



## K-12 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS and GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

**SENIORS**, time is passing by quickly and it is important that you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at <https://studentaid.gov>. Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form allows you to be considered for federal student aid. In addition, states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Aid is limited, and it is important that all seniors meet the deadlines!

**2022-23 Academic Year**

**Indiana Deadline for State Funding: April 15, 2023**

**Deadline for Federal Funding: June 30, 2023**

The FAFSA form must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central time (CT). Any corrections or updates must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT on Sept. 14, 2023.

Check with the colleges you hope to attend to make sure they do not have an earlier deadline. Some colleges also have additional financial aid paperwork, so make sure you are not missing anything important. Certain scholarships may also require you to file your FAFSA at different times.

It is important to remember that all students must file the FAFSA every year while in college. All 21st Century Scholars must file, even if they're not planning on enrolling in the fall.

Please review this newsletter to learn about upcoming opportunities.

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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, February 8, 2023**

**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](mailto:martin.murphy@fwcs.k12.in.us)



# HIGH ABILITY, DUAL CREDIT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIPS

## IDEAS FOR MANAGING THE “WHYS”

Google is your friend! And modeling for your children that you don't know everything is a great lesson in humility and the importance of life-long learning.



Use the questions as an opportunity to explore your local library and find books on the subject or find age-appropriate videos so your child can learn more about their topic of interest.

Create a “why” jar and have your child write down (or you write if they are too young) all the “why” questions they have and choose 1 per day during “Why Talk” to explore and discuss. This not only helps your child get their thoughts out of their head in the moment, but also helps the parent to manage interruptions and address the questions when time and patience allow. (If you happen to be away from home when the question arises, jot the question in the notes app on your cell phone!)



If the “why” questions are pointing to a burgeoning fascination with a specific topic, find a mentor or expert in the subject area willing to talk with your child.

Museums, libraries, and age-appropriate encyclopedic books are excellent resources for not only answering lingering “why” questions, but also sparking new curiosities about the world!



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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?

Contact Amelia Pflieger at (260) 467-2121 or via email at [amelia.pflieger@fwcs.k12.in.us](mailto:amelia.pflieger@fwcs.k12.in.us)



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# Panther Pride!



Please take this opportunity to check out FWCS High School Bigs Mentorship program at Snider High School and Glenwood Elementary. They were doing a stem activity to build a standing tower out of toothpicks and marshmallows. For more information, contact, Jessica Hanna at (260) 467-7288





## 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](mailto: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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Community Engagement Center  
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.

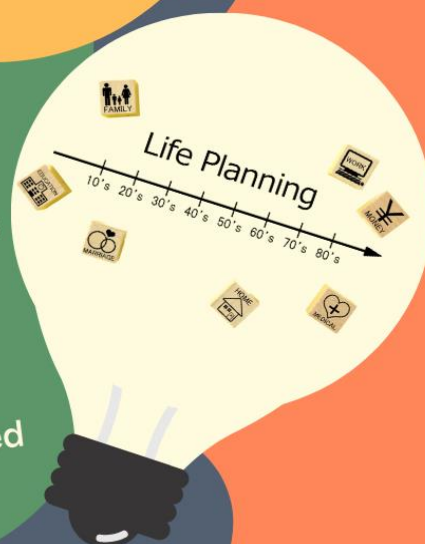
**Who:** Students in grades 9-11 and their parents

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

FREE event

Parents  
**STRONGLY**  
encouraged to  
attend

Prizes included



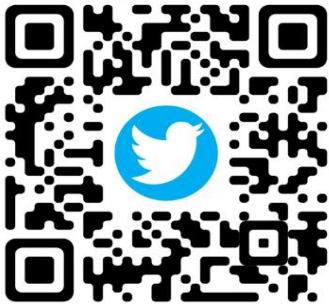
For a permission slip & further information, please see your guidance counselor OR your GEAR UP Advisor



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# College & Career

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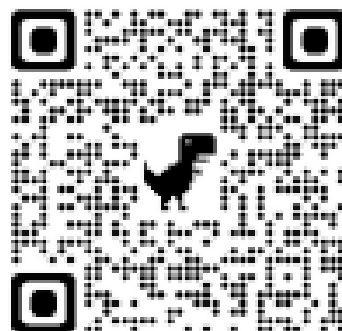


# HIRING LIFEGUARDS

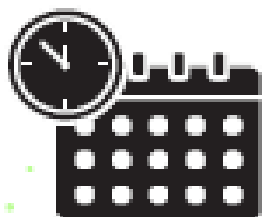
**AFTER SWIM SEASON IS OVER  
JOIN OUR LIFEGUARD TEAM!**



- ✓ **FREE TRAINING**
- ✓ **GREAT PAY \$13-\$15 / HR**
- ✓ **FLEXIBLE HOURS**



**APPLY  
TODAY**



**LIFEGUARD TRAINING:  
FRI. MAR. 10TH 5-9PM  
SAT. MAR. 11TH 8AM-8PM**

**INTERVIEW BEFORE FRI. MAR. 3RD TO JOIN THE CLASS.**

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## 2022 - 2023 ACT & SAT DATES



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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