



Gateway to College Monthly News

October 2024

From the Principal

10-9-24

Happy October!

As the weather starts to cool off, at school we know that this means it is getting close to Mid-Quarter grading time. This is a great time to check in with your student and get a sense for how they feel about school. There can be emotional, social or academic. Be sure to check your students' grades in the Parent Portal.



It is a great idea to create a time at home when your student can have uninterrupted time and a quiet space to do any homework or missing assignments. It is also a good idea to set an example by using that time to take care of some of your own needs like reading, paying bills or doing a quiet chore.

Don't forget to set aside a time to attend our **Family/Community night on October 22nd, from 3:00-6:00pm.**

Darren Yerama

Gateway to College Administrator

Upcoming Family/Community Event



October 22nd Gateway to College Fall Community Event

The event is from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. The annual Title One meeting will start at 5:00pm. Light refreshments will be served.

By attending you will:

- See our new location (740 York Avenue, Saint Paul)
- Have an opportunity to meet your student's teachers
- Get Your Flu Shot
- Learn about community resources
- Learn about the supports and opportunities available for your student

[If you will need an interpreter, please click here.](#)

We Need Your Input!

Family Engagement

To learn more about our families and students, we will be asking a question about their students and/or their households this year. Please click on the language link below to be taken to this month's question.

- [English](#)
- [Hmong](#)
- [Karen](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Spanish](#)

Thank you.



News You Can Use



Introducing the Gateway Navigators

Gateway is proud to introduce our three navigators: Jose, Rachel, and Selena! What is a navigator? Gateway Navigators help students... well... navigate the school system. They can provide academic support and community resources. Need help on math problem?

They have it covered. Need help figuring out a bus route? They've got you covered! Having trouble getting to school? They'll be in touch to make a plan.

Our navigators help build community out of one of our two workshops.

1. One is a quiet, academic space to get help with assignments?
2. The other is a social space where students can drop in for school supplies, toiletries, and/or a friendly conversation.

If you're in the area, feel free to drop in and work on a puzzle.

Ready Set FAFSA!

[A series of virtual college and financial aid events - free to students and families.](#)

Join us in October 2024 for a series of zoom sessions created specifically for students and families to help them prepare for the financial aid process. We will add more sessions in 2025 when the 25-26 FAFSA opens.

- All sessions will be on Tuesday evenings and approximately one hour long with a short presentation from college and financial aid experts.
- Interpreters will be available in Spanish, Hmong, Somali.
- Participant questions will be answered live in the chat.
- Students who attend or watch the recordings of Ready Set FAFSA sessions will be entered into a drawing to win a scholarship!



[2024-2025 Free Application Opportunities at Minnesota Colleges and Universities](#)

School Attendance Matters, Now More Than Ever

When a Student misses **2 days** of school a month:

They will miss **20** days a year

They will miss **30** hours of math over the school year

They will miss **60** hours of writing and reading

**ABSENCES
ADD+UP!**
MISSING JUST 2 DAYS
A MONTH MEANS YOU MISS
10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Higher Levels of family engagement are tied to better school attendance.

Student Highlights



9-10-24 Rosali Hadi

9-17-24 Kanyle Crawford

9-24-24 Jarome Simms-Hickman

10-1-24 Maxine Yeboah

GTC Students on the Move - Learning About Healthcare Careers at Regions Hospital



From the Counselors

- **SENIORS: Direct Admissions Info** - This is designed to make sure you know that you have multiple college options in the state. See your Counselor for more information.
- **Field Trips** - [Career Connect Day- Tuesday, October 15th](#)
- **Job Opportunity** - Tree Trust Over MEA Break - [Application and More info Here](#)
- **Want to Start a Business?** - [Keystone Teen Tech Center](#)
- **Right Track Spring Internships** - Apply by 10/31/24
 - [Learn More](#)
- **Glow & Grow - Learn More**
 - Glow & Grow creates intentional space for Black girls to embrace and be affirmed in their unapologetic Black brilliance, joy and resiliency.
 - Hallie Q. Brown Community Center: Wednesdays & Thursdays at 4:30. FREE. Dinner Provided



Things To Think About

Every teenager NEEDS to hear this! (2024)



This is the message I really needed to hear throughout high school and college.
You Are Enough Already.



Five Great Reasons to Pick a Career in Manufacturing

1. It pays well
2. There are lots of jobs
3. It's important, high-tech work
4. You will develop valuable skills

5. Employers want you!

[Learn More.](#)

Ace Mentor Program

ACE is a free after-school program open to any high school student with the curiosity and drive to learn about career paths in

architecture, engineering, and construction through mentoring and hands-on team activities. You can learn more about this program by reviewing this [Ace Mentor Program presentation](#). Interested students can connect with Jill Vestrum for more information, or simply submit this [application](#).



Don't Let a Hectic Schedule Get the Better of You

- Create a Calendar
- Set Reminders in Your Calendar
- Build a Schedule that Works for You
- Use Tools That Work For You
- Prioritize
- Make Time for Fun
- Find Support
- Be Realistic and Flexible



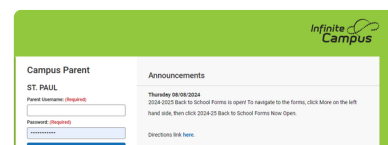
[Invest 5 minutes in yourself. Read the entire article.](#)

Parent and Guardian News and Resources

CAMPUS Parent Portal

The [SPPS Parent Portal](#) will allow parents and guardians to:

- Access student grades, attendance, class schedule
- Complete Back-to-School Forms
- See student assignments and teacher contacts



If you are new to St. Paul Public Schools, you can find out your username and password by:

- Contacting Gateway to College main office at 651-325-2550
- eMail familysupport@spps.org. Include your full name, student's name, and that they attend Gateway to College

SMORE AUTO-TRANSLATION

SMORE AUTO-TRANSLATION ADDENDUM

Smore translates your newsletters! Include the text below in your newsletters to indicate where families can view the newsletter in another language and to clarify that the translation is auto-generated.

English:

Prefer a language other than English? You can open the newsletter link and click the button on the top to have it translated into many different languages. Please know that the translation function may be inaccurate or incomplete. If you have any questions, please call us at 651-XXX-XXXX.

Karen:

၎င်းပုဒ်တစ်ခုလေးကိုအခြားဘာသာစကားများသို့ပြန်လေ့ရှိပါသည်။ နှစ်ပညာရှင်များက အချို့သော ဘာသာစကားများကို ပိုမိုတိကျစွာ ပြန်ဆိုနိုင်ရန်အတွက် ဤသို့ပြုလုပ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ ဝန်ဆောင်မှုပေးရန်အတွက် အခန်းကဏ္ဍကို ကြည့်ရှုပါ။ ဝန်ဆောင်မှုပေးရန်အတွက် ၆၅၁-XXXX-XXXX သို့ ဖုန်းဆက်သွယ်ပါ။

Somali:

Ma doorbideysaa luuqad aan aheyn af-Ingiriis? Waxaad furi kartaa lifaaqa wargeysyada oo guji batoonka kore si aad wargeyska ugu tarjuntid luuqado badan oo kala duwan. Fadlan ogow in natijada turjumaaddu ay noqon karto mid aan sax ahayn ama aan dhammaystirnayn. Haddii aad wax su'aalo ah qabtid, fadlan naga soo wac 651-XXX-XXXX.

Hmong:

Puas xav tau ua lwm hom lus? Nej qhib txoj kab mus rau hauv daim ntawv xov xwm thiab nias lub pob nyob rau saum toj ces yuav muaj txhais ua ntau hom lus. Thov nco ntsoov tias cov lus txhais no yuav tsis raug txhua lo los sis txhais tiav tiav. Yog nej muaj lus nug, thov hu rau peb ntawm 651-XXX-XXXX.

Spanish:

¿Prefiere un idioma que no sea inglés? Puede abrir el enlace del boletín y hacer clic en la parte superior de la pantalla para traducirlo a muchos idiomas diferentes. Tenga en cuenta que la función de traducción puede ser inexacta o incompleta. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llámenos al 651-XXX-XXXX.

All school documents can be translated or interpreters made available upon request

- **Spanish** Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita
- **Hmong** Tej ntaub ntawv tom tsev kawm ntawv uas xa los rau nej, peb yuav pab txhais thiab nrhiav neeg txhais lus rau nej yog nej hais qhia peb
- **Somali** "Dhammaan dukumiintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumi karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado"
- **Karen**

Past Newsletters

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Gateway to College New Location

Beginning this fall, our school will be located on the second floor of 740 York Ave. E. This building is the current home of LEAP High School, which will continue to occupy the third and fourth floors.



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Call us at 651-325-2550 or eMail gatewaytocollege@spps.org



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