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Widening Advancements for Youth

Words from the Director - James Middleditch

Hello Parents and Students!

I hope that everyone had a great Winter Break. We have a few very important things coming up. First, we have our NWEA MAP Winter Growth testing. This is required testing that can be completed remotely. We will be doing the MAP Growth testing from January 17 to February 4.

Second, we would like to remind students to participate in our Test preparation program. We currently use Khan Academy. Your student can connect their College Board account to Khan Academy if they have already taken the PSAT to help guide them on skills they need to improve on for this school year. State Testing will be coming up in April and May.

Lastly, we have Spring Count Day on Wednesday February 9th. We require all researchers login, submit a step/assignment in all 6 assigned courses, and have an academic conversation with their mentor. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 313-638-2716 or email us at enroll@wayprogram.net.

I look forward to having an amazing end to the 2021-22 school year!



College and Career Corner

January 2022 is going to be a great start to the new year. We will be hosting a Virtual College Tour to Eastern Michigan University on January 21st at 1pm. Eastern Michigan University has a great Education and Law Program. On January 28th at 1pm we will be hosting a Resume Workshop, where the students can learn how to create a good resume and even learn how to job search. Lastly, this month, I will be reaching out to seniors to get a mid school year update on their future plans after high school. Please keep an eye out for announcements and emails.

- Jackee' Smith



Student SpotLight

Drive One Providing Career Technical Education Program for Students

Our Director, James Middleditch, met and talked with Paul Tregemo, Jr., the Director at Drive One, we discussed the students that attend WAY Michigan and participate in Drive One to receive Career Technical Education in an after-school setting. WAY Michigan has fifteen students that attend virtual cohort classes in the morning and attend classes at Drive One in the afternoon to learn about several vocational skills Automotive Technology, Automotive Body, and Welding.

“These students take pride in coming in and participating in the program. These students compete with each other to see who can get the most done each week.”- Paul Tregemo, Jr. We are excited to hear about the success these students are having and were glad to take time to talk with them. This is what one of the students had to say

“It is different from a traditional school. I love how easy it is for me to make up credits and have flexibility in my school. I feel comfortable being able to pick up classes. The one improvement I would like to see is a bigger variety in assignments as posters, and presentations can cause me to burnout.”

We appreciate taking time to talk with our students participating in the Drive One program today. We will be taking the feedback from our conversations and working to continue to improve our program for all students.

Count Day

SPRING COUNT DAY is Wednesday, February 9. The spring count day will follow the same format as the fall count day. On February 9 your WAY Michigan researcher is required to log in and submit at least 1 step in a project in EACH of the 6 classes in their learning plan. Mentors will email researchers a list of suggested projects to work in. Researchers should also be attending each class that day as submitted steps in the class project will also count towards their Count Day submissions. If you or your researcher has any questions, please ask them to contact their mentor or team leader.

- Stacy Long



WAY Parents

The WAY Michigan staff is officially back from our Winter Break and ready to hit the ground running! First thing on the roster is MAP Testing! This is the same testing your student(s) took in late October/early November. There was a sign up sheet, 2 tests (math and reading), and set times for students to log into zoom to take the tests. We are gearing up to do it all again. Both sets of students, middle and high schoolers, will take these tests in January. Middle School MAP testing starts Tuesday, January 18th (the day after MLK day) and runs through Friday, January 21st. High School will test starting Monday, January 31st through Friday, February 4th. This is so that we can have our test scores and report them out to CMU and our board of directors by their meeting in mid-February. The goal of the tests this time around is to show LEARNING

GROWTH - all students should score higher than they did in October/November.

Secondly, Spring Count is just over a month away, but it is never too soon to prepare! Spring Count Day is on Wednesday, February 9th! Remember that there are 3 requirements your student MUST complete within that 24-hour time frame: Log in to HERO, complete 1 submission (step, check your learning activity, or final product) in each of their 6 classes (6 submissions total), and have an academic conversation with their mentor.

Lastly, the parent meeting for January will discuss these topics among other on Tuesday, January 11th at 7pm. Please feel free to contact me with any questions prior to that meeting at kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net. I will be sending out emails with the zoom link.

-Kim Iorillo