
Sauganash School

— Parent Orientation Night —
2019-2020

School Communications

Sauganash School Website: <http://sauganash.cps.edu>

Sauganash School Twitter: **@SauganashChiefs** | **@Sauganash_Munns**

Sauganash School Instagram: **SauganashChiefs**

Multiple teachers are on Twitter and post great information

Sauganash School Sports Website:

<http://sauganash-athletics.weebly.com>

Twitter: **@Sauganash Sports**

School Slogan

“Believe to Achieve....the Power of a Chief”



Sauganash School - Administration Weekly Emails

Just send a text:

Text: CHIEF

To 22828

Sauganash Staff

Administrators:

- Principal - Chris Munns
 - cdmunns@cps.edu
 - Twitter: @Sauganash_Munns
- Assistant Principal - Sean Kennedy
 - sekennedy@cps.edu
 - Twitter: @SeanKennedy80

K-2 Team

Kindergarten Teachers - Jessica Barrie, Mary McKenna & Mari Yadao

- **PTO Aides:** Gladys Gibson, Laura Mak, & Maureen Organus

1st Grade Teachers - Emma Gustafson, Penny Hague, & Andreana Karacic

- **PTO Aide:** Monika Kawa

2nd Grade Teachers - Nicole Bertini, Amy Murray & Emily Trapp

- **Misc Aide:** Alan Gunderson
- **Student Teacher:** Caroline Niepsuj

No CPS Funded Teacher Aides provided because all classes are under contracted 32 student class size

3rd & 4th Team

3rd Grade Teachers - Renee Kreczmer & Megan Calvert

4th Grade Teachers - Mary Anne Hutton & Michael Tader

- CPS Certified Teacher; TA: Ted Liberty
- PTO Aide: Certified Teacher; Ruhi Qurashi
- Miscellaneous Aide: Rae Escobar

EL and DL Teachers Co-Teaching based on schedules

5th & 6th Team

5th Grade Teachers - Chris Ciucci & Mary Biesty

6th Grade Teachers - Gretchen Brinza & Jessie Hadfield

- CPS Misc. Teacher Assistant: Johnie Gustafson

7th & 8th Team

7th Grade Teachers - Maureen Murphy & Cathy French

8th Grade Teachers - Dan Lundak & Claire Trainer

Diverse Learners (SPED) Team

Case Manager/Counselor: Andrea Allegretti

Teachers:

Karen Knorr

Vicki Kurzydlo

Monica Ocasio

Jamie Vanecko

Katie Murphy

Paraprofessionals:

Chelsea Balesh

Terri Ciccone

Jane Noto

Lisa Ocampo

Sophia Dominguez

Lara Oweimrin

English as a Second Language / MTSS

EL Program Teacher/Coordinator: Anna Ihana

MTSS Multi-Tier Support System (Formerly RTI):

CPS Misc. Paula Borman (Math) *Also provides Math Enrichment*

CPS Misc. Carol Steele (Language Arts)

*Supporting students in need of interventions

Specials Team

Art - Deanna Kelly

Music - Sandy Serna

P.E. - Daniel Lopez & Carl Zumbahlen

Tech - Teri Court

STEM - Hallie Askuvich

School Support Staff

Clerk: Vickie Pecoraro

Security: Maria Sopena

Engineer: Carlos Baez

Factor Custodian: Angel Marin

Custodians: Rosa Orellana & Maria Oliva

Lunchroom Manager: Yvette Garriga

Lunchroom Asst: Verginia Polis & Mary Chierici

Related Service Team

Nurse: Gloria Thayer, Tracy Listermann-Norman

Psychologist: Jamie Ratner

Speech Pathologist: Lieba Schanowitz

Social Worker: Ewa Pawlik

Occupational Therapist: Irene Jamieson

Physical Therapist: Tracy Downs

Local School Council

Parent Representatives: President: Elaine Fitzgerald; Chair, Tom Pikarski, Christina Tassone, Don Zalinski, 2 Vacancies

First Meeting

Monday, Sept 23rd
6:30pm (Zalinski Cafe)

Community Representatives: Marikay Hegarty & Liz Piper

Staff Representatives: Vicki Kurzydlo, Mary McKenna, & Lara Oweimrin

Capital Expansion Initiative - LSC

We need your help!!!

Chicago Board of Education Meetings:

WHEN: 4th Wednesday of the month

WHERE: CPS Loop Office, 42 W. Madison Street, Garden Level, Board Room

Tomorrow's Sauganash Newsletter will include a Google Form to sign up.

For speaker volunteers, the following items will be provided to prepare for meeting:

- LSC member or Administration will register volunteer
 - Confirm registration of slot
 - Provide 2 minute script
- Coordinate a prep call prior to meeting
- Provide handout materials to bring to meeting

PTO



President: Lindsay Stavrakas

Vice President of Finance: Deepak Bapu

Vice President of Fundraising: Erin Alvarez

Recording Secretary: Katrina Ramos

Treasurer: Caroline Giamalva

Vice President of Regulations: Heather Van Zant

First Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 18th
6:30pm (Zalinski Cafe)

*Babysitting provided by 8th
graders

Sauganash Mission Statement

The mission of Sauganash School is to provide a high quality educational program that meets the academic needs of our students through an integrated curriculum, differentiated instruction, and the use of technology. Sauganash School is committed to meeting the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students. We are dedicated to fostering a positive school climate that enables all students' intellectual growth to maximize their potential and prepare them for college and career path readiness.

Welcome to Sauganash.... "Believe to Achieve...The Power of a Chief!"



2018-2020 CIWP Strategic Priority Goals

1. Shift in Pedagogy - Student Led, Teacher Facilitation
2. Cohesive Teaching & Learning - Horizontally and Vertically
3. Provide Targeted Support - Help Achieve Academic & Social Success
4. Continue Professional Development & Professional Learning
5. Inclusive Classrooms, Sharing Diverse Perspectives

Budget

- Our funds are provided by CPS, Student Based Budgeting (SBB), and Student Government State Aid (SA), Title II, and Bilingual Funding. *Special Education Grant
- **Student Enrichment Fee and CPS Budget:**
 - Consumables \$68,525.67
 - Supplies \$21,655.76
 - Student/Teacher Technology \$37,635.84
 - *56 New Student Chromebooks & 2 Carts - Grant Funded
 - Equipment and Furniture \$1,707.46
 - Technology Web-Based Programs \$13,274.50

Student Enrichment Fee & PTO Donations

Our Partnership With PTO Helps Promote:

- Supports Additional Student Instructional Materials
- Enrichment & Support Staff (5 CPS Miscellaneous Employees)
- 6 TruTouch Interactive Display Screens- Updating Interactive Boards
- 4 Additional Laptops for teacher instruction *43 Total Laptops

PTO Purchased

- 2 Copiers \$10,396
- Algebra and Pre-Algebra \$19,545.60
- Science IQWST \$27,385.00
- 4 New Drinking Fountains \$9,872.00

Announcement

Due to our high student enrollment, it has been determined that sibling pickup in the lobby is no longer feasible. Beginning Monday, September 16, 2019, all students will be dismissed out of their own doors. **Kindergarten students will be dismissed out of the kindergarten doors at 2:55 p.m. each day.** This will allow enough time for parents with more than one student to be able to pick up their kindergartner and walk around the school to pick up their other students or have a consistent meeting location.

Kindergarten - Doors 10 and 11

1st and 2nd Grade - Door 8

3rd Grade - Door 1

4th, 5th and 6th - Door 12

7th and 8th Grade - Door 7

Thank You!

Visit our website: www.sauganash.cps.edu

Sauganash PTO Website: <https://friendsauganash.org/>

If you have not been receiving administrative weekly emails please email sekennedy@cps.edu or text CHIEF to 22828.

K-4 BREAKOUT

Kindergarten - Yadao 102 | Barrie 103 | McKenna 106

1st Grade - Karacic 107 | Gustafson 204 | Hague 206

2nd Grade - Bertini 201 | Trapp 202 | Murray 203

3/4th Grade - Gymnasium

5-8th Grade In Depth

5th & 6th Team

Mary Biesty - **Reading**

Gretchen Brinza - **Science**

Chris Ciucci - **Math**

Jessica Hadfield - **Social Studies/Writing**

Karen Knorr - **Support DL/SPED**

Jamie Vanecko - **Support DL/SPED**

7th & 8th Team

Cathy French - **Math**

Dan Lundak - **Social Studies/Writing**

Maureen Murphy - **Reading**

Claire Trainer - **Science**

Monica Ocasio - **Support DL/SPED**

Communication

- School Website: <http://www.sauganash.cps.edu>
- Friday Folder
- Teacher websites: Linked on Faculty/Staff Web page
- Email
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Newsletter (Email Mr. Kennedy, if you don't receive)
- Students: Google Classroom

Curriculum

Handed out tonight..... (All Grades/Classes ---Also available on the website)

- “Day in the Life” Letter
- Curriculum Maps
 - Snapshot of the school year
 - Available on the school website
 - Core Subjects
 - Specials

Homework Policy

- Missing homework assignments result in a grade of 0 (zero). No credit.
- Students are expected to make up homework/classwork after absence.
- If absence is expected, the work is given upon student's return to school, **not** in advance.

Grading Scale

A = 100 – 90

B = 89 – 80

C = 79 - 70

D = 69 – 60

F = 59 - 0

Web & Classroom Programs

Curriculum Maps - Snapshot of classroom content

Google Classroom - All Subject Areas

1. Grammar & Writing

(Studies Weekly, 6 Traits, Writing Workshop, Wordly Wise, No Red Ink)

2. Reading

(Storyworks, Scope, Ready Common Core, Reading IXL)

3. Math

(Khan Academy, Virtual Nerd, and Math IXL)

4. Science

(National Geographic, MSI Partnership, IQWST, OpenSciEd, NextGen Storylines)

8th Grade Contract

- Last year we decided to implement an 8th Grade Contract to ensure the students remained focused throughout the school year.
- The incentive-based contract was very successful
- Students and teachers come up with the contract together, it will be sent home in November.

6-8th Dress Code

Dress Code for Non-PE Days grades 6-8:

- Shirt: navy blue polo shirt (either no emblem or Sauganash polo only)
- Pants: Khaki pants/shirt/shorts (knee length) (Khaki Color, Black, or Navy)
- Shorts can be worn between April 1st and Nov. 1st.

Dress Code for PE Days:

- Shirt: PE Sauganash navy shirt ; Believe to Achieve clothing; or Sauganash wear that has been approved.
- Pants: navy blue or solid dark sweats or shorts (no yoga pants allowed)
- No PE clothes are to be worn on 'recess game day'

5th Grade Dress Code

On Non-PE days, students are to follow the Sauganash Parent Student Handbook Dress Code Policy

Dress Code for PE Days:

- Shirt: PE Sauganash navy shirt ; Believe to Achieve clothing; or Sauganash wear that has been approved.
- Pants: navy blue or solid dark sweats or shorts (no yoga pants allowed)
- No PE clothes are to be worn on 'recess game day'

Athletics

(5-8th Grade)

Fall Sports include....

- Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys Soccer

***Sign ups went
home last Friday*

<http://sauganash-athletics.weebly.com/>

Athletics

(5-8th Grade)

All sports are a part of the CPS SCORE program, which is in its 4th year!

Winter Sports

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball

Spring Sports

- Girls Track & Field
- Boys Track & Field
- Flag Football (Co-Ed)
- Girls Soccer

*All sports are contingent on having enough participants register

Chromebooks

- Average price for screen repair is \$75.00. Cost for the repair of the motherboard is close to \$200.00! Most of the damage is caused by carelessness. CPS prices Total cost for a new Chromebook \$220.00
- **Your child must have headphones/earbuds for computer class**
- A **WORKING** printer at home is extremely helpful. Teachers do not have extra ink to make copies at school.

Some of the School Rules

- Cell phones are prohibited unless a cell phone permission form is on file in the office. Cell phones must be turned off and kept in locker or backpack at all times while in the school building.
- Student Code of Conduct Booklets went home last week
 - Sign and Return Page
- All policies and procedures can be found in the Parent Student Handbook on the website, as well as the CPS Student Code of Conduct.

Housekeeping

- Please return all school related forms to the school on a timely basis.
- PLEASE avoid scheduling doctor appointments during the school day.
- Money for field trips, sports fees, etc should be the exact amount.
- Breakfast (7:45am - 7:55am) and lunches are free!!
- Traffic and Kiss&Go have been great, thanks for your continued teamwork.

*Dental Form is going home tomorrow, if you do want the services please do not send back the form.

Parent Portal (Aspen)

- Parents should check student grades AT LEAST once a week, You can set up alerts for parent portal to your email or by text message.
- If you need help, contact Sean Kennedy at sekennedy@cps.edu
- No more pin numbers.... There is now an auto generated email with a verification code to set up you account.

How Can You Help?

We Love Volunteers!

- Sign up to volunteer at our school, lunch & recess supervision, attend LSC and PTO meetings, sign up to help at social nights, or field trips.
- Interested in volunteering, register as a CPS Level II Volunteer

https://cpsparentu.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=319488&type=d



GoCPS allows families to learn, research, explore, and apply to nearly every CPS school and program through one online platform.

Whether you are a current CPS family or new to the District, GoCPS is the gateway to finding the right school for you.

Activating Your Account

In order to apply using GoCPS, you will need to activate your account. This will allow you to:

- Create a username and password
- Create your primary parent/guardian profile
- Create profiles for each high school applicant in your family
- Link student data records for current CPS students to the profile
- View the programs to which your student(s) are eligible to apply
- Verify that student records are accurate
- “Favorite” top programs you are considering for applications in October

To begin the account activation process, click below.

<http://go.cps.edu/#/activate>

Need Help?

If you have any questions about the activation process, contact: Ms. Allegretti at 534-3529 or amallegretti@cps.edu

or

Office of Access and Enrollment at 773-553-2060 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email gocps@cps.edu.

8th Grade High School Admission Process

- High School applications for Chicago Public Schools will open on September 16-2019 at 9:00 am and close on December 12-2019
- activate your child's application account as soon as possible..it only takes a few minutes
- It allows you to create your family profile and view the programs to which your child is eligible to apply
- important tips.. enter name and address of parent/guardian with whom the student resides
- **Extremely** important because- address provided will be used for determining tiers, proximity boundaries, and attendance

High School Admission Process Continued

It is important that you follow the high school application pathway when activating your account. When asked if the student is applying to the 9th grade for fall 2019, make sure you select **YES** on this screen.

If your student attended a Chicago public school in the 2018-19 school year, you will be asked to enter their Activation Code

The Activation Code letter was sent home with your child at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

If you do not have your child's **Activation Codes** email Ms. Allegretti at amallegrett@cps.edu she will have access to the student's Activation Codes on Monday September 16, 2019, Feel free to set up an appointment with Ms. Allegretti to discuss your child's options for high school. You may contact the Office of Access and Enrollment at 773-553-2060 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email gocps@cps.edu with any questions.

High School Admission Process Continued

- Updated high school information can be found on the school's web page under High School Highlights
- Shadow days –Parochial School absences do not count against the student's attendance
- Open Houses posted on High School Highlights web page and GoCPS
- Taft High School is our neighborhood school
- Our High School Fair is Wednesday October 16, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 at Onahan School 6634 W. Raven St

Charlie Howard - Test Prep Chicago

8th Grade Test Prep Class

Tuesday October 8th - November 26th (3:05 - 5:05pm in Rm 221)

Closing

- We greatly appreciate your support for our efforts in educating your children. This is a partnership!
- Concerns about grades, social issues affecting your child's education, etc should be communicated to the classroom teacher or school administration as the need arises.
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Have a wonderful school year, thanks for the great teamwork!