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Widening Advancements for Youth

Words from the Director

- James Pack

Happy December WAY Michiganders!

As the year comes to a close and the holiday season unfolds, we extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your families. May this time be filled with joy, peace, and precious moments shared with those you hold dear.

Amid our festive celebrations, let's also keep our focus on our academic pursuits. Researchers need to earn at least .50 credits before the month concludes. Achieving this benchmark is vital for maintaining steady academic progress and ensuring a successful academic year.

For those on a recommitment plan, please remember to consistently attend your weekly work sessions with your assigned lab expert. These sessions are designed to support you in achieving your goals and are a key component of your experience at WAY Michigan.

Let's embrace this holiday season with both joy and dedication to our academic endeavors. Wishing you all a wonderful and warm holiday season!

In Partnership,
Mr. Pack



Happy Holidays!

The Christmas season is here and we wish you a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season for you and your family. As stated in the student handbook under the five requirements of a WAY Michigan researcher, all researchers will still need to earn 0.5 credit this month. They will also need to communicate with their mentors at least 3-5 times a week. Lastly, they need to make sure that they log in five times a week for six hours. These requirements are important as they keep your researcher on track to graduate. If you have any questions, please reach out to your researcher's mentor or team leader.

- Joy Jurado



WAY Students

5 requirements of a WAY Michigan Researcher :

1. Login 5 days a week.
2. Earn .125 Credit per week or .50 credit per month. (1-2 modules a week or 4-8 modules a month)
3. Communicate with your mentor 3-5 days a week.
4. Complete requirements for Fall/Spring Count.
5. Participate in Local (NWEA MAP) and State (M-Step/PSAT/SAT) Testing.



WAY Parents

Hello, Parents and Guardians!

This month's parent meeting will be a bit earlier in the month due to the winter holidays. The December parent meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm. The link will be sent via email. If you do not receive the email with the link, please contact me at kimberly.iorillo@wayprogram.net. Also, please remember that WAY Michigan is a YEAR-ROUND school. Our students do NOT get an official winter break. They are still required to earn their 0.5 credit for December, and if they do not earn it early, they will have to log in on and around the holiday in order to continue to work on their projects. However, the office will be closed from Monday, December 25th - Friday, January 5th. The WAY Michigan staff will not be processing paperwork or meeting with students for one on one sessions. HOWEVER, Online experts are still on hand to grade any projects submitted over the holidays and mentors are still available for any questions. Please feel free to contact the mentor or team leader if you have any tech issues or urgent requests. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

- Kim Iorillo



College & Career Corner

Tis the season for Xello!!! Our high schoolers will be completing Xello this month. Xello is a website, required by the State of Michigan, to help your researcher plan for their lives after high school. Please keep an eye on your emails. Also, there will be a skilled trades presentation coming up on December 18th at 1pm.

- Jackee' Smith