

# Gateway Newsletter



September 2022



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

IT is hard to believe that September has arrived already! We've been in school for one month with much more to go!

Parents and students high school class interim reports were sent home, Friday, September 2, 2022 via email. If you did not receive one or parents if you didn't see your students interim report, please email me directly and I will be more than happy to email it.

As we prepare for the last half of this first quarter, students I hope you are in attendance, completing assignments and studying so that YOU can ensure YOUR academic success. I'm available to students, parents, faculty and staff as I am needed. Let's make this a great month!

Dr. DT

## Mindset

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the driving force in the quest for success and achievement. a mindset that combines discipline, strength, confidence and ambition is a powerful mindset. this can achieve anything it sets its sights on.  
a powerful mind can achieve anything.

## TO-DO

- ✓ STUDENT: Read at least 30 minutes per week at home
- ✓ STUDENT: know how to access your my.polk.edu email
- ✓ PARENT: Schedule a student/parent/teacher conference if your child had at least 1 D or 1 F on his/her interim report.  
Email: [tajones@polk.edu](mailto:tajones@polk.edu) to schedule

## EVENTS

**September 12-16**

Algebra I EOC Testing

**September 16, 23, 30**

FSA Reading Retakes

**September 23**

Early Release





## How We Communicate at Gateway



We LOVE to communicate with our parents and students. There are several ways that this is done.

### High School Grading

High School class grades as the school year progresses, may be found in the student and parent portal via FOCUS.

Parents this will allow you to monitor your students **high school grades**. Students to log into your student portal, the user name is your complete my.polk.edu email address and your Polk State College ID# That begins with the capital letter of your first name.

Parents/Guardians for access to the parent portal, please contact Mrs. Murray. (clmurray@polk.edu)

### College Grading

College grades differ from high school grades and do not show up in FOCUS until the semester has ended. Students may view most college grades in Canvas. (Parents do not have access to Canvas). Because high school is so different than college, we **STRONGLY** encourage parents to **ALWAYS** ask the students to show them Canvas grades.

- Email - if you have questions regarding anything, please send an email to the person with whom you need to send the question to. (please allow 24 - 48 hours to respond) (see pg. 2 for emails)

#### STUDENTS MUST USE THEIR MU.POLK.EDU EMAIL ACCOUNTS

- Band App - the Band app (Band is also a web based app and may be accessed via a computer). It is where the school calendar is, where we post a lot of announcements that pertain to activities that are happening at Gateway. Band information is by Class and will be emailed separately.
- Phone - please feel free to contact us via phone and if we are unavailable please leave us a voice message (we will reply within 24-48 hours). 863-669-2923 is our school's main number.
- Stop by and see us. Please note that if we are busy and you can not wait, leave us a message. As the principal, I try my hardest to meet with students and parents when they stop in to see me, but sometimes if I am in a meeting it's hard to do so.

Office Staff may be reached at their extensions by calling 863-297-1010, Option 1, then press the star key.

Dr. Downing-Townsend - x6197

Mrs. Chandler - x6449

Ms. Jones - x6335

Mrs. Battle-Williams - x6334

Mrs. Murray - x6336

Mrs. A. Bonney - x2315

# Clubs and Activities

Gateway offers a variety of clubs and has many activities for students to enjoy and socialize.

## Clubs:

- Technology Club
- Gateway Ghents
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- FBLA
- More may be added

## Activities:

- Homecoming Dance (Tentative)
- Prom (Gateway Collegiate and Lakeland Collegiate combined)
- Grad Bash (Seniors Only)
- Movie Night
- Game Day
- Awards Nights
- NHS Induction
- High School Welcome Week
- You're A Star-Roll out the Red Carpet!
- Getting to know you

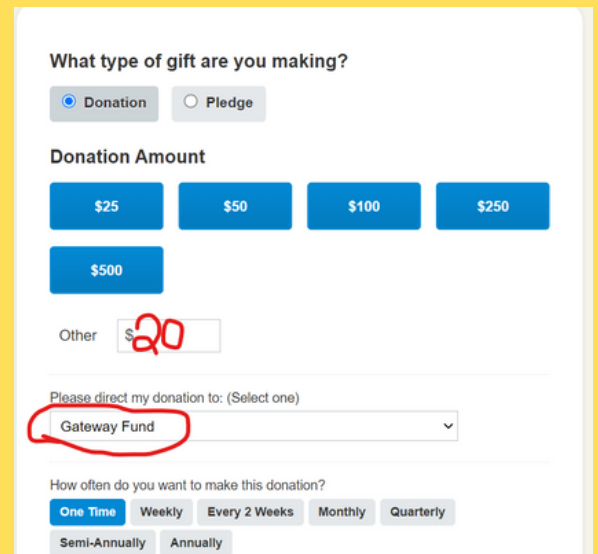
# Student Activity Fee

As a student at Gateway there are many activities that we will have.

We are asking each student for a \$20.00 student activity fee.

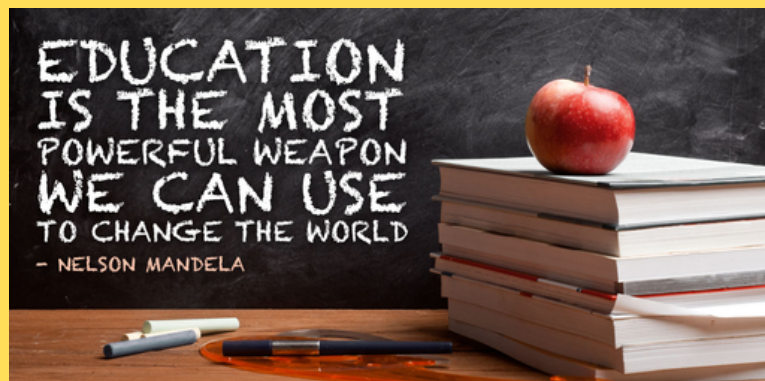
Click the Link below and be sure to select Gateway Fund:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/pscfcd>



The screenshot shows a donation form with the following elements:

- What type of gift are you making?**
  - Donation
  - Pledge
- Donation Amount**
  - Buttons for \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500.
  - Other: \$  (The number 20 is handwritten in red).
- Please direct my donation to: (Select one)**
  - A dropdown menu with "Gateway Fund" selected and circled in red.
- How often do you want to make this donation?**
  - Buttons for One Time, Weekly, Every 2 Weeks, Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annually, and Annually.





## High School Attendance vs. College Attendance

### High School:

**Parents** are allowed to send **three emails for high school attendance to be excused.**

Additional absences without doctors notes are unexcused.

**Doctors notes, etc.....** are excused absences but must e sent by the parent to Mrs. Murray (clmurray@polk.edu)

**Students who miss at least 10 (ten) high school classes are subject to an end of semester exam to earn credit for the class.**

### College:

The High school **DOES NOT** control college class attendance. Professors post their attendance policies inside of their course syllabus.



## PLEASE, NEVER

**visit the bookstore, OR** purchase **ANY** textbooks, materials, course codes, etc... We provide all materials for students for high school and college courses. WE CANNOT reimburse you for materials purchased.

Please contact Mrs. Murray for textbooks and materials.

clmurray@polk.edu.

**When in doubt, ASK US.**



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Lakeland Gateway to College  
Collegiate High School

# Faculty & Staff

## Principal

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