

West Gary Lighthouse Charter College Preparatory Academy



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We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

College GO Week– September 26-30, 2011

Along with other high schools across the state, WGCPA is celebrating College GO week, sponsored by the State of Indiana and Learn More Indiana.

Activities this week include college and career focused activities and a field trip to University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign for select students. On Thursday, during Family Math Night, we will also host a movie featuring Nick Cannon, focusing on financial planning for college.

To truly help your child prepare for the next big step, and realize the mission of Lighthouse Academies, help your child do the following:

1. Plan– Planning for college is necessary for their futures. By 2018, Indiana fastest growing jobs require a college degree. Plan to go to college by investing the time in grades and behaviors.
2. Prepare– Remind your scholar to make the most out of high school. Encourage them to their best in their courses, take the tests (like ECA and NWEA) seriously, and find ways to get involved. If we don't offer an activity, encourage your child to bring it up and help lay the foundation for the work.
3. Pay– The sticker price for college education can be scary, but if students follow the first two steps, paying for college can be an easy task. Because many schools offer scholarships and grants, along with federal help, college can become very affordable.

There are also a host of college planning websites that you should visit with your child so that you both can begin to truly prepare for your child's future, including:

Learn More Indiana– www.learnmoreindiana.org– site dedicated to helping Indiana students plan, prepare, and pay for college.

College Board College Search– collegesearch.collegeboard.com– a database with information on every accredited college in the United States.

For more details, contact Ms. McDade.

Upcoming Events

9/27/11 Field Trip to University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

9/27/11 Lighthouse Academies Board Meeting at East Chicago Lighthouse 12-2pm

10/6/11 Parent Meeting 6pm– Focus on laptop rollout and parent signatures

10/14/11 End of First Quarter



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