

Solomon Principal Newsletter

December 19, 2022

Dear Solomon Family--

This is our final week of the 2nd Quarter, with report cards being distributed on Friday, January 13. We are going to celebrate with a holiday-themed [spirit week](#), including a Winter Dance on Wednesday during the school day. We are looking forward to a festive and celebratory week at Solomon! As a reminder, there is no school for students on Friday.

We wish everyone a restful and restorative winter break. To those who celebrate, we wish a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year! The building will be closed December 26 through January 6, and classes resume for students at 9am on Monday, January 9, 2023. This will be the final principal newsletter until January 9.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- Congratulations to our 5/6 grade Boys Basketball team for their 26-6 victory over Hibbard Elementary yesterday. Games resume for them on January 14, and games start for the 7/8 grade Boys Basketball team on January 28.
- Last Tuesday, I was able to share updated renderings of our new playground with the Local School Council. For some visuals on the equipment, you can check it out [here](#). It doesn't capture the elevation of the ramp to the equipment, the seating, or the sunshades, but you can get an idea. Construction is scheduled to begin during Spring Break 2023!
- As we shared in the mid-week update, the Solomon WinterFest has been postponed until January 2023—stay tuned for more information.
- The Albany Park branch (3401 W. Foster) of the Chicago Public Library hosts homework assistance for students every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 3-6pm. For more information on their programming, click [here](#).
- CIADC (Chicago Industrial Arts and Design Center) offers FREE after school classes for CPS students in grades 6-12. Our next session of classes begins the week of January 2. CIADC's creative industrial arts and design classes give students a chance to learn math, material science, manufacturing, and design in a safe, and welcoming industrial shop setting! Industrial arts is the application arm of classroom learning. Our goals are to generate interest and point towards career pathway options in STEM, Trade, and Art/Design fields. For more information, please visit [here](#).

Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (FOSSPTO)

- Online shopping through Amazon's charitable giving site Amazon Smile gets you what you need, while Amazon gives back to our school. Make sure you log in to smile.amazon.com and choose Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization as your designated charity and watch the donations add up!
- For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for schools — with products they already buy! Today, you can find hundreds of participating products throughout the store. Box Tops for Education has gone digital, so just scan your receipt with the Box Tops app and Solomon Elementary will automatically earn cash with every Box Tops product you buy. For more information on how to earn that credit for Solomon, please click [here](#).
- To learn more about the mission of the Solomon FOSSPTO, click [here](#).

Important Solomon Links

- Our Solomon [school organization chart](#), which has the contact information for all of our teachers and staff.
- The [opt-in form](#) for COVID testing for your child at Solomon weekly.

- Our Solomon [breakfast and lunch menus](#).
- Our Solomon [school assessment calendar](#) for the year.
- Our Solomon [merchandise link](#) from our partners at Squadlocker.
- The [volunteer registration form](#) for anyone interested in volunteering at Solomon this year.

Solomon Calendar

All Solomon community events can be found on our school Google Calendar, linked at the Solomon website, solomon.cps.edu. You can also view our year-long calendar of community events [here](#).

A few of the important upcoming dates:

- **Thursday, December 22:** Last day of 2nd quarter for students
- **Friday, December 23:** No School for Students (School Improvement Day)
- **Monday, January 9:** First day of 3rd Quarter for students
- **Thursday, January 12:** Friends of Solomon School PTO meeting (6pm, lobby and virtual)
- **Friday, January 13:** Report cards go home
- **Monday, January 16:** No school for students or staff (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)