



# W·A·Y MICHIGAN™

## Widening Advancements for Youth

### Words from the Director - James Middleditch

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Hello Parents and Students!

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe in these snowy and cold times. We have a few announcements for you this month. First, I want to thank everyone who participated in the Winter NWEA MAP Growth Testing. This test is very important for helping us improve our instruction and reporting necessary growth data to the state.

Second, Spring Count Day is coming up on Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>. We require all students to do the following: login to Centric, submit a step/assignment in all 6 assigned courses, and have an academic conversation with their mentor. This is a very important process and part of the 5 requirements of a WAY Michigan student.

Lastly, we have a new Test preparation project on Centric. The project is called Test Taking Strategies ([https://centric.school/curric2013/cur\\_detail.php?c=17192](https://centric.school/curric2013/cur_detail.php?c=17192)). This project provides credit in Career Development and Technology for all High School students that complete the project. We are in the process of developing a Middle School project as well. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please feel free to call us at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).

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



### Virtual Field Trip

WAY Michigan will host a free one hour virtual field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) on March 4th from 12pm-1pm. Limited spots available, students must sign up ahead of time in order to attend.

The DIA theme will be "Shaping Identity – A Broad Cross-Cultural Exploration". Led by a museum gallery teacher, the visit includes art from around the world spanning thousands of years.

"Students will engage in directed discussions about art, exploring how people of diverse cultures use art to define, reinforce, and communicate cultural, national, and personal identity" (DIA)

To sign up or for more information  
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## WAY Students

Happy February, Researchers and Parents!

Please remember our researchers need their school IDs for school testing this year. You can email me at, [joy.jurado@wayprogram.net](mailto:joy.jurado@wayprogram.net), or have your researcher send me a message on Centric at, Joy Jurado. The picture should be an appropriate picture of your researcher from the waist up.

Spring Count Day is approaching, please make sure that your researcher submits each of their steps in each of their six subjects in their learning plan. They should also be in contact with their mentor for their two-way communications during this time. If you have any



## College and Career Corner

It's been an exciting year so far. Keep a look out for announcements and emails about the next Virtual College Tour to the University of Detroit Mercy on February 25th, this event is for all grades. A university in the heart of Detroit, close to midtown, and it has an excellent business program. This month we will also have another Resume Workshop on February 11th. This workshop is for juniors and seniors. If you have any questions, please let me know.

- Jackee' Smith



## WAY Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are currently testing all students for math and reading using the NWEA MAP tests. These are the same tests that your student took in the fall if they were here in November. Thank you to everyone who had their student sign up beforehand! You will be receiving the family reports with their fall and winter scores by the beginning of March. Please let us know if you have any questions at all. Please don't forget about Count Day on Wednesday, February 9th! All students are required to complete 3 things: login in to HERO/Centric, submit 1 assignment in each of their 6 classes, and have an academic conversation with their mentor. This needs to be done between 12am and 11:59pm Wednesday, February 9th. The February parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, at 7pm. We will be discussing several things, including test prep, spring testing, virtual field trips, and much more.

- Kim Iorillo