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Administrator / Principal's Up-Date

Gateway Christian School Announces Closure of High School

In an effort to ensure the highest quality of education possible for our K-8 students and to focus on what we truly do best, we will not continue with the operation of the High School after this semester.

After evaluating a considerable amount of criteria, the Board according to the authority given by the Bylaws and current Board Policy Manual, voted in its last meeting to suspend the operation of the high school after this semester. This was not an easy decision, but one that comes with the approval of the Administrator and his Team.

Gateway has struggled to offer a quality high school program for a decreasing number of students. The Board has been aware of the number of students (even staff students) that leave Gateway upon completion of the eighth grade. The desire to keep the program going created an impossible task at times especially for a teacher trying to instruct four different grade levels in one class period.

It is important to make this announcement now in order for current students to relocate in another high school for this fall. The obvious sadness the Board had to struggle with is for the concern of the students who stayed with Gateway all their school years and looked forward to graduating here. The lateness of this announcement is the result of pursuing every possible alternative to keep the high school going.

If we were not confident that the Lord has His hand in this process, our sorrow would not have allowed us to make this decision. Also, please know that the Board is aware that this decision affects not only students and their families, but faculty as well. Attrition or the natural moving of faculty may allow all who desire to stay, the opportunity to continue at Gateway. Over the years, our school has been blessed with a wonderful dedicated faculty. We do not want to lose any.

Overall, this change though as hard as it is, is well thought out for the future of Gateway. All of our efforts will be focused on K-8. With this direction, we are refining our vision, addressing plans to bring all classes together on one campus, and many other exciting improvements to our school.

It is obvious that all of your questions have not been answered in this announcement. Please understand that it would have been impossible to write what I have without the help of the Lord.

We trust that we can stand together united with our Lord for the future of Gateway Christian School.

Leaning on Him,
Doc Beale, Administrator

No School Days:

Monday, February 18
Presidents' Day

March 21-30
Easter Vacation

Job Posting:

Occasional Extended Day Substitutes needed

Hours: 3:00-5:00pm (on reg. school days)
12:00-5:00pm (on min. school days)

Pay: \$10:00 per hour

Contact Peggy Collins at 634-0493, if interested.

Car Pool Needed

One of our families from Oakley needs to get a ride to school every Wednesday morning for their daughter, Sese. Please call Florence Otokhine at (510) 334-2956 if you can help. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER THANKS & NEEDS:

- Thank You** to all our parent volunteers who so faithfully continue with their volunteer commitments. You are such a blessing to our teachers and administrative staff!
- Volunteers and donations needed for GCS Auction to be held April 12. Please contact Debbie Sharp at 354-6890 if you can help.
- K-2nd Grade Parent Lunch Duty Helper
Some Wed. needed 11:30-12:10 at LH –
Contact Linda Contreras
- LH office coverage needed Thursdays 1:45-2:45pm starting Feb. 14 while Linda Contreras teaches the HS Art class. Please contact Linda if you can volunteer.
- 3rd-5th Grade Parent Playground Helpers
M-T-W-T-F at GH 12:00-12:30 – contact Mrs. Collins

Parents-In-Prayer

Meets every Tuesday at 8:45 after Chapel at the LH Campus. Call Terry Ketchel at 321-2973 for info or just come.

Coming Events

February	
11	Board Meeting – LH Campus
13	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH Special guest speaker, Amanda Collins, Alumnus of Gateway Christian School
13	Nacho Sales At GH (8 ^h Gr)
11-15	Mission's Week
15	Mission's Lunch
18	No School- Presidents' Day holiday
20	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
20	Nacho Sales at GH (8 ^h Gr)
25	GCS OPEN HOUSE at both campuses
27	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
27	Nacho Sales at GH (HS)
27	Progress Reports
March	
4	PTF Meeting, 7:00pm at LH
5	K-5 Recognition Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
5	Nacho Sales At GH (6 ^h Gr)
12	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
12	Nacho Sales At GH (8 th Gr)
17	Board Meeting – LH Campus
19	K-5 Chapel 8:00am LH; MS/HS Chapel 9:00am GH
19	Nacho Sales at GH (HS)
21-30	No School- Easter Vacation
31	School Resumes

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25 NIV