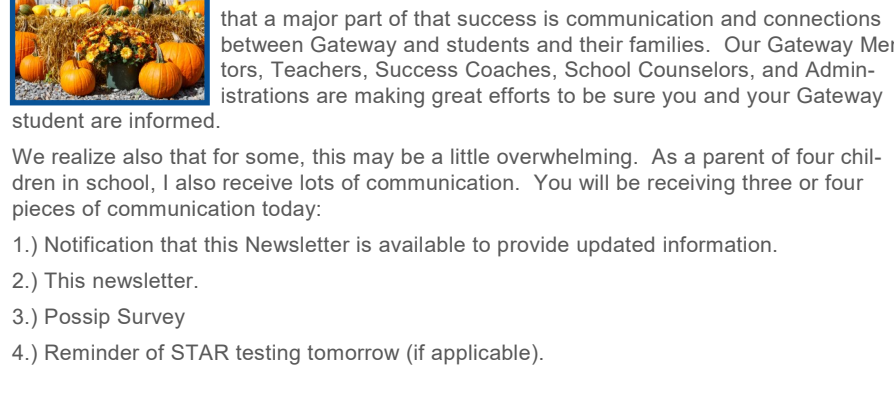


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## Communications

**Our** heart is to see all of our students be successful. We believe that a major part of that success is communication and connections between Gateway and students and their families. Our Gateway Mentors, Teachers, Success Coaches, School Counselors, and Administrators are making great efforts to be sure you and your Gateway student are informed.

We realize also that for some, this may be a little overwhelming. As a parent of four children in school, I also receive lots of communication. You will be receiving three or four pieces of communication today:

- 1.) Notification that this Newsletter is available to provide updated information.
- 2.) This newsletter.
- 3.) Pospip Survey
- 4.) Reminder of STAR testing tomorrow (if applicable).

Because we are doing more to engage students and families, this requires more communication, BUT we want it also to be better communication. We are working on a tool which will help streamline the communication process. Unfortunately, we ask that you be patient with us until we are ready to roll out that new process.

A key tool for us is the Pospip Survey. In September, we had about 15% participation on the survey. This data is key for us to know how we are doing, obtain feedback from students and families, and inform us in making decisions. That survey comes out today (Wednesday, Oct. 18th). Please take 2-3 minutes to complete that survey.

We thank you for the support that you've given us this year! We greatly appreciate it!

## Social Space & Clubs

**Students can take a brain break and get to know your fellow students and staff by joining Gateway Online Academy's Social Space Sessions!** Here at GOA, we highly encourage a virtual sense of community. During Social Space, students have the opportunity to interact with one another by participating in fun teambuilding activities, engaging with guest speakers, learning about resources in their community & much more. Sessions are offered **Thursday afternoons, 3:15pm-4:15pm and Monday evenings, 5:30pm-6:30pm**, and are counted toward students' 23-hour minimum weekly engagement requirement - We look forward to seeing you there!

Clubs are also available to students. Here are a list of clubs currently being offered, the advisor of the club, and their email address:

- ◆ Together Towards Tomorrow—Mrs. Bartlett (mbartlett@gatewayoh.org)
- ◆ Book Club—Miss Maurer (mmaurer@gatewayoh.org)
- ◆ Trivia Cub—Miss Haag (mhaag@gatewayoh.org)
- ◆ Chess Club—Mr. Carlson (rcarlson@gatewayoh.org)
- ◆ \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Young Mothers—Mrs. Passarelli (npassarelli@gatewayoh.org)
- ◆ \*\*\*Coming Soon!\*\*\* Student Council—Ms. Suttles (msuttles@gatewayoh.org)

## November STAR Testing

Per state requirements—STAR testing must be done live and in person. All students at Gateway Online Academy are required to take the STAR test. **For those who have not yet taken the STAR test this year as a Gateway Online Academy student, the next test will take place tomorrow Oct. 19th.**

- ◆ If you have not taken the STAR test yet, you should have received a letter with the test date, time and location for the STAR test.
- ◆ **Please bring your Gateway computer** for the test.
- ◆ Try to arrive a few minutes early to settle in before the test begins. Our staff will be out testing and may not be available for live teaching and tutoring on that day.
- ◆ If you have not received a letter, please check your school email (not Canvas email). If you cannot find it, please contact our Testing Coordinator & Asst. Principal, Shaquilia Horne, at shorne@gatewayoh.org
- ◆ If you have already taken the STAR test in September, **DO NOT** come to take the STAR test again. You only need to do the STAR testing if you have received the communication.
- ◆ Live class sessions on Thursday (Oct. 19th) will be limited due to our staff meeting with students at the testing sights.
- ◆ Again, if you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact our Testing Coordinator, Shaquilia Horne at shorne@gatewayoh.org.

## College Credit Plus

We will have a meeting on Thursday, October 19th at 6:00pm for students and families who wish to participate in College Credit Plus for next year. College Credit Plus is an opportunity for students to take course in college while still in high school at no cost to the student or families. This session will be hosted by one of our school counselors—Mrs. Ford, our principal—Mr. Yoder, and a representative from Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) - Renee Lamp.

The meeting will take place through a Webex link found below. If you will be joining by a Smart Phone or Tablet, you may want to download the app for Webex before the meeting for best results:

<https://tri-c.webex.com/tri-cj.php?MTID=m7c4e56978252084b1471392a20a302c>

**We hope to see you there!**

## Students of the Month(s)!

**Congratulations** to the following students for being nominated as students of the month for October! Keep up the great work!

**Jaden Newman** was nominated by the English department as student of the month for September. They state he does his work on time, which is always meticulously done! He's a great asset to have in class! **Congrats!**

**Emily Otero** was nominated by the English department as student of the month for October. They state she comes to every live session, is always pleasant, and does all her work! **Awesome!**

**Brandy Jacobs** was nominated by the Social Studies department as student of the month for September. She has been on top of her work since day one during the first term. Her teacher Mrs. Weaver states she communicates with the teachers almost daily and has done an incredible job on her assignments so far this term!

**Christopher Welch** was nominated by the Social Studies department as student of the month for October. Mr. Carlson states he always attended the live sessions during the first term and greatly participated in class! He has an awesome personality towards his teacher and his peers. Mr. Carlson added that it was a pleasure having him in class!

**Brittney Secola** is a double nominee!!! She was nominated by both the Science and Math department as student of the month for September. Her science teachers stated that she is the hardest worker; always completes her assignments on time or ahead of time. She always participates during live sessions, and does not hesitate to ask for help. She loves being a remote student at Gateway, and we love having her as part of our community!

Her math teachers stated that she is on track to complete her Geometry course within three weeks! She is looking to graduate early by finishing core classes which enable the opportunity to take electives and earning extra HS credits each term to achieve that goal. She has also completed her core science course early this second term. Brittney has a positive attitude, enjoys Gateway, and shows great responsibility in completing her school work!!!

**Kara Brown** was nominated by the Science department as student of the month for October. The teachers stated that she is a focused and driven student. She shows up to most every class and does the work required—not just to pass—but to excel in class. Yet, what really stands out about this student she always has a kind word for her teachers or classmates.

**Dalton Kesman** was nominated by the Career-Tech department as student of the month for September. Dalton completed both parts of the RiseUp Certification and has officially completed his Graduation Requirements! We are proud of Dalton in the CTE Department for his hard work and perseverance through September!

**Rylie Abbot** was nominated by the Career-Tech department as student of the month for October. Rylie completed both parts of the RiseUp certification. Rylie overcame some early obstacles with school at the beginning of the year. We are proud of Rylie in the CTE Department for learning to overcome these obstacles and still achieving her goals in October!

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Parent/Teacher** Conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 3rd from 9:00am through 1:00pm. You will receive another communication on Friday regarding time slots for parent/teacher conferences with the staff member you would like to meet with and how to do that.

Parents and students are ALWAYS welcome to reach out at any time to schedule a meeting to conference with them during the school year. Our staff contact information can be found on our website at the following website:

<https://ohio.gatewayonlineacademy.com/our-staff/>

## Volunteers and Sponsors Needed!

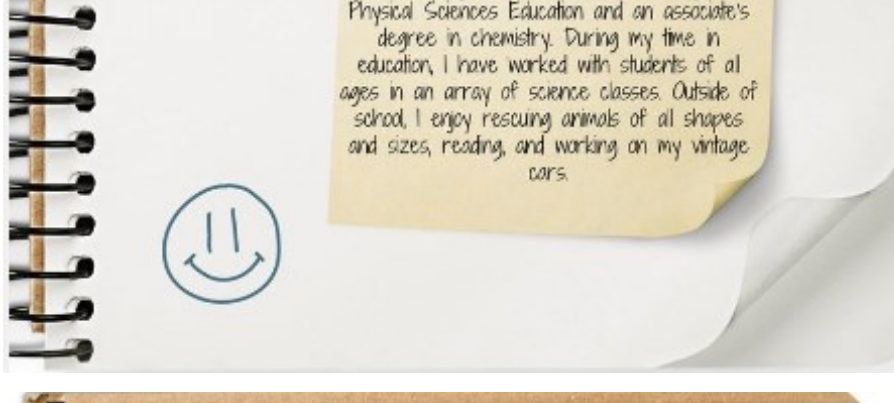
**Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** is an evidence-based three-tiered framework program to support students' social-emotional well-being, behavioral, and academic success. We are looking for companies or organizations that are willing to help support these efforts. If you own a business or work for a business that would like to support these efforts at our school, please reach out to the principal, Marty Yoder at (216) 329-3416 or email: myoder@gatewayoh.org.

If you would like to help us by being a part of our teams that influence our students and direction of the school, please consider being a part of our PBIS team, our Building Leadership Team, or our District Leadership Team. By joining one of these teams, you will provide us with an outside view from our stakeholders to help us be more effective in what we do to support our students and families.

If you are interested, please reach out to the principal, Marty Yoder at the contact information listed above.

## Join us on Facebook!

We are on Facebook! If you've missed our staff spotlights, see below!



**CHRISTINA LAMORGESE**  
Student Services Coordinator

**ABOUT ME**  
After graduating with her Bachelor of Science from Kent State University in 2011, Christina served as an AmeriCorps Member with City Year Cleveland 15-20 in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. It was there she became enthusiastic about empowering and educating for youth, motivating her to continue to explore her work in education. Growing up in the Cleveland area, Christina became a HUGE Cleveland sports fan! GO BROWNS/Wolves! She is now a full-time attendee at a Cleveland game, you can catch her spending time with family + friends, practicing yoga, watching her favorite TV show *Suits*, or reading any book written by Elv Hindstrand. She also enjoys hot dogs and watermelon at the beach! Christina has some personal goals regarding the lives of young people as the 2023-2024 school year will be her 4th year in education, and 4th year with Acel Schools. She is beyond excited to embark on a successful school year at GOA!

**BRIANNA REBERA**  
Counselor

**ABOUT ME**  
I am very excited to get to know all of my students this school year! I grew up in Leroy, Ohio which is a small town near Franconia. I have an Associate of Science degree, Bachelor of Science in Human Development + Family Studies with a concentration in Child + Youth Development, and I have a Master of Education in Professional School Counseling. I received all of my degrees from Kent State University. I received my certification in Ohio. I currently live in Franconia with my husband and two dogs. I enjoy hiking, traveling, and spending time with family/friends. My favorite sports team is the Cleveland Browns! What I love most about my job is being able to form strong connections with my students and watching their growth throughout the years.

**TRENA FALENCKI**  
Counselor

**ABOUT ME**  
I grew up in Northeast Ohio and have lived in Lorain for 24 years. I have been married to my husband Paul for 32 years and we have three children. I attended the University of Toledo for my undergraduate degree and earned a master's degree from Ashland University and my school counseling licensure from Cleveland State University. I love all Cleveland sports teams and enjoy going to the Cleveland Browns games! I enjoy spending time with family and watching the local Cleveland Browns, Cavs, and Indians. I am excited to be working with the students at Gateway this year! I am looking forward to helping students meet their goal of earning a high school diploma and helping them preparing to head into the next phase of life.

**MR. CAPRIO**  
History + Personal Finance

**ABOUT ME**  
I grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, where I earned my undergraduate degree from Duquesne University in Secondary Education, Social Studies and History and my masters in Reading K-12. I have three younger siblings, one in medical school, one is in pharmacy school, and the other in occupational therapy school. My only pet that I had was a pet goldfish that I had for six years (it was one of those carnival fish).  
Favorite hobbies + sports are baseball, soccer, reading, and taking walks on trails, hiking, college football, rugby. Favorite part of my job at Gateway is the time in insight/Gateway connect and understanding the students. As much as I enjoy teaching history, I enjoy learning from my students. One of my fun facts is I have family in South America.

**BRIAN HESSEY**  
Head of School

**ABOUT ME**  
I grew up in Bucyrus Ohio and graduated from Weyland HS. I then received my undergrad in Social Studies Education from The Ohio State University and my masters from Ashland University. I have had the pleasure of working with at-risk students most of my adult life. I am married to a very beautiful wife Victoria. We have 4 adult children and two grandchildren. I have 2 dogs (Baker and Dora) who are my best buddies. We and I reside in Spring Lakes Ohio. We love to travel whenever we can and love to listen to live music.

**BROOKE ENDLY**  
12th Grade English

**ABOUT ME**  
This is my first year as a full time teacher and I am excited to begin my career and get to know all of my students. I'm originally from a small town in southeastern Ohio where I also attended Muskingum University. I currently live in Columbus with my fiancé, love to read on my kindle in the evenings, specifically Crime fiction and Romance novels. I have a Cockapoo puppy named Maly. I love the show *Good Girls*. Coffee is my favorite thing to drink. I love to go on long walks around my neighborhood while listening to the latest True Crime podcast.

**MRS. CALHOUN**  
Science

**ABOUT ME**  
Southern Ohio is where I call home with my husband and our many pets. In 2011 I graduated from the University of Rio Grande with a bachelor's degree in Adolescent to Young Adult Physical Sciences Education and an associate's degree in chemistry. During my time in education, I have worked with students of all ages in an array of science classes. Outside of school and the busy routine of my job, I enjoy sewing, reading, and working on my vintage cars.

**MISS PAINTER**  
Intervention Specialist

**ABOUT ME**  
I grew up in a very small town called Weyland, Ohio. I graduated from Wright State University with my Bachelors of Science, and Masters in Education. Most recently I graduated from American College of Education (ACE) with my second Masters degree in Educational Leadership. I love spending as much time with my family, friends, and four dogs. I am a coach at TITLE Boxing Club and love to remodel homes. I am a huge Bengals (Who-Dee) and Ohio State (Baker and Dora) fan and I love to watch Football. If I had the perfect vacation it would be with my family and friends on the beach!

**MRS. BUDWITZ**  
Health and Physical Education and Character Education

**ABOUT ME**  
I grew up in Toledo, Ohio where I continued my education at the University of Toledo. After obtaining my degree, I started my teaching career in Las Vegas! Now with 7 children (6 and 3 years old) we have settled down back in Ohio where we have 5 chickens, 2 rabbits and I do. My favorite thing to do is spend time with my family. We enjoy taking golf cart rides down our country roads. If I am not teaching or spending time with my family, you will find me at Target or a thrift store.

**ANGIE ROBINSON**  
Career Based Intervention

**ABOUT ME**  
I earned a Master's level education and have experience mentoring high school students. My goal is guiding students to success as they transition to the workforce. Using various tools and assessments, students can identify what is a good fit for them. So, let's start planning!

## 2023-2024 CALENDAR

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** AUGUST 14TH **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** JUNE 12TH

**SCHOOL BREAK**  
THANKSGIVING BREAK: NOV. 22-25  
WINTER BREAK: DEC. 21- JAN. 2  
SPRING BREAK: MAR. 28- APR. 1

**OTHER SCHEDULE CLOSINGS** SEPT. 4 - LABOR DAY, JAN. 15 - MLK JR. DAY, FEB. 19 - PRESIDENT'S DAY, MAY. 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

**PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES** NOV. 3, FEB. 9

**END OF EACH TERM** SEPT. 28TH, NOV. 16TH, FEB. 1ST, MAR. 21ST, APR. 25TH, JUN. 13TH

**GRADUATION** TBD

"Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity." - Nat Turner

