



The WayPoint Way

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

FOX NEWS 17 CHOOSES WayPoint as It's "SCHOOL of the WEEK"!

'GATORS are making news again! Monday through Friday, November 24th through the 30th, WXMI, Fox News 17 on cable channel 5 (Comcast), WayPoint will be highlighted between 6am & 7am...once each hour. On the weekend, it is shown during the evening news. You can also find the segments on the FOX News website; a link is provided on the Homepage of our Academy website. Way to go, 'GATORS!

7th Graders Had a Blast!

Games, relays, scavenger hunt, great food and a ton of FUN is what we enjoyed with our 7th graders and their families on November 18th during our "Family, Food & Fun Night"! Thanks go to Mr. Downing, Mr. Eling, Mrs. Ohlendorf, Ms. Hovey and Ms. Casemier for planning a GREAT time for all of us. Remember, 8th graders have their evening on December 16th!



Get ready, set...GO! And they're off!



Cody, Kayden, Eduardo and Christian solving the challenge during the scavenger hunt!



Families getting ready to compete!



Families lining up for dinner...yum!



Matt & mom enjoying dinner!

7th Annual "Toys for Tots" Campaign Underway!

Over 9,000 toys have been collected by our Student Council the past 7 years; this year's goal is to soundly surpass the 10,000 mark...all in an attempt to share with those less fortunate than we are. Students have challenged their teachers to a contest to see who can collect the most toys. So far...the first day of the competition...it's students 50 and staff just 5. The Toys for Tots campaign runs between now and December 12th. Look for us on WZZM TV 13 for our Grand Total on 12/12!

"Enjoy the City" Fundraiser Returns to WayPoint

For just \$20 and the opportunity to help the Academy, you can purchase a coupon book with savings in the hundreds of dollars included with it! These make great gifts and the proceeds will help us support Student Activities throughout the school year. Students have begun selling and will so through December 1st. The sale serves as a "win-win"...funds to allow us to do "extras" for our students...and a chance for them to earn special prizes. Books are available from students or by contacting Mrs. Cantu at extension 106 here at WayPoint. PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR STUDENTS...support "Enjoy the City"!

Help us keep in contact with you! If your address or phone number or email address changes at any time throughout the year, please call the office and let us know!

Boys Basketball Update...Opening Game on December 1st!

The WayPoint 'GATORS will open their season by hosting Hudsonville beginning at 6:30pm; our second game of the season, also a home game, will be against Calvary Baptist beginning at 6pm. All Home games will be played at our "home" facility located in East Muskegon just behind Fellowship Reformed Church on Apple Avenue. Please contact Coach Downing for more information of if you have any questions. REMEMBER: a 'GATOR t-shirt (different than the WayPoint dress code shirt), available for sale in the office, gets you in to ALL home games FREE! Call Mrs. Chaney if you'd like a 'GATOR t-shirt or stop into the Main Office to order yours.

WayPoint Goes GREEN!

This is our 3rd year of recycling here at WayPoint! Collection boxes can be found throughout the Academy as we collect paper, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, & plastic bottles. Students volunteer as they assist Mrs. Snead in collecting and delivering the recyclables to the Community Recycling Services. We are averaging about 7,400 pounds recycled each year; add to that about 2,400 pounds so far this year and our total is roughly 17,200 pounds! 'GATORS care about their environment and are dedicated to making a positive difference!

Mid Mark Reports Coming Soon!

Hard to believe that we are almost half way through the 2nd Quarter of this school year! Your students' Mid Mark Reports will be sent home the week of December 7th; please look for them to arrive in the mail that week. In the meantime, remember, you can always keep up with their progress by visiting our Parent Internet Viewer directly from our website.

School Closing Reminder

Should the need arise to close the Academy due to poor weather conditions, we will post the closings on our voicemail system, on TV, on radio and on our website. PLEASE REMEMBER: look for WayPoint Academy to be closed...not surrounding school districts. Our circumstances are often different than the traditional public school districts; just because an area school might be closed does not automatically mean that we will be closed. Unless we suffer a power outage, our closings will always be recorded on our voicemail system.



Mr. Jim "Basketball" Jones visits WayPoint with a powerful message about making good & positive choices!



WayPoint Again Noted for Its Student Achievement Progress

The Michigan Department of Education recently contacted WayPoint for more information about its success with students, asking for insights about the reasons for our unusual and outstanding success. WayPoint is one of 52 schools in the State honored for such successful student achievement/progress. Way to go, "GATORS!

First parent to phone in and tell Mrs. Chaney the date of our opening home basketball game will win a free long sleeved WayPoint t-shirt for his/her student!

Congratulations to Our 1st Quarter "Students of the Quarter"!

5th grade = Jared Finch; 6th grade = Drake Karel & Alondra Jaracuaro; 7th grade = Arielle Sims; 8th grade = Jerilynne Lockard; 9th grade = Devin Spencer; 10th grade = Skyler Hinton; 11th grade = Brittaney Dunning; and 12th grade = Samona Mahan. Go, "GATORS!

OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!