

# Gateway Middle School Newsletter

September 2, 2025

*Take Care of Each Other*



MRS. ELLIS  
Principal  
MRS. OYSTRICK  
Vice Principal

## Principal's Message

Tansi and Welcome Back Gateway Griffins!

It is wonderful to have our students and staff back in the building and to see the energy that comes with the start of a new school year. September is always an exciting time with new classrooms, new routines, new friendships, and new opportunities to learn and grow.

At Gateway Middle School, we strive to create a school where every student feels welcomed, supported, and proud to belong. At the same time, we continue to hold high expectations for our students and encourage them to work hard, be kind, take responsibility, and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

We are excited to welcome our families to our Open House on Wednesday, September 16th. This is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet teachers and staff, see classrooms, and play some retro bingo! We hope to see many of our Gateway families there!

As we begin the new school year, we also encourage parents and guardians to consider becoming involved with our **School Community Council (SCC)**. Our SCC is an important part of Gateway and provides families with an opportunity to have a voice, support school initiatives, and help make our school an even better place for our students.

As we begin another year together, I want to thank our families for their continued support and partnership. We are looking forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, laughter, challenges, culture, accomplishments, and plenty of Griffin pride.

Here's to a great September and an outstanding 2026–2027 school year!

*Mrs. Angela Ellis*

In this newsletter you can expect:

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*We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We are grateful to live, learn, and work on this land, and we honor the First Nations and Métis peoples who have cared for it for generations.*

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## Marathon Fundraiser

Gateway's 26th Annual Marathon takes place Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> (afternoon). Staff, students, and parents are invited to run/walk a 5 km course in Meadow Lake.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, supporting school trips, guest presenters, clubs, playground upgrades, and learning equipment.

- Pledge sheets go home Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Students earn prize draw tickets based on funds raised.
- Top 8 fundraisers get to pie a staff member! 🥰

Volunteers needed! If you can help direct traffic, contact Mrs. Ellis at 306-236-4141 or via Edsby.

## Bus Safety Reminders

Some NWSD buses are equipped with video cameras to help ensure safe operation. Cameras allow drivers to focus on the road while supporting student safety and identification if needed. Buses with cameras are clearly marked with signage at the front and back.

For safety reasons, students may only bring items on the bus that fit comfortably on their lap. More information about restricted items will be shared soon.

## Griffin Merch

Kurt Hadland is once again taking school clothing orders. Show your Griffin pride by grabbing your gear!

Order forms are attached and should be returned to the school by Friday, September 18th.

### Junior Volleyball

Our Junior Volleyball program kicks off the first week of September!

All students in Grades 7 & 8 are welcome to participate. A tryout/skills evaluation will be held during the first week of school.

Once teams are set, coaches will create an Edsby group to share updates, and a parent meeting will be scheduled. Good luck to all our athletes!

For Grades 5 & 6, the noon-hour Smashball program will begin later in the month. Coaches will announce sign-up details at school.

### Cross Country Team

The Cross Country team is open to all Grades 5–8 students.

Practices run on Tuesdays after school (3:30–4:15) and Thursdays at lunch. Students planning to attend meets should join at least one practice per week.

Coaches will hold a sign-up during the second week of September.

As meets are organized, permission forms will be sent home with interested students. Please note: there is a \$20 fee for out-of-town trips.

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## Open House Bingo

Join us for Gateway's Open House Bingo on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 pm! The evening will kick off with Bingo in the gym — complete with prizes — and staff introductions by Mrs. Ellis between games.

After Bingo, families are invited to visit classrooms and connect with teachers. Mr. Hadland will also be available to take school clothing orders.

We look forward to a fun-filled evening with our Gateway families!

## School Community Council (SCC)

Parents interested in volunteering for the School Community Council can sign up at Open House Night or contact the school by Wednesday, September 11th. Being an SCC member allows parents the opportunity to assist the staff in providing an outstanding learning environment for students. Members of the council give input regarding school programs, events, etc. Our council requires several new members this year. We'd love to have you join our team! Please reach out to Mrs. Ellis if you have any questions.

## School Safety

At Gateway, keeping our students safe is always important. During the third week of school, we'll hold a School Safety Assembly to go over routines like fire drills and other safety procedures. This helps everyone feel comfortable and ready for the year ahead!

## E-Scooters/Bikes

A reminder to students and families that e-scooters are not permitted at Gateway Middle School and should not be brought to school or used on school property. Bikes are welcome at school and should be securely locked to the fence at the front of the school during the school day. Students are encouraged to bring their own bike lock, as the school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen bikes. Thank you for helping us keep our students and school grounds safe!

**“EVERY DAY IS A FRESH START — MAKE THIS YEAR YOUR BEST ONE YET!”**

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Daily lunch entrees will be ordered every school day. Students can place their order first thing in the morning in their classrooms. Meals offered will change throughout the year.

| MONDAY                                                                                                     | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                       | THURSDAY                                                                             | FRIDAY                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Pizza Hut                                                                                                  | Silver Palace                              | Mrs. Weibel's Kitchen                                           | Dairy Queen                                                                          | Subway                                      |
| Cheese Pizza & Wings <b>OR</b> Chicken Alfredo & Garlic Sticks <b>OR</b> Pasta w/ Meat Sauce & Breadsticks | Dry Ribs& Rice <b>OR</b> Chicken & Noodles | (Macaroni & Hot Dogs <b>alternating with</b> Perogies & Sausage | Cheeseburger & Fries <b>OR</b> Chicken Strips & Fries <b>OR</b> Chicken Wrap & Fries | Ham <b>OR</b> Pizza <b>OR</b> Cold Cut Trio |

The cost of the entree is **\$7.00 per day**. Students can pay with cash daily or parents can purchase punch passes. Punch passes are \$35.00 for five meals. Please purchase punch passes at the front office or on School Cash Online.

A **SNACK CART** (CASH ONLY) is available for students who wish to supplement their lunch with snacks. Items include: chocolate milk, juice boxes, water, trail mix, ice cream treats, cheese strings, veggie chips, and more!

All money raised by our lunch programs will be  used to subsidize school trips, guest presenters, extra-curricular clubs, playground equipment, mentorship activities, class activities and specialized equipment to enrich our learning program.

## Breakfast for Learning

Gateway is proud to support our students with a healthy start to the day! Thanks to the Breakfast Club of Canada grant, we offer free toast, bagels, and oatmeal each morning to students in need.

In addition, our **Breakfast Cart** is available for all students. For just \$0.25, students can purchase two items, such as muffins, cheese buns, meat sticks, cheese, yogurt, fruit, and more.

A good breakfast fuels learning — and we're happy to help our Griffins start the day right!

*Thank you for reading!*

# September 2026

| Sunday | Monday                                 | Tuesday                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                          | Thursday                                            | Friday                                                                     | Saturday                              |
|--------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|        |                                        | 1                                                                | 2<br>First Day of School<br>Volleyball Tryouts<br>Grade 7&8 Boys & Girls 3:30-5:00<br><i>Day 1</i> | 3<br><i>Day 2</i>                                   | 4<br><i>Day 3</i>                                                          | 5                                     |
| 6      | 7<br>LABOUR DAY<br>No School           | 8<br>Tug-of- War<br>Assembly<br>X-Country Begins<br><i>Day 4</i> | 9<br><i>Day 5</i>                                                                                  | 10<br><i>Day 6</i>                                  | 11<br>William Gowe Volleyball Tournament<br>(Lloydminster)<br><i>Day 1</i> | 12                                    |
| 13     | 14<br>Smashball Begins<br><i>Day 2</i> | 15<br>School Pictures<br><i>Day 3</i>                            | 16<br>Open House<br>Bingo 6:00-7:30<br><i>Day 4</i>                                                | 17<br>School<br>Safety<br>Assembly                  | 18<br>Griffin Clothing<br>Orders Due                                       | 19                                    |
| 20     | 21                                     | 22<br>SCC Meeting<br>@6:00<br><i>Day 1</i>                       | 23<br><i>Day 3</i>                                                                                 | 24<br>Marathon Fundraiser<br>Begins<br><i>Day 4</i> | 25<br>Junior Mega Volley (Maidstone)<br><i>Day 5</i>                       | 26<br>Home Hardware<br>BBQ Fundraiser |
| 27     | 28<br><i>Day 6</i>                     | 29<br><i>Day 1</i>                                               | 30<br>Truth &<br>Reconciliation<br>Day<br><i>Day 2</i>                                             |                                                     |                                                                            |                                       |