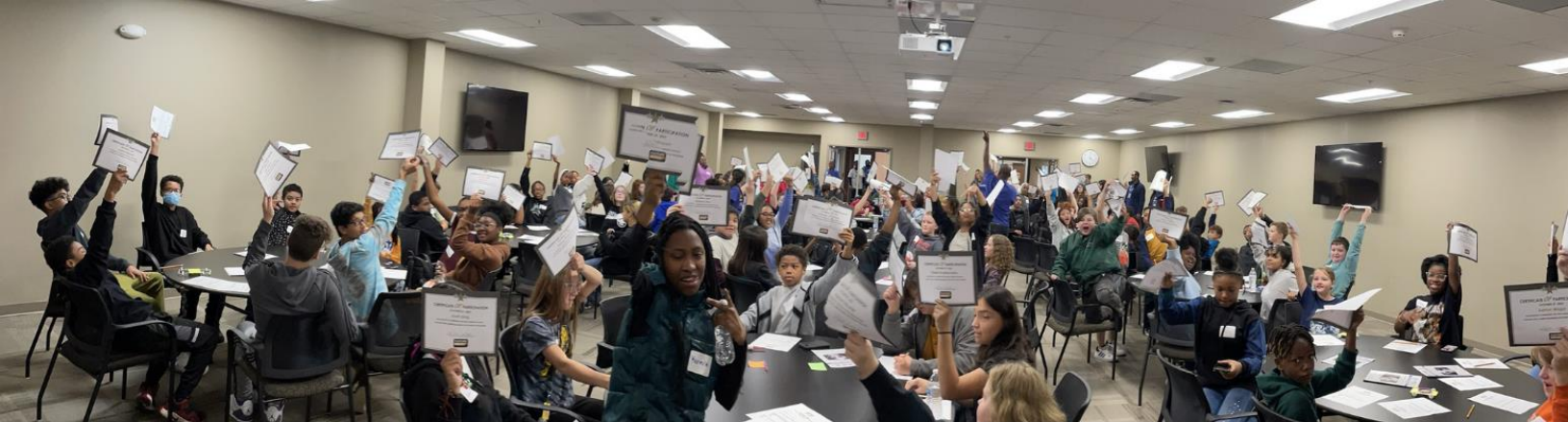




K-12 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS and GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS and parents/guardians of high school seniors, it is college application season! Navigating the college application process can be overwhelming if you do not have a plan and stay focused. Seniors must not only narrow down college options and write creative, well-written college essays but solicit letters of recommendation from counselors and teachers. We realize that focusing on your curricular and co-curricular assignments and activities, while simultaneously navigating the college search and college application process, can be both exciting and stressful. As you prepare for the college application process, please make sure you do the following:

- Speak with your guidance counselor regarding the college application process and request transcripts and letters of recommendation early.
- Make a list of your selected colleges' application deadlines.
- Utilize Naviance to apply for colleges via the Common Application at www.commonapp.org.
- Read the college application instructions thoroughly.
- Complete all sections of the college application.
- Make sure your college essay responds to the essay question.
- Check to see if the college requires an additional essay.
- Make sure you have at least two trusted adults proofread your college essay.
- Ask teachers, counselors, and others who know you well to write letters of recommendation.
- Print a copy of your completed application and other important documents.
- Confirm that the college has received your application materials.
- ALWAYS ask questions if you are confused during the application process.
- REMEMBER, we are here to support you!

Please review this newsletter to learn about upcoming opportunities.

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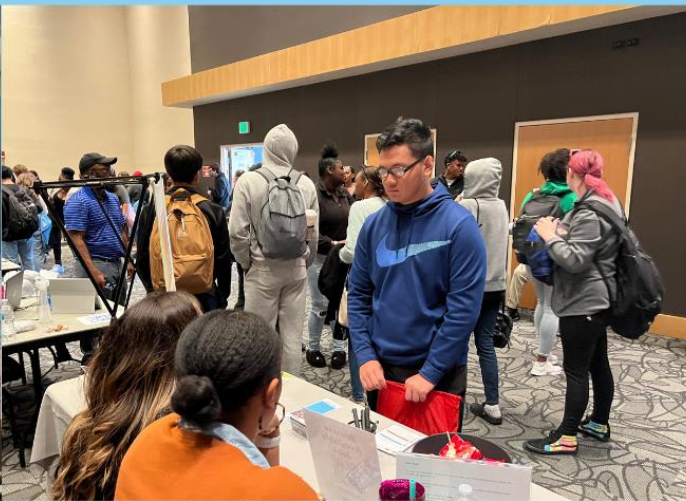
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FWCS 2022 CAREER FAIR IN A NUTSHELL

FWCS 10th-12th graders had the opportunity to network with over 100 vendors at the 2022 FWCS Career Fair! Students engaged with professionals from all 16 national career clusters and gained vital knowledge to explore and set career goals. For information regarding career visits, please contact Breanna Mullins at (260) 467-7278 or email breanna.mullins@fwcs.k12.in.us.



Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program

Setting our Students up for Success!

21st Century Scholars Program

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Program provides qualified students with up to four years of their undergraduate tuition at Indiana colleges and universities.

Middle School Students

In order to receive the 21st Century Scholarship, students **MUST** enroll no later than the end of their 8th grade year. We strongly encourage all 7th and 8th grade students to enroll. Students who meet the income eligibility requirements, will benefit from this scholarship.

ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM TODAY AT

<https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/enroll> or see your counselor or K-12 College and Career Readiness Student Advisor for a 21st Century Scholars Worksheet.

High School Students

High school students must complete three Scholar Success Program activities each year, graduate from an Indiana high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma, earn at least a cumulative (overall) grade point average of 2.5, not use illegal drugs or alcohol or commit a crime or delinquent act, complete their FAFSA by April 15, and be accepted into an Indiana college or university.

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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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, December 14, 2022

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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

HIGH ABILITY, DUAL CREDIT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIPS

ATTENTION GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENT PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Perfectionist Profiles: Do any of these sound familiar?

PERFECTIONIST PROFILE	CHARACTERISTICS	HOW PARENTS CAN HELP
ACADEMIC ACHIEVER	Strong focus on external evaluations such as grades Tends to view in extremes—"all or nothing"	Deemphasize grades and external evaluations Focus on growth, learning, and satisfaction first
AGGRAVATED ACCURACY ASSESSOR	Focuses on mistakes and spends extraordinary time creating "perfect" work Spends more time perfecting work to the detriment of socializing, extracurriculars, and even sleeping	Model mistakes Provide examples of imperfections in role models from books and movies Limit time spent on assignments
RISK EVADER	Disengages to avoid potential disappointment Avoids challenge, participating in class, completing homework	Provide safe environments for taking risks Praise efforts, not outcomes
CONTROLLING IMAGE MANAGER	Focuses on perceptions of others Tries to maintain image of perfection and high levels of success	Model good sportsmanship Praise process and effort vs. final product
PROCRASTINATING PERFECTIONIST	Delays initiating work to avoid risk May exhibit anxiety about project, or have difficulty breaking into manageable parts Fears performance will not live up to expectations	Communicate timelines Work with children to divide large tasks into manageable sub-goals and smaller deadlines

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HIGH ABILITY, DUAL CREDIT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIPS

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT

MEET BOHDE DICKERSON



Bohde Dickerson is a senior at North Side High School. Bohde career focus is to study Business Administration in college. He is currently interning with Right of Way Jones, Inc. Bohde has gained skills in how to communicate in a professional manner as well as how to document, file and present information to potential clients. He has gained real-world experience in the field he wants to work in and hopes to come back to Right of Way Jones, Inc. to start his career after graduating college. Bohde's words of encouragement to students are to "Trust your gut and don't be afraid to go outside of your comfort zone."

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FWCS MENTOR Monthly Updates



DECEMBER 2022

ACTIVITY

SCATTERGORIES

- Select a letter from the alphabet
- You will have 2 min to write down a name/term that begins with the letter that was selected

LIST ONE

1. Something you might find in the North Pole
2. A gift you might get for Christmas
3. Something you might do during winter break
4. Winter tradition
5. Sweet treat

LIST TWO

1. Something you would wear to keep warm
2. Toy
3. Something red
4. A Christmas song
5. A Christmas movie

LIST THREE

1. Something green
2. Snow day activities
3. Winter sport
4. An act of kindness
5. Someone you buy a gift for

LIST FOUR

1. A wrapping supply
2. Candy on a gingerbread house
3. Holidays around the world
4. Games
5. A kind of cookie

LIST FIVE

1. Something on your wish list
2. Types of pie
3. A snowy place to visit
4. A hot drink
5. Something you bake in December

REMINDERS

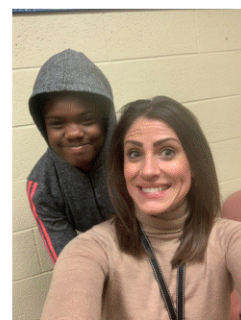
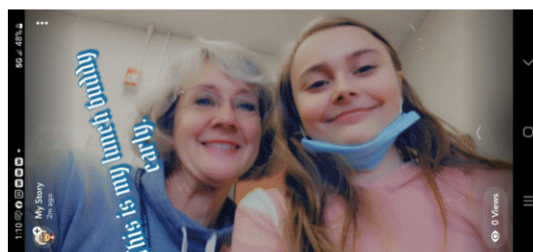
No School Dates:

- 12/23-01/10

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

Have a wonderful, safe holiday

CONNECTION CORNER



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

\$1 NIGHT LIGHT DISPLAY

RECURRING WEEKLY ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY
UNTIL DECEMBER 23, 2022 5PM-8PM

**FOELLINGER-FREIMANN BOTANICAL
CONSERVATORY**

Live Reindeer at Jefferson Pointe

Dates vary between November 26, 2022 -
December 24, 2022



K-12 Music and “b Instrumental” Program



**WE
MAKE
MUSIC**



b Instrumental

The b Instrumental program provides new or slightly used band and string instruments to Fort Wayne Community School students beginning in grade 7 to use through high school.



FREE INSTRUMENT TO USE



FREE SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS



FREE SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION



INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS



SEE THE MUSIC TEACHER AT YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS

To Apply, please visit
fwcs.info/binstrumentalapp





b Instrumental

Making Music and Academic Excellence Accessible to ALL

The b Instrumental program is more than a instrumental music program. The b Instrumental program is an academic excellence program. On average students in the b Instrumental program do better academically than their peer students with higher GPA, Standardized Test Scores, Graduation Rates while having lower Chronic Attendance and Discipline Infractions.

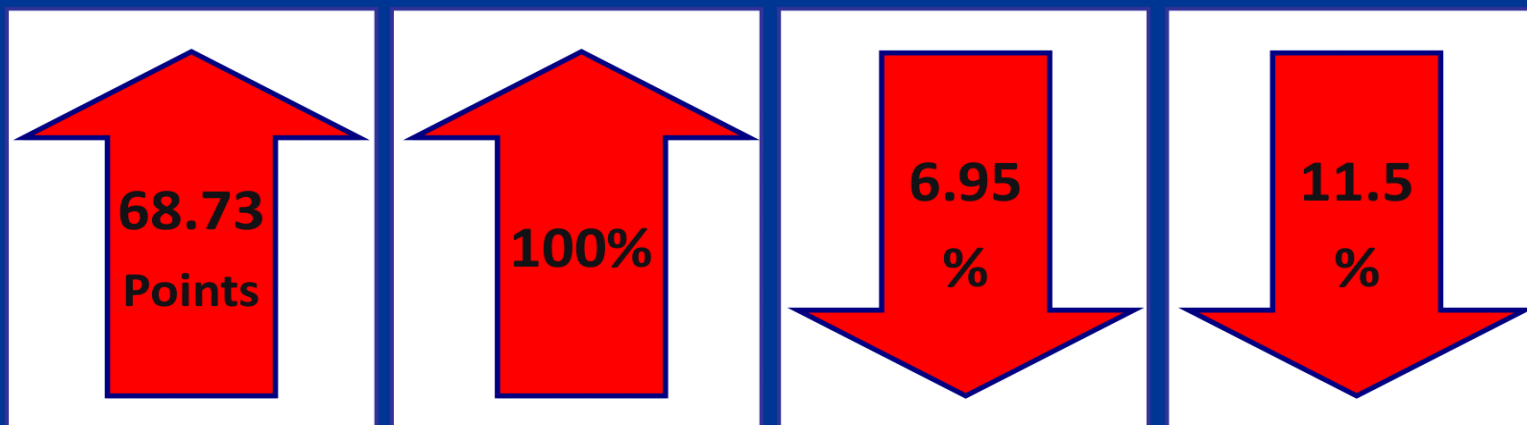


GPA

ILEARN-ELA

ILEARN-MATH

ILEARN-SCIENCE



SAT SCORES

GRADUATION

**CHRONICALLY
ABSENT**

**DISCIPLINE
INFRACTIONS**

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SEE THE MUSIC TEACHER AT YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS
To Apply, please visit fwcs.info/instrumental or scan the QR code



Educators, Parents & Caregivers

Dr. Lori
Desautels



JOIN US TO LEARN BETTER WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILDREN

The Integration of Applied Neuroscience,
Conscious Discipline and Restorative Justice in Education:
How They All Fit to Support Students!

DATE December 14, 2022

TIME 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

PLACE Parkview Mirro Center
10622 Parkview Plaza Dr
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

QUESTIONS? Contact Lisa Richardson
Lisa.Richardson@fwcs.k12.in.us

VISIT TO REGISTER

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



<https://eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp&invite=0a2nzu05k6s91ms5e8u2w05yebg7gyj6t0y6t533mcs68yywtfp1>



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.

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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