

ACADEMY NEWS

WAY ACADEMY SOUTHWEST NEWSLETTER



In the News ...

Pinata Fiesta!

Read about how you can obtain credit and learn a new skill below!

Messages from Teachers!

Keep yourself informed below.

Winter Break!

From Dec 21, 2020
until Jan 3, 2021

Important

Return Online
Monday Jan 4th, 2021
Get ahead! All online
mentors are available to
help during the break.

Happy Holidays!
From our WAY
Academy Family to
yours!

Words from the Superintendent

Dear WAY Academy Families,

This year, we have had some major challenges, which have impacted our country, state, cities, and sadly our most precious gifts, our children. School did not look the same this year for any student in the world. Many children have suffered both academically and emotionally. However, here at WAY, we have done our best to help keep our students and staff safe. We implemented a 100% virtual learning environment and have worked to keep the same strong relationship with you and your child.

We have sustained our lunch program, purchased psychological supports for both staff and students, and assured all families have reliable technology and internet connectivity. Once our building reopens for attendance, you will find we are well prepared with the necessary COVID-19 personal protective equipment.

On a more positive note, I am excited to announce our Micro School Project is up and running. MICRO SCHOOL is a new service we are providing to all students in grades 6-10. We now can assign certified, highly trained teachers with no more than ten students per class. The classes allow for all four core subjects to be taught in small groups, providing more consistency and support. The sessions are virtual, and teachers meet with students eight times a week. In between sessions, students will have access to additional academic support staff.

Micro School will allow the physical lab to provide more target supports and learning experiences for students. More information on the lab makeover will follow as we get closer to reopening.

In conclusion, the entire staff at WAY Academy wishes you the happiest of holidays. Hold your family closer than ever, and rest assured we will continue to be here to serve our families now and in the New Year! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or needs.

Sincerely,
Madeline Black

WAY Academy Superintendent



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Hello Researchers,

I hope all is well with you and your families as we approach the end of this "interesting" year. With the semester coming to a close, it is vital that we collectively reaffirm our educational goals to continue our success during the next semester and beyond. Below are the minimum requirements for every researcher enrolled at W-A-Y Academy-SW for the remainder of the school year: Log in to HERO and work on projects for at least 4 hours a day, 5 days a week, all year.

- **Earn at least 0.125 credits a week and 0.5 (a half) credit each month.**
- **Message your mentor at least 3 times per week through the method of your choosing.**
- **Attend Count Day in February and complete all Count Day requirements.**

Focusing on these requirements is crucial in progressing toward graduation and developing your professional acumen for future endeavors. Students can fulfill requirements by attending HomeBase with Mr. Schwartz (High School) and Ms. Briana (Middle School).

HomeBase allows students the opportunity to work with Live Sessions teachers for direct guidance in projects, attend Explore sessions to socialize with staff members and engage in fun activities, check-in with assigned mentors, and receive school-wide updates.

Again I want to thank you for doing your best to adjust to virtual learning and maintain contact with your teachers. We appreciate your patience and hope to return to the building very soon.

Be well, Rasaan Turner-Team Leader



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| Alvarez-Morrobel, Dalvin | Reyes, Marco |
| Bell, Aniyah | Rodriguez-Garcia, Sherlynn |
| Berres, Michael | Rodriguez-Garcia, Jeniffer |
| Campo, Katherine | Rodriguez, Cynthia |
| Chavez, Deysi | Russell, Brenden |
| Chilel-Lopez, Lorena | Sauceda, Everardo |
| Corbett, Kenya | Taylor, Devel |
| Covarrubias, Laura | Tyra, Ava |
| Dixon, Dakota | Vargas, Jessica |
| Fres-Llanos, Emmanuelle | Villegas, Angela |
| Galvan-Murphy, Anenalani | White, Ashlee |
| Galvan, Amber | Wilson, Juliana |
| Harris, Darnell | Wilson, Alisha |
| Hodges, Rachel | Wood, Davionna |
| Holtzlander, Kevin | Wright, Saniah |
| Ortiz, Otoniel | |
| Quirino-Pino, Jesus | |



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

Here are a couple of things that those who are thinking of college should be looking at in December and January:

Detroit Promise Resource Center is OPEN!

The Detroit Promise Resource Center is now available. Parents, students and stakeholders can:

- Obtain Student Support from trained College Access Advisors
- Connect with the Promise Team to learn programmatic updates
- Find COVID-19 college resources

And much more! Visit their website today for more information!

<http://detroit scholarship fund. bmetrack. com/c/?u=B828D0A&e=119A07C&c=72EA6&t=0&l=3198C436&email=F6PZTWZSqrDCMFx7eGRsF5CajR5gIQSJKktZA21cU7w%3D&seq=1>

Mr. Michael will be Presenting “College Knowledge” Sessions every Wednesday at 12 noon from Home Base. Researchers should stop by no matter what grade they are in.

Explore Session Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Backgammon Basics with Mr. Abe	Chess Finesse with Mr. Rasaan	College Knowledge with Mr. Michael	TBA	Pinata Fiesta with Ms. Mirta
12:00pm	12:00pm	12:00pm <u>Supplies Needed</u> Notebook Pen/Pencil	TBA	10:00am <u>Supplies Needed</u> (Contact Ms. Mirta for the full supply list)

Pinata Fiesta with Mrs. Denis

Hi, I'm Mrs. Denis and I am the bilingual paraprofessional at WAY Southwest. I am excited to tell you about the progress the students I work with are making. Most of my students have been on the honor roll for the months of October and November. Also, we are excited about the piñata workshop taking place every Friday during HomeBase. I am teaching a group of students (and some staff) how to make a traditional piñata. Students who attend the workshop are following along (LIVE) and creating their piñata from home. Students will be able to break their piñata during the Christmas Holiday with the help of their family.

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