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K-12 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS/GEAR UP NEWSLETTER

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



WELCOME TO OUR 2023-2024 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER!

BY SHENITA BOLTON, DIRECTOR OF PREK-12 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

The K-12 College and Career Readiness Office looks forward to working closely with our FWCS PreK-12 students and families during the 2023-2024 academic year. Our office is located in the Wendy Y. Robinson Family and Community Engagement Center, 230 East Douglas Avenue. Through various PreK-12 programs, workshops, college and career visits, and other engaging opportunities, our team works to ensure that students are prepared to **ENROLL** in college, be **EMPLOYED** in a viable career, or **ENLIST** in the military.

The K-12 College and Career Readiness/GEAR UP Monthly Newsletter will provide students, parents/guardians, staff, and community organizations with a variety of FREE college and career opportunities for students. This monthly newsletter will also include information regarding scholarships, FAFSA completion assistance, 21st Century Scholars Program, internships, the GEAR UP Program, parent engagement and more.

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Deidre Moore, Kristen Jackson,
Brody Young, Michael Roberson, Drece Guy

Welcome Back GEAR UP Students and Families!!



"This academic year, I look forward to working with the seniors as they plan to graduate high school and attend college!" - Ms. Moore



"This academic year, I look forward to watching my current Gear Up students grow in many aspects and cross the finish line for the next day after graduation!" - Mrs. Jackson



"This academic year, I look forward to watching the Juniors and Seniors apply the knowledge and skills they learned from GEAR UP since the 7th-8th grade" - Mr. Young



"This academic year, I am focused and excited to continue supporting the Guidance Team and assisting students with creating post-secondary plans as they get closer to completing high school." - Mr. Roberson



"I am excited about sharing my knowledge and experience with students to make a positive difference." - Mr. Guy



"Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." - Rita Pierson

Meet Your *Middle School Student Advisors*

Timothy Robinson, Grace Ruphrecht, Kyle Bond, Jocelyn Reyes,

Karen Smith and Ashley Nichter

Welcome Back Students and Families!!



"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."
- Vidal Sassoon



"The best way to predict your future is to create it."
- Abraham Lincoln



"Success starts with every challenge, not from the comfort zone."
- Eddie Harris Jr



"How big would you dream if you knew you couldn't fail?"
- Robert Shuller



"When you dream, dream BIG! You are awesome and capable of more than you can ever imagine!" -Mrs. Smith



"If you can dream it, you can do it"
- Walt Disney

Meet Your



GEARUP
FWCS

Coordinators

Sade Hiegel & Angela Bengé

GEAR UP Coordinators of College & Career Readiness and
Learning Partners & Programs

Welcome Back Message:

We are very excited to reunite with our GEAR UP Juniors and Seniors getting ready for the day after graduation! The year is already in full swing with events and opportunities to secure a successful future.

Favorite Quote:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

Upcoming Fall Tours:

Oct. 13th: Fall Break Tour (Chicago)

Nov. 10th: Michigan College Tour



Angela Bengé



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Sade Hiegel

Internships:

Internships are a great way to connect and find your dream career! Scan the QR code for more information.





CAREER VISITS

I-Career: Healthcare: Sept 12th

Teacher By Trine: Sept 22nd

Skilled Trades Fair: Oct 6th

I-Career: Business: Oct 24th

Trine: Health Sciences: Nov 2nd

Indiana Tech: Criminal Justice Fair: Nov 15th

CAREER ACADEMY VISITS

Snider: Sept 19th

Wayne: Oct 10th

North Side: Oct 20th

Northrop: Nov 6th

South Side: Nov 14th

COLLEGE VISITS

IU Bloomington: Oct 5th

Notre Dame: Oct 11th (Student & Parent)

Ball State: Oct 18th

PFW/IUFW: Oct. 26th (Student & Parent)

Purdue W Lafayette: Nov 16th

University of Saint Francis: Nov 17th (Student & Parent)

PLEASE SEE YOUR GEAR UP STUDENT ADVISOR FOR DETAILS





10TH GRADE COLLEGE & CAREER VISITS

IU Bloomington: 9/12/23

Purdue W Lafayette: 10/4/23

University of Northwestern Ohio: 10/27/23

Snider: Sept 14th

Wayne: Oct 10th

North Side: Oct 20th

Northrop: Nov 6th

South Side: Nov 14th

8TH GRADE COLLEGE VISITS

University of Saint Francis:

Jefferson: 9/25/23

Memorial Park: 9/28/23

Portage: 10/20/23

Blackhawk: 11/7/23

Purdue FW/ IU FW

Shawnee: 9/26/23

Miami: 10/30/23

Kekionga: 11/2/23

Manchester University

Lane: 11/1/23

8TH GRADE CAREER ACADEMY VISIT

Shawnee: 9/13/23

Lakeside: 9/20/23

Kekionga: 9/26/23

Portage: 9/27/23

Northwood: 10/4/23

Memorial Park: 10/17/23

Blackhawk: 10/18/23

Towles: 10/24/23

Lane: 10/25/23

Miami: 11/1/23

Jefferson: 11/29/23

SPOTS ARE LIMITED - PLEASE SEE YOUR STUDENT ADVISOR OR GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR DETAILS

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



FIND YOUR ROLE & VOLUNTEER!

Are you wanting to volunteer with Fort Wayne Community Schools? Great! To start a new background check, or renew an expiring check, volunteers can contact the Community Programs Office in one of three ways:

1. Call the Community Programs Office at 260-467-8810
2. Enter the following URL in a web browser - <https://forms.gle/dVndQsV7G38kPYbF6>
3. Scan QR Code on the left

TO BEGIN THE
BACKGROUND CHECK
PROCESS SCAN QR
CODE BELOW



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.



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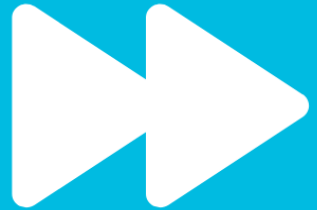
FREE SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS



FREE SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION



INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS



SEE THE MUSIC TEACHER AT YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS

To Apply, please visit
fwcs.info/binstrumentalapp

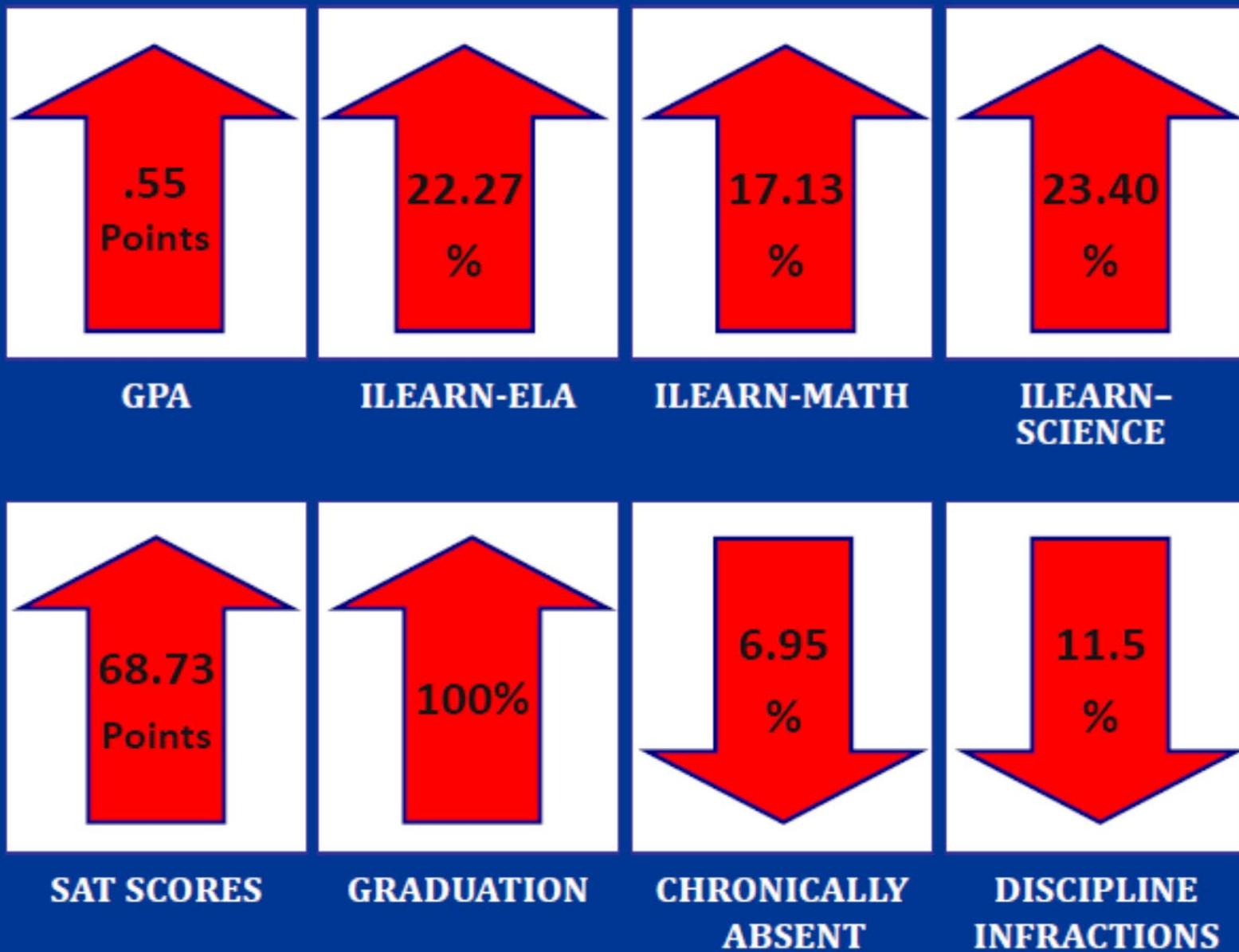




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Making Music and Academic Excellence Accessible to ALL

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.



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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



HIGH ABILITY, DUAL CREDIT, ADVANCED PLACEMENT & INTERNSHIPS

Camp Invention 2023

Camp Invention for High Ability students took place during the month of June this summer.



For any additional information contact:

Amelia A. Pflieger

High Ability, Dual Credit, Advanced Placement & Internship Manager

amelia.pflieger@fwcs.k12.in.us or call (260) 467-2121



GEARUP

11TH & 12TH GRADERS

RALLY

Natasha Carrizosa

Youth Empowerment Expert and Speaker

Presents:

Crown Jewels:

Discovering Greatness



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SEPTEMBER 2023
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Auditorium



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SEPTEMBER 2023
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Auditorium



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HOME OF THE
GENERALS

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SEPTEMBER 2023
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Gym



"Putting Movement Back in Education"

GEAR UP Week



September 25th - 29th

**25
SEPT**

Military Monday

**WEAR YOUR MILITARY ATTIRE.
EXPLORE THE MILITARY BRANCHES**

PRIZES!

**26
SEPT**

College Scavenger Hunt

COLLEGE LOGO HUNT

**27
SEPT**

Presenting Cool Speak

**FEATURING: NATASHA
CARRIZOSA**

**28
SEPT**

Financial Literacy

**SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITE SHARES -
WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE**

**29
SEPT**

College Alumni Day

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE
GEAR!!**

See your GEAR UP Advisor for more information



GEAR UP Week Parent Night with

Natasha CARRIZOSA

Deeply Rooted: We RICH!

Wednesday September 27th, 2023

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Dinner Provided

****RSVP Required****



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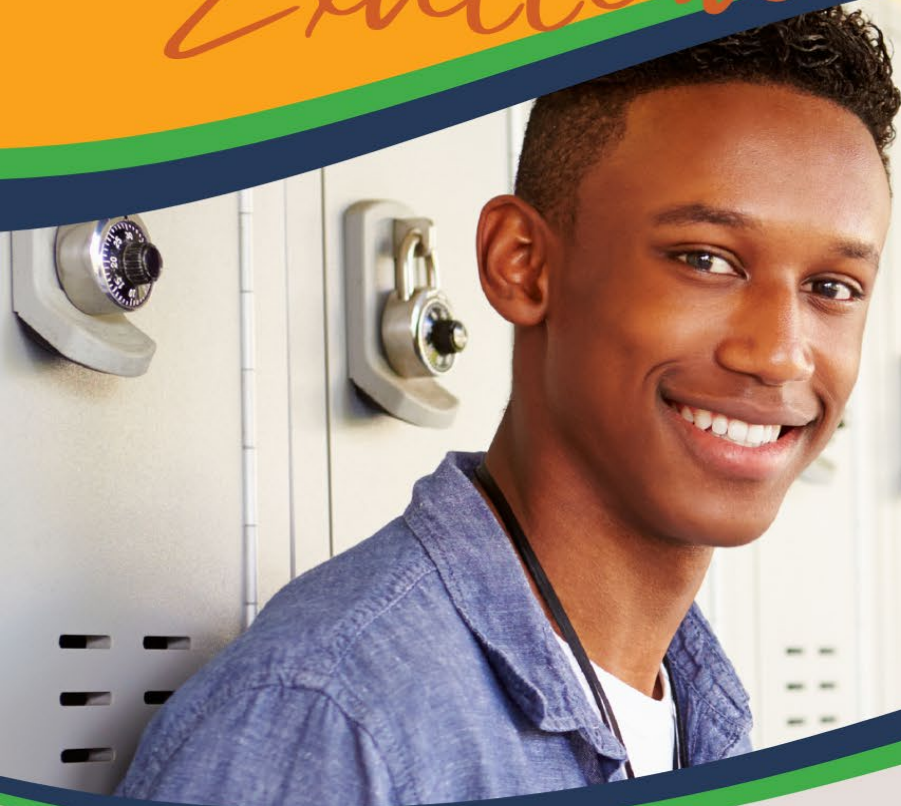
"Putting Movement Back Into
Education"

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.

PATHWAYS IN BLACK

Excellence



Ivy Tech Community College, Student Life Center Gym
3701 Dean Drive, Fort Wayne, IN

NOV | 29 | 2023

11TH-12TH GRADE

10:00am-1:30pm

Breakout Sessions + Lunch



Please see the GEAR UP Student Advisor or Guidance Office for permission form

September 25th - 29th



GEAR UP
FWCS



ENGINEERING THE PROCESS

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO

ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST

K-2ND GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Practicing responsibility and independence
- Learning core subjects, such as math and reading, at high levels
- Learning to recognize their talents and strengths and how to deal with challenges
- Demonstrate awareness of their school, neighborhood and community

With:



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



October 21, 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!



RENEWABLE ENERGY

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO

ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST

3RD-5TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Practicing responsibility and independence
- Learning core subjects, such as math and reading, at high levels
- Learning to recognize their talents and strengths and how to deal with challenges
- Demonstrate awareness of their school, neighborhood and community

With:



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



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THE GAME OF LIFE

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO

ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST

6TH-8TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves decision making skills
- Planning for the future by learning more about careers and post-secondary opportunities
- Gaining the knowledge and skills needed to be successful
- Provides direction, self-knowledge and focus
- Building relationships with peers and community

With:



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



October 21, 2023



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THE GAME OF LIFE

DEVELOPING LIFE-SKILLS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO ENROLL, EMPLOY OR ENLIST 9TH-10TH GRADE WORKSHOP

Benefits:

- Improves decision making skills
- Prepare future graduates to apply knowledge from classroom to solve challenges now and in the future
- Future graduates will have a plan for life after graduation and develop professional skills through hands-on, relevant career experience
- Understanding and appreciation for cultural and social diversity

With:



9:00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.



October 28, 2023



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

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Middle School Occupation Exploration



at the **JIM KELLEY** CAREER PATHWAY CENTER

EXPLORE

CONNECT

EXPERIENCE

Middle school students **EXPLORE** careers through real-life experiences and learn what they need to accomplish in high school to be prepared for careers after graduation.

Students are immersed at an early age with hands-on activities that **CONNECT** to the high-demand career fields that are available in Allen County and the United States.

Students **EXPERIENCE** a glimpse of the skills needed to be successful in the fields of information technology, advanced manufacturing, health sciences, automotive and construction trades.



The Jim Kelley Career Pathway Center operates through a collaborative effort between Fort Wayne Community Schools and the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Wayne.

Please see your Middle School Student Advisor or Guidance Counselor for permission form. All 7th and 8th graders will attend this academic year.

DISCOVER WHAT'S WITHIN



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