

Solomon Principal Newsletter

January 16, 2024

Dear Solomon Family--

I hope that everyone is staying warm on this frigid day.

You will see below that there are a few schedule changes for events at Solomon, due to the Tuesday closure. One event that is not being changed is our annual Game Night this coming Thursday, January 18, from 5:30-7pm. Beat cabin fever by bringing your child to Solomon on Thursday evening to play board or card games, as well as socialize with other Solomon families. This is an event for students in grades K-6, and parent chaperones are required. We also have some 7th and 8th grade student ambassadors who will be showing their leadership skills during the event. Bring a favorite game and join the community!

Coupled with our Game Night is a [restaurant giveback night at Panera Bread](#) (6059 N. Lincoln) on Thursday evening from 4-8pm. Stop by before or after Game Night to pick up dinner for the family, and 20% of sales will be donated to our Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization. Be sure to show the flier and say you are with Solomon.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- We have a few date changes for upcoming school events:
 - Our school-wide Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, January 19, at 9:15am in our gymnasium. If your child is one of the finalists and would like to attend, please notify the main office so we can hold a spot for you. Good luck to our Solomon spellers this week!
 - Our January Local School Council meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 30, at 5:30pm.
- A reminder about our [recess policy](#) during the winter: We are permitted to have outdoor recess as long as it is above 15 degrees, and we try our best to get students outside as much as we can. It looks like this week it is going to hover around that 15 degree limit during recess time this week, so please prepare by dressing your child in warm clothing and having boots that they can change into. As another reminder, students should have a change of shoes in case they do wear boots to school, as they need to have sneakers for gym class. Thanks for your help!
- This Thursday, muralist Anna Murphy will be joining our 8th graders to discuss the mural project that will be started this spring outside of Door #3.
- [Testing](#) resumes this week for a number of our student groups: (1) Students in grades K-2 will be taking their mid-year i-Ready Math and Reading screeners over the course of the next 3 weeks. (2) Students in grades 3-8 will be taking their mid-year Star360 Math and Reading screeners over the course of the next 3 weeks. (3) Students identified as

- receiving ESL support take the [ACCESS test](#), over the course of the next month.
- As a reminder, our Winter OST (after-school) programming begins this week. You can see our winter course offering sheet [here](#). Tutoring sessions led by Solomon staff are drop-in, with no sign up required.
 - Any 2nd Quarter Report Cards that didn't travel home with students on Friday will go home on Wednesday, January 17.
 - A reminder for our 8th graders that your [graduation photos](#) will be taken on January 26 at 9:15 in the lobby. Dress formal for the pictures, which will also include a cap and gown photo.
 - The district is looking for science fair judges, and if you are interested in assisting or learning more, please click [here](#).
 - Save the date! Join the North River Youth Council on Saturday, February 3rd from 12-3 pm at the American Indian Center, 3401 W Ainslie St, for an unforgettable community gathering where you can access essential resources for mental health, well-being, social services, and more! Bring your family and friends and be part of building a strong community while creating unforgettable memories together! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others and have fun! Enjoy FREE Activities including: Zumba, Loteria, Arts & Craft, Games & Prizes, Children's Reading Circle, Drum Circle, AND MORE! Lunch will be provided. This event is organized by the North River Youth Council

Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization

- Our Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a parent and staff leadership group that promotes community and supports Solomon in our strategic plan. Please click [here](#) to read more about their mission and vision, as well as the dates for many of this year's PTO-led events.
- Our next sponsored event is the PTO Game Night on January 18, 2024 (5:30-7pm) in our gymnasium. It will be coupled with a Panner Bread Restaurant Giveback Night as well.
- Stay tuned for more winter fun in February 2024, including our first Family Dance.

Important Solomon Links

- To report a COVID-19 positive test, click [here](#).
- To find Solomon's breakfast and lunch menus, click [here](#) (search for "Solomon"). To learn more about the district's meals and nutrition program, click [here](#).
- To see our entry and exit procedures, please click [here](#).
- To find any Solomon staff member, their position, and their contact information, click [here](#) for our organizational chart.
- To register for before and/or after-school child care with the YMCA of Chicago, hosted in our lunchroom, please follow the directions in [this link](#).
- Please click [here](#) to read more about the differences between Level I and Level II volunteers and to complete the application process.
- To see our year-long community calendar, click [here](#).
- To see our year-long assessment calendar, click [here](#).
- Solomon spirit wear purchases can be made through our partner, Squadlocker. Check out unique Solomon gear [here](#).
- Student fees were approved by our Local School Council this past July. Please click [here](#)

- to see the student fee structure for this year and the methods of payment.
- Class supply lists are linked [here](#) and at our school website, solomon.cps.edu.

School Calendars

- **January 18:** Game Night (5:30, gym); Panera restaurant giveback (4:00-8:00, 6059 N. Lincoln)
- **January 26:** 8th Grade Graduation photos (9:15, lobby)
- **January 30:** Local School Council meeting (5:30, library)