

ELEVATED EXCELLENCE

the Newsletter

OCTOBER



happy
FALL

From the Desk of Your Principal:

Dear Gateway Families,

As we step into October, our school community continues to thrive with energy, reflection, and purpose. This month brings a meaningful close to Hispanic Heritage Month, a time when we've celebrated the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. From classroom projects to school-wide activities, our students have deepened their understanding and appreciation for the diversity that strengthens us all.

October also marks a key academic milestone as we prepare for report cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences. These important conversations allow us to work together in supporting each child's academic growth. I encourage all families to participate, ask questions, and celebrate progress while setting goals for continued success.

We are also proud to take part in Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign that promotes healthy choices and a drug-free lifestyle. Through engaging lessons and school-wide activities, we'll reinforce the importance of making safe and respectful decisions.

To top it all off, our school spirit will shine during Spirit Week! It's a time for students and staff to come together in fun and creative ways that build community and joy. Each themed day is a reminder that learning is not only important—it can be exciting and meaningful too.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership. Together, we strive for Elevated Excellence—every day, for every student.

Warm regards,
Dr. White



- ☐ October 10 & 17: No School for Students
- ☐ October 14 & 15: Parent Teacher Conferences
- ☐ October 13-16: Scholastic Book Fair SEE FLYER BELOW
- ☐ October 16: Elementary and Middle School Expo SEE FLYER BELOW
- ☐ October 27-31: Red Ribbon Week
- ☐ October 31: Math with Moms, Fall Fest for Perfect Attendance

Academic
Events

- **SOCIAL STUDIES:** GEOGRAPHY BOWL OCTOBER 1-31
- **ART:** 14TH ANNUAL KEVIN COYBE SAFETY ART CONTEST OCTOBER 22
- **SCIENCE:** STEAM FAIR PROJECT REGISTRATIONS OCTOBER 31



Announcements

DEAR PARENTS:

Please be mindful of how often you are having your student released early. Missing class or leaving early leads to lost instruction time. Additionally, if your student does miss a class, make sure to check out each teacher's Teams page for missing or make-up assignments.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, October 14th and Wednesday, October 15th. Please come and meet with your child's teachers. Conferences are held from 3:30 PM to 6:45 PM each day.

You will need to sign up here:
<http://bit.ly/471XmT2>.



YOU'RE INVITED TO
MATH WITH
MOM'S

Parent Engagement Event:
Making Math a Treat, Not a Trick

When: October 31st
Time: 9-10:30 am
Where: Gateway Middle School

What to Expect:

- Hands-on math game and activities
- Simple tips for helping with homework
- Fun ways to use math in everyday life (cooking, shopping, and budgeting)

Why attend?

- Build your confidence in helping your child with math
- Learn activities you can do at home with little to no prep
- Connect with other parents and share ideas
- **NO MATH EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Snacks and materials provided

Math with Mom's Parent
Engagement RSVP



Student Shout-Outs

STUDENT SHOUT-OUT



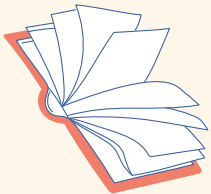
Gateway MST Middle School had 5 students selected to participate in the St. Louis Metro District #8 Middle School Honors Choir. This honors choir represents schools from all of the St. Louis Metro area – from St. Louis City to St. Charles County. The students will have 2 evening rehearsals before an all day rehearsal and concert on November 15th at The Principia School with their clinician. Gateway is one of only 2 middle schools in SLPS to have students chosen for this honor. The students are: Sanaa Hamilton, Chance Hawkins, Brielle Jarrett, Laurent Thomas & Michael Williams.



I AM PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED IN STAR READING!



Hanna Jarrett
Dominique Mondaine
Samantha Mounce
Za'riah Thompson
Calesse Dancer
Michael Williams
Dale Windle



Deondrea Chaffen
Malani Moore
Mia Moreno
Saige Ward-Hill
Knico Turner
Lennox Harris
Kamarion Little
Arion Hall
Joshua Grissom
Avery Mogan
Ivory Wade

Darius Collier
Lamansky Thomas
Tony Hayes
Sanaa Hamilton
Madison Marshall
Jalissa Gilliard-Coleman
Israel Brookins
Mercy Kumeh
Kameron Johnson
Bryson Milon
Malik Owens
Terrence Lambert
Shelton Mccole
Brielle Jarrett
Abdikadir Mwechiwa



I AM PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED IN STAR MATH!



Terrell Hamilton
Kavion Houston

Malani Moore
Jaques Thorpe
Jaleia Swink
Arion Hall
Lennox Harris

Sanna Hamilton
Isaiah Suber
Taliyah Ndiaye
Bryson Milon
Leairah Jones
Aleena Mccreight
Brielle Jarrett
Jalissa Gilliard-Coleman
Chance Hawkins
Bishop Knighten
Queen Furlow



Staff Shout-Outs

Congratulations to Our September Teacher and Staff Member of the Month!

We are proud to recognize and celebrate our September Teacher and Staff Member of the Month! Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to our students and your colleagues have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you for consistently going above and beyond to support a culture of Elevated Excellence. Your hard work inspires those around you, and we are truly grateful to have you as part of our school community.

Congratulations once again—and thank you for all that you do!

STAFF OF THE MONTH

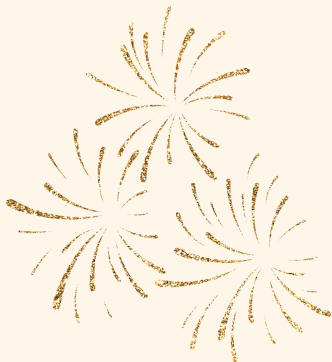


Ms. Jones- Family Support Specialist

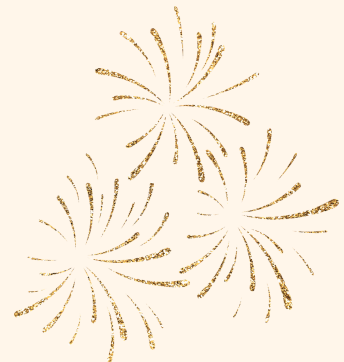
TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Mr. Bowen- 7th Grade ELA Teacher



Congrats!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child’s home library with new books they’ll dive into again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It’s easy to set up and easy for others to add funds.

Create an eWallet, and you’ll also have the opportunity to contribute to Share the Fair - the giving program that supports students at our school who need help buying books. Consider participating so that no child leaves the Fair empty-handed!

Here’s everything else you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: **October 13- 17, 2025**

Location: **Gateway MST Middle and Online**



Family Event schedule and location: **Parent Teacher Conferences October 14 & 15, 3:30-6:30**

For full details, and to create an eWallet, visit our school’s Book Fair homepage:

Gateway MST Middle Book Fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gatewaymathscienceprep>

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills, and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a Book Fair volunteer! When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly.

Happy reading,

Dr. DaMaris White

Principal

Gateway MST Middle School

P.S. Don’t miss out! A new Scholastic sweepstakes offers a chance to get more books for your child’s home library—plus an unbelievable vacation!



Enter for a chance to
WIN a trip for 4 to WALT DISNEY World.
+ a collection of Disney books*
Infinite worlds and infinite stories await!

*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open to legal US residents age 18+ who are currently a parent or legal guardian of a PreK through 8th grade child in US schools. Open for entries 8/11/25 at 12:01am ET through 11/2/25 at 11:59pm ET. Void where prohibited. Sponsor: Scholastic Inc. For complete rules, go to: s-bf.com/magic-sweeps-rules

s-bf.com/magic-sweeps

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPO

AT THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP BUILDING
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

3672 WEST PINE MALL, ST. LOUIS, MO 63108
(FREE PARKING LOCATED ON 3634 LACLEDE STREET)

THURSDAY, **16** 5:30 – 8:00 PM
OCTOBER

NEIGHBORHOOD ★ SCHOOLS FEATURED ★ MAGNET ★ GIFTED

PARENTS COME LEARN ABOUT
OUR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE
SCHOOL CHOICES FOR 2025–2026

FREE
ENTRY

REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT DINNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

STEPHEN.ANDERSON@SLPS.ORG



RSVP by
October 14th

