



# W·A·Y MICHIGAN™

## Widening Advancements for Youth

### Words from the Director - James Middleditch

Hello Parents and Students!!

I am excited that we are officially in the 2022-23 school year. The staff have been doing a lot to make necessary changes to improve WAY Michigan for the start of this school year. We are looking at providing a variety of new supplemental program opportunities for your students. We are providing live sessions surrounding Creative Writing, Book Club, and more. Additionally, we have improved the process for receiving one-on-one support and intervention to ensure that everyone that needs it will have the opportunity to participate.

We are still looking for parents, students, and community members to join our School Improvement Team. Your feedback is key to improving WAY Michigan for years to come. We plan to host our first meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> if you are interested in making a difference. Additionally, our open enrollment will continue until Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are offering \$100 Amazon gift cards to students and \$50 Gas Cards to parents for our "Refer a Friend" Program this year. If you have any friends or family interested, please have them reach out to us at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).

I look forward to a spectacular school year!



## 2022-2023 School Year

Welcome Back to our 2022-2023 School Year, we are excited for this new school year!

Please remember to follow the five requirements of a researcher.

1. Message your mentor at least 3-5 times a week.
2. Earn at least 0.125 a week and 0.5 credit a month.
3. Login to Centric and work on projects for 6 hours a day, 5 days a week all year.
4. Attend Count Day in October and February and complete all of the Count Day requirements.
5. Complete state and charter-authorized mandatory testing.

We have support programs as well, we have tutoring with online experts, one-on-one support with our building paraprofessionals and experts, and Aleks Math. Please make sure to utilize as much as you can from our program to have a successful school year. Reach out to Ms. Joy or Ms. Stacy if you have any questions.



## WAY Students



It will soon be time for hoodies, cider, and best of all.....corn mazes!! They are scattered all over our beautiful state, some more challenging than others, but all created for you to have some fun!

### **NORTHWEST**

\*\* Jacobs Farm-Traverse City  
7100 East Traverse Hwy, M-72 West, Traverse City, MI 49684  
(517) 250-1222

### **SOUTHWEST**

\*\* Ed Dunnebuck Girls Farm-Grand Rapids  
3025 6 Mile Rd, Grand Rapids, MI 49544  
(616) 784-0058

### **MIDDLE**

\*\* The Wild Pumpkin-Beaverton  
5799 Beaverton Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612  
(989) 941-9562

### **SOUTHEAST**

\*\* Long Family Orchard-Commerce  
1540 E Commerce Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382  
(248) 360-3774

### **UPPER PENINSULA**

\*\* Getzloff Corn Maze-Wilson  
N15891 Co Rd 551,  
Wilson, MI 49896

## College & Career Corner

We have started the Drop In Zoom sessions for students to get assistance completing Xello. Xello is a website that helps students plan for post-high school. There they will learn what types of careers best suit them, the different types of learning styles, and even explore scholarships. The schedule has been posted to the announcement page. Also please keep a look out for emails and messages regarding due dates and Xello requirements. Friendly reminder that Xello is a requirement by the State of Michigan.

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## WAY Parents

Hello, Parents and Guardians! We are ready to start the new school year, with classes beginning on September 6th. Please let me know if you need your parent login for the parent portal. Class schedules should be posted this week (week of August 29th) and as a parent you should be able to see that schedule through the parent portal as well. We ask that you work with your researchers (students) to create a calendar (paper or digital) that includes all classes and family/personal events with reminders, that way researchers can begin to work on their time management skills. Remember that all students are required to login and work on school work for 30 hours per week, 8 of those hours being their Zoom classes (possibly less for seniors). The other 22+ hours are the researcher's own to schedule as they see fit. We highly recommend the use of paper or digital tools to create a schedule/calendar/to-do list so students are organized and can manage their time well. I have already sent out the recording for the August parent meeting along with any associated documents. The September parent meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7pm. Another email will be sent out with the link. Please complete the August parent meeting survey so I know what you would like discussed at the September meeting.

Please feel free to contact me  
at [kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net](mailto:kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net) or at (734) 558-4230 if you have any questions.