



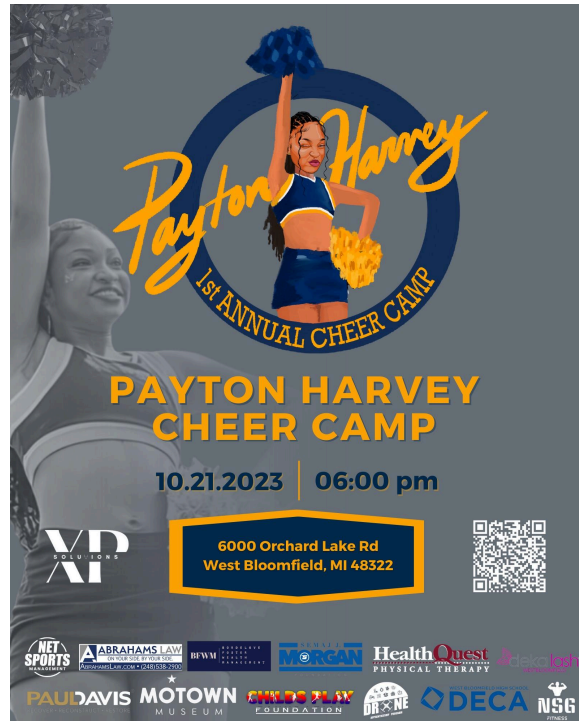
WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Fun Story Ideas 10/19/23

A House Divided Watch Party for MSU/UofM this Saturday



Where are you watching the Michigan State vs. University of Michigan game this Saturday? For Bradley Bordelove, a senior at West Bloomfield High School and DECA board member, his answer is West Bloomfield Middle School.

"For this year's project my DECA partners and I will be working with Nick O'Shea (also a WB alum) and Xtra Point Solutions for our DECA project. Nick and his company Xtra Pointe Solutions (XPS) are organizing the first annual WB House-Divided Watch Party event. The focus of our project is to help promote and facilitate the First Annual West Bloomfield House Divided Watch Party, an event that promotes former West Bloomfield High School athletes that are playing football and cheer at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University."

The event is set to take place on October 21st at the new West Bloomfield Middle school, during the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game.

Fellow Deca student Charlotte Brager added, "So far it has been an exciting planning process and we can not wait to see the event be executed! Planning an event for our community allows us to positively impact and bring the community closer together. It is a great way to foster a sense of involvement and create memorable experiences for friends and family."

For those unfamiliar with DECA, it is a business and marketing program at the high school. But the watch party is only one of two events that day. The other is a cheer camp with WBHS Alum Payton Harvey.

For tickets for both events, please go to the event page here:

<https://www.xtrapointsolutions.com/event-details/west-bloomfield-house-divided>

Be sure to plug in the code: LAKERS. This will give all of WBSD a discounted rate to the watch party or the camp for \$20. The funds will go towards West Bloomfield DECA, West Bloomfield Football, The Semaj Morgan Foundation, and to West Bloomfield Alumni who are the face of the event (Tre Mosley- MSU Football, Semaj Morgan- UofM Football, and Payton Harvey- UofM Cheer).

"For me personally, the best part about this event is being able to bring the West Bloomfield Community together," said Nick O'Shea, founder of Xtra Point Solutions. "Everyone from our two artists for the flyers and logo, to the players who are the "faces" of the event (Tre Mosley, Semaj Morgan, Payton Harvey), to our sales team (DECA students), to myself with Xtra Point Solutions ... almost everyone involved is a WB Alumni, and proud to be!"

Oakland Early College hosts 5K for 3 local charities October 27

Here is a graphic for a fun fall event tied to three great causes Oakland Early College students chose themselves. At Oakland Early College, we do school differently; through our partnership with Oakland



Community College, we provide an early middle college experience where OEC students are simultaneously enrolled in high school and college classes **at no cost to families**. All students in 9th through 11th grade whose families reside in Oakland County can apply. Here, students earn transferable college credits, up to an associate's degree, that will follow them to a four year university. There is also an option to earn a work certificate through one of OCC's many programs. All students are supported by our tenants of college, culture, community, and connection in a small and diverse school community while they progress through our five year high school program.

Tied to that theme of culture, community and connection, each year OEC students host a 5K and entrance is free if you

donate to one of the charities students pick in one of their regular town halls. OEC partners with the Oakland Community College Office of Student Engagement on this event. This year the students chose these beneficiaries:

- Oakland County Foster Closet (hygiene items)
- OCC Orchard Ridge Food Pantry (nonperishable food)
- Rham World Wide (gently used clothing)

Last year the students raised donations valued over \$3,000. The 5K begins at 10 a.m. at the H building on the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road. Run, walk or cheer!

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Blessings in a Backpack 80s theme for Trivia Night November 3

On November 3, pull out your leg warmers, tease out your bangs and join us for Trivia Night 80s style to support Blessings in a Backpack. If you've never been, you're in for a treat. Competition is fierce between

Trivia Night

WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR
BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

PRIZES FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL COSTUME
AND BEST DRESSED 80's TEAM!

Donate a 10 oz. box of Mac & Cheese or
5 oz. can of Tuna or Chicken -
Get 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET! (max 5)

THE 80s
TOTALLY LEGIT

**Form your own Team of 10
OR JOIN US and
we'll group you with some
REALLY SMART people.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023
ST. GEORGE
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

43816 Woodward Ave. N. of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

Buffet Dinner 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Trivia Games start at 7:30 pm

50/50 Raffle	Raffle Prizes	Cash Bar
\$40 per person		

the trivia teams, but it's all for a great cause. You can form your own team of 10, or come and be matched with a group, but you must purchase tickets in advance and the event has sold out the last few years.

What is *Blessings in a Backpack*?

Blessings in a Backpack is a “neighbor helping neighbor” program designed to help meet the nutritional needs of children and families. Each week, volunteers quietly distribute backpacks filled with enough non-perishable food for the weekend (6 meals) to students in need. What often surprises people is how many of our students qualify. While it seems unlikely children in an affluent county like Oakland would go hungry, in reality 30% of the students in our districts are at risk. West Bloomfield alone has 1,189 children who qualify for the program.

Research shows healthy, well-nourished children learn better, are more likely to attend school, and are more able to take advantage of educational opportunities.

What can you do?

- [Buy tickets in advance](#) to Trivia Night November 3 - dinner 6 p.m., trivia Games 7:30 p.m., St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Avenue North of Square Lake Road
- If you are unable to attend but wish to donate, go to <https://blessingsinabackpackmi.org/>. Go to Donate, Pick Online or By Mail, fill out the appropriate form and be sure you are donating to the West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor Program.
- If people or organizations would like to donate food, please email katherinesheiko@hotmail.com. Otherwise, Blessings in a Backpack can always use our staples—canned tuna, canned chicken breast, or boxes of Mac and Cheese

\$150 will provide food to one West Bloomfield School District child each weekend for the entire school year. All money is tax deductible as Blessings in a Backpack-West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor is a Component Fund of the Community Foundation of Rochester.

The West Bloomfield Keego Harbor program is led by the indomitable Katherine Sheiko, former West Bloomfield School District principal, after whom Sheiko Elementary was named. When asked why she volunteers for Blessings in a Backpack, she said, “Blessings is important to me because I saw too many children in my years in Pontiac and West Bloomfield who did not have enough to eat. Yup—people are always surprised when they think that a child in WB could be in need of food. You cannot learn if your belly is empty. When I retired and I found out about this program, I knew that it was something I really wanted to do, and so I gathered a small group of dedicated people and Blessings in a Backpack West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor began!” She added, “It is simply inexcusable that any child in America should go to bed hungry.”

WBMS earns 2023 Outstanding Project for learning space



West Bloomfield Middle School is featured in the Fall 2023 **Learning By Design** magazine, the **premier source for education design innovation and excellence** as an Outstanding Project in the New Construction category.

French Associates worked with West Bloomfield School District and engaged stakeholders including students, staff, parents and community members to envision a learning environment that also met the social/emotional and safety needs of students, staff and visitors.

There is a North-South corridor, and a gorgeous, light-filled East-West iCenter. In fact the entire design of the building pays attention not only to natural light but natural connections formed by the layout and design. As stated in the magazine, “The Media Center

provides visual and physical access to flanking courtyards, allowing safe and seasonal outdoor learning.”

The design also supports a shift to Learning Communities with each cohort occupying a color-coded wing. Each “community” has classrooms surrounding a common area and that “family room” opens to the main corridor creating a front door.

Not included in the magazine spread but pictured above is the Auditoria which is used for school meals, performances, and school and community gatherings. On November 7, which students have off for election day, West Bloomfield School District is partnering with West Bloomfield Parks, Township and Public Library to host the Heroes Appreciation Breakfast. Veterans must register in advance with WB Parks for this fun community event <https://www.wbparks.org/event/heroes-appreciation-breakfast/>, which is free for veterans and their plus one. To register, call 248-451-1900 or follow the [link here](#).

For more information about the West Bloomfield School District, please visit www.wbsd.org.

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