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Something for everybody at 2nd Annual Homecoming Weekend!

Huntington – While the weekend is dubbed “Homecoming”—there is something for everybody at Gateway’s second annual Homecoming Weekend, running October 12 – 14. All events are open to current and former students, staff, families and community members!

The celebration begins on Thursday, October 12 with our “Kickoff Dinner” at Chester Common Table, (Main St. in Chester). Stop in with friends and family between 4 and 10 p.m. and select from menu items and specials. Chester Common Table will donate 15% of their sales that night to the Gateway Education Foundation.

Then, come to Gateway at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13 for the Annual Shipman Memorial Concert in the Gateway Performing Arts Center. This concert brings together the top performances from current and former students and staff, and this year includes Dawson Atkin ('18), Autumn Marchetto ('20), Keith ('03) and Renee ('04) Boylan (with special surprise guests!), the fabulous female trio of Maria Pless, Livia Shephard and Alex Russell (all '20), local favorites “The C Boys” (retired Gateway Middle School Principal Peter Curro, Tim Crane ('71 and retired HS mathematics teacher) and John Crane ('96); Jeff Penn ('80), and Kelliher, Murray and Long (Jeff Kelliher, Patrick Murray and Gateway grantwriter Wendy Long). Admission is \$5 for students and senior citizens; \$7 for adults. This is an annual fundraiser that supports improvements to the auditorium and funds scholarships to graduating Tech Crew members.

Saturday, October 14 is CHOCK FULL of events! First, come to Gateway at 8:30 a.m. to register for a timed 5K race on Gateway’s home cross-country course (extended this year to a full 5k). Race begins at 9 a.m. and is free of charge, although donations to the Gateway Education Foundation will be gratefully accepted.

Then, at noon, join the Gateway HS Outdoor Club on a historic kayaking tour of Littleville Lake. Contact Nicole Daviau at ndaviau@grsd.org to register, then grab your kayak or canoe and meet at the lake at noon. Floatation devices must be worn! Our host will be local historian Jeff Penn ('80). A suggested donation of \$10 will support the activities of the Outdoor Club. This event is made possible by the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee.

If being on the water isn’t your thing, then come to Booster Field for SOCCER SATURDAY: a series of soccer games (all against Easthampton HS), beginning with the high school JV Boys soccer team at noon; Varsity boys at 2 p.m.; JV girls at 4 p.m.; and Varsity girls at 6 p.m. The Annual Alumni Soccer Game will begin immediately at the conclusion of the girls game.

This calendar may expand so please keep watching for additional information! A complete schedule of events may be found on the Gateway Education Foundation website (www.GatewayEducationFoundation.org).

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Photo: Gateway alumni soccer players at last year's annual Alumni Soccer Game, held under the lights on Booster Field. This year's Alumni Game will be Saturday, October 14.