

# GHS EAGLE'S CORNER

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## Dr. DT's Tidbits

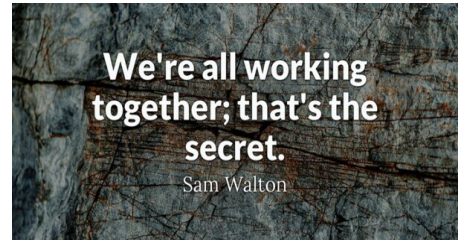
Greetings parents and students,

Wow! 2022 is HERE! This school year is almost over! As we enter this new semester, I'd like to thank the faculty, staff, students and parents for your diligence and continued support despite our current circumstances with this pandemic.

There are some new things happening within our school that I'd like to share! Gateway began in 2013 and Dr. Corey J. Barnes was our first principal. After 8 ½ years, Dr. Barnes has moved on to something different. We thank him for his commitment to Gateway and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Currently I am the interim principal for our school. I look forward to continuing to work hard with parents, students, faculty, and staff. Thanks for the continued support.

~Dr. DT



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### Upcoming Events



## COVID REPORTING PROCEDURES

Parents we encourage you to keep students' home who are ill, and/or experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if they have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID. You all have been TERRRRIFIC thus far notifying us with information regarding quarantines and exposure to the virus. Students, please following procedures should you come in contact with someone who is positive or if you test positive yourself.

**Step 1: Notify Dr. Downing-Townsend or a GHS instructor via email.**

**Step 2: Expect an email from Dr. Downing-Townsend with the link to self-report.**

**Step 3: Expect a call from the college regarding your self-report.**

**Step 4: Notify your instructors so that you can keep up with your assignments**



Trade, Workforce, College, Military, we can  
**PREPARE YOU!**

## GATEWAY RECRUITMENT



**Make Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College  
Collegiate High School your choice!**

Eligible students must have at least 10 high school credits in the upcoming school year. Enrollment for Spring 2022 is open now. Applications for Summer/Fall 2022 will be accepted January 3 – February 18.

More information and the application are available at [www.polk.edu/gateway](http://www.polk.edu/gateway) | 863.669.2923



Do you know someone who may be interested in our school for the 2022-2023 school year? Please have to them to apply! BOTH application links are below, and both are required.

High School Application Link: <https://www.polk.edu/lakeland-gateway-to-college-high-school/>

College Application Link: **(Please Apply as a dual enrolled student)**  
<https://passport.polk.edu/Genesis/student/applagon.jsp>

*“Teachers open  
the door, but you  
must enter by  
yourself” -  
Chinese Proverb*

*You can have access to instructors  
from the best schools in the world,  
but you still need to be willing to do  
the work, even when it's hard. If  
you can't do it alone, remember  
that asking for help is part of doing  
the work.*

## Student Meetings



Student meetings by class (2022, 2023, 2024) will be held once a month. The purpose of this meeting is to keep you informed of school events, school news, etc.... All meetings will be held via zoom and the link will be posted in the individual class bands. The meetings will be recorded for those who may miss it. Students, it will be your responsibility to review the information.

## Parents Meetings

Virtual parent meetings will be held quarterly. The meetings will be held via zoom. The dates for the meetings are listed below:

January 18, 2022 @ 6:30PM

April 19, 2022 @ 6:30PM



# IMPORTANT DATES

## TESTING

FSA ELA (Graduation Requirement)  
 February 22, 23, & 24, 2022 (All Dates MANDATORY)

Algebra 1 EOC  
 March 8 & 9, 2022 (All Dates MANDATORY)

NHS (National Honor Society Induction)  
 February 22, 2022 @ 6:30PM  
 This is by invitation only and will be sent by Mrs.

## Chandler. RECRUIT NIGHTS

February 15, 2022 @ 6:30PM – Hybrid (More Information Coming)

March 8, 2022 @ 6:30PM – Virtual Only (More Information Coming)



TENTATIVE PROM – April 16, 2022

TENTATIVE GRAD BASH – April 1, 2022 (SENIORS ONLY – NO GUESTS)

# TUTORING

We want to ensure that our students are getting the help that they need. For college classes, students have access to the TLCC in person and online via Canvas.

For college and high school, students should ALWAYS communicate with the instructor when they don't understand something. Fridays are used for remediation as students need it, but they must communicate and arrange

that with the teacher. Our teachers are here to assist. Parents for high school classes that students may be struggling in, please be sure remain in constant communication with the teacher.



# GHS CLUBS

INTERACT – Sponsor Mrs. Kimberly (Battle) William



NHS – Sponsor Mrs. Tania Chandler  
 (This group is by invitation only)



Anime Club – Sponsor Mrs. Kari Misa



SGA – Sponsor Mrs. Cherie Murray





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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Scheduling** - Dr. Downing - Townsend & Ms. Jones

**Enrollment/Textbooks/Attendance** - Mrs. Murray

**FOCUS (student and parent portal)** - Mrs. Murray

**College & Career** - Mrs. Chandler

**IEPS, 504's, Gifted** - Ms. Jones

**ESOL** - Dr. Downing-Townsend

**Lunch forms** - Ms. Battle

**Canvas** - [camato@polk.edu](mailto:camato@polk.edu)

**Passport**- [registrar@polk.edu](mailto:registrar@polk.edu)

**Email** - 863-292-3652 or [jthompson@polk.edu](mailto:jthompson@polk.edu)

**Testing Coordinator** - Dr. Downing-Townsend

**Student Conferences** - Dr. Downing-Townsend & Ms. Jones

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