



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
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**CHANGING THE ODDS FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL
HOMEWORK FOOD & FUN PILOT**

[PORT HURON, January 16, 2012] Success in school opens the door for success in life. The YMCA of the Blue Water Area's Homework, Food and Fun program offers high school students an opportunity to receive help with homework, improve academic skills, share in a meal, and participate in fun values-based recreation including basketball, swimming, zumba, fitness and martial arts. Volunteer tutors will help students change their odds for success in a safe and welcoming environment.

Participants:

Current High School Students, from St. Clair and Sanilac Counties, are eligible to participate in this new program that will be offered two afternoons a week beginning January 31st and running through May 24th. High school boys will meet on Tuesdays and girls on Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Space is limited and interested participants may contact the Y for a registration form. This program is FREE to participants and coupons will be available for public transportation.

Volunteer Tutors:

Adults and current high school students are invited to change the odds of area high school students by becoming a volunteer tutor. Interested persons who have a basic knowledge of 1 or more subject (English, Math, Science, or Social Studies) and are a high school graduate or current high school student may complete a YMCA of the Blue Water Area Volunteer Application Form. Volunteer commitments range from 1 ½ to 3 hours a week for a minimum of 4 weeks.

The Homework, Food and Fun program is offered in partnership with SONS Outreach, United Way and the Gannett Foundation. Learn more about this program and all programs at the YMCA of the Blue Water Area by calling the Y at 810-987-6400 and visiting us on line at www.bluewaterymca.com.

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YMCA of the Blue Water Area

For 125 years, the Y has been strengthening our community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y engages men, women and children of the Blue Water Area in nurturing the potential of youth and teens, improving the area's health and well-being, and providing opportunities to give back and support our neighbors. All Y programs and services are designed to build the core character values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The Y is a place for people of all faiths, races, abilities, ages and incomes. www.bluewaterymca.com.

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