



## *The WayPoint Way*

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

### 8th Graders “Graduate” to High School!

On Thursday, May 28th, our 8th graders (the Class of 2013) “graduated” from middle school to high school! What a wonderful celebration...a celebration of student achievement and success. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to share in the festivities.



**L to R:** Caitlyn Johnson (top academic 8th grader) shares a message with her classmates; Ms. Stellard presents Perfect Attendance Award to Dakota Segelstrom; Mr. Downing presents Kristi Keith w/Most Outstanding US History Student Award; Mr. Eling presents Cameron Strait w/Most Improved Science Student Award



**L to R:** Samona Mahan, Class of 2009 Salutatorian, congratulating 8th graders; Board President, William Seyferth, congratulating the 8th graders & wishing them success!

### Summer School Getting Underway!

For those students in need of reinforcement and/or enrichment this summer, our Summer School program, EdOptions® Star Suite, will be offered at the Academy, this summer. Orientations are being held on June 1st & June 3rd, with the program officially getting underway on June 9th. The program will last through July 30th at which time all work must have been completed. We have a number of students interested in participating and look forward to their academic success! If you have questions about Summer School, contact Mrs. Cantu at ext. 106.



### Students Prepare for and Excel at Physics in the Park!

Our 8th graders did a tremendous job during Physics in the Park at the end of May. We had a Team take overall Second Place in the competition...and our Teams all won a multitude of ribbons for their outstanding performance. WAY TO GO, 'GATORS!

## Class of 2009 Graduates on June 2nd

We are excited for our 14 Seniors in the Class of 2009 who have now completed their high school educations and will soon be moving on to "life after high school". What a GREAT class of wonderful young people...filled with dreams and goals for future success! We congratulate this year's Valedictorian, Keith Goodman, and Salutatorian, Samona Mahan. We wish all of our graduates bright, successful, joy-filled futures!

### Year End Report Cards Enclosed

Final Report Cards for the 2008-2009 school year are enclosed with this newsletter. If you have any questions about your students' grades, please contact our teachers directly, either by phoning the Academy (through June 5th) or by emailing the instructor using their Academy email address (if you are unsure, please remember that they are posted on our Academy website).

### CONGRATS to WayPoint Staff Who Have Earned Master's Degrees This Year!

We're excited to announce that Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Ohlendorf, Ms. Stebelton and Mr. Westerlund have all earned their Master's Degrees this year. We add them to those who already possess their Masters: Ms. Casemier, Mrs. Cantu and Ms. Stelard. Over 25% of the WayPoint teaching staff has now earned as Post Graduate degree!

### Summer Academy Hours

Please note that on June 8th, we will begin our summer hours: 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday. We will remain open throughout the summer, though there may be days, due to vacation time, that the Academy may be closed. Any such closings will be posted on our voicemail. We look forward to serving you throughout the summer...and wish you a wonderful, special time of the year with your families.

### Spaces Still Available for the 2009-2010 School Year!

We know there are students throughout the Muskegon area who would greatly benefit from the opportunities and support offered at WayPoint. WE ARE ASKING PARENTS to help us "get out the word" on WayPoint...talk to your neighbors and friends about our Academy...let others who may have young people struggling...know the chance they have for success at WayPoint. For those who may be academically gifted, share the "flexibility" we offer...and the chance to graduate AHEAD OF TIME! We still have spaces available for next year, especially at the middle school level.

### WayPoint Student Shirts to be "Contemporized"!

Students approached the Board in April asking for more contemporary shirt designs. A student task force has been established, charged with assisting such a "redesign". Students will still be able to wear their current Code shirts if they wish, however, by Fall, shirts with more modern designs will be available for ordering. More to you as the summer progresses.

**Parents are reminded to please pick up any medication you may yet have at the Academy. As of June 8th, all unclaimed medication will be disposed of.**

**Summer Opportunities for Students at the Career Tech Center...letters & brochures will soon be sent home to parents of our 6th-8th graders explaining the week long "hands on" classes available this summer. WayPoint will pay for the first 20 WayPoint students who register & complete a class.**

**OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!**