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WAY MICHIGAN NEWS



WAY Students

Winter E-Sports Registration has Started!

Parents and researchers, we hope you have a great winter break. Our E-Sports team for Valorant made the playoffs in the Fall, but unfortunately lost in the first round facing the #2 team seeded in the playoffs. Registration has opened for the Winter E-Sports club. The games being offered for the winter are the following: Overwatch 2 on Tuesdays, Rocket League on Wednesdays, and Smite on Thursdays. We provide Dell Gaming Laptops to those researchers that would like them. All games are able to be played on the school gaming laptops or on any personal devices if you have the correct specifications.

Registration closes on Friday February 3rd. If you have any questions about the season please feel free to reach out to our coach Trevor Hall or E-Sports advisor James Middleditch.

Testing

- Joy Jurado

State testing is fastly approaching in the next few months. Make sure your researcher is using the free test preparation website, Khan Academy to be ready. Khan Academy is used here at WAY Michigan for students to participate in to help build their test taking skills throughout the school year. For Khan Academy, students can create a free account to access the test preparation course. A course has been created for WAY Michigan students to register for so we can track their progress. Additionally, if they have taken the PSAT before they can connect to their scores from the College Board for additional support. Please have your researcher reach out to their mentor or team leader for the class code to set up.



Parent News

- **Kimberly Iorillo**

Hello, Parents and Guardians!

We hope that you all had a restful break and time to reconnect with your families! We are jumping right back into the fray and things are coming down the pipeline fast! Next week we will start Middle School math and reading tests. You will be receiving communications this week regarding sign up for test slots and instructions on how it all works. High school math and reading testing will take place in 3 weeks. Please make sure that you are marking down the dates and times that you and your student choose. Please also make sure to check their class schedule and to choose test slots **AROUND** their classes. The schedule is set up so that no student should miss a class to take these tests. The January parent meeting will be on Thursday, January 26th, at 7pm. The zoom link will be sent out in the next week or so. Please reach out if you have any questions at all: kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net

College & Career Corner

- **Jackee' Smith**

I'm excited to share with you that we will be doing some exploring and growing for the second half of the school year. We have 2 more in person college tours left, another Financial Aid Night coming up, and an in person college event, hosted alongside WAY West and Southwest next month. We will be going to Central Michigan University for our next in person college tour this January; emails and announcements will be sent out soon. Also please prepare your students for Xello. Those who have not completed Xello, and all new students will be completing Xello after Count Day, details to follow.



Words from the Director

- James Middleditch

Hello Parents and Students!!

I hope that you all had a Wonderful Winter Break! We are preparing for our Winter MAP testing. Winter MAP testing this year will be from January 16th to February 3rd. In addition to MAP testing, we have the Spring Count Day on the Horizon. Spring Count starts on Wednesday February 8th. Remember the requirements for Count Day is logging into Centric, submitting a step in a project for each of your six courses, and having a conversation with your mentor about one of the projects you picked.

We are preparing for the Spring E-Sports season. The registration has opened and will end on February 4th. Pre-Season starts the week of February 13th. Also, we had updates to the Virtual Cohort Live Classes. If you need a schedule change or have any concerns about your classes, please reach out to your Team Leader for support. If you have any questions, please call us at 313-638-2716 or email us at enroll@wayprogram.net.

I look forward to continued partnership this school year!