

# Solomon Principal Newsletter

## January 9, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

Happy New Year to all of our Solomon families! We are excited to welcome students and staff back to the building on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 9am.

As a reminder, there is no school for students or staff due to the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day on Monday, January 16.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble  
Principal  
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

## News and Notes

- I would like to share a request from our upper grade science teacher, Mrs. Reis: We desperately need science fair judges for our upcoming VIRTUAL fairs in January. That's right - it is all virtual!!! [Volunteers] can judge from anywhere!!! If you might be interested, please click this [sign-up Google Form](#) to get more information and sign up. Thanks for your help!
- Report cards will go home with students on Friday, January 13.
- As semester two starts on Monday, we will begin our middle of the year testing, including our ACCESS testing for students identified as English Language Learners this week. For our year-long assessment calendar, please click [here](#).
- Games resume for our 5/6 Boys Basketball team on January 14, and games start for the 7/8 grade Boys Basketball team on January 28.
- Solomon is hosting its next school tour for prospective students and families on Thursday, January 12, at 9:30. Please enter through Door #1, and the tour will begin in our lobby.
- 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 FOSSPTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, at 6pm. You can join us in-person or virtually, and you can find the meeting link in [this document](#).
- 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](http://solomon.cps.edu). You can also view our year-long calendar of community events [here](#).

A few of the important upcoming dates:

- **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)