



Thursday, January 7

GCMS Families:

Happy New Year! We hope that everybody had a peaceful break.

Announcements and info for this week are below. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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Top Catamount

The Top Catamount winners for Cycle #12 are Ms. Walker's **Wisconsin Badgers** for the gentlemen and Ms. Hampton's **Sisters of Spelman** for the ladies! Congratulations on your win!

Male Advisory Runners Up: Mr. Fisher's **Florida Gators** and the **UC Irvine** boys of Mr. Brown-Hernandez

Female Advisory Runners Up: Ms. Martin's **Howard Bison**, Ms. Benjamin's **Kansas Jayhawks**, and the **Purdue Pearls** of Ms. Edmondson

Most Improved: Mr. Dunlap's boys and the **Augustana Vikings** of Ms. Beristain

Last Call for Yearbook Photos!

We are in the process of putting together our yearbook for the current school year, and we are still in need of several scholars' photos. If you have not already submitted your photos to your child's advisor, please do so by January 8. Instructions and guidelines can be found here: [Virtual Yearbook Photos](#).

8th Grade Parents – GoCPS Registration

The deadline for school ranking in GoCPS is Friday January 8. Parents who have applied to Selective Enrollment high schools or Academic Centers and would like the opportunity for their child to raise their NWEA MAP Reading or Math scores must indicate their intentions to test in-person by completing the form emailed out December 9, December 16, and one final time January 7.

8th Grade Cap and Gown Photos





A schedule and instructions for all 8th grade scholars to get their cap and gown photos taken was emailed out January 6. If you have not yet picked up your cap and gown, we strongly recommend that you do so before picture day – these can be picked up in our main office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact khampton@garycomermiddleschool.org.

Enrollment for School Year 2021-2022

Enrollment for next year has begun! If you love the work we are doing here, and you have friends or family with children going into 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, please direct them to our new application at [GCMS Application 2021.2022](#). For more information, they can email Ms. Hampton at khampton@garycomermiddleschool.org, or visit our website at nobleschools.org/comermiddle.

Noble Parent Leadership Series

Please join us for Noble's Parent Leadership Workshop #2 on January 20 from 6-7:30pm. In this leadership workshop, you will have the opportunity to interact with the greater Noble community and hear from our CEO, Constance Jones. Register for free by following this link: [Noble Parent Leadership Series #2](#).

Charges for Semester 2

As a reminder, the Student Activity fee for the entire 2020-2021 school year has been waived for all families. Saturday School and Summer School fees will also be waived as necessary. 8th grade end-of-year fees are yet to be determined. After school enrichments and any sports may require a fee of \$25, to be determined by the coach/leader.

Student and Parent Handbook Acknowledgement

The annual acknowledgement of the Student and Parent Handbook must be signed by both a parent/guardian and the student and submitted by Friday January 15. Typed signatures are acceptable. Forms can be returned by email to khampton@garycomermiddleschool.org or by fax to 773-439-2169. Forms may also be picked up and returned in our main office between 8am and 2pm on any weekday.

The Handbook Acknowledgement can be found here: [Handbook Acknowledgement](#)





To view the Handbook, follow this link: nobleschools.org/noble-student-handbook

Save the Date for our Next PAC Meeting

The next meeting of our Parent Advisory Council will be Thursday January 21 at 5pm.

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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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Other Resources

Our Main Office will be open to essential business every weekday from 8am-2pm.
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/nobleneews1.

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](#)

And don't forget to follow us on social media @BeNobleGCMS.

Stay safe and be well.

