



K-12 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS and GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

SENIORS, are you prepared for the Monday after graduation?
Now is the time to decide if you want to **ENROLL** in college, become
EMPLOYED with a viable career, or **ENLIST** in the military!
Don't wait until the last minute to make your
FUTURE PLAN!



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FAFSA COMPLETION ASSISTANCE

YOU'RE NOT ALONE!

WE CAN HELP!



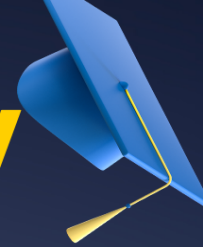
Get help from the Office of K-12 College and Career Readiness

Join us for one of our monthly FAFSA Completion Days at the Wendy Y. Robinson Family and Community Engagement Center located at 230 East Douglas Avenue from Noon - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Questions? Call or email, Martin Murphy at (260) 467-2655 or martin.murphy@fwcs.k12.in.us

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS



FULL ACCOUNT SET-UP REMINDER!



Set up your **FULL** Scholar Track Account

ScholarTrack is the one-stop shop for Hoosiers' state financial aid needs. ScholarTrack guides students and families through the process of planning for, applying to and maintaining their financial aid – beginning as early as middle school and continuing through college completion. ScholarTrack is also used by high school and college students to track the completion of the Scholar Success Program.

GRADE	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES		
09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Estimate the Costs of College
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA

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HIGH ABILITY, DUAL CREDIT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIPS

Helpful Reads

Letting Go of Perfect: Overcoming Perfectionism in Kids

Jill L. Adelson and Hope E. Wilson

An in-depth analysis of each of the perfectionistic profiles, with practical suggestions for parents and teachers to help children overcome perfectionism and develop healthy skills.



Penelope Perfect: A Tale of Perfectionism Gone Wild

Shannon Anderson

The story of a young girl who works to maintain control of her world through perfectionistic tendencies. Includes developmentally appropriate language, colorful pictures, and a set of activities and conversation starters.



The Perfectionism Workbook for Teens: Activities to Help You Reduce Anxiety and Get Things Done

Ann Marie Dobosz

This workbook provides reflective activities for adolescents to consider their own thought processes in relation to perfectionism. Based upon Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, it provides a structure and insights into changing perfectionistic tendencies.



The Perfect Percival Priggs

Julle-Anne Graham

This book details the story of Percival Priggs, who focuses on external motivations and rewards. It can help students move from a product-orientation to a process-based motivation. The target age for this book is early elementary, but could be used with older children as a starting point for conversations.



How to Be an Imperfectionist: The New Way to Self-Acceptance, Fearless Living, and Freedom from Perfectionism

By Stephen Guise

Rather than focusing on problems, this book provides young adults and adults with practical solutions for overcoming perfectionism. Written in a conversational tone, it conveys solid strategies in an engaging format.



Happiness Doesn't Come From Headstands

Tamara Levitt

In this charming tale for early elementary students, Leela tries unsuccessfully to master a headstand in her yoga practice. This book weaves together a narrative that happiness does not depend upon the success of the attempts, but through the celebration of hard work.



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Peter H. Reynolds

This book shows how a child responds to negative criticism about his artwork, and then is able to use his "mistakes" in creative ways. It demonstrates how creativity can be used to combat perfectionistic tendencies.



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Internships

Did you know that Fort Wayne Community Schools has numerous internship opportunities both internally and externally?

Here are some of the companies we partner with:

- Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne
- Brooks Construction
- Cyclone Social
- Fort Wayne Community Schools
- GiGi's Playhouse
- Indiana Stamp
- Jack Laurie Group
- Parkview Health
- Steppin' Up Physical Therapy
- Vera Bradley



Is your student interested?

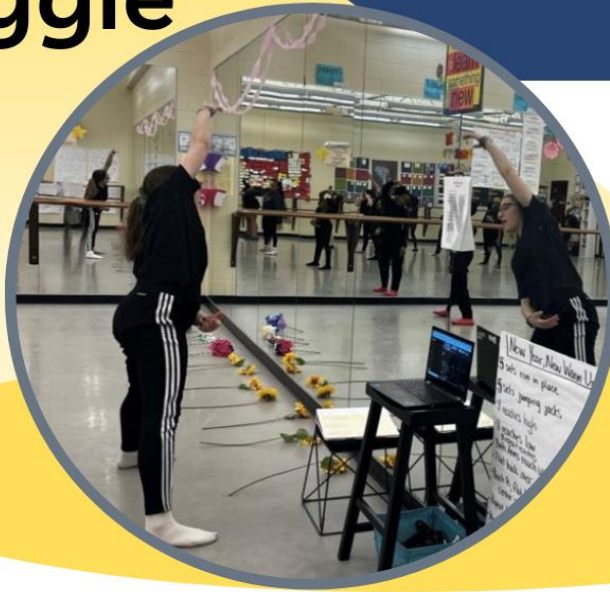
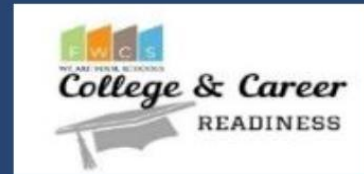
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Internal Internship Spotlight

Meet Maggie



Maggie Jordan, a North Side High School senior, is a current Dance Instructor Intern with teacher Kara Carter. Maggie is excited and eager to learn more about this field and encourages others to take advantage of internship opportunities. Maggie shared that "throughout this internship, I've been able to learn not just what it takes to run, teach, and create dances and shows, but also all the work that is put in behind the scenes." She believes that this experience has given her a great outlook on teaching all different types of students and that this experience will help her not just when she goes to college, but when she becomes a teacher. When asked how Maggie feels about her internship and if she would want to intern again, her response was, "I loved and am still loving my internship experience. It has not just made my school day more interesting, but has given me opportunities I never would've dreamed of. I would love to intern again because the environment I'm surrounded with everyday radiates positivity and I am so grateful I was offered this position." Maggie plans to attend Indiana University in the fall of 2023 to pursue a special education and dance degree. Her final words of encouragement for students are, "If you want to do something, find connections and do it. Even if you have one thing that is stopping you, you'll regret not doing it in the future."

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH ABILITY NIGHT

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

WHAT DOES "HIGH ABILITY" MEAN?
HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY HIGH ABILITY STUDENT?
WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES MY STUDENT HAVE?

WENDY Y. ROBINSON
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER
(F.A.C.E)

230 E DOUGLAS AVE.
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

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RSVP BY
MARCH 15TH, 2023



FWCS MENTOR Monthly Updates



FEBRUARY 2023

PRESIDENTS' DAY FUN FACTS

- Did You know that President John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator?
- Did you know that President Franklin D. Roosevelt served HOT DOGS to the King of England?
- The teddy bear is named for President Theodore Roosevelt.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt was the only president elected to FOUR terms in office.
- President George Washington was a spelunker (someone that likes to search inside caves).
- President Ronald Reagan had jelly beans on his desk in the oval office.
- President William Henry Harrison was only president for 31 DAYS!
- President Bill Clinton likes to play the Saxophone.
- President George Washington is the only president who did not live in the White House. (It was not built yet)
- President Gerald Ford is the only president who was not "elected" by the people of the United States. When President Richard Nixon resigned, as Vice President, he became president.
- President Barack Obama likes to eat chili.
- President Ulysses S. Grant got a speeding ticket for driving his horse drawn buggy too fast down a street in Washington, D.C. He was charged \$20.
- President Martin Van Buren is credited with first using the word, "OK".

CONNECTION CORNER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02/25/23
 - K-8th College & Career Readiness Workshops - call (260) 467-7290 for registration

REMINDERS

No School Dates:

- 02/3/2023
- 02/20/2023 (Presidents Day)

***Make sure to fill out your google form**

Careers in Music

Do you realize that there are a minimum of 85 careers that you can get by studying music in high school and college?

Accompanist
Actor/Actress
Architectural Acoustic Monitor
Armed Forces Band Member
Arranger
Artist & Repertoire (A&R)
Arts Administrator/Manager
Audio Recording Engineer
Broadcast Engineer
Choir Director
Choreographer
Church Music Director
Clinician
Community Development
Composer/Arranger
Conductor
Copyright Specialist
Cruise Director
Digital Audio Editor
Disc Jockey
Editor
Ethnomusicologist
Event Manager
Film Music Editor
Fundraising Director
Instrument Service Specialist
Instrumental Performer
Journalist
Licensing Representative
Lyricist

Manufacturer's Representative
Multimedia Artist
Multimedia Sound Worker
Music Agent
Music Artist Manager
Music Attorney
Music Business Accountant
Music Copyist
Music Critic
Music Director
Music Journalist
Music Librarian
Music Producer
Music Publishing Specialist
Music Reporter
Music Scout
Music Software Programmer
Music Store Manager
Music Stringer
Music Teacher
Music Therapist
Music Video Director
Music Video Editor
Musician
Musicologist
News Anchor
Orchestra Librarian
Piano Tuner-Technician
Podcaster
Producer

Professor
Promoter
Public Relations Specialist
Publicist
Radio and TV Announcer
Radio and TV Program Director
Radio Producer
Recording Technician
Recreation Director
Recreational Therapist
Royalties Broadcast Monitor
Sales Representative
Singer
Songwriter
Studio Musician
Sound Technician
Synthesizer Specialist
Technical Writer
Tour Manager
Union Contractor
Venue Owner/Manager
Vocal Performer
Voice Actor/Actress

What music careers would you like to do?



Why Should I Study Instrumental or Vocal Music In Middle and High School?



Friendship/Social

- ◆ **YOU** will make new friends of all ages!
- ◆ **YOU** are a part of a large extended musical family! **YOU** belong here!
- ◆ **YOU** are surrounded by other students who will help and support you!
- ◆ **YOU** will remember your music classes, performances and friends for the rest of your life!
- ◆ **YOU** will get to participate in fun trips and performances!

Academics

- ◆ Learning to play or sing pieces of music can be a challenging and achievable goal. When you master even the smallest goal in music, you will be able to feel proud of your achievement.
- ◆ Music students work together to make sure all students are successful.
- ◆ Music classes help teach work ethic, teamwork, and character.
- ◆ Music classes are FUN and will give you a break from the daily academic classes. **YOU** want to come to school to be with your music friends and family!

Athletics/Other Activities

- ◆ In most cases, **YOU** can do other activities, athletics and music at the same time.
- ◆ The coaches and the music directors work together to eliminate and address schedule conflicts so you can do both.



Community Programs



<https://fortwayneschools.org/studyconnection>



To date, FWCS Study Connection has served 204 elementary students from across the district. Study Connection has engaged 250 volunteers from 25 partner organizations and businesses from around the community.

One of our long-time partners, Bethany United Methodist Church, hosts students from Shambaugh Elementary. Every Tuesday after school, Julie Mikolay from Shambaugh Elementary walks the students over to Bethany UMC. Students spend an hour with their tutors, and then Julie comes back to the church and walks the students back to school for pick-up. Attached are a couple of pictures from Shambaugh Elementary at Bethany United Methodist Church.



Thank you to Julie and to everyone including school case managers, principals, teachers and all of our volunteers for your hard work already this school year. The second semester of Study Connection began on January 10. We are excited to welcome Do It Best Corp back to in-person tutoring at their new headquarters at Electric Works! Students from Study Elementary will be working with volunteer tutors from Do It Best every Thursday through the end of the spring semester. If you would like more information about Study Connection, please contact FWCS Community Programs at 260-467-8810.





Join the Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Program

Are you interested in gaining knowledge, skills and abilities to support your children both academically and emotionally? To join the Parent/Guardian Trailblazer Program, contact Christine Williams, the Family Engagement Coordinator at (260) 467-7297 or email christine.williams@fwcs.k12.in.us.



Getting **R.E.A.L.** RELATIONAL ENGAGING ATTENTIVE LOVING **WITH FATHERHOOD**

FWCS FATHERS & FATHER-FIGURES

FWCS and FWU are partnering to bring a R.E.A.L Dad workshop for fathers and father figures of FWCS students.

Gregory Smith-Causey, Programs Manager of Fort Wayne United will facilitate this workshop and provide fathers and father figures with resources to better support their student(s).

BENEFITS:

Powerful and engaging conversations, activities and opportunities to connect with FWCS father figures

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/7LSMT0CBFEU9WU259](https://forms.gle/7LSMT0CBFEU9WU259) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FAIRNESS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER K-2ND GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves collaboration skills and patience
- Leads to enhanced self-confidence
- Encourages teamwork
- Builds relationships
- Lays the foundation for developing empathy and sensitivity towards others

With:



8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



February 25, 2023



Wendy Y. Robinson Family and
Community Engagement Center
230 E Douglas Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

TO REGISTER

Pick up a permission form in the Main Office . You may also contact Allen Coultas, K-12 College and Career Readiness Manager to register at (260) 467-7290. A certificate will be awarded at the conclusion of camp!



THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AND TEAMWORK

DEVELOPING CHARACTER FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER

3RD-5TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves collaboration skills
- Improves communication skills
- Builds leadership
- Allows for creative problem-solving
- Builds relationships
- Creates social engagement
- Fosters idea exchange

With:



10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



February 25, 2023



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GOAL-SETTING

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER

6TH-8TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves decision making
- Improves communication techniques
- Understanding reality from wishful thinking
- Encouraging prioritization
- Building responsibility for one's self
- Provides direction, self-knowledge and focus

With:



1:00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.



February 25, 2023
and March 4, 2023



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230 E Douglas Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

TO REGISTER

Pick up a permission form in the Guidance Office or see Middle School Advisor. You may also contact Allen Coultas, K-12 College and Career Readiness Manager to register at (260) 467-7290. A certificate will be awarded at the conclusion of camp!

THE GAME OF

LIFE

Join us for a morning of fun and games! Imagine yourself in your dream career, and make decisions about how your life will play out!

When: Saturday, March 4

Where: Wendy Y. Robinson Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE)- 230 E. Douglas Ave.

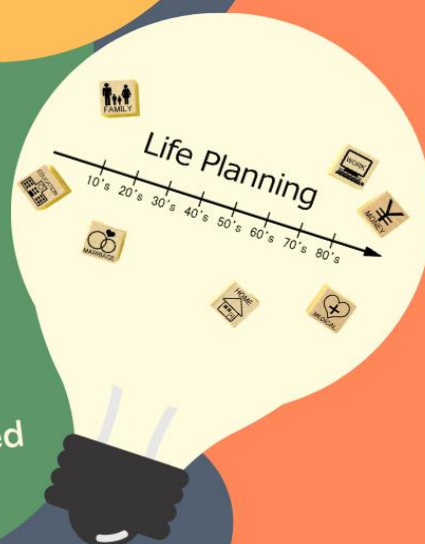
Who: Students in grades 9-11 and their parents

Time: 9:00 a.m-11:30 a.m.

FREE event

Parents
STRONGLY
encouraged to
attend

Prizes included



For a permission slip & further information, please see your guidance counselor OR your GEAR UP Advisor

Upcoming Spring 2023 GEAR UP

College Visits & Tour Schedule

MARCH

2 --

Trine University

9 --

Indiana University- Bloomington

22 --

Michigan State University

29 --

Indiana State University

APRIL

18 --

Notre Dame: Student & Parent Visit

21 --

**University of Saint Francis:
Student & Parent Visit**

25 --

Ivy Tech Community College

26 --

Ball State University

April Tours

2-7:

**Spring Break College Tour
Southern Colleges & Universities**

Wilberforce University, Central State University, Simmons College of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Alabama Huntsville, Alabama A & M, Fisk University, Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University

3-7:

**Latinos Count College Tour
Indiana College Tour**

Trine University, Goshen College, IUPUI, Butler University, University of Indianapolis, Manchester University

28-30:

**Weekend College Tour
Indiana Colleges & Universities**

Franklin College, IUPUI, Marion University, Butler University, University of Indianapolis

For detailed information:

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Spring 2023

Career Visits

for interested juniors and seniors

March 30

Aegis Sales and Engineering, Ivy Tech Machining and Engineering, and Fort Wayne Metals

April 25

Ivy Tech's Technical Programs- Gear Up and Go to College

May 2

Hagerman Group and Brooks Construction

May 3

Ivy Tech's Technical Programs- Gear Up and Go to College

May 9

The Bradley and One Eleven Design

May 16

Water Out and Jack Laurie Group

May TBD

Kelley Automotive and Don Ayers Honda



See your guidance counselor or GEAR UP Student Advisor for a permission slip. For additional questions, contact Breanna Mullins at breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us OR 260-467-7278

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FWCS





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College & Career

READINESS

YOUR FUTURE LOOKS

bright



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GEAR UP Math Tutoring

Beginning the week of March 6, 2023

North Side High School Monday & Wednesday 4:30 to 5:00 PM PL Room or Media Center	Northrop High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Media Center
Snider High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Media Center	South Side High School Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Media Center
Wayne High School Monday & Wednesday 4:30 to 5:00 PM Location TBD	

Snacks will be provided.



Students earn participation points to be used for:

Movie Tickets

Bowling

Laser Tag

TinCaps Games

Mad Ants Tickets



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



2022 - 2023 ACT & SAT DATES



ACT			SAT		
Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5, 2022	August 19, 2022	August 27, 2022	July 29, 2022	August 16, 2022
October 22, 2022	September 16, 2021	September 30, 2022	October 1, 2022	September 2, 2022	September 20, 2022
December 10, 2022	November 4, 2022	November 11, 2022	November 5, 2022	October 7, 2022	October 25, 2022
February 11, 2023	January 6, 2023	January 20, 2023	December 3, 2022	November 3, 2022	November 22, 2022
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023	March 11, 2023	February 10, 2023	February 28, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023	May 6, 2023	April 7, 2023	April 25, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023	June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

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