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VOLUME 4, Quarter 4

## GATEWAY HIGH NEWS

### Principal's Message

Greetings Gateway Family, we've made it to the final quarter of the year. As we approach the final stretch, I encourage every one of our scholars to stay focused, remain motivated, and continue to strive for excellence. The 4th quarter is extremely important. Each day is critical, as teaching and learning happens each day. We also have important testing that will take place: FAST, EOC and Cambridge assessments. Regular attendance is crucial during this quarter. We had an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and we are preparing for a strong finish. Here are a few celebrations from 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:

- Our **Carpentry Academy** received a \$30,000 grant from DeWalt.
- 23 **Cambridge Scholars** received recognition for their stellar performance on Cambridge exams.
- Our **Art Scholars** brought home several ribbons including the Best in Show at this year's Artfest.
- Scholar Athlete **Ilyana Sterett** won a District Championship in Girls Wrestling.
- Scholar Athlete **Derrick Mytail** won a medal in the State Championship in Wrestling.
- Scholar Athlete **Shanetta Brown** placed 3rd in the State Championship for Girls Weightlifting
- Four of our Winter Athletic Teams were Regional Qualifiers: **Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball**
- Both our **Boys and Girls Basketball Teams** won District Championships.
- We had two players recognized as FACA Players of the Year:
  - **Ryan Thompson**, Boys Soccer
  - **Tavian Cook**, Boys Basketball
- Three of our Coaches were recognized as FACA Coaches of the Year:
  - **Grady Lee**, Boys Basketball
  - **Robert Giles**, Girls Basketball
  - **Robert Vertrees**, Boys Soccer

We are excited for the graduation of our original class, the Class of 2024. Graduation has been changed to **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Alico Arena**. Please review other important dates for seniors in this newsletter.

Parents and guardians, as always, your support and partnership are invaluable. Your involvement in your child's education significantly contributes to their achievements. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and development of your scholar. Please join us for our monthly SAC meetings. Do not hesitate to contact me for any reason, I am an email, phone call or visit away.

Sincerely,  
Neketa Watson, Proud Principal

#### Principal

Neketa Watson

#### Administration

Kari Hardman, Curriculum  
Trevon Davis, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Andrew Biggar, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
April Thompson, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Kathy Padilla, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### School Counselors

Jennifer Whalen (A-Li)  
Kala Howard (LI-Z)

#### Cambridge Coordinator

Darla Whitlow

#### College and Career

##### Specialist

Mindy Carr

#### Mission

To prepare scholars for college, career and life by providing a high-quality student-centered learning experience.

#### Vision

To develop world-class scholars prepared for success after high school.

#### School Phone


239-303-7480

#### School Website

ghs.leeschools.net



GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL  
*presents*



*Go Back for Murder*  
by  
Agatha Christie

APRIL 26 & 27, 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

This show will contain mild adult themes and is advised for audiences of 14 years old and up.  
"Go Back for Murder" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.  
www.concordtheatricals.com



**The New Era  
Begins**



**VS**

**Friday May 24, 2024  
7:00 pm  
Gateway High School**

Yearbooks  
Purchase your 2023-24  
Gateway High School  
yearbook today! This year's  
book is sure to be magical!!  
[Click here ----->](#)  
or purchase during lunch for  
\$85. Cash only.



**BUY YOUR  
YEARBOOK  
LIKE, NOW**

» CLICK HERE (BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE)

**QTR 4 Dates**  
**March 29**  
No School District  
**April 1**  
No School  
**April 2**  
Collegiate Academy  
Application Opens  
**April 9**  
SAC via Zoom  
**April 24**  
Wellness Wednesday  
Early Dismissal 11:35 AM  
**May 6-10**  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
**May 9**  
Yearbook Signing Party  
\*for scholars who  
purchased a yearbook  
**May 14**  
SAC in Collaboration Room  
**May 27**  
Memorial Day: No School  
**May 28-31**  
Semester Exams  
**May 30**  
Early Dismissal 11:35  
**May 31**  
Early Dismissal 11:35  
Last Day of School

# Gateway Spring 2024 Testing Schedule

Testing Dates	Test/Subject
<b>*NEW* B.E.S.T. Standards Writing Test</b>	
Thursday, April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>B.E.S.T. Writing</b> - ALL 9th and 10th Grade Students               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students will test in their same testing rooms used for FAST PM 1 &amp; 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>National Testing Dates</b>	
March 26 - March 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ACT (In-School) Non-College Reportable</b> for 11th/12th in need of concordant scores ONLY               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students who need either Math or English ONLY: Tuesday, March 26</li> <li>◦ Students who need both Math and English: Wednesday, March 27 &amp; Thursday, March 28                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English and Math will be taken on Wednesday, March 27</li> <li>• Reading will be taken on Thursday, March 28</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tuesday, April 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital SAT (In-School) College Reportable</b> for 11th Grade ONLY               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students who did not opt-out are automatically signed up for this exam</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Thursday, April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CLT (Classical Learning Test)</b> Only for 11th/12th in need of <u>concordant scores</u> ONLY               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students had to complete a permission slip and turn it in by March 8</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Spring State Testing Dates</b>	
Tuesday, April 16 Wednesday, April 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Florida Civil Literacy Exam (FCLE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students enrolled in US Government or completed a college/dual enrollment course equivalent</li> <li>◦ Students will complete the exam on one of the two available dates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Thursday, May 2 (ELA) Wednesday, May 8 (ALG) Thursday, May 9 (EOCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Senior ELA/ALG Retakes &amp; EOC Make-Ups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students who are in 12th Grade and have not met their ELA/ALG 1 testing score requirement</li> <li>◦ Students who are enrolled in Geometry, Biology, or US History and require an EOC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Algebra and Geometry EOCs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students who are currently enrolled in Algebra 1 or Geometry</li> <li>◦ Students who are in 11th Grade and have not met their Algebra 1 testing score requirement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Thursday, May 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biology and US History EOCs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Students enrolled in Biology/Pre-AICE Biology or US History/AICE History</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FAST ELA PM 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ ALL 9th and 10th grade students</li> <li>◦ Students who are in 11th Grade and have not met their FAST testing score requirement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Final Exams</b>	
May 28 - May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Exams</li> </ul>

## TEACHERS OUT OF FIELD

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

Rachel Ferrera, Kelly Howiszak, John Kuhn, Brittany Laccetti, Greg Martinez, Sonya Paige-Hall, Faith Parker, Jillian Reyes, William Richardson, Stevie Sheppard, Ebony Williams, Ashley Zimmerman



**SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS SAT/ACT**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Looking to meet a concordant score? We can help!

The School District of Lee County will be hosting in-person, **SATURDAY (8:30-12:30)** Study Sessions for the SAT & ACT which will include practice for MATH and READING.

SAVE THE DATES

**FEBRUARY 3**  
**MARCH 2**  
**APRIL 6**  
**APRIL 27**

REGISTER NOW!

FREE

Space is limited. Students must PRE-REGISTER at <https://sites.google.com/leeschools.net/connectwithlee>



**CONNECT WITH LEE! SAT/ACT PREP**

FREE

Ready to bump up that college entrance score?  
Looking to meet a concordant score?

Join us for SAT/ACT Support on Teams with a *Live Educational Expert*  
**\*\*New Content Each Session\*\***

RUNS FROM **JANUARY 22 - APRIL 11**

READING MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
MATH TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Sessions offered Mondays - Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. - OR - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Students must pre-register on the Google Form located at <https://sites.google.com/leeschools.net/connectwithlee>



Are you interested in dual enrollment through FSW?  
Do you have a 3.5 GPA (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade)/3.0 GPA (11<sup>th</sup> grade)?  
The Accuplacer is a placement test for those interested in taking an FSW class while in high school.

Fall Registration starts March 28 and ends May 31, 2024

**Join the Google classroom code adrtf56**

**Creating a FSW Application:**

- 1) Visit [fsw.edu](http://fsw.edu) and click on the link "[Apply](#)".
- 2) Then click "[Apply Now](#)".
- 3) Then click on "[Create Account](#)".
- 4) For the box "Start Date/Entry Term" please select **Fall 2024**.
- 5) For "Student Type" please select "Dual Enrollment/Early Admission".

THERE IS NO COST TO APPLY. IF YOU ARE ASKED TO PAY YOU HAVE DONE THE INCORRECT APPLICATION.

## Stay Connected! Google Classrooms



Students of Gateway	zw2g4vo
Class of 2024	64iv3dj
Class of 2025	ktbvjmz
Class of 2026	qdp2hhd
Class of 2027	vesylp2
Cambridge Student	7mbuzrv
FSW Dual Enrollment	adrtl56
Collegiate Academy	wnpjr5v
College, Scholarships, Careers	5lpn7sg

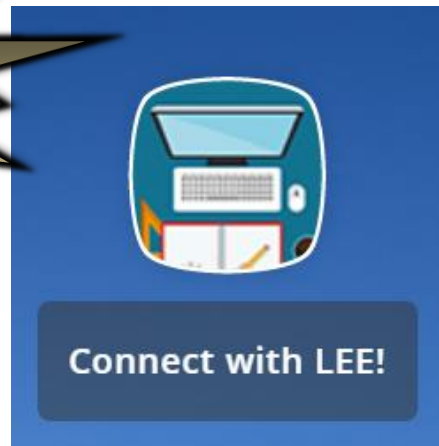


### Back on Track Credit Recovery

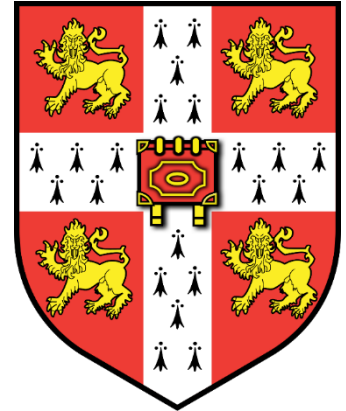
Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 2-6 PM for students behind in credits. Students meet right after school in the cafeteria. Join Google Class na3lbbu for details.



Online Tutoring Available  
Monday-Thursday  
3:30-8:00 PM via Zoom  
Students can access via Launchpad



Cambridge exams begin April 25<sup>th</sup> and continue through the entire month of May. Your scholar should know when their exams are, and the dates are also posted on the school website. There are no makeup dates for testing. The only chance for retakes is in the fall, and it will be at the student's expense of \$110 per exam. Cambridge sets the time and dates of the exams, and we are not allowed to deviate from their schedule. Exam time will be a stressful time for your scholar. Please help them get to bed early, eat a good breakfast, and come to school prepared. Expect them to be mentally and emotionally tired during this time. This is like finals week in college—only it lasts several weeks. In addition to Cambridge testing, they may also be completing some state testing so be prepared for that as well.



Study tables begin at 1:45 and run until 3:00. Students can come for all or part of the session and choose the nights that work for them. They do need to sign up by Tuesday to reserve a spot. This ensures there will be someone there to work with them, and materials are prepared for what students need help with. Students must have a way home at 3:00 when study time is over.

Study tables will be held on the following dates:

March 28

April 4

April 18

April 25

May 2

May 9

Please email [Mrs. Whitlow](mailto:Mrs. Whitlow) if you have any questions.

## Collegiate Academy Application Night

Join your GHS Collegiate Academy Administrator and FGCU Representative for an information night to learn about the application requirements and process for acceptance into Gateway's Collegiate Academy in Partnership with FGCU.

Wednesday March 27 at 6:00 PM

Collaboration Room



## SENIOR INFORMATION



**CLASS OF**  
**2024**

### Senior Year Important Dates

**April 6**

Prom

**April 13**

Grad Bash

**April 24**

Ice Cream Social

**May 6-10**

Senior Farewell Dress Week

**May 7**

Senior Awards

**May 9**

Senior Check out (A-J)

**May 10**

Senior Check out (K-Z)

Senior Sunset

**May 13-15**

Senior Exams

**May 17**

Mandatory Graduation

Practice and Senior

Breakfast

**May 18**

Graduation



## Senior Exam Exemption

Seniors who meet the following criteria may be exempt from final exams:

- Student must have an A or B average in the class for second semester.
- Student must not be at risk of losing credit for the class for which the exam is being exempted.
- Student must have no external suspensions during semester 2.
- AICE, Dual Enrollment, PERT, and EOC exams must be administered. No exemptions can be given for these exams.
- When an exam is waived, the two nine-week grades for second semester will be averaged to obtain a semester average for the course.
- Only those seniors who meet the criteria as stated above will be exempt from exams at the end of second semester.

**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL**

