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# Grand Happenings

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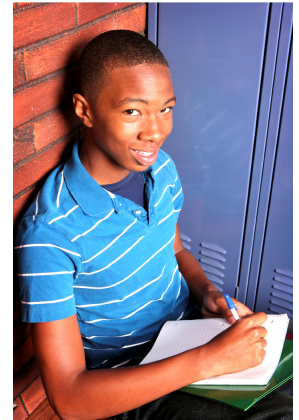
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## NWI Offers Fall Programming for Youth:

### Young Phoenix & Young Athena Programs are Back!

The Young Phoenix (boys ages 9-16) and Young Athena (girls ages 9-16) Programs will start their fall session on **Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon** at the **North Neighborhood Center - 1012 N. Walnut St., Suite 107** in Lansing. This program provides youth with a variety of activities including teaching them how to make healthy choices, building their self-esteem, learning leadership skills, participating in positive community service projects, and taking fun, educational field trips! For more information or to register your child to participate, please call Lori at (517) 999-2894.



### After-School Homework Help :)

NWI is pleased to offer Homework Help for children in grades 1st - 8th to be held **Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm**. No session will be held on Fridays! If your child needs assistance with reading, writing or math, then this is the place to be! This program starts **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** at the North Neighborhood Center, 1012 N. Walnut St. in Lansing. To register, please call Lori at (517) 999-2894.

### New Program for Children with an Incarcerated Parent!

Do you have or know of a child between the ages 5-18, who has a parent or other close relative who is incarcerated? Would you be interested in helping them learn how to communicate with their absent parent/relative via letter writing, drawing pictures, making cards, and taking pictures to send to their loved one who is behind bars? The goal of this program is to help children maintain a positive relationship with a parent/relative who has been incarcerated. This program will be held on the **second Saturday of each month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon (first session, Saturday, September 12th)**. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Jeana-Dee at (517) 999-2894.

### New Photography Class for Children!



Calling all children who are interested in learning about photography! Children will learn about techniques to taking and composing wonderful pictures. The youth will also learn how to write about each of their pictures with the goal of having the art images displayed in a local art gallery at the end of the school year. This class is free and all

equipment will be provided by NorthWest Initiative. **The class will meet on the 1st Saturday of the month with the first session starting on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The class will be divided into two separate age categories as follows: children ages 9-13 will meet from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon; and children ages 14-17 will meet from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm. To register for this class, please call Jeana-Dee at (517) 999-2894.