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GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2021



We Are Gateway!

Gateway Family:

In multiple venues, I have heard talks of “getting back to normal.” While this can add comfort in our world, I instead hope for us to focus on moving our practices forward and responding to the needs of our students in real-time. Middle school is such an unbelievable time of growth for our students – cognitively, socially and physically. This was abundantly evident when we got to see some of our 8th graders in person for the first time since 6th grade. It is together that we support our students.

Our teachers have been preparing to support each of our students, starting by getting to know each student’s name and how to properly pronounce names. Teachers are working in teams to make the first 5 days of school a chance for students to re-integrate into school and our school community. Students will not be assigned homework during those first 5 days to ease the transition.

In addition to our counseling team, we have added a Re-Engagement Specialist to help our students who have struggled to engage over the last 17 months. Also, we have established a Tier-2 Support Team which will meet every other week to look at student attendance, grades, and social-emotional health to align supports for our students needing assistance.

We look forward to safely welcoming our students back on campus. The middle school experience is an important time of growth and transition and we are working to help students make the most of it.

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Sept. 8
First day of classes

Sept. 10, 17, 24
Learning Improvement Fridays

Sept. 14
Picture Day

Sept. 20
Let’s Connect Parent Event
Format: Zoom
5-6pm

Oct. 5
Gateway Family Night
Format: Zoom
Time TBA



Assistant Principal's Corner

Wow, am I excited to have all of our kids back on campus again! To that end, we have been preparing not only our classroom activities, but our extra-curricular clubs and athletics, too. There are countless research studies showing that kids who are more involved in clubs and athletics earn better grades, have higher self-esteem and are less likely to get into trouble. There are even some longitudinal studies that show these kids faring better down the road in their lives.

For a student to participate in athletics at Gateway, they need to have physical and other paperwork completed to practice and play. Links to the various sports we offer, and the paperwork needed is on the [Athletics](#) portion of our website, under the Students tab. For our first season, 7th and 8th graders can participate in football, softball and cross country. 6th graders may practice with cross country. Practices begin on September 13th, so it's time to get that paperwork filled out and turned in to Mrs. Trachte in the office!

We have all sorts of clubs for our Guardians. They can compete on our robotics team, explore fandoms, create our yearbook and enjoy many other activities and focuses. Please visit the [Activities/Clubs](#) portion of our website, again under the Students tab. Here you can explore our clubs and contact the advisors for more information.

Looking forward to seeing your student involved here at Gateway! Go Guardians!

David Campbell, Assistant Principal

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Fragrance Free Building

For the health of our staff and students, the following are prohibited at Gateway:

- Cologne/perfume/body spray
- Scented lotions
- Room fresheners (includes restrooms)
- Essential oils
- Other items with chemical/artificial fragrance

Student Schedules Available

[Click here to access student schedules now available in HAC.](#) Counselors can only make adjustments if a class is missing, or if a student is improperly placed in a level. Requests based on preferences are not able to be accommodated.



ChromeBooks

ChromeBooks have been distributed for student use due to voter support of the 2016 Levy. We know that many families have other devices at home. [Click here to access our ChromeBook orientation.](#) Mrs. Perez, our on-site ChromeBook Technician, is here live during student hours to assist with any needs or question.

Repairs to ChromeBooks are covered by the district unless the damage is thought to be malicious. If one of the district ChromeBooks is stolen, please file a police report, and provide the report # to us as we will work with police to recover devices.

ChromeBook Passwords

- 6th graders: student ID numbers and passwords do not change when transitioning schools. Your student ID and password from last year should still work.
- 7th and 8th graders: passwords do not automatically reset. You should be able to log in with last year's password.
- Students new to the district: Use your student ID as your login. Your password is your birthdate month/date: MMDD. If you were born in May 2008, your password would be 0508.
- To reset your password, email Mrs. Trachte who will reset it. mtrachte@everettsd.org

Accessing Student Email

All students have an Everett School District email account. We encourage to use these for communication with teachers and staff, as this streamlines the process. Updates and announcements will also be sent to student email addresses via the Canvas system. On the student ChromeBook, click “apps.everettsd.org bookmarks” and then “Office 365.” This opens the student's Microsoft Office menu. Click on “Outlook” and students will be able to use email to communicate with staff.

World Language Assessment

Students who are fluent in a language other than English can earn up to 4 high school credits by taking the World Language Assessment. This does not replace the requirement for students to take 2-3 years of a world language in high school (based on college admissions). Registration closes October 1. Please contact your student's counselor for more information.

6th Grade – [Merriah Sample](#) 7th Grade – [Jocelyn Smith](#) 8th Grade – [Ryan Miller](#)

Guardian Wear

Gateway PTSA has gear available! [Please click here to go to the online store.](#) While not required, we do encourage students to use class colors to show their spirit. Class colors stay with each class for their 3 years at Gateway.

6th grade – Silver/grey 7th grade – Navy blue 8th grade – White

We encourage you to join PTSA! [Click here to join](#) and enter yourself in the contest to win UW vs. ASU football tickets!



Parent Drop-off and pick-up

Please note the drop-off and pick-up area in the red square below. For safety, students should only enter and exit from vehicles in this area.



Fees and Charges

All fees and fines can be made online. You may access the parent portal [here](#). You will need to view your student's schedule to determine the applicable fees for the 21-22 school year.

Below are the prices of items available for purchase online:

ASB/ID Card Mandatory for sports participation and extracurricular activities	\$10.00	PE Uniform* Shirt Shorts	\$10.00 \$10.00
Band	\$20.00	UA Fee	\$20.00
Choir Fee	\$20.00	Orchestra Fee	\$20.00
Yearbook	\$25.00	Athletic Fees	\$40.00
Any outstanding fines			

*A PE uniform is not required. You may provide your own uniform:

- A solid white or light gray T-shirt with no writing, pictures, or logos.
- Solid navy blue or black athletic shorts. They should be free of buttons, zippers, snaps, and exterior pockets. Solid color without piping, stripes, etc. Boxers are not considered athletic shorts.



Dress Code

With the input of our staff Instructional Leadership Team, our student Delta Equity Leadership Team, and input from our community, we have updated our dress code as follows:

Item	Guideline
Shirts/Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bottom of the shirt and the top of the pants/shorts/skirt must overlap Necklines must stay at or above the top of the armpit Strapless tops are not allowed
Pants/Shorts/Skirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorts and skirts must be longer than the longest finger when arms are extended down the sides Fabrics must be solid (not transparent or see-through) Must not reveal undergarments
Footwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have hard soles – no slippers, please! May not have wheels
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bandanas, chains, and spikes are not permitted Pajamas may not be worn Hats and hoods, while permitted, must not present a safety hazard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff may ask for their removal if, for example, wearing a hood would impair peripheral vision during certain PE activities or a science lab. Headwear should not prevent the identification of students

No clothing item may promote or reference the following:

Alcohol, bigotry, drugs, gangs, racism, sex, suicide, tobacco, vandalism, violence and/or weapons

Covid Safety

Pursuant to the state mask mandate, all persons inside our school will be required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth, unless eating in a designated area. While masks are not required when outdoors, staff and students may choose to remain masked if they would like. We have extra paper masks available if students forget masks at home.

Hand sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the building in high-traffic areas and are available in each classroom. Sinks for handwashing are also available in the majority of our classrooms.

Restrooms have a maximum occupancy of 2. 2 hooks are in the entrance of each restroom for students to hang a disposable pass when using the restroom. We ask that students remain outside of the restroom if 2 students are already inside.

Water fountains are not available for use. Please send your student with a water bottle each day. These can be filled in classrooms. We have extras at the front desk if a student forgets a water bottle.



Covid-related safety information can also be found in these places: [COVID Resource website](#), [COVID- Related FAQs](#), and in our [2021-22 COVID Family Handbook](#). Everett Public Schools keeps these resources up to date as we receive new guidance issued from the Department of Health.

Lunch Logistics

[Please click here to view our Youtube presentation on lunch logistics](#). In addition to indoor physically-distanced seating options in our Commons, students will have access to outdoor covered and uncovered seating. As a note, while we will have some chairs available, students may also be seated on benches, planter boxes, or on the ground. Please encourage your student to dress appropriately for the elements, and also help encourage your student to be sure to pick up their trash when done eating. Supervision will be provided.

Library

We will continue to offer online contact-free library book checkout this year. Also, we are finalizing plans for what potential in-person library services we are able to offer safely. We will communicate out when the system is ready.

Fitness Classes

Locker room use has been modified to space students out to the greatest extent possible while changing for Fitness. Teachers will work with students to ensure maximum spacing.

Student Arrival

Doors open at 7:50, and class begins at 8:10. Students wanting to socialize in the morning before school are encouraged to do so outside. Once a student has entered the building, they should go to the Commons for breakfast or use the restroom as needed, and then proceed to their first period class. Once in class, students will not be allowed to leave to walk the halls with friends. We do want to provide social time, and the safest place for that to occur is outdoors.



Passing Periods

We will be encouraging our students to “stay on the blue.” This will help remind students to walk on the right. At the end of the day, when all students are exiting, students will use one-way hallways if not utilizing parent pick-up.

