



# Alternative Education Gateway and Enterprise



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Rees Warne

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 school year. The Gateway staff is looking forward to a great school year! During the first week of school, 240 new and returning students were welcomed to the Gateway campus. In addition to new students, several new employees were welcomed. Greg Connor is the new Transitions Coordinator for Alternative Education, Chris Fisher is teaching English and Intervention at Gateway, and Lesley Chance is a new Transitions Student Relations Liaison for Alternative Education. We welcome all of them to our Gateway family!

During the summer months, Gateway had several construction projects taking place that were funded through the latest Bond Measure A. The projects included upgrades to technology and modern display capabilities in all classrooms, floor coverings for many classrooms and the MPR, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance around campus, improved lighting and a newly remodeled administration office due to be completed in November. The community support of our school is greatly appreciated!

For your information, Gateway High School is fully accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In addition, Gateway has been established and recognized by the State of California as a Model Continuation High School. We are all so very proud of our school.

Please mark your calendar now to attend our **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 15, 2016**. The following committees are available and will be discussed: School Site Council (SSC), SART, ELAC, IDAC, and the Healthy Start Collaborative. Please let our administrator know if you are interested in any of these great opportunities.

## Transition Update

Greg Connor  
Transition Coordinator

As we kick off the school year, the wheels are finally starting to turn over here in the transitions office. Lesley Chance and I are learning our way around Campus and trying to introduce ourselves to the wonderful students and Staff here at Gateway High School. All of us here in the transition office appreciate the warm welcome and support we have received since the start of school. We look forward to working with all our students and staff in an effort to provide the best resources and services available.

### The Latest:

>We have started making contacts with our targeted students and will be doing whatever we can to connect all students to the resources necessary for them to have a positive experience here at Gateway High School. Should you have a student that might be in need or benefit from the services we provide, please contact us here at the Healthy Start/Community Resource Center at (559) 327-1885 or our school counselors at (559) 327-1800.

>Although it's still in the works, we will be changing our name to the

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Gene Nagata

Welcome Back!

As the renovation of the Gateway main office continues, the counselors are still located in room 3. Our staff this year remains the same with me, working with students whose last names start with A through K, Sandy Valdivia working with students whose last names start with L through Z, and Mercedes Olmos who counsels our Foster Care and Group Home students. If you have any questions regarding your student's schedule or credits earned in the past, please contact your student's counselor at (559) 327-1800.

Back to School Night is on September 15 from 5:30 to 7:30pm and begins with a potluck in the MPR, our staff brings food; however, please feel free to bring a dish to share. This is a great opportunity to meet your student's teachers and let them know if you have any concerns.

All seniors are invited to attend a Junior College informational meeting on Wednesday, September 21 in our cafeteria at 10:00am. They will update students on all new policies. A college application workshop will take place in our library on October 12, at 8:00am.

Six-week progress reports will be mailed out the week of October 3. Students should have earned 1.5 credits in each class to be on target to earn the full 5 credits at the end of the semester. This year CUSD will end the Fall term on December 23, prior to Winter break, similar to other school districts. We will start the Spring term on January 10, 2017, when we return from Winter Break.

## Work Permits

Students who need a work permit, must request them from their counselor. Return the completed work permit form to the office. You must have a job before applying for a work permit.

## Need a Job?

Clovis YES (Youth Employment Services) comes out once a month to meet with Gateway/CCDS students to talk about helping them find jobs.

**Internet sites:** [www.caljobs.ca.gov](http://www.caljobs.ca.gov), [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com), [www.fresnobee.com](http://www.fresnobee.com), and [www.sierravistamall.com/MallEmploymentOpportunities](http://www.sierravistamall.com/MallEmploymentOpportunities)



Transition "ACCESS" Team or in short "The A-Team". This will help our students and staff identify us and our community resource center (CRC) which is currently open daily 7:30-4:00pm.

>Our after school lab is now open and operating on Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 2:10-3:10pm. Please encourage students who might need some extra help with assignments or homework to attend. Math lab is also available room 23 with Mr. Verdusco.

>Something brand new to the school district this year is our first ever Transitional Leadership Conference. We will be taking a number of our students to Clovis Community College to participate in a number of different activities including:

- > Motivational Speakers
- > Breakout Sessions
- > Resource Fair
- > College & Career Opportunities
- > Student Voices
- > Fun Activities

Please help us promote this awesome opportunity and encourage our students to represent Gateway High School. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

[Gregconnor@cusd.com](mailto:Gregconnor@cusd.com) or 327-1862

## YOUTH PARENTING NEWS

**Lanette Delk**

The Youth Parent Program (YPP) is a continuous, school-based, community link program for expectant and parenting teens and their children. Participation in the program is voluntary and free of charge. The Youth Parent Program's goals are to assist ALL expectant and parenting students to earn their high school diploma and strive to eliminate the repeated pregnancy rate, while promoting self-sufficiency. Services available include childcare, outreach activities, case management services, prenatal and parenting education, career education, academic support, meal supplements for pregnant and breastfeeding students, school to home transportation, peer support groups and referrals.

For more information about the Youth Parent Program, please contact: Lanette Delk at (559)327-1888 or [lanettedelk@cusd.com](mailto:lanettedelk@cusd.com)

## HEALTHY START

**Denise Sandier**

**Student Support** – We are offering our students an opportunity to participate in a peer support program group. These voluntary educational support groups are a part of our district wide CSI-Clovis Support and Intervention. The goals of these groups are to increase students' confidence, decision-making skills, listening and communication skills and problem solving strategies. By building these personal skills and providing support, students will be better equipped to effectively cope with peer pressures, school related stress, and other issues of concern. These confidential groups meet weekly and are scheduled during one class period for eight sessions. Groups are considered a school activity, so participating students will not be counted as absent. However, students are expected to be responsible and make-up any missed class assignments through arrangements with their teacher.

**Westcare and Alcohol Program** are available to our students at no cost to parents. Students have to be assessed and screened prior to group attendance. Some of our students are required to attend a Drug Treatment Program that also will drug test students.

Counseling Services are available on a limited basis on our campus through **Children and Family Services**. Only students with medical can be referred. Services are provided during the school day on campus.

Contact Denise Sandier in the Healthy Start facility at 327-1885 if you are interested in these services.

## NURSES CORNER

**Maggie Pendleton**

**Welcome back to school! HEALTHY KIDS LEARN BETTER. A few reminders on how to keep your child healthy:**

### IMMUNIZE

Beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into California schools. Most families will not be affected because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a student already attending school will remain valid until the student reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Personal beliefs exemptions currently on file for students in grades 8 – 12 will remain in effect. Some pediatricians no longer accept patients whose parents refuse to immunize their children, for the safety of others.

In addition to the required immunizations, the new law requires students to have:

One Tdap given after 7 years of age;

Two Varicellas if entering school from outside CUSD.

### MEDICATE

Students who take medication (prescription and over-the counter) at school must obtain parent permission and a written order from their physician that specifies method, amount and time schedules that the medication should be administered. You may obtain a Medication at School form in the health office.

### INSURE

Now there is a new opportunity for children to enroll in health coverage and get the care they need. For information and assistance, contact **Amy Gomez**, enrollment coordinator, at **327-7988**.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, visit the California Department of Public Health's website at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org).

Thank you for helping us keep our children and community healthy. Feel free to contact Nurse Maggie at 327-1877 for questions.

## MEET OUR NEW STAFF



**Lesley Chance, Transition SRL**

Before coming to Clovis Unified, Mrs. Chance worked for Madera County Department of Social Services as a Social Worker working with foster youth for one year. Prior to that she spent 11 years with Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission in the Headstart Program and the Sanctuary Youth Shelter. In her spare time she enjoys traveling and spending with family and friends.



**Chris Fisher, English**

This may be Mr. Fisher's first year with Clovis Unified, but not in education. He spent the last 14 years with the Fresno County Office of Education as a teacher on special assignment working in the Fresno County Jail, Juvenile Hall and the Violet Heintz Educational Academy. He is married and has two children who attend Clovis Unified schools.



**Greg Connor, Transition Coordinator**

Mr. Connor is entering into his 28<sup>th</sup> year in public education. He spent the first two years at a middle school in Richmond, CA & coached. From there, he moved to Hanford and taught in a special education classroom & continued his coaching career. In the year 2000 he had the great opportunity to open Clovis East High School and teach in an RSP classroom. Over the last three years, he was the Assistant & Interim Athletic Director. He is married and has two children and one granddaughter.

## Calendar of Events

<b>September 5</b>	Labor Day Holiday – No School
<b>September 7</b>	Student Expectation Meeting During PE
<b>September 14</b>	PASA @ Lunch – Rm. 9
<b>September 14</b>	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm - PDB
<b>September 15</b>	Back to School Night – 5:30-7:30pm – MPR
<b>September 21</b>	Kings Canyon/Muir Rock Field Trip – 8:00am-2:00pm
<b>September 21</b>	City College Informational Mtg. – 10:00am – MPR
<b>September 21</b>	Financial Aid Meeting – 11:00am – MPR
<b>September 28</b>	SSC/Title 1 Meeting @ Lunch – LMC
<b>September 28</b>	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm - PDB
<b>September 29</b>	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
<b>September 30</b>	Grading Period Ends
<b>October 4</b>	Career Fair
<b>October 5</b>	Assembly - Champions for Tomorrow – 1:15pm
<b>October 7</b>	Mushball Tournament – 9:30am
<b>October 11-12</b>	City College Application Workshop – 8:00am - LMC
<b>October 12</b>	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm - PDB
<b>October 13</b>	PASA @ Lunch – Rm. 9
<b>October 19</b>	PSAT Testing – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:00am – MPR
<b>October 20</b>	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
<b>October 21</b>	Red Ribbon Kick-Off Assembly – 1:15pm
<b>October 21</b>	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
<b>October 26</b>	Red Ribbon “Pink or Black” Out Day
<b>October 26</b>	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm - PDB
<b>October 28</b>	Red Ribbon BBQ & Lock It Up @ Lunch

**It is advised that students bring a binder/notebook, paper, and pencils to school every day. Be prepared to take notes and write all assignments listed on the board.**

**Students, this is a closed campus!!** No one will be allowed to leave campus for any reason, unless a parent or guardian signs you out through the front office. This rule includes students who ride the bus, both before and after school. Students who leave campus will not be allowed to ride the bus home.

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