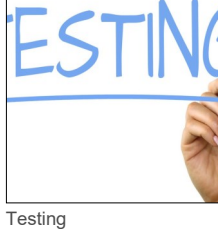


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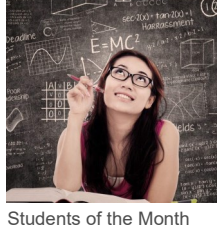
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Thanksgiving Weekend



November 21st was the last day of this week that live classes were held. Live classes will resume on Monday, November 27th. We hope you are having a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend.

As a reminder, if you fell behind in hours per week (not meeting the 23 hours per week minimum for a regular week), when we have shorter week like this week (11.5 hours expected this week) any time worked beyond that time can be applied to earlier weeks where you fell behind in those hours for attendance.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Testing



December 4th starts our time for testing. You should have already received communication regarding the testing location, time of testing, and the tests you are required to take. If you have not received communication regarding testing, please contact the Assistant Principal, Shaquila Horne, to get your testing information—(email: shorne@gatewayoh.org or call (216) 201-94810).

For all testing, you are required to bring the computer you use for Gateway Online Academy courses along with the chord to charge your computer. Mobile phones, Apple watches are prohibited during testing. If you do bring those devices to the testing location, the must be TURNED OFF and placed under your chair. Parents and guardians are not permitted to be in the room that testing occurs—this is a state testing violation and may void any scores the student may have earned.

Especially during the days of Monday, December 4th through Thursday, December 7th, teachers will not be holding live classes. During the following weeks, some teachers may not be able to hold live classes due to proctoring tests. See your course home pages to determine when you will have live classes. If you're still unsure, contact your teacher, Gateway Mentor, or Success Coach and they should be able to help you out.

It is critical that students attend testing. Failing to participate in any state testing (End-of-Course State tests, or STAR tests) more than once may result in the student not being able to be enrolled with Gateway Online Academy of Ohio. Additionally, even if a student does not pass the End-of Course state tests, some re-testing is required in order to participate in an alternative pathway to earn the high school diploma from Gateway Online Academy of Ohio.

Plan to arrive at least 5 minutes early. Be sure you bring photo identification to your testing location. Staff will try to get you admitted as quickly as possible. You should also know that we are testing with our sister schools under ACCEL—OHDELA & Pathfinder online schools. You may be interacting with some of the staff from those other schools. Please be polite and patient as you work with those staff members and be an excellent representative of the Gateway student body.

Again, if you have any questions, concerns, or anything that needs brought to our attention, please contact the Assistant Principal, Shaquila Horne at— email: shorne@gatewayoh.org or call (216) 201-94810.

Gateway Connect!



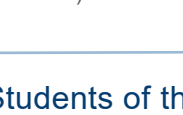
For our students, Gateway Connect acts as a homeroom and advisory time for our students to have time with a mentor. Gateway Connect is **not a class**, but by participating regularly (at least in two ways per week) the student can earn 1/4 high school credit. Participation includes attending at least once a week to a live Gateway Connect, Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am—9:30am AND responding to a question found in the Along platform found in Gateway Connect.

The Gateway Connect mentor can assist students with questions or concerns about school. They can provide valuable information with weekly announcements and assist the student in connecting with other people who may be able to help them.

Finally, Gateway Connect can help students connect with other students in an informal environment where they can make friends and share suggestions to be successful at Gateway. If for some reason a student cannot attend Gateway Connect during 9:00-9:30 each school morning, reach out to the mentor to set up another way to connect, such as meeting later in the day or during one of our evening hours.

If you are unsure about Gateway Connect or who your Gateway Connect mentor is, contact Christina Lamorgese at (email: clamorgese@gatewayoh.org , or call: (330) 267-4274).

Students of the Month!



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

Laina Graber was nominated by the Math department as student of the month. Her teachers state, "It is a pleasure to have Laina as a student! She is working hard in her Algebra I A course!" She has an excellent work ethic. "Way to go, Laina!"

Nathan Cramer was nominated by the English department as student of the month, and they state that he has been working incredibly hard in his English class during the second term. He consistently attends live sessions, stays up to date on his assignments (and even works ahead!) - he always puts in 110%! Great job Nathan!

Jonathan Carter was nominated by the Social Studies department as student of the month. They state he has worked diligently to complete both US History A & B. The add that Jonathan demonstrated growth in his academic work by dedicating his time to complete BOTH US History courses! Wow! Great work!

Kara Brown was nominated by the Science department as student of the month who state that she embodies each of the 5 Gateway Pillars. She is always on task and working hard to complete assignments at a level that exceeds expectations. Whenever Kara has an issue or a questions, she doesn't hesitate to reach out to get her question answered. And—while these are wonderful traits in a student—Kara's most amazing quality is how she treats her classmates. She is always respectful, supportive, and very quick to share a kind word or response. It has been a pleasure to know Kara as a student, but more importantly, as a human being!

Keys to Gateway

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Growth	Integrity	Focus	Communication	Connections
Give your best effort	Act with integrity	Stay on top of your work	Communicate with school staff	Build positive relationships

Parent, Guardian, Student Involvement Wanted!



We have a number of ways for parents, guardians, and students to become more involved at Gateway Online Academy of Ohio:

Teams

Be a part of a decision-making team! Gateway Online Academy has a number of teams that need input from students and their parents/guardians. These teams are the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Team, the Building Leadership Team (BLT), the District Leadership Team (DLT), and Title I Team. These teams often meet during the afternoons during the school day, but are willing to hold meetings regularly on different days so parents, guardians and students can attend and provide input during those meetings. If you are interested in helping the school in this way, contact the Principal, Marty Yoder at (email: myoder@gatewayoh.org; or call or text (216) 329-3415).

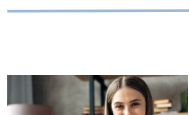
Clubs

- Students are able to participate in a number of clubs now offered at Gateway Online Academy:
- Book Club (Wednesdays 4:30—5:30pm)
- Trivia Club (Wednesday 4:30—5:30pm)
- Together Towards Tomorrow (a group focused on student acceptance and resilience development) (Wednesdays 4:30—5:00pm)
- Young Moms Support Club (Tuesdays 4:30—5:30pm)
- Chess Club (Contact Mr. Carlson if interested—carlson@gatewayoh.org) (Thursdays 4:15—5:15pm)
- Coming Soon! - Student Council!

Social Space

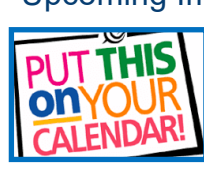
Social Space is held in the Auditorium (Course Card) in Canvas, and provides opportunities for students to interact with each other, Success Coaches, and speakers from the military, various industries, and interests. They are held each Monday evening from 5:30—6:30pm and Thursday afternoons from 3:15—4:15pm. The speaker this week is Ms. Julia Saldanha of NAMI Southwest Ohio which is an organization that supports those concerned about mental illness and wellness.

Gateway Online Academy on Social Media



Gateway Online Academy of Ohio is on Facebook, but recently has created added an INSTAGRAM account: [gatewayacademy_ohio](https://www.instagram.com/gatewayacademy_ohio). Please like and follow these accounts. These outlets provide additional information and help you stay informed with Gateway's events and vari-

Upcoming Important Dates



Here are some important dates to remember:

- ◇ Mon. Nov. 20th—Start of Third 7-Week Term (Includes regular courses + opportunities to complete courses or "make-up" courses from the 1st and 2nd 7-Week Terms. Note: Make-Up courses must be completed by the term or the student will not receive credit earning a "0" or "F").
- ◇ Mon., Nov. 27th—Live Classes Resume
- ◇ Mon., Dec. 4th—State Mandated Testing Begins
- ◇ Thurs. Dec. 21st—Winter Break (Note: students may still work on coursework, but no live classes will be held)
- ◇ Wed. Jan. 3rd—Live Classes resume.
- ◇ Mon. Jan. 15th—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No Live Classes
- ◇ Thurs. Feb. 1st—End of 3rd Term at 11:59pm.