time drop-in help or to schedule an appointment with a tutor for yourself or a small group. Click for more details and to apply. Have a quick question drop-in and ask it here: meet.google.com/sju-ovok-csd

Need more help? Want individual attention? Or Work on the same subject with classmates? Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/CVQFgmUmpf33b8j4A>

Day-of reservations must be submitted no later than 1:00

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Main Office Hours

Our Main Office will be open to essential business every school day from 8am-2pm. You can continue to reach us by phone at 773-535-0755 or by fax at 773-439-2169.

If you have a question that you would like to see addressed in future newsletters, please send it to bjohnson@garycomermiddleschool.org.

The Noble Network has posted a multitude of great resources, including access to free online learning materials, social and emotional support, nutritional advice, and links to several other informational websites. Please check it out at nobleschools.org/coronavirus.

Looking for resources in your community and throughout the city of Chicago? Sign up for the Noble Advocacy Newsletters. Resources include jobs, food sites, mask giveaways, virtual events for parents and families, and more! Sign up by clicking the Subscribe tab here: bit.ly/noblenews1.

Additional resources can be found here:

[Elevate Chicago Resources](#)

[Illinois State Board of Education Internet Resource](#)

[Chicago Department of Public Health Coronavirus Response Center](#)

[Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights](#)



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Stay safe and be well.

