

Good morning, Gateway! Welcome to the Gateway Broadcast News (GBN). Today is Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

_____ MRS. BLAKELY'S TEAM SPORTS DECEMBER ATHLETE OF THE MONTH GOES TO COLE HIGGINS! Each month, students nominate a classmate who has demonstrated leadership, sportsmanship, and effort in team sports. Here are a few things they had to say about him:

"Cole deserves athlete of the month because he is always trying his best and cheering his teammates on. Cole always shows up to class on time and ready to work hard. In Tchouckball and basketball, he never gave up and always fought hard even when his team wasn't the most successful. He also demonstrated sportsmanship by trying to get all of his teammates involved and if someone's feeling bad, he tries to make them laugh."

Keep up the good work COLE!

_____ Thanks to everyone who participated in our first annual WinterFest. Be sure to hold on to any tickets you earned! We will have an ASB store set up in the lunchroom next week, Tuesday through Thursday, so you can exchange your tickets for a prize!

_____ Let's make the hallways safe for everyone by walking on the right, avoiding pushing, and not linking arms with friends. It's important to keep the flow of traffic moving and to respect each other's personal space. We all have a role to play in hallway safety!

_____ Today is the last day to record the book you read for Books over Break! Make sure to fill out the Google form on the library website. We will start visiting classes next week to play the Lucky Lollipop game.

_____ Get ready! The American Heart Challenge is kicking off next week! We're excited to learn about physical and emotional well-being while having FUN and CHANGING LIVES. Donations raised help fund research to improve treatments and survival rates for tiny heart heroes. It will start on Jan 17 and go until Jan 30, so make sure to get your donations in.

_____ Are you interested in being a math tutor to earn volunteer hours? Are you already in Algebra or Geometry? Tutor training and sign-ups are this week in Mr. Kermodie's classroom 403 from 3 to 4 PM on Thursday 1/9 and a make-up day in February that is yet to be determined. You only need to attend one. See you there!

_____ Musical Theatre and Fandom clubs are cancelled today.

_____ Study Club meets in the Library; plan to stay until 4 pm and bring enough work. Remember to sign up for the activity bus by the end of 8th grade lunch if you need a ride home.

_____ *Cooking Club meets virtually from 4 -5 pm today. Check your email for the zoom link. If you would like to join this club pick up an application from the Kiosk outside the Counseling Office. Once your application is approved, you will be added to the email distribution list. Recipes are sent out the Friday before each meeting so that you can have the necessary supplies ready to cook with us.*

_____ *Attention Soccer Teams: please drop off your uniforms at the Office by this Friday, January 10. Failure to return your uniform will result in a fine.*

_____ *If you're interested in Girls Basketball or Wrestling, it's time to register on FinalForms. Girls Basketball is a cut sport, open to 7th and 8th grade only; tryouts start on Tuesday, January 21. Coed Wrestling is open to all students and practice begins on February 19. If you've already registered, check your email for a message from FinalForms that requires your attention.*

Remember, Students, to be kind and respectful – it's the GATEWay!