

For Faculty and Staff

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Virtual Reality Camp Always One of Summer's Most Popular

As only a teenager can, Bradley Gordon, 13, says the word "fun" about 53 times during a four-minute answer about why he enjoys Virtual Reality Camp at Purdue University Fort Wayne. He's attended the weeklong **Community Arts Academy** experience two years in a row.

"It's really fun," the Maple Creek Middle School eighth grader said. "You get to make things and then experience them, be creative, and use that in virtual reality and then play it. You can really be in that world that you created, which is fun."

Essentially, the 23 campers learn to build short video games using VR to convey whatever they can dream of using the constantly evolving technology. When registration typically launches Feb. 1, the camp fills up quickly, includes a handful of returning students, and there's always a waiting list.

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2024–25 Parking Permits Available Beginning Next Week

Parking permits for 2024–25 will be available beginning Aug. 1. Displaying a valid faculty/staff permit allows the holder to park in an A lot during restricted hours. These spaces can be identified by green lines on the pavement.

The annual cost for a permit remains \$174 for benefitted employees and \$87 for limited term lecturers and other part-time or temporary employees. Payroll deductions will begin in September for eight pay periods (monthly) or 16 pay periods (biweekly). Current parking permits expire Aug. 31.

A permit is not required to park in a B lot. The first levels of the parking garages are designated as A lots until 5 p.m., and AB thereafter. The remaining levels are considered B lots. Learn more about **parking on campus**.

Applications may be **submitted electronically** through Qualtrics; paper payroll-deduction applications are not available. After the form is submitted, the permit may be picked up immediately, Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the police station, which is located in the Support Services Building.

Updated Dining Location Hours for the Remainder of Summer

Don's at Walb

Open only on the following New Student Orientation days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Monday, July 29
- Wednesday, July 31
- Thursday, Aug. 1
- Friday, Aug. 2
- Tuesday, Aug. 6

Einstein Bros. Bagels

- Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Friday: Closed

Java Spot

Open only on the following New Student Orientation days from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- Monday, July 29
- Wednesday, July 31
- Thursday, Aug. 1
- Thursday, Aug. 8

Get a head start on the fall semester by visiting the dining services **website** to learn more including important information about catering.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Jared Ragsdale, academic advisor,

Transfers

• Juliana Bengs, program administration specialist | Office of Sponsored Programs

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



The annual Three Rivers Festival Children's Fest returned to the PFW campus on Friday and Saturday. The free family event aims to educate and entertain children ages 3–9.

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