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Widening Advancements for Youth

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear WAY Michigan Community,

As we enter the season of thankfulness, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the wonderful community we have here at WAY Michigan. I'm incredibly thankful for the opportunities this school provides to our students, allowing them to thrive, learn, and grow in ways that meet their unique needs. Our program continues to give students the flexibility and support to achieve their academic goals while developing lifelong skills.

I'm also deeply grateful for our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to serve our students and guide them toward success. Their passion and commitment are at the heart of what makes WAY Michigan special. To our families, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. You play an important role in ensuring your students' success, and we're thankful to have you as part of the WAY Michigan family.

Let's continue to work together as we move forward through the school year, ensuring that every student has the chance to shine.

Wishing you all a wonderful and thankful November!

In Partnership,

Mr. Pack



SAVE THE DATES:

Staff PD (No School)-November 5

Resume Workshop- November 8

Board Meeting - November 14

Thanksgiving Break - November 28-29



REMEMBER

- **Weekly Logins:** Remember to log in at least 5 times per week to stay on track.
- **Credit Earning:** Earn 0.50 credit each month by actively participating in your coursework.
- **Engagement Coach Communication:** Regularly communicate with your Engagement Coach for guidance and support.
- **NWEA Assessments:** NWEA Assessment is nearing, please reach out to Mrs. Iorillo for your schedule.
- **Count Day:** Participate in all count Day activities.



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COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER



Hello WAY Students and Parents,

I hope you're all having an exciting school year so far! We've already had some great events, like our first Virtual College Tour to Central Michigan University in October and our first resume workshop. I encourage all students to join in for the next ones!

Mark your calendars for November 8th, when we'll have another Virtual College Tour and Resume Workshop. You can find the link and details under the Announcements section on the Centric homepage.

For 11th and 12th-grade students and their parents, I'll be hosting FAFSA information sessions on November 15th at 1 pm and 6 pm to help you navigate the process. The link to join is also available on the Centric homepage.

Additionally, if you're interested in scholarship opportunities, don't miss the Black Friday Scholarship Bootcamp on November 29th in Detroit. All the details can be found in the Announcements section on Centric

Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

Ms. Smith

PARENT HIGHLIGHTS & REMINDERS

Mark your calendars! Our next parent meeting will be held on November 18th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. We'll be discussing important updates for the school year and ways to support your student's success. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other parents and stay informed. We look forward to seeing you there!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT & ACHIEVEMENTS



Ethan Gillery is a 7th-grade student at WAY Michigan who has demonstrated remarkable academic success this school year. He is working ahead in multiple subjects and is even on track to finish 7th grade early!

Outside of the classroom, Ethan enjoys playing hockey, attending art and improv acting classes, and watching sports with his family. He's a kind and enthusiastic participant in all classroom activities. As a fun reward during his one-on-one sessions with Miss Taylor, Ethan loves to play Uno and Battleship (and usually wins!).

Ethan truly embodies the mission of WAY Michigan. He consistently builds his self-esteem and independent working skills, achieves the goals he sets for himself, and maintains a deep curiosity for learning.





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E-SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



We're heading into week two of our Rocket League season after an intense showdown last week! Our team went all five games in a tough battle against Portage Central but pulled out an exciting win to start the season strong.

Now, with a 1-0 record, we're aiming to improve to 2-0. This week, however, we face a challenging opponent in Detroit Catholic Central. Our team is ready to bring their best, knowing the road ahead won't be easy. Let's keep up the momentum and give it everything we've got! Go team!

STAFF FEATURE



SABRINA SHINAVIER

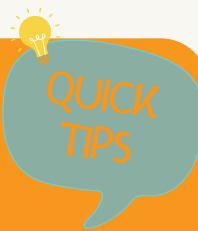
Mrs. Shinavier has been the School Social Worker at WAY since 2021. Before joining us, she worked as a Clinical Therapist in private practice and as a Mental Health Assistant with Head Start. Sabrina earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan-Flint and a Master's degree in Social Work from Spring Arbor University. She also completed certification through Michigan State University to work in the school setting.

At WAY, Sabrina dedicates her time to helping students develop social-emotional skills and build healthy habits for better mental well-being.

Outside of work, Sabrina enjoys camping with her family, attending sporting events with her husband, and crafting of all kinds.

She has two cats, Lola and Lucy, and a puppy named Mocha, who she absolutely adores.

Technology Tips



- **Customize your notifications:** Manage app alerts so you only get notifications for what's important, reducing distractions.
- **Try dark mode:** Dark mode can reduce eye strain, especially during late-night study sessions.
- **Use the "Do Not Disturb" feature:** Turn on Do Not Disturb during study time to stay focused without interruptions.
- **Clear your cache regularly:** This can help your device run faster and free up storage space.
- **Explore new learning apps:** There are tons of free tools out there—try out a few to find ones that boost your productivity!