

Good morning, Gateway! Welcome to the Gateway Broadcast News (GBN). Today is Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

_____ There is a lot of buzz about the Costume Contest later this month. We have a costume contest coming up but first, I think we need to talk about what a theme is - sometimes we talk about what something is by talking about what it is not. A theme is not picking a color to dress in for the contest. A theme requires some coordination and effort. You must work together as a team. For example, wearing neon alone would not qualify for a theme BUT wearing neon and dressing 80's would constitute a theme. Wearing black and calling it a theme will not work for the contest. You are welcome to participate to dress in a specific color for the spirit day, but it would be eligible for the contest. All contests have rules - the rules are it has to be a theme and school dress code applies. Since the 8th Graders won last year, you cannot repeat the same theme as last year, so start thinking of something fresh and creative!

_____ Today is the first day of Sukkot. Sukkot is a special holiday celebrated by Jewish people around the world. This festival lasts for seven days and is sometimes called the Festival of Booths or Feast of Tabernacles. Sukkot is a time to remember the journey of the Jewish people through the desert after leaving Egypt. During this time, families build a temporary hut called a sukkah, which reminds them of the shelters their ancestors lived in while traveling through the desert. It's a fun and festive time for gathering with friends and family, enjoying meals, and reflecting on thankfulness. Happy Sukkot to everyone who's celebrating!

_____ By being part of this school community you're committing to making it a safe place for everyone. This means standing against any form of bullying or discrimination, including when it's about race, gender identity, or other differences. We all have the power to make a difference!

_____ Study Club meets today after school in the Library. Students should plan to stay until 4 pm. Please remember to sign up for the activity bus during lunch if you need a ride home.

_____ Fandom Club meets today after school in Mr. Rentko's room 304. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

_____ Cooking Club meets on Zoom today from 4 – 5 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link. If you would like to join Cooking Club, pick up an application from the kiosk outside the Counseling Office. Once approved, you will receive the weekly recipe and Zoom link via email.

_____ It's that time of year! Audio Video Club (AV Club), is a place where you are able to become an editor, actor, scriptwriter, project leader, and/or director, and will be starting soon. But first, we will be having an informational meeting tomorrow, Thursday, October

17, from 3pm-4pm. Please quietly line up outside room 412 and wait to sign in. At the meeting you will learn what AV Club is from our phenomenal leadership and decide if it is for you! Near the end of the meeting and due to limited membership, you will fill out an application form to be reviewed for admission. Remember, if you need a bus pass, sign up on the list in the Commons by the end of 8th grade lunch on the day of the meeting.

_____ Your Gateway Fastpitch team tried their best, in the rain and cold, to win the game on Monday. Unfortunately, Olympic View was a little better than us and we were defeated. There was some smart base running, and we managed to get 7 runs on the day.

_____ 7th & 8th grade students: If you would like to try out for Soccer, Boys Basketball, or Girls Volleyball, sign up now on FinalForms and be sure you have a current sports physical uploaded. These are all cut sports, so it's very important to complete your registration before the first day of tryouts. If you've already signed up, check your email for a message from FinalForms that requires your attention. If you have not signed the forms, your registration is not complete, so get this done today! If it's not showing green, it means you're not finished.

_____ Did you know that students who are in sports must have a current ASB card? ASB pays for sports equipment, uniforms, the sports activity bus, and more. If you're planning to try out for Winter I sports, make sure you have an ASB card for this school year. Students who qualify for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program are eligible to have ASB and sports fees waived.

_____ Today we have a home Softball game versus Harbour Pointe. Show up if you can for the 3:45 game and support our team. Go GUARDIANS!

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