



The WayPoint Way

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

WELCOME to 2008-2009!

We are off to a TREMENDOUS start this new school year! What a wonderful group of young people we have; they are a true joy. Thank you, parents, for entrusting your students to us. We are committed to doing an excellent job throughout our program.

HS & MS Boys Basketball Meeting

On September 22nd at 8am, Mr. Downing will be meeting with the any high school boys interested in playing basketball this year. Also on the 22nd during the middle school lunch period, he will meet with any middle school boys interested in playing. Meetings will take place in Room 4. Call Mr. Downing at ext. 104 if you have any questions.

Scholastic Book Fair Coming Again This Fall!

Mrs. Tulgestke announces that her classes will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair October 1st through the 3rd. It falls during Parent Teacher Student conference time; we encourage you to check out the Fair...and purchase some GREAT reading material for your students. Last Spring's was a HUGE success; we look forward to the same again this Fall. All profits made go into our Student Activities account, allowing for more field trips & other activities for our students.

Openings Yet Available at the Middle School Grades

There is still room for more students here at WayPoint; we have limited openings in our middle school grades 5-8. If you know anyone who might be interested or any young person who struggles in school and would have a better chance of being successful in SMALL classes and with teachers who are truly DEDICATED, please have them call our office for an application packet. Time is running out...enrollments will close soon. Remember, if your student is responsible for getting a "new" student to enroll at WayPoint no later than September 23rd, his/her name will be placed in a drawing for either a new laptop computer, video MP3 player, or a Nintendo D3 player.

Vision Screening Coming

All of our 5th and 7th graders will have their vision tested on Monday, October 6th. The screening will occur between 8:30am and 9:30am. Please call Mrs. Chaney in the Main Office should you have any questions.

Check out our new website at

WWW.4WAYPOINT.COM

Teacher pages with links to their classroom blogs have now been added; check back often for regular updates

Assessment Coming Soon..."Measures of Academic Progress" (M.A.P.)

We are focused on our students' academic achievement at all times. Twice a year, we administer to our students the "M.A.P." test; it lets us know our students' ability levels in Reading, Mathematics and Language Usage. Each Fall and then again each Spring, our students are tested. The Fall testing gives each student an "academic growth goal" he/she is supposed to reach by the Spring testing. Our results are monitored by Grand Valley State University, our charter authorizer, as well as our Board of Directors and the staff. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENTS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THEY DO THEIR VERY BEST ON THE M.A.P. TESTS. We use the results to help place them in classes and the results become a part of their permanent record. Teachers use the results to gage their classroom instruction, focused for the very best learning and student achievement. If you have questions about the M.A.P. testing at all, please contact Ms. Berryhill, our Dean of Students at ext. 304. THE M.A.P. TESTS BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 17th & the testing period runs through September 24th.

Closing of School

Should it ever become necessary to close school for the day, closings will be posted on WZZM-TV13, on the Academy website & the Academy voice mail.

Parent Internet Viewer

Enclosed, you should find the instructions for our PIV; each day, you can check on your student's progress by logging in. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Strong at ext. 119.