



NOVEMBER 2025

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL: LEADING THE WAY!



November is a season of gratitude, and I'm truly grateful for the dedication I see from our students and families every day. As the days grow shorter and we prepare for winter, this is a perfect time to reflect on how much progress has been made since September. Your November 7th progress reports will show that growth, and I hope families take time to celebrate every achievement, big and small.

This month, we're celebrating outstanding students like Wyatt and Koyie in our Shout Outs section, and providing important college and career resources—including upcoming deadlines and apprenticeship opportunities. Our Family Update also includes critical information about emergency food assistance available throughout Michigan, as well as reminders about tracking student progress in Centric.

Thanksgiving break arrives November 27–28, giving everyone a chance to recharge with family and friends. If your student is behind on credits, this break can be a strategic time to catch up, but remember to balance work with rest and family time. Just like the harvest season, this is a time to gather the fruits of your hard work and prepare for the final push toward winter break.

In Partnership,
Mr. Pack

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Building PD - Nov. 4**
- **Monthly Progress Report - Nov. 7**
- **Board Meeting - Nov. 13**
- **Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 27 - 28**



SHARE THE WAY!

Know a student who could thrive in our virtual, project-based learning environment? Help them find their WAY to success!

For every family you successfully refer to WAY Michigan, you'll receive \$100 when the new student completes enrollment and stays enrolled.

There's no limit to how many students you can refer - share the opportunity with friends, family, and anyone looking for a flexible, personalized education experience.!

Questions about our referral program? Call our main office at 313-638-2716 for complete details and program requirements.

Help us grow our learning community while earning rewards for spreading the word about WAY Michigan!

REMEMBER

- **Weekly Check-ins:** Touch base with me weekly (small group, 1:1, text, email, or call) to review progress and set goals.
- **Credit Earning:** You must earn 0.5 credits per month to remain in good academic standing. Falling below this requirement will result in academic intervention. Need a break? Let's plan it together.
- **Be Present and Polite:** Show up on time and be courteous for all scheduled live sessions.
- **Count Day Matters:** Wednesday, October 1 and Wednesday, February 11 - you MUST log in, complete assignments, and have an academic conversation with me. This is crucial for our school's state funding.
- **State Mandated Requirements:** Attend State Testing in the Spring and complete your Xello Educational Development Plan

COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER: BUILDING YOUR WAY FORWARD

Xello Reminder:

Don't forget to complete your Xello assignments this month! These activities are helping you explore careers, plan your future, and stay on track for life after high school.

Important November Dates:

- *November 1:* Early Action deadline for many Michigan colleges including MSU, U of M, and CMU. Applying early means priority consideration for scholarships!
- *November 3-7:* First-Gen Celebration Week at University of Michigan with networking and career events
- *November 20:* Community College Guarantee Information Night at Schoolcraft College (6-7 PM) - Learn about FREE tuition for recent high school graduates!

Scholarship Spotlight: Michigan Achievement Scholarship Complete your FAFSA to qualify for up to \$5,500 per year! The 2026-2027 FAFSA opens soon.

Explore Apprenticeships: Earn while you learn! Michigan offers registered apprenticeship programs in construction, manufacturing, healthcare, IT, and more. Visit miapprenticeship.org or contact Michigan Works! to explore opportunities. Average starting pay: \$18/hour with benefits!

College Application Tips: Applying by early action deadlines (Nov 1) maximizes your scholarship opportunities and gives you more time to plan. Don't wait—apply today!

STUDENT SHOUT OUTS: SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Wyatt I. - *Character & Communication Excellence*

Wyatt demonstrates outstanding attendance and professionalism! He's always on time, prepared, and communicates proactively about his schedule. His responsibility and commitment to his education are exemplary. Keep up the amazing work, Wyatt!

Ms. Taylor

Koyie G. - *Academic Achievement*

Koyie's dedication to his studies is truly inspiring! His consistent hard work, excellent project completion, and commitment to meeting research requirements showcase what's possible with focus and determination. A shining example of goal-setting in action!

Ms. Avina

Technology Tip:

Bring your wifi device with you if you travel so you have access to internet during Thanksgiving break.

QUICK
TIPS

FAMILY CONNECTION HUB:

Track Your Student's Progress Parents, you can monitor your student's academic progress at any time through your parent account on Centric. If you need login information or assistance accessing your account, please reach out to your student's Academic Engagement Coach.

Important: November SNAP Benefits Update Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, SNAP (food stamp) benefits will not be issued in Michigan for the month of November. We know this creates hardship for many families across our state. Please know that help is available.

Emergency Food Resources - Statewide Help

Call or Text Michigan 2-1-1

- Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898211
- Free, confidential assistance connecting you to food pantries, mobile distributions, and emergency food programs in your area
- Available 24/7 in every Michigan county

Find Local Food Banks

- Food Bank Council of Michigan: Visit fbcnich.org to locate food banks across the state
- Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (Flint region/22 counties): fbem.org or call 810-239-4441
- Feeding America West Michigan (Grand Rapids/West MI/Upper Peninsula): feedwm.org or call 616-784-3250
- Gleaners Community Food Bank (Southeast Michigan - Detroit, Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston counties): gcfb.org or call 866-453-2637
- Greater Lansing Food Bank: Call 517-853-7800
- Forgotten Harvest (Oakland, Macomb, Wayne counties): Call 248-967-1500

\$ Double Up Food Bucks If you still have SNAP funds on your card from previous months, the Double Up Food Bucks program will match your fruit and vegetable purchases dollar-for-dollar with NO daily limit or expiration during this emergency. Frozen fruits and vegetables (with no added salt, sugar, or oil) are now eligible too!

We're Here to Support You These are challenging times for many families. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need additional support or resources.



Study Tip:

Use the Thanksgiving break strategically - if you're behind on credits, dedicate 30-45 minutes daily to catch up on project work while maintaining your holiday schedule