

Good morning, Gateway! Today is Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ Welcome back to Gateway Middle School! We're excited for a fantastic year filled with lots of learning and new experiences. Don't forget, this Friday is Spirit Day - we will be having a spirit assembly — show your school pride by wearing Gateway colors! Let's make it a great start to the year! Also, if you have Gateway sports gear from last year, wear it on Friday.

\_\_\_\_\_ Today, your teachers will go over some important rules to help our school day run smoothly but here are two that always must be followed. With 1,077 students, it's essential that we walk on the right side of the halls to keep traffic flowing. Also, remember that per district policy, cell phones should be kept in your backpacks. If they are seen out, they will be taken away.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gateway Middle School is a safe and welcoming place for all students. Any language or behavior that is considered bullying based on race, ethnicity, religion, or gender identity will be addressed promptly. We are committed to ensuring that every student feels respected and valued here at Gateway. Let's work together to create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone!

\_\_\_\_\_ Gateway Middle School is a fragrance-free school. To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for everyone, please refrain from wearing or using scented products, such as perfumes, colognes, and strong-smelling lotions. Some students and staff have sensitivities or allergies, and we want to make sure everyone can breathe easily and stay healthy. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school fragrance-free!

\_\_\_\_\_ Attention 8th graders- 8th grade students who have robotics, digital manufacturing, graphic arts, band II or choir II during 4th period need to attend 2nd lunch which takes place after 3rd period. Those students will then attend 4th period after 2nd lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you would like to participate in Cross Country, Co-Ed Football, or Softball, it's not too late to sign up. Cross Country is a no cut sport and it's open to all students. Softball and Football are open to 7th and 8th grade students, and we need more students on both teams. We have a new Softball Coach and no experience is required. Pick up instructions from the kiosk outside the Counseling Office and complete your registration on FinalForms this week. Fall Sports begin next Monday. If you've already registered, check your email for a message from FinalForms that requires your attention. See Mrs. Trachte at the Main Office if you have questions about registration for sports.

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

