

Solomon Principal Newsletter

December 5, 2022

Dear Solomon Family--

Just a reminder that we still need volunteers for our Holiday Shop at Solomon, particularly Tuesday and Thursday. You can sign up at [this link](#). Our Holiday Shop will be open to parents and students after school on Wednesday, December 7, from 4-6pm. Please enter through Door #1 after student dismissal.

To see the digital flier for the event, with information about the items available and how to create an e-wallet for your child, please click [here](#).

Many thanks to Joyce Baca, our Friends of Solomon School PTO, and all of our volunteers for bringing this fun holiday event back to Solomon!

In partnership,

Chris Gamble
Principal
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

News and Notes

- In this week's picture share on Snap!, we have Ms. Coronel, Diverse Learner teacher, teaching our 3rd through 5th grade students about her home country, the Philippines.
- Congratulations to our 5th/6th Boys Basketball team and Coach J for their week 1 victory over Henry Elementary! 5th/6th Boys will practice at their normal time this week. Our 7th/8th Boys will have a schedule adjustment this week due to Holiday Shop—practice will be at 8am on Friday this week only, with no practice on Wednesday. For our parent letter to all boys basketball players, please click [here](#).
- Kudos to our 7th and 8th grade students that shared their learning in this past week's Science Fair. It was a great opportunity for them to share their learning, and we look forward to seeing which students will advance to the city fair! Our students were supported by Mrs. Reis, Ms. Sak, Ms. DePaolo, Ms. Quinn, and Ms. Lara, as well as many parents and guardians, with their projects.
- The University of Chicago Cultivate survey will be administered to students in grades 5-8 this month during their Library class. For more information on the Cultivate survey, please visit [here](#).
- Week 15 Progress Reports went home with students this Friday, December 2. We have 3 weeks remaining in our semester, with the last day of the 2nd quarter for our students being December 22.
- A few safety and security reminders for our parents: (1) When entering through Door #1, please report directly to the security desk upon entering; if no one is there, please proceed directly to the main office. (2) Unless you are dropping off your child in our cluster program, please do not park on Avers at entry or dismissal. We need to keep that right of way open for our school buses. Thanks for your cooperation.
- As a reminder, the [GoCPS](#) application has been extended to Thursday, December 8, at 5pm. Pre-Kindergarten families that live outside of our attendance boundary must apply through GoCPS to be eligible for a seat in our Kindergarten classroom.
- We are going to be [hosting 3 vaccination events at Solomon](#) this winter. If you missed our first one on November 21, you can still attend vaccination dates on December 12 and/or February 6. For more information on the vaccines available, please click [here](#). You can make an appointment at that link, and walk-ins are also welcome.
- We are soliciting parent interest and ideas for a new Solomon holiday event, Solomon WinterFest, on Wednesday, December 21, from 5:30-7pm. To learn more about how you can participate and share ideas about this event, please click [here](#).

- 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)

- Our next meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, at 6pm (virtual and in-person). If you are looking to connect virtually, please click [here](#) for the login information.
- We are hosting the Solomon Holiday Shop on December 6-8, and we are looking for volunteers. If you are available to volunteer for the event, please sign up [here](#). All volunteers will need to have completed their Level 2 Volunteer application (see below).
- 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:

- **Tuesday, December 6, through Thursday, December 8:** Friends of Solomon School PTO Holiday Shop
- **Thursday, December 8:** Friends of Solomon School PTO meeting, 6pm (lobby or virtual)
- **Tuesday, December 13:** Local School Council meeting, 5:30 (library or virtual)
- **Thursday, December 22:** Last day of 2nd quarter for students
- **Friday, December 23:** No School for Students (School Improvement Day)