



The WayPoint Way

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

**HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR from EVERYONE HERE at
WayPoint to our students and their families!**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT OUR STUDENTS WILL HAVE NO SCHOOL ON JANUARY 27th AS THAT WILL BE A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TEACHERS & STAFF!

High School Students 1st Semester Exams Coming Soon!

On Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, January 14, 15, and 16, high school students ONLY will have half days due to semester exams. An exam schedule has been included in all high school students' newsletters for parents to review and keep as a reminder. ALL high school students are expected to take exams unless specifically released from an exam by a teacher. Failure to take an exam will result in the student earning NO CREDIT in the class except in the case of a medical emergency as certified by a doctor or hospital. Please check the Student Handbook for the policies about semester exams.

Pennies for Patients Drive Being Led by Our 5th & 6th Graders!

Again this year, and is the "way" of our students, our 5th & 6th graders will be working for the benefit of others...collecting "loose change" from now through January 26th on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan. Each student, in all grades, is asked to collect as much change as possible in our attempt to raise as much money as we can to assist with blood cancer research. The Silent Sustained Reading class that brings in the most money will win a FREE lunch donated by the Olive Garden restaurant. Let's go, "GATORS...as we once again work to support those less fortunate than we are! Contact Mrs. Tulgestke if you have any questions, please.

REMINDER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.4waypoint.com REGULARLY TO FIND OUT THE LATEST NEWS!

Graduating Seniors...Make the Date and MAX THE CASH!

All graduating Seniors (and we believe ALL of our Seniors WILL graduate!) should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a student's ticket in the door to financial aid for college or technical training schools! Join us on **Sunday, February 8th, as we travel to Baker College for "COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY"**! We will leave the Academy parking lot at about 1:45pm to travel over to Baker for the workshop. College financial aid personnel will be available to help students and parents complete the financial aid application form. **DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO AFFORD GOING TO COLLEGE!** In today's day and age, the very best jobs go to those who pursue education beyond the high school diploma. Call Mrs. Brown if you have any questions. We've also included flyers with more information on them in the newsletters going to parents of our Seniors...go, Class of 2009!

Art Students on Their Way...the WAYPOINT Way!

Congrats to our November & December "Art Students of the Month": Nov = Ariel Melgoza; Cameron Evans & Caitlyn Johnson. Dec = Jake Johnson; Camille Evans; Kristi Keith; and Erik Torres!

A very special THANK YOU to Donte Hill, Deyonte Hill and Tre Perry for volunteering their time and talents at Brookhaven Nursing Home, painting to brighten the worlds of the Brookhaven residents and for reaching out to and creating friendships with a number of the residents. What joy you bring to those who are often so very lonely. Way to go, 'GATORS! You are traveling the WAYPOINT WAY!

Congrats Jayde Doughty, Teanna Love, James Carmean, Keith Goodman & Brittany Dunning whose works will be displayed at the Cannon Art Gallery. Reception to be held Jan. 15th from 5pm to 7pm at the Gallery.

Kids Come Through for Salvation Army!

On December 18th, Mrs. Ohlendorf and her students volunteered to “ring the bell” in support of the Salvation Army’s efforts to help those in need. It’s THE WAYPOINT WAY...helping others who are less fortunate than we are. THANKS TO MRS. O and her WONDERFUL STUDENTS!



Front to Back: Jerilynne Lockard; Kayla Welch, Kati Erb, Amber Gardner, Mrs. O, Ashley Allen, Mark Rice & Tressa Mulder

**Helping Others..
It’s THE WAY-
POINT WAY!**

7th Graders Compete in Essay Contest

Just before our holiday break, our 7th grade English students entered the “What Freedom Means to Me” essay contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge. Results are due in sometime in March; prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place essay winners. Go, ‘GATORS!

10th Graders Visit the Career Tech Center & Can Now Apply to Attend!

On January 7th, our Sophomores toured the CTC learning about all the classes the CTC has to offer them once they are 11th graders. Each was given an application form on the tour; application forms are also available from Mrs. Brown in the Counseling Office. Those interested in applying to take a class at the CTC for next year have until January 30th to do so. Call Mrs. Brown for more information.

Seniors...DON’T MISS OUT!

Any of last year’s 11th graders who took all sections of the Michigan Merit Exam, but who failed to qualify for the Michigan Promise Scholarship (up to \$4,000!) are eligible to take the ACT test again to try to qualify. Seniors must take the ACT BEFORE July 1, 2009. The ACT is offered in February & April at various locations throughout our area. If your Senior is interested, please have him/her stop by to see Mrs. Brown for more information...or contact her at ext. 312.

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
In celebration of the life, works and sacrifices of Martin Luther King, Jr., there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 19th.

Holocaust Memorial Center Visited by 8th Graders

On January 8th, a number of our students, along with Mrs. Cantu, Mrs. Ohlendorf & Mrs. Howard, traveled to Farmington Hills, MI to visit the Holocaust Memorial. They studied this tragic time in history, met with a Holocaust survivor...all to introduce their study of The Holocaust and the life and Diary of Anne Frank. What a GREAT opportunity for our students!

Enrolling Students for Second Semester!

We currently have openings in grades 5-8 and limited openings in grades 9-11 for any student interested in enrolling at WayPoint...where students do truly DISCOVER SUCCESS! Please share that with anyone you know who might be interested in having his/her student attend this fine Academy. Encourage them to contact Mrs. Chaney in the Main Office for an information packet. IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO DISCOVER SUCCESS!

School Closing Reminder

A quick reminder that all necessary school closings will be posted on WZZM 13, WOTV 8, various radio stations, on our website, and on our voicemail any time the need to be closed due to inclement weather or travel conditions exists. Closings, except on rare occasions, are always posted by 5:45am.

9th & 10th Grade “Family, Food & Fun Night” Coming in February!

What a GREAT success our Family, Food & Fun Nights have been this year! We invite the parents of our 9th & 10th graders to accompany their students on Tuesday, February 24th from 6pm to 8pm. Letters with more info will be sent home soon! Mark your calendars, please!

OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!