

# GHS EAGLE'S CORNER

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## Principal's News

Welcome to Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School! Wow, that is a lot to digest in just our name, which is why we call ourselves Gateway for short. It is my extreme pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year here at Polk State College. We are so excited for you to be here and spend the year with us. In these unprecedented times, we take nothing for granted here at Gateway. We feel like we are one of the top schools in all of Polk County and we are sure you will agree after spending some time with us. By the time you read this, classes for both High School and College will be in full swing. We ask that you take advantage of each and every opportunity to be successful. Here at Gateway, we consider ourselves to be a

family, and family does not let family go through tough times alone. So, if you are ever in need of help in any way, please feel free to stop by the Gateway office and someone will be more than happy to help you out. Make sure that you have all of your necessary materials for your classes and show up for class on a regular basis. Research shows that attendance plays a huge part in student success. Being at Gateway, you have access to all that Polk State has to offer and we encourage you to maximize those resources and have the very best experience here as possible. Once again, welcome, we are so glad you chose to be here!

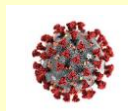
~ Dr. Corey J. Barnes, Principal

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **FSA Testing**
- ◆ **ACT School Day**  
(Seniors Only)
- ◆ **SAT School Day**  
(Seniors Only)



## 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 TERRRIFIC thus far notifying us with information regarding quarantines and exposure to the virus. Students, please following procedures should you come into 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**

**HS attendance will be marked SB-medical.**



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

## Important Upcoming Testing Information

**MANDATORY FSA ELA - September 17, 24 & October 1, 2021 (All dates are required).** FSA is for those students who have not passed FSA Reading or have not taken the FSA Reading in 10<sup>th</sup> grade or at all.

**SAT School Day (College reporting) - October 13, 2021 MANDATORY for Seniors who have not passed FSA Reading or FSA Algebra 1 EOC.** I will have an additional 28 seats available on

a first come first serve basis for SENIORS ONLY who have already passed FSA.

**ACT School Day (Non-college reporting) - October 19 - 21 MANDATORY for Seniors who have not passed FSA Reading or FSA Algebra 1 EOC.** No additional seats will be available for this test.

**IF YOU WORK, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGMENTS AS TESTING IS MANDATORY**

## Interim Reports

Interim reports will be distributed on Wednesday September 8, 2021. Interims will be emailed to parents and students. Interims will reflect the work of students in high school courses only. Parents if you have questions regarding high school class grades, please contact the high school teacher.



*“If you are NOT willing to learn, NO ONE can help you. If you are determined to learn NO ONE can stop you.”*  
-Zig Ziglar

## 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:

October 19, 2021 @ 6:30PM

January 18, 2022 @ 6:30PM

April 19, 2022 @ 6:30PM



## IMPORTANT DATES

**September 6, 2021** - No SCHOOL

**September 24, 2021** - last day to withdraw from a Fastrack 1 college class.

**September 27, 2021** - FAFSA information (virtual)

**October 18, 2021** - Senior Pictures on Campus (must sign up online).

**October 29, 2021** - last day to withdraw from a 16-week college class.

**November 8, 2021** - last day to withdrawn from a 12-week college class.

**November 17, 2021** - last day to withdrawn from a Fastrack 2 college class.

**October 17-22, 2021**, Spring College Registration requests. (This is for those who have passed Pert and are eligible for college classes.

## 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.



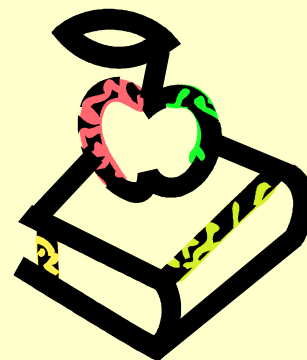
## PERT

Many students have the desire to take and pass the PERT to take college courses for their AA degree or to earn college credit. The requirement for that currently is to pass the PERT (Reading - 106, Writing - 103, Math 114).

The college has restricted us to give the PERT to each student three times and no more. Students must also wait 30 days between testing. We are currently

working on a Pert testing plan for those who are waiting to test. That testing window will not extend beyond October 22 for Spring college classes.

Pert testing may be done from home with a computer and web cam. With the at home online option, students will need to let us know by October 20.



*Knowledge has a beginning but no end.*



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

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

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

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

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