

ELEVATED EXCELLENCE

the Newsletter

NOVEMBER



From the Desk of Your Principal:

Dear Gateway MST Families,

As we step into November, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued partnership and support. This month is filled with opportunities to celebrate our school spirit, honor our veterans, and take time to reflect on the many things we are thankful for.

Election Day – No School on November 4th

Please remember that there will be no school on Tuesday, November 4th, as our campus will be used as a polling site. I strongly encourage all families to get out and vote — your voice matters and helps shape the future for our children and community.

Veterans Day – No School on November 11th

On Monday, November 11th, school will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. We honor and thank all who have served our country. Their courage and sacrifice remind us of the importance of service, leadership, and unity.

Spirit Week – November 17th-21st

We will celebrate the week before Fall break with a Spirit Week, a fun tradition that brings our school community together! Each themed day gives students the chance to show pride in our school, build relationships, and strengthen our sense of belonging. Participation and positivity make a big difference — we can't wait to see everyone's energy and creativity.

Monday- Sports day, Tuesday- Dress like a teacher day, Wednesday- Wacky Tacky day, Thursday- Throwback Thursday (90s-2000s),
Friday- Gateway Gear day

Thanksgiving Break – November 25th–29th

School will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving Break (November 25–29). We hope this time offers you rest, reflection, and quality moments with loved ones.

Attendance and Academic Success

As we move through the second quarter, I want to remind our families that consistent attendance and completion of homework play a major role in student success. Every day of learning counts. Please encourage your child to stay engaged, complete assignments on time, and reach out to teachers if support is needed.

Family Support and Resources

We understand that some families may be experiencing changes with their SNAP benefits or other forms of assistance. If your household has been affected, please reach out to our school counselor, social worker, or family liaison. We have resources and community partnerships available to help connect you with food support, clothing, and other services. You are not alone — we're here to help.

Thank you for all that you do to support your children and our school. Together, we continue to make Gateway MST a strong, caring, and thriving learning community.

Wishing you a safe and joyful November filled with gratitude and connection.

Soaring to Elevated Excellence,

Dr. White





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.

SLPS is now accepting high school applications for the 2026-2027 school year.

HOW TO APPLY: All high school applications are submitted online using the Focus Parent Portal. Visit the Focus Parent Portal at: <https://slps/focusschoolsoftware.com/focus>. Once logged in here are the steps to apply:

Step 1: Select your child's name. A drop-down menu/list should appear.

Step 2: Select "SLPS High School Application 2026-27"

Step 3: You should arrive on a screen that reads: "Welcome to the SLPS High School Magnet Application for the 2026-27 School Year!" Review your child's information at the top of the screen.

Step 4: Complete the application. Please note that you may select up to 2 high schools on the application. You can only have 1 first choice school and 1 second choice school.

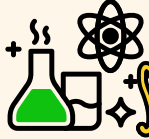
*If the school selected requires recommendation forms and essays, you may either opt to 1) upload them to the application, or you can submit the application without uploading them and then send them to the school's contact directly (school contacts information can be found here: www.slps.org/Page/76477), or submit them to your child's school counselor, Dr. Fields to submit on your behalf.

To ensure inclusion into the 2026-27 School Year SLPS Magnet Schools Placement Lottery, applications must be submitted by 11:59:59 pm Friday, November 7, 2025. Applications submitted after the Lottery submission deadline will be processed and considered for placement on a first-come-first-served basis, after all Lottery eligible applicants have been placed.

We are grateful for the opportunity to help assist your child with their high school transition. If you are in need of additional assistance or would like for the counselor to submit the application on your behalf please reach out to **Dr. Fields at 314-241-2295 or florence.fields@slps.org**, and she can begin that process with you.



Curriculum Corner



SCIENCE:

Get Ready for the January STEAM Fair!

Exciting things are happening in Gateway Science! We've officially kicked off our zSpace Labs, giving students the chance to explore science concepts through cutting-edge virtual reality technology. These interactive labs will help inspire ideas and deepen understanding as we gear up for our Annual STEAM Fair in January.

From October through January, students will explore, design, and test creative ideas in Science, Technology and Engineering. Now's the time to choose your project—experiment, model, research, or engineering—and start planning your investigation. Use October to brainstorm, November to collect materials, December to test and build, and January to polish your final display.

With curiosity, creativity, and a touch of zSpace innovation, this year's STEAM Fair is sure to be our most exciting yet!

ELA:



This November, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English Language Arts students are focused on strengthening their skills in reading informational texts and writing with clarity and purpose. Across all grade levels, students are learning to identify central ideas, analyze text structures, and evaluate how authors support their claims with evidence.

In writing, students are crafting thoughtful responses to nonfiction texts, practicing how to cite evidence, organize their ideas, and revise for precision. These skills are being reinforced through small group instruction, peer collaboration, and targeted feedback.



Spelling Bee Reminder

Our annual Middle School Spelling Bee is coming up soon! Students have been preparing diligently, and we're excited to see their hard work shine. Families are encouraged to support their students by reviewing word lists and cheering them on. Stay tuned for specific dates and details from your child's ELA teacher.

As we approach the season of gratitude, we're proud of the growth our students are showing and thankful for the support of our families and school community.

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MATH:



Math with Moms: A Big Success!

We are thrilled to share that our Math with Moms event was a wonderful success! Parents and students came together for a morning filled with learning, laughter, and connection. Families explored hands-on math activities designed to strengthen number sense and discover fun ways to support math learning at home.

The highlight of the event was seeing parents and children working side by side — sharing ideas, solving problems, and celebrating “aha!” moments together. Many parents expressed how much they appreciated being included in their child’s learning experience and left feeling more confident about helping with math at home.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who participated and made this event so special! We look forward to hosting more engaging parent-student learning experiences in the future.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

SAINT LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
G E O G R A P H Y B O W L

Who will be the first
SLPS Geography Bowl Champion?

Students from across the district are coming together to vie for the title of champion. Speed and accuracy will count in this interactive quiz show.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025
McKinley High School | 2156 Russell Blvd.
Grades 9-12: 4:30 pm
Grades 6-8: 5:30 pm
Grades 3-5: 6:30 pm

During the first week of November, students will have an opportunity to vote for their Student Council Leaders!

School-Level Geography Bowl Winners!

- 1st- Kameron Johnson (28 points) Completed in 24 minutes
- 2nd- Mariah Stringfellow (28 points) Completed in 32 minutes
- 3rd- Melani Moore (37 points) Completed in 35 minutes

Thank you, scholars, for your hard work.



Academic
Events

- **SOCIAL STUDIES:** DISTRICT GEOGRAPHY BOWL NOVEMBER 6
- **ELA:** GRADE LEVEL SPELLING BEES COMING IN NOVEMBER
- **PROGRESS REPORTS:** FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Student Shout-Outs

8TH GRADE



Ms. Zinck wants to send a shout out to the following students for efforts in their hard work in the classroom as well as their help in creating their door decoration for our Red Ribbon week competition:

RENEYA JONES
ALEX ENYARD
SEMAJ LAWRENCE

KAMERON JOHNSON 1st Place in Geography Bowl!



8TH GRADE MATH RECOGNITION:

For outstanding on grades and just on their business!!!

EDWARD LEWIS
JUSTIN THOMAS
LAMANSKY THOMAS
LAURENT THOMAS
ALEENA MCCREIGHT
JACOBI THOMAS
SHELTON MCCOLE
JAMIYA JONES
AMRON LADEN
SANAA HAMILTON
NAHLA KING

Students that are on the come up and pushing forward:

TONY HAYES
TYRONE CARTHEN
KAMERON JOHNSON
DEMETRIUS LUCIOUS
EMOANY SAUNDERS
MARIYAE BRANCH
STEVIE MCROBERTS
FAYEMULLAH NOROZ
JAYDEN JOHNSON
DJERINHO FRANCILLON

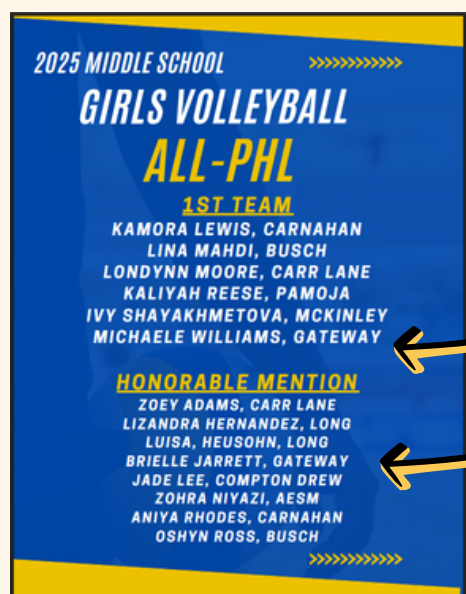
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Congratulations!

THE 2025 ALL-PHL BOY'S SOCCER AWARD:

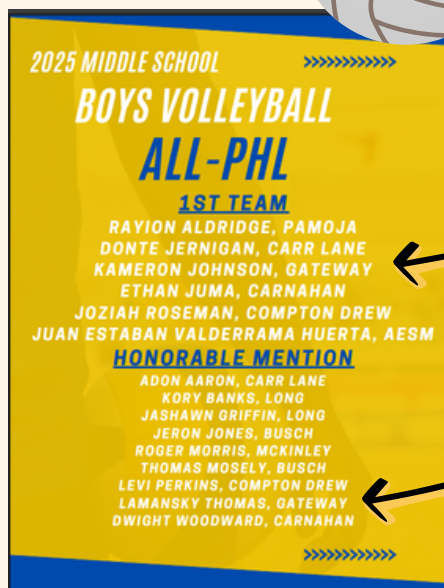


THE 2025 ALL-PHL VOLLEYBALL AWARDS



MICHAELE WILLIAMS

BRIELLE JARRET



KAMERON JOHNSON

LAMANSKY THOMAS



Staff Shout-Outs



The Elementary & Middle School Expo – Parent Night at Saint Louis University a great success!

Over 80 guests came to connect, learn, and engage with SLPS's incredible schools and programs. Your hard work, collaboration, and dedication ensured that every family had a meaningful and positive experience. Together, we showcased the strength and spirit of Saint Louis Public Schools.



We want to give a special shout out to Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Thornton, and Mr. Foster. They represented Gateway Middle in a spirit of ELEVATED EXCELLENCE for the Middle School Expo!

Parent Summary:

Nearly 95% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the event helped them choose a school for their child.

About 90–95% of parents said they learned more about the magnet schools they were interested in.

Around 70–75% agreed or strongly agreed that the event was structured well.

Almost everyone said the timing was “about right.”

A few said they would prefer weekday 4–6 PM or Saturday mornings (10–12).

100% said YES — everyone would attend this event again!

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