



# The WayPoint Way

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

**Students' Break Begins Dec. 21st; they return on January 4th!**

***HAPPY HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all Our Wonderful WayPoint Academy Students and Their Families!***

## Winter Weather is Here! School Closing Information

Now that the snow, ice and bitter cold have arrived... Please remember: we post our school closings in a variety of places including: our website, our office phone voicemail, on TV stations WZZM TV 13 and WOOD TV channel 8. The TV station which tends to put closings on in the most timely fashion is WZZM TV 13. We do our best to get closings posted no later than 6am.

## Basketball Season Begins with a Thunderous Roar!

CONGRATULATIONS to our WayPoint Navigators who are 2-0 for the season, winning their first two games by wide margins. Coach Downing reports that his team is strong, dedicated, working hard and preparing for what is sure to be an OUTSTANDING season. As this newsletter is written, our Varsity & JV teams prepare for a contest against rival Providence Christian HS, sure to be our most exciting game so far! We will keep you posted throughout the season...and encourage you to come out to support our 'GATORS. Next Home Game is Friday, December 18th when we host Creative Technologies Academy & JV hosts Quad City (5:30pm JV; 7pm Varsity).

## Data Corner—"Mid Mark" Honor Roll

As we reflect on student achievement half way through 2nd MP, students see for themselves how much work they have yet to do to be successful by the time the 2nd MP ends in mid January. Teachers are working tirelessly with students to create a myriad of opportunities for them to really learn, to grow, and to be successful. Parents, we ask that you support our efforts as we focus on success!

## Computer Technology Team Brings Home Medals

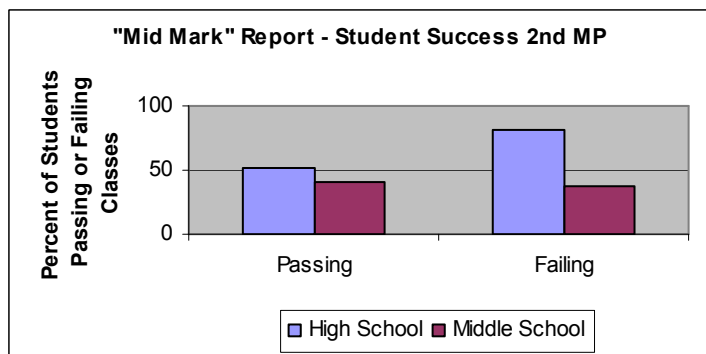
Congratulations to our 2009 Computer Tech Challenge Team! On December 14th the team traveled to Baker College to compete and brought home two medals for their efforts. Way to go, 'GATORS! The team is coached by Ms. Casemier.

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L to R: Cameron Evans, Paige Wood, Donte Hill, Camille Evans, Katie Squires, Drew Roper, Kadyn Bader, Tevin Eubanks and coach, Ms. Casemier.

**"Enjoy the City" Fundraiser Proves to be Successful with Over \$1000.00 Raised for Our Student Activity Fund! Thanks to all who worked hard to make it such a success!**



## 'GATORS Continue Their Job Shadow Experiences

Guided by Ms. Hernandez, our School to Careers Coordinator, our Juniors & Seniors continue to get out into the greater Muskegon community to see, first hand, what the job & career areas the students believe they may be interested in pursuing are like, day to day. Nothing like watching it first hand!



Brittany Dunning & Shavondrick Jackson shadowed educators at Nims Elementary School & are pictured here with Principal, Lakeshia Williams Loudermill.



Kyle Kalchik & Drew Roper spent the morning on a "ride alongs" with Muskegon Police officers & then participated in mock interviews with the officers.

## "Toys for Tots" School Spirit Challenge Just Completed

Again this year, for the 6th year in a row, WayPoint students collected toys for those less fortunate than they. Snow days made the end of the collection a bit challenging, however, in true WayPoint style, our students & staff came through with outstanding results: 880 toys collected in just a week and a half! A big THANK YOU to all who dropped off toys; and a very big THANK YOU to Mr. Henry, Ms. Hernandez and Mrs. Heacox who coordinated our efforts this year and to all the students who helped. Job well done!



L to R: Tressa Mulder, Tiara Sherrod, Rodrick Bankhead, Lonny Gomez, Seth Stoll, Mitchell Irej, Riley Dunlap loading the truck with the hundreds of toys collected...and finally, Mr. Henry supervising with Toys for Tots volunteers, Amy and Nathan Jandt, to make sure not a single toy was left behind! Way to go, 'GATORS!



'GATORS hard at work in HS, MS English classes & in their Health class!