



# GATEWAY MST MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## A NOTE FROM OUR LEADER:

**Hello Gateway Family!**

We are nearing to a close of the 1st semester. I am elated for our students as they have made great strides thus far. We continue to encourage them to strive for excellence. I ask that you will have conversations with your students regarding the completion of their homework as well as the importance of reading at least 20 minutes a day. Parents, the Gateway Administration and Faculty appreciate your cooperation and support. We look forward to your participation in 1st semester culminating events.

**DaMaris A. White, Ed.D.**  
**Principal**

## STAFF SHOUTOUTS:



Congratulations to Mr. Herron our September staff member of the month! Mr. Herron is a busy guy, teaching four different classes ranging from computer skills, coding, and Choir. Not to mention, everything he does to help with the technology in our building. We are grateful to have you, Mr. Herron!



Congratulations also to our October staff member of the month, Ms. Jarvis! Ms. Jarvis is a pillar of leadership in the seventh grade hallway. She is always helping students get to where they are going. Inside her classroom, Ms. Jarvis has created a warm and welcoming environment where students are held to high expectations and everyone's voice is heard. Great job, Ms. Jarvis- we appreciate you!



We would also like to send a warm welcome to our Family Community Specialist, Angela D. Jones! Ms. Jones is helping with the 2024 Parent University program through the district. The Parent University aims to foster strong partnerships between families and schools, ultimately contributing to student achievement and well-being. The program kicked off at the end of the last school year with a series of events and workshops, culminating in a successful launch on September 5, 2024. With a focus on building momentum and providing valuable resources to parents, Parent University has seen enthusiastic participation from families across the district. Please reach out to Ms. Jones for further information. You can email her at [Angela.Jones@slps.org](mailto:Angela.Jones@slps.org)

# SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS:

## ★ Cell Phone Policy

To limit all non-instructional cell phone distractions and improve student achievement, **we have a zero-tolerance cell phone, headphones, and ear buds policy** during instructional time. Students should be turning in their cell phones to their homeroom teachers.

### Consequence Ladder:

**Step 1:** Verbal Warning from the teacher. The teacher will keep the cell phone and call home to notify the parent/guardian. Students may pick up their cell phone from the teacher at the end of the school day.

**Step 2:** Private teacher conference with student (brief) to redirect behavior. The teacher will call home to notify the parent/guardian. Students may pick up their cell phone in the front office at the end of the school day.

**Step 3:** Administration will call to inform the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian (not the student) will need to pick up the cell phone from the front office at the end of the school day.

**Step 4:** Meeting with Grade Level Team Leader, Administrator, and Parent to address behavioral concerns. Every morning, students will turn their cell phone into an office staff member for the remainder of the quarter or semester. Students may pick up their cell phone in the front office at the end of each school day.

**Step 5:** Administrator Assigned Consequence (In-School/Out-of-School Suspension)  
Infractions will start over at the beginning of each semester

Read the full policy here: <https://www.slps.org/domain/10385>



★ **Uniform Policy:** With cold weather on its way, make sure your student is prepared with the right uniform layers.

### Shirts, Sweaters, and Sweatshirts:

Shirts with sleeves (long or short), collared shirt, polo shirt, crewneck, or Gateway T-shirt

Solid color sweatshirts without a hood can be worn

### Solid shirt colors:

6th grade: : White or Black

7th grade: Green or Black

8th grade: Gold or Black

**No Hoodies: Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed in the building**

### Bottoms

Pants: Khaki, Navy, or Black or Jeans: Any color (no holes or rips)

Shorts and Skirts: any color and must reach at least mid-thigh (no holes or rips)



**If you have any questions regarding the uniform policy, contact the principal. If you need additional information on how to secure the uniform items, contact the school counselor at 314-241-2295. We will gladly work with families to help meet our students' needs.**

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Seventh Graders **Michaele Williams and Chance Hawkins** were selected for the St. Louis Metro District Middle School Honors Choir. The choir includes over 100 students from middle schools all over the St. Louis and St. Charles areas. You are invited to show your support for Michaele and Chance by attending the choir concert at 4 PM on Saturday, November 9th, at Fort Zumwalt West High School. The concert is free and open to the public and will also include the High School honors choir.



## PROGRESS MONITORING MOST IMPROVED



Elan Nicholson (+3.5)  
Kylee Williams (+2.6)  
Samayia Jones (+1.7)

Almoney Bloom (+5)  
Queen Furlow (+4.9)  
Lamorion McCurry (+4.3)

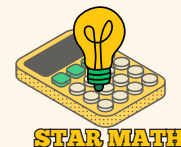
Lev Shulev (+5.7)  
Deandre Little (+3.3)  
Deont'A English (+3.1)

## POWER UP 2.5

6

7

8



Joshua Grissom (+4.8)  
Aniyah Witherspoon (+1.8)  
Christopher Bell and Taron Henton (+1.6)

Kaylie Hare (+4.4)  
Tony Hayes, Kameron Johnson, Maurion Luckett (+2.6)  
Jarun Barise (+2.2)

Simone Lewis (+6.8)  
Marquis Young (+5.4)  
Alexus Bates & Donesha Marshall (+5.3)



# STAR READING

## Students who showed growth between August and October

### 6

Allen, Jay'Vionna  
 Amos, Tia  
 Anderson, Da'Mariah  
 Banks-Hill, Kaiden  
 Bell, Zuriee  
 Brown, Phaith  
 Caldwell, Davon  
 Chaffen, Deondreya  
 Chapman-Johnson, Jada  
 Claudino Arriaga, Lesly  
 Darby, Jordan  
 Dean, Ayden  
 Diamond, Melessia  
 Dixon, Cheyenne  
 Dorsey, Zakyiah  
 English, Andre  
 Evans, Jayairra  
 Evans, Syann  
 Foster, Triniti  
 French, Lylbrum  
 Gordon, Levi  
 Hamilton, Jachai  
 Hardy, Ra'Mya  
 Henderson, Leon  
 Henton, Taron  
 Higgins, Travis  
 Holmes, Zariah  
 Hubbard, Aaliyah  
 Jackson, Emyirah  
 Jeans, Andrew  
 Jones, Jaronn  
 Jones, Samayia  
 Knighten, Tavon  
 Knox, Lariah  
 Lee, Jamori  
 Lumas, Sadiyah  
 Millett, Joel  
 Mitchell, Ariel  
 Payton, Ronya  
 Ragland, Malachi  
 Ray, Chance  
 Robinson, Ka'Meya  
 Smith, Adrian

Taylor, Averil  
 Velasquez Avila, Erick  
 Waites, Demera  
 Williams, Amora-Liz  
 Williams, Kyrese  
 Williams, Rashad  
 Young, Quishon  
 Bell, Christopher  
 Nicholson, Elan  
 White, Jackie  
 Williams, Kylee

### 7

Addison, Daron  
 Akins, Jakalya  
 Atkins, Genesis  
 Barnett, Quincy  
 Battle, Anthony  
 Bevly, Damoni  
 Bournett, Brandon  
 Breeding, Kaelei  
 Broom, Almoney  
 Brothers, Camille  
 Buchanan, Joshua  
 Carter, Destiny  
 Carthen, Tyrone  
 Cooper, Deconte  
 Cromwell, Ambre  
 Cross, Kamoree  
 Enyard, Alex  
 Enyard, Kyle  
 Ewing, Davon  
 Francillon, Djerinho  
 Fulton, Travis  
 Furlow, Queen Mikala  
 Gilliard-Coleman, Jalissa  
 Goudeau, Armoni  
 Harbert, Messiah  
 Hare, Kaylie  
 Hawkins, Chance  
 Hayes, Tony  
 Holt, Tyris  
 James, Eli

Jarrett, Jalen  
 Johnson, Nayonna  
 Jones, Jayden  
 King, Nahla  
 Knighten, Bishop  
 Laden, Kamron  
 Lawrence, Semaj  
 Lewis, Edward  
 Lockett, Maurion  
 Mack, Antonio  
 Mairidith, Jashon  
 Manley, Zaniyah  
 Mccreight, Aleena  
 Mccurry, Lamorion  
 Medcalf, Jermaine  
 Meeks, Adonis  
 Moore, Morgan  
 Moorehead, Demarco  
 Perkins, Demahn  
 Pruitt, Jaci  
 Robinson, Jarred  
 Saunder, Emoany  
 Scott, Tory  
 Smallwood, Kyden  
 Smith, Nevaeh  
 Suber, Imani  
 Suber, Isaiah  
 Talbert, Amari  
 Thomas, Jacobi  
 Thomas, Laurent  
 Thurman, Armonta  
 Tyler, Travaeya  
 Upchurch, Arian  
 White, Antynisha  
 White, Ronzell  
 Williams, Michaele  
 Wright, Ryana

### 8

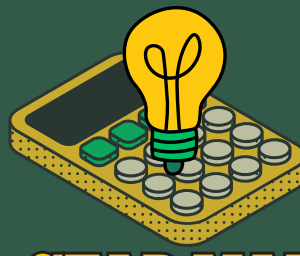
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 Bates, Alexis

Battle, Alyssia  
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 Brown, Samuel  
 Chatman, Tristan  
 Clark, Jalen  
 Costello, Laurence  
 Dahir, Sallat  
 Dilworth, Kaia  
 Douglas, Isis  
 Echols, Willie  
 Elbert, Curt  
 English, Deont'A  
 Evans, Sy'Khila  
 Gordon, Kameron  
 Harris, Brooklyn  
 Holloway, Kerron  
 Holmes, Kariah  
 Houston, Jacob  
 Isaiah, Charli  
 James, Isaiah  
 Jarmon, Jer'Khari  
 Jefferson, Zoey  
 Jennings, Karma  
 Lewis, Simone  
 Little, Danni  
 Little, Deandre  
 Lockett, Jayden  
 Manley, Kiram  
 Mayes-White, Jetorreon  
 Mclimore, Corpell  
 Mitchell, Emmanuel  
 Mohamud, Saudi  
 Mondaine, Roderick  
 Muhandu, Ali  
 Murphy, Kathy  
 Myers, Jayonna  
 Orellana-Sanchez, Orlando  
 Parker, Lailah  
 Presberry, Adonis  
 Reece, Jacquese  
 Reese, Akenzo

Robinson, Erin  
 Shulev, Lev  
 Tolliver, Lavae  
 White, Ronell  
 White, Wilhelm  
 Williams, Keymori  
 Willis, Trinidy  
 Wright, Kamaya



2024-2025



## STAR MATH

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Acres, Angelena  
 Allen, Jay'Vionna  
 Amos, Tia  
 Banks-Hill, Kaiden  
 Bell, Christopher  
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 Breeding, Kayden  
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 Mitchell, Ariel  
 Nicholson, Elan  
 Payton, Ronya  
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 Ragland, Malachi  
 Robinson, Ka'Meya  
 Robinson, Samijah  
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Swink, Jaleia  
 Taylor, Averil  
 Velasquez Avila, Erick  
 Waites, Demera  
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 White, Ja'Morion  
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 Bournett, Brandon  
 Branch, Mariyae  
 Broom, Almoney  
 Burns, Tristian  
 Carter, Destiny  
 Carthen, Tyrone  
 Cheers, Devon  
 Collier, Darius  
 Cooksey, Andre  
 Cromwell, Ambre  
 Dahir, Ismail  
 Dorsey, Dariyah  
 Farr, Ernest  
 Francillon, Djerinho  
 Gaddy, Byron  
 Gilliard-Coleman, Jalissa  
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 Harbert, Messiah  
 Hare, Kaylie  
 Hayes, Tony  
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 James, Eli

Jeffries, Clarence  
 Johnson, Jaiiden  
 Johnson, Kameron  
 Johnson, Nayonna  
 Jones, Jayden  
 Knighten, Bishop  
 Latimore, Teriona  
 Lewis, Khaleah  
 Lockett, Maurion  
 Madison El, Hayden  
 Marshall, Madison  
 Mcroberts, Stevie  
 Medcalf, Jermaine  
 Meeks, Adonis  
 Merritt, Torey  
 Moore, Morgan  
 Moorehead, Demarco  
 Morton, Demontay  
 Mwechiwa, Abdikadir  
 Omar, Hawa  
 Pruitt, Jaci  
 Robinson, Dior  
 Robinson, Jarred  
 Saunder, Emoany  
 Saunders, Jeremiah  
 Shegow, Fardowsa  
 Shepard, Janylah  
 Smith, Nevaeh  
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 Hall, Jaydin  
 Hared, Fatuma  
 Harris, Brooklyn  
 Harris, Mya  
 Hassan, Issa  
 Hollins, Kamiyha  
 Holloway, Kerron  
 Houston, Jacob  
 Isaiah, Charli  
 James, Isaiah  
 Jarmon, Jer'Khari  
 Jefferson, Zoey  
 King, Nevaeh  
 Lakes, Isabella  
 Lewis, Simone  
 Little, Danni  
 Mace, Danica  
 Mack, Anthony  
 Manley, Kiram  
 Marshall, Donesha  
 Mayes-White, Jeterreon  
 McCreight, Kamari  
 McIntyre, Adrianna  
 Mitchell, Emmanuel  
 Mohamud, Saudi  
 Muhando, Ali  
 Mull, Anijah  
 Murphy, Kathy

Muya, Abdullahi  
 Myers, Jayonna  
 Omar, Madina  
 Orellana-Sanchez, Orlando  
 Parker, Jaeionna  
 Parker, Lailah  
 Payne, Gary  
 Phenix, Harlem  
 Presberry, Adonis  
 Reece, Jacquese  
 Reed, Delilyah  
 Robinson, Erin  
 Robinson, Kimberly  
 Shegow, Iqra  
 Silva-Alvarado, Danna  
 Simmons, Jo'Lewis  
 Smith, Larry  
 Smith, Markeith  
 Suber, Travis  
 Tahir, Jerrusalem  
 Taylor, Jailyn  
 Thomas, Deandre  
 Ware, Ja'Miyah  
 White, Ronell  
 Williams, Imauriah  
 Williams, Jakorey  
 Williams, Keymori  
 Williams, Raniyah  
 Wilson, Anthon  
 Woods, Michelle  
 Wright, Kamaya  
 Young, Marquis



# CLASSROOM COMMUNITIES

**ELA:** Good things are happening in 7th Grade ELA. We are beginning a new unit which includes the play, 'A Christmas Carol.' In the new unit, students are reading selections about people who experience notable events in their lives that transform them in different ways. The students are making real-life connections as they explore how characters and real people journey through various transformations of life. The students are excited about choosing roles to act out and they can't wait to start. We also just started practicing for the Spelling Bee, and scholars are enthusiastic and really engaged in this process.

## SOCIAL STUDIES:

The 8th Grade Social Studies teacher, Dr. Diaz, has set up an exciting Mock Election for his students on Monday, November 4. He has been preparing them in class with engaging lessons on what American government and elections look like.

**And remember, on November 5, is Election Day. No matter who or what you vote for, your voice deserves to be heard!**

Want to know everything that is going to be on your ballot? scan the QR code or visit this website:  
[https://ballotpedia.org/Missouri\\_2024\\_ballot\\_measures](https://ballotpedia.org/Missouri_2024_ballot_measures)



**YOUR  
VOTE  
IS  
YOUR  
VOICE**

**VOTE**

November

- Sunday, November 3: Fall Backwards! Set your clocks back an hour.
- Monday, November 4: 8th Grade Mock Election
- Tuesday, November 5: No School- ELECTION DAY
- Wednesday, November 6: Spelling Bee
- Monday, November 11: No School- Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, November 13: World Kindness Day
- Friday, November 15: Progress Reports
- Thursday, November 21: PRIDE Den Day: Celebrating Diversity
- Week of November 25-29: No School- Fall Break

December

- December 2: Picture Retake Day
- December 9-13: MAP Practice Exams
- Thursday, December 12: STEM Night, Math Night
- Tuesday, December 17: Fall Music Concert during the school day; Parents Welcome
- Friday, December 20: Last Day of 1st Semester
- TBD: STAR Growth Awards Assembly
- Winter Break: Monday, December 23- Friday, January 3
- Students return Monday, January 6, 2025!

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