

# Solomon Principal Newsletter

## September 4, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

Please join us on Thursday, September 7, for our annual Curriculum Night at Solomon. This is an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher(s) and meet other parents in your child's homeroom class. A healthy school has strong relationships and consistent communication between staff and families, and this is a great opportunity for you to get to know your child's learning environment better.

At 6:00pm, we will start our presentation in the gymnasium, and then between 6:30-7:25 you will be able to visit your child's classrooms.

We hope to see all of you at Solomon on Thursday night!

Please reach out to me with any questions at [crgamble@cps.edu](mailto:crgamble@cps.edu) or 773-534-5226.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble  
Principal  
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

## News and Notes

- As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, September 4, due to the Labor Day holiday.
- In our Snap! update, please check out the photo from Mrs. Reis and our 8th graders, who volunteered at Feed My Starving Children this past week. We are proud of them for demonstrating service to our community!
- The district is monitoring temperatures for Tuesday and Wednesday, and we will notify the community if we will be asked to implement heat emergency protocols like we did Week 1. Stay tuned.
- Fall sports update:
  - 7th/8th Grade Girls Volleyball: Practices begin on Wednesday, September 6, at 8am. Players should enter through Door #4 at the gym. [This letter](#) from Coach Tamborino details the practice and game schedule.
  - The practice schedule for the 5th/6th Girls Volleyball and 5th/6th and 7th/8th Boys Soccer will be shared shortly.
- To learn more about how we support students requiring additional academic and/or social emotional support at Solomon, please see [this note](#) from Ms. Zachar, our Solomon Interventionist and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) coordinator. MTSS is one of our three identified priorities in our school-wide improvement plan.
- Our students have received their [Student Rights and Responsibilities booklets](#). Please take some time to review this information with your child; for a 1 page document that describes the district's Student Code of Conduct, click [here](#).
- Our friends at the Chicago Industrial Arts and Design Center (CIADC) host free after-school youth programming, with the next session beginning September 11. For

more information about their program, click [here](#). To sign up, click [here](#).

## 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.
- Our PTO leadership is Amy Cramer (President), Joyce Baca (Secretary), and Joseph Levy (Treasurer).
- 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, including Fall Fest on October 20!
- The first PTO-led activity coming up is the Art to Remember art submission. Stay tuned for more information soon!

## 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](http://solomon.cps.edu).

## School Calendar

- **September 7:** Curriculum Night, 6:00-7:30 pm (gymnasium, then classrooms)
- **September 12:** Friends of Solomon School PTO meeting, 8:00 (lobby)
- **September 12:** Local School Council meeting, 5:30 (library)
- **October 5:** Network 1 High School Fair, 6:00 (Rickover Military Academy, 5800 W. Berteau)
- **October 11:** High School Admissions Test for 8th graders in Room 116
- **October 20:** Fall Fest returns!, 4:00-7:00 (playground and turf)