

# Solomon Principal Newsletter

## March 13, 2023

Dear Solomon Family--

This is the final week of our 3rd Quarter. Friday, March 17, is a School Improvement Day, which means no school for students as teachers enter grades that day. Let's finish this quarter strong!

This is also the final week for our Winter After-School (OST) Programming session--we want to thank our sponsors for all of their hard work this session: Mrs. Mulholland, Mrs. Gleeson, Mrs. Reis, and Mrs. Sartain, as well as our program coordinator Mrs. Tamborino. Art Club with our YMCA sponsors had their last session this past Tuesday as well.

Our Spring session will begin the week of April 10, and it will end May 19. We will send out a new registration survey for the spring session to all families via Snap! on Friday, March 24.

In partnership,

Chris Gamble  
Principal  
Hannah G. Solomon Elementary School

## News and Notes

- Pictures shared in Snap! this week are from last Wednesday's staff professional development session where we are working on revising our school mission and vision statement in preparation for the development of our social improvement plan.
- 3rd Quarter Report Card Pick-Up and Parent-Teacher Conference Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, from 9am-4pm. Conferences will be held in-person and virtually (parent choice) between 9:00-11:45 and 12:30-4:00. Teachers will be reaching out to their homeroom parents to set those schedules. As a reminder, this day is a day of non-attendance for students.
- Girls Basketball open gym will not be held this week, but it will resume next week (the week of March 20) on Wednesday morning (8-9am) and Friday afternoon (4-5pm). When it resumes, we invite 6th grade girls to join the 7th/8th grade girls as they build their skills and prepare for next year's CPS Score program. Letters detailing the Track and Field and Flag Football practice schedules will go home with students this week, with practices scheduled to start the week of March 20.
- We are hosting prospective Pre-K families for [Tot Time with Mrs. Coppa and her team](#) on March 23 from 4:30-5:30pm. This is a great opportunity to see our Pre-Kindergarten classroom prior to the opening of the 2023-2024 application process on April 11.
- We are looking for volunteers for our next Scholastic Book Fair on March 27-30, 2023. If you are interested or would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please click [here](#).
- Our next Local School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at 5:30. The agenda and Google Meet link can be found [here](#).
- Following up on our healthy schools policy from last week's newsletter, I had the opportunity to speak with grades 4-8 last week so that students heard the same message about candy and soda. One thing that came up this past week was energy drinks. Those are also not permitted as well, as they contain caffeine and lead to a [number of impacts](#) that we want to avoid during the school day. Thanks, as always, for your partnership.
- 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](#).
- The Free Closet at Network 1's Parent University (3121 W. Byron) has school supplies, clothes, backpacks, hats, and more for students and families in need. Check out the attached flier for more information. It is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10am-1pm, as well as by appointment.

## Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization (FOSSPTO)

- You can find our monthly meeting dates and locations in [this document](#).
- Our next restaurant giveback is [Panera](#) (6059 N. Lincoln) on March 28 from 4-8pm. Funds raised by these restaurant givebacks fund the organization's mission of community building, making events

- like Fall Festival possible. We raised \$163.85 from our Oberweis restaurant giveback on March 3.
- Our big spring event is the Walk Jog Roll-a-thon fundraiser, the one big fundraising event at Solomon. WJR2023 will be held on Friday, May 12. All students and staff get a t-shirt for the day, and our Friends of Solomon School Parent Teacher Organization is looking for sponsors that will get some advertising on the t-shirt in exchange for their financial support. If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities for this fundraising event, please click [here](#).
  - We are also looking for community feedback for Solomon's fundraising priorities for WJR2023. We hope to exceed \$25,000 this year, and we want to know where you think those funds should go. Please take a moment to respond to this [community survey](#), and we will report results back at our next FOSSPTO meeting on March 8.
  - 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:

- March 16, 2023: End of 3rd Quarter for students
- March 17, 2023: No School for students (School Improvement Day)
- March 29, 2023: No School for students (Parent Teacher Conferences, 9:00-11:45 and 12:30-4:00)
- April 3-7, 2023: No School (Spring Break)