**7th Grade**

 **− THE GAME CHANGERS –**

**A P.R.I.D.E. of Learners – Junior Jaguars**

 **AUGUST 2024 Newsletter**

**POWER UP 2.5**

**Welcome to THE GAME CHANGERS – 7th Grade Team at Gateway Middle School! Our learning community is comprised of students, teachers, and stakeholders, which includes our parents. We exemplify P.R.I.D.E., Precision, Resilience, Intentionality, Diversity, and Excellence.**

**Our teachers are:**

**Autism: Ms. McIlvaine, Ms. Hill and Mr. Williams**

**Cross-Categorical: Ms. Murphy, Ms. Standard and Ms. Keen**

**ELA: Mr. Bowen and Ms. Moore**

**Math: Ms. Neal and Ms. Tan**

**Science: Mrs. Jarvis**

**Social Studies: Dr. Rall and Mrs. Sellers-Hatten**

**Dr. Coley is our Dean of Students.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Our goal is at least 90% for each student.**

**Cell Phone Policy**

**WE follow the POLICY of SLPS regarding all technology and devices. Cell Phones are not to be used during instructional time and are to be collected and returned at the end of the day.**

**MATH & SCIENCE classes are reviewing expectations and getting students ready for the year by reviewing skills and concepts. We are EXCITED about our new science curriculum --*zSpace* “the ultimate virtual reality learning experience that improves student outcomes and increases student engagement.”**

**Calendar of Events…**

**Specific activities and events are shown on our school’s website**

**7th Grade ELA** is reviewing classroom Expectations and Procedures with Culture and Team-Building Games and activities, Role-Play, Reading Scenarios, and Class Discussions.

  We are also learning **The 7 Habits for Successful Teens** which promotes developing positive habits for learning and social areas.

***Habit One: Be Proactive.***

***Habit Two: Begin with the End in Mind.***

***Habit Three: Put First Things First.***

***Habit Four: Think Win - Win.***

***Habit Five: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.***

***Habit Six: Synergize.***

***Habit Seven: Sharpen the Saw.***

Dr. Rall and Mrs. Sellers-Hatten are readying our “gifted and talented ones” for World Cultures & Geography by providing them with opportunities to learn how to become better students:

* Effective Listening
* Following Directions
* Cornell Notetaking
* Thinking Like A Historian



***EXPECTATIONS:***

**Cross-Categorical & Resource Teachers** **are assisting the core teachers with curriculum. Academic and social skills are included in their daily learning environment.**



**All 7th Grade Rules are in addition to the SLPS Student Code of Conduct Handbook and the GMS Student and Parent Handbook.**

**1. Follow directions the first time they are given.**

**2. Keep all personal items in your locker, including book bags, snacks and drinks, etc.**

**3. Adhere to the expectations, procedures, routines and practices of 7th Grade**

**4. Bring all materials to class.**

**5. Personal grooming done before class time.**

**Upcoming Events and Activities**

1. **Award Recognition —Each Quarter: Attendance, Academics, Citizenship and Most Improved in STAR Reading and Math. Student Certificates presented to those who demonstrate P.R.I.D.E: Precision, Resilience, Intentionality, Diversity, and Excellence.**
2. **PROGRESS REPORTS will be generated and sent home in the next few weeks**
3. **Introduction of Clubs, Tutoring, Sports and other Enrichment activities is forthcoming.**
4. **Syllabus will be provided next week for students and their parent/guardians.**
5. **Students will be assigned HOMEWORK by ALL teachers Monday through Thursday**