

Welcome to the #gatelyscience family!

Dear parents/guardians,

My name is Ms. Gately and I am your child's Biology teacher this year! Over the last five years as a teacher I have cultivated what is now known as the "gatelyscience" family, and as soon as a student is added to my roster, they become part of that family. So you are now part of it too! Welcome aboard 😊

Though not my first year teaching, this is my first year at Framingham High School. I have taught 7th-12th graders in Waltham, East Boston, and Dorchester prior to coming here. I am so excited to join the FHS community and get to know you and your child. I love science and I love kids, so working as a science teacher is my ideal job!

This year in Applied Biology, your child will work hard to master difficult biology concepts in order to prepare for the state MCAS assessment. Passing the science MCAS (typically in the 10th grade) is a graduation requirement. We will work together this year to provide a great foundation of science knowledge so your child may be successful in either Applied Biology 2 or CP Biology next year. They can expect homework every night, including some weekends, but it should not take more than 20-30 minutes on a typical night. Regularly completing homework is a foundational skill they will need to be successful in all of high school, so this is a great way to practice and improve upon their time management and perseverance.

Though we will work hard, we will also have lots of fun! I absolutely love my students and they seem to love me too 😊 I prefer hands on, engaging methods of teaching classroom content. I frequently utilize technology, and many times students will be using their phones to complete their homework. I definitely want students to develop a love of science and learning, and my lessons reflect that.

Important resources:

www.gatelyscience.com → This is our class website! Here you can find the daily class activities and links to any in-class or homework assignments that are given. Students must check this site every day, and I encourage you to as well! I find that even when students are absent, they are able to complete the work at home and come to school prepared, which is great!

@gatelyscience → This is our class Instagram! It is private, only for my students and their families. Feel free to request to follow! I started it about 2 years ago so you are welcome to look back at work from year's past. This is a fun way to stay updated on class happenings!

Aspen X2 & Canvas → I update grades every week, so by Tuesday morning of each week you can expect that grades are updated on Aspen x2. I am also new to Canvas, but I plan on using it to organize class content when possible, and to communicate with parents. Please check both frequently!

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