Good morning, Gateway! Today is Monday, November 28.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

_____ Shelfie is back! Shelfie the Guardian elf appeared in the library this morning, and she has invited everyone to join in a scavenger hunt to locate her each day. She'll be hanging around her favorite books in the library. Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet, stop by the library each day, and record each book title Shelfie recommends. Turn in your scavenger hunt slip on December 8th to receive a prize.

_____ The Winter Warmth Drive starts next week, December 5th-9th. It will benefit the Mill Creek Food Bank by collecting non-perishable food, personal care items, pet food and supplies. We will also be benefiting Clothes for Kids by collecting new or gently used coats, jeans, sweats, hats, gloves, etc. There is going to be a competition for schools in the Everett district--for every ten items a student donates, they will receive a raffle ticket. Additionally, there will be a competition between first period classes at Gateway. The class that collects the most items wins a prize.

_____ Next week is the final chance to order a yearbook. Do you know if you already bought a yearbook? Are you 100% sure? There is a list in the Commons of all students that have already ordered a yearbook. This week, please make sure you have found your name on the list. If you don't see your name, there's still time to order a yearbook. You may order a yearbook December 5th-9th by either stopping by the front office with your \$30 (cash or check) or by paying online from the link on Gateway's website. Remember to keep reaching for the stars!

_____ There is no yearbook club meeting today. Photographers will meet next Monday.

_____ Robotics Club will meet today in Room 216; Mrs. Vantuyl has your bus passes, so you don't need to sign up on the Activity Bus list.

______ Here are the highlights on last week's volleyball game from Mr. Pratt: Tuesday's matches were good. The 8th graders took the final game 25-23 after dropping the first two sets. The 7th graders split the first two leading up to the exciting third set. North closed it out with a close 25-22 win.

Congratulations to both the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams for opening game victories versus North Middle School on Tues. afternoon before break.Nate Marklund, Matthew Wood, and Jayden Chhann led a suffocating defense and Luke Jennings and Jake Marklund dominated the paint, as the 7th graders won 52-32. For the 8th graders, . . . Gavin Duckart had 16 points and Zach Albright led all scorers with 33 as the Guardians topped North by a score of 64 to 50Come support the Guardians today for our 1st home game versus Olympic View. 8th grade tips off at 3:45 and 7th plays right after.

_____ If you are in 7th or 8th grade and are interested in attending a movie social that will take place on January 12th and want to vote on what movie will be shown you can vote now. You will find the google form to vote for a movie choice on the gateway student canvas page. Voting will close on December 16th so vote as soon as possible!

_____ The Prodigies for Peace Writing and Art Contest helps our local community celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Check out the announcement on the Gateway website homepage for more information. The deadline for entries is December 16.

_____ In honor of Native American Heritage month, we honor the Samish Tribe, whose headquarters is in Anacortes, Fidalgo Island, in Washington, north of Puget Sound, The Samish Indian Nation is governed by a seven-member Tribal Council elected to oversee the welfare and resources of the Tribe. The Samish work with state and federal agencies on several grants to protect the environment and preserve natural and cultural resources, as well as creating a sound economic base for the tribe and each individual family. The Samish are strong and committed people; they are focused on reestablishing their homelands, strengthening their tribal culture, demonstrating traditional stewardship of cultural and natural resources, and being a contributing force in the economic base of the region.

And remember, Gateway, to GUARD your character!