

## Welcome to New Families!

Hello to all of our new 2024-25 families! This monthly newsletter is meant to both provide a calendar of upcoming events (important), as well as my general musings and program updates (debatable). We no longer host a Program Information Night, but I would encourage you to [watch this webinar](#), read our website if you haven't already, be on the lookout for the Capstone Parent Handbook,, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We will be sending out schedules and case manager information in August, would invite additional opportunities to share information or ask questions as we prepare for Fall Conferences in October.

## Parent Survey

Thank you responses to our annual parent survey! Although we appreciate and incorporate all feedback, we were pleased to find that it was overwhelmingly positive. I was particularly happy to see that our work with Jordan in setting individual goals for the participants and being more proactive problem solvers was recognized (see more below). We were also pleased to see parents recognize the increase in support services that we offer, including in the Voc-Rehab space, as a compliment to our core programming. Lastly, we were pleased to see an increase overall in our communication to you, especially with our award-winning monthly newsletter. We'll keep improving!

You'll also be pleased to know that we have begun the process of creating a participant feedback survey. This is long-overdue and we are excited to find new ways to incorporate the direct feedback of the people who matter most.

## Congrats to Ms. Jordan!

Speaking of which, I'm delighted to announce the official promotion of Jordan Morrison as our program Social Worker! (something that has been unofficial for many months) Jordan has been doing excellent work meeting 1:1 with the participants to help them set and work towards their individual goals. As we transition into next year, we will work with the participants to make



sure that they each have an employment goal, an independent living goal, and a social goal. Jordan will increasingly function as the hub of communication between participants, case managers, families, and external staff. With 30+ participants next year and 80+ (and counting) VR clients, I would kindly ask that you direct your participant-specific questions to the following:

### What is happening in the classroom:

Case Managers and Teachers

### What is happening on Fridays:

Mr. Nick and Mr. Joey

### What is happening for VR/Volunteering:

Ms. Amy or the other direct provider

### Absences or Pick-Up/Drop-Off:

Front-Desk Admin

### What is happening outside of Capstone:

Ms. Jordan

If you have general or specific programming questions or concerns I continue to be your guy! You can of course always reach out to me secondarily for the individual participant's concerns, but you all recognize that we have wonderful staff in Capstone who are much more likely to have a direct answer to your questions anyway! :)

**With Sincere Appreciation,  
Michael Faeth  
Director of Adult Education**

**July**  
2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>No Programming!</b>		
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12 West 7th Street, St. Paul/ Chutes and Ladders- Hyland Park
15 PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel	16	17	18	19 Hopkins Raspberry Festival/ Edina Aquatic Center
22	23	24	25	26 Minneapolis Institute of Art/ Lilli Putt Mini Golf
29 PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel	30	31		

*Please note: This calendar is subject to change.*

\*Lunch included: Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

