

Good morning, today is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>,

As-salamu alaykum! (“peace be upon you”) At Gateway, we have a number of students and staff who are now observing the holy month of Ramadan. This is an Islamic religious celebration that will continue through June 14<sup>th</sup>. Ramadan is a month long holy time where Muslims fast and pray to grow closer to Allah, and it is one of the five pillars of Islam. The dates change from year to year because, while Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, it is a lunar celebration and doesn’t follow the Gregorian calendar. Fasting means that those who are observing the holy month do not eat nor drink from before dawn until after the sunset prayer. After sunset, those who are fasting can eat again, often partaking in family meals until late in to the evening. When greeting a Muslim person during the month of Ramadan one could say: Ramadan Mubarak or Ramadan Kareem ( Translation: I wish you a ‘Blessed Ramadan’).

Applications for next year’s Pride Club President and Pride Club advisors are in the Guardian Kiosk on the wall between the front office and counseling center. If you are interested, pick up an application and return it to the counseling Center by Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>. You can talk to Mr. Schilaty if you have any questions about the Pride club leadership opportunities.

A reminder that Monday will be crazy sock day, so be sure to wear your bright and mismatched socks!!! Our spirit week is to remind you that we are also having a clothing drive for gently used clothes. Go through your closet this weekend and find items that don’t fit or don’t match your style anymore. Clothing donations can be dropped in the commons all next week. Remember to wear crazy socks on Monday, and feel free to bring a pack of new ones for someone else in need!

Following GBN please excuse the Student of the Month award winners to the counseling office to have their picture taken.

Thank you Gateway, remember to guard your character.