



Alternative Education Gateway and Enterprise



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Rees Warne

Gateway High School is off to a great start in the 2017-2018 school year! Commendations go out to students who were part of Gateway's six-week student recognition program. Students were chosen based on academic success, curricular areas of success, perfect attendance and counselor nominations for Most Improved and Most Outstanding. There were 72 students who earned nine or more credits in the first grading period and were acknowledged by their counselors and the administration team as academic achievers. In addition, 8 students were recognized for having perfect attendance. Students were reminded they will once again be awarded in the same fashion at the end of the twelve-week marking period.

Career Technical Education Night was a field trip opportunity that 30 students took advantage of attending. The night was sponsored by Fresno County Office of Education and PG&E which took place at the Convention Center. Students saw hundreds of potential careers, colleges and technical schools. They were able to learn about them directly by those employees currently associated with the programs. Later this year there will be several more field trips dedicated to colleges and technical schools.

To help further engage students and help establish school pride, last year Gateway High School entered an athletic division for alternative education teams/schools. Proudly we report that our girls' and boys' cross country team won the local league meet and will once again compete in Lancaster this month to try for a state championship. Good luck athletes!

On October 23-24 Gateway was visited by a State Department of Education team to verify our application to continue the designation as a Model Continuation School. I am happy to report that the team was thrilled at what they witnessed happening on this campus. The committee visited classrooms, met with a student, parent, teacher and community member focus groups and reported back to me that they are recommending Gateway High School to once again continue the designation as one of the best continuation schools in the state!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Kim Sanders, Beth Lederach, and Mercedes Olmos

Are you transferring back to your Home School? Now is the Time!

Applications for Transfer are available beginning Monday, November 6, 2017 in the front office. All eligible students no matter why they are attending Gateway, must complete an application for transfer if they are interested in going to or returning to a CUSD comprehensive high school. The deadline to return your signed application for transfer is Friday, November 17, 2017.

Seniors: It is time to Apply for College!!!!!!

If your student is interested in attending Fresno City College, Clovis Community College, Reedley College, Madera Center or Oakhurst Center it is now time for them to complete their application online. There is no fee to apply, so don't wait. The chances of getting classes later may be more difficult.

Here are the steps to follow to apply:

1. Go to the website of the college you wish to attend.
2. Click the **Apply Online** located on the left-side of the page.
3. For Clovis Community College, under New & Returning Students, select **Click Here to Apply**. For Fresno City College and Reedley College, follow the specific instructions.
4. If you are a first time user of OpenCCC, click on the **Create An Account** link to create your free account. Then click **Begin Creating My Account**. Provide the personal information requested on the next three pages. You will need your Social Security Number. Click on **Create My Account**, then click **Continue** at bottom of page.
5. Click on **Start New Application**. Select **Summer/Fall 2018 (5/21/18 to 12/15/18)**. Do not choose Fall HS Enrichment Term. Please confirm your application is complete and accurate at the bottom of the page. At the end of section 12, be sure to **Submit** your application; when submitted properly, you will receive a confirmation of your submission.
6. **Activate your email:** After you have completed your application check your personal email for a confirmation that your application was processed along with information regarding next steps in the admission/registration process.
7. **Complete the Online Orientation to your chosen school:** Online Orientation opens December 1, 2017. The Online Orientation is mandatory to register for classes. A representative from State Center Community College will be on campus to assist students on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.
8. **Placement Tests:** They will be administered at Gateway High School on Thursday, February 15, 2018.
9. **Counseling/Advising Day:** This will take place at Gateway High School on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. This takes place before registering for classes. Students will receive academic advising assistance in selecting first semester courses.
10. **Registration:** once students complete an application, orientation, placement test, and advisement, they are ready to register for classes. The registration date is determined by how quickly students complete the steps above. Priority registration dates will begin April 17, 2018.
11. Complete a **financial aid application:** Go to www.FAFSA.ed.gov and complete the application. The FAFSA application process is now open. However, the sooner you complete the application the better your chances are of receiving money since it is on a first come first serve disbursement.

For helpful hints on how to register for community college, see your counselor for a hand-out.

Seniors – Important Communication Information

Seniors and their parents or guardians are encouraged to sign up to receive text message communications regarding important dates and happenings about college registration and graduation information. To start receiving the text messages text to: **81010** in the message text **@ghsghs**. You should receive a confirmation text that you have enrolled.

Transition Program “The Latest”

Greg Connor

Transition Coordinator

Access to Higher Education Conference

Many of our foster youth had the fantastic opportunity to attend the A2HE conference at Fresno City College. Students spent most of the morning listening to officials from the local police and fire departments along with representatives from the EMT and ambulance services. They also had a chance to tour the Fresno City College campus and visit a variety of departments and programs. We had two wonderful tour guides who were doubling as college students. At the end of the tour, students were presented with college information including financial opportunities related to foster youth and programs that were specifically designed to help foster students. At the end, student’s played games and had a chance to win prizes. Overall, our students had a great experience and were exposed to a number of available resources at Fresno City College.



Group Home Senate

This year we kicked off our first Group Home Senate meeting with Amanda Meeker from the Fresno County Office of Education. Amanda spent a full lunch period talking to our students about the available resources offered to foster students through the county office of education. Students were introduced to their “Iplans” which included information on helping complete college applications, financial aid and early registration. Up-coming Group Home Senate meetings will include the workforce connection, Aspirinet and the employment development department.

Career Tech Expo

About 25 of our Gateway students had the opportunity to attend the Career Tech Expo at the Convention Center in downtown Fresno. Students were able to see a number of potential career opportunities both inside and outside the building. Students talked to a number of professionals and collected pamphlets and informational flyers that explained the general prerequisites necessary to participate in particular career fields. They also had an opportunity to have some fun bowling at the Fresno State Student Union. Overall, it was a fun an exciting trip.



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

NURSES CORNER

Maggie Pendleton

Children Learn What They Live

Adapted from Dorothy Law Nolte

*If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be anxious.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in others.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.*

HEALTHY START

Denise Sandier

CSI Support Groups – 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 student's 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. Contact the Community Resource Center at (559) 327-1885.

Drug Treatment - 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 to a limited basis on our campus through **Children and Family Services**. Only students with medi-cal can be referred. Services are provided during the school day on campus.

MFT Interns from Fresno State are also available to offer one-on-one social emotional counseling services for free to our students whose families request these type of services for emotional support. Students will meet during school time with interns on campus.

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

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, www.snagajob.com, www.fresnobee.com, and www.sierravistamall.com/MallEmploymentOpportunities



Calendar of Events

November 6	Transfer Applications Available in Office
November 9	FCA @ Lunch – Rm. 37
November 9	XCountry State Meet – Lancaster, CA
November 9	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
November 9-11	CWHS Drama Production – Beauty & the Beast – 7:30pm – MET
November 10	Grading Period Ends
November 10	Veteran’s Day Legal Holiday – No School
November 14	Vision & Hearing Screening – 10 th Grade
November 15	McKenzie Preserve/Auberry Field Trip – 8:30am-2:00pm
November 15	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm – PDB
November 16	PASA Meeting 10:33-11:54am - LMC
November 16-18	CWHS Drama Production – Beauty & the Beast – 7:30pm – MET
November 17	Transfer Applications due to Office by end of school
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	FCA @ Lunch – Rm. 37
November 30- December 2	CN Drama Production – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever 7:30pm – Dan Pessano Theater
December 1	Community College Open Online Orientation
December 6	CUSD Governing Board Meeting – 6:30pm - PDB
December 6-9	CN Drama Production – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – 7:30pm – Dan Pessano Theater
December 8	Chess Tournament @ CCDS – 5 th Period
December 11	Toys for Tots Dinner @ the Odd Fellows Hall
December 12	Community College Orientation – 8:30am – LMC
December 13	SSC Meeting @ Lunch – LMC
December 14	PASA Meeting @ Lunch – Rm. 34
December 14	Thursday School – 1:30-5:30pm – Rm. 35
December 22	End of 1 st Semester
December 22	Holidays Around the World Assembly – 6 th Period
December 25- January 8	Winter Break
January 9	Students return to school

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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