



Principal's Newsletter



DECEMBER

- 4 Cap & Gown Picture Retakes in Auditorium
Project Grad Chipotle Night from 4-7pm (Ridge & Maple)
Band Holiday Concert @ 7pm in Auditorium
- 5 Improv Show @7:30pm in Auditorium
- 8 ACT Test @8am
- 10 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library

Choir Concert @ 7pm in Auditorium
- 13 Orchestra Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 15 DECA/BPA Movie Night @5pm in Commons
- 17 Project Grad Meeting @7pm in Commons
Project Grad Night at Hurricane Sports Grill
- 18 Unbearable Shows Improv @7:30pm in Auditorium
- 19 End of Semester— WINTER RECESS begins for students



Principal's Message

Hopefully you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break with family and friends. For me, the time off was restful and relaxing and allowed me the opportunity to reflect on our year thus far; we have much to be proud and thankful for at Northwest High School!

Football Season

Congratulations to Coach Steve Martin, his coaching staff, and especially the players who competed for a state championship on Saturday, November 24th. Even though the results were not what we had all hoped, I still consider this to be an incredibly successful season!

It has been my experience in 28 years of working in public schools that when the big sports teams (football and basketball) do well, the school climate and culture improve *significantly*. This year certainly proved that to be true! Even beyond the walls of our school building, I witnessed our entire Northwest community come together in support of the Grizzly football team.

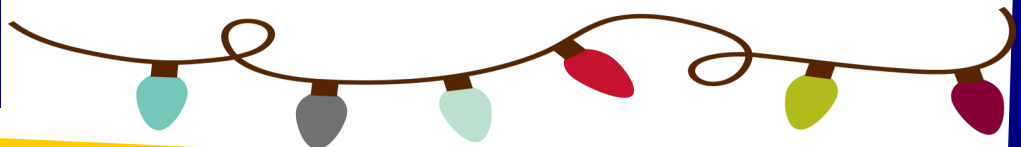
Again, congratulations to Coach Martin and team and thank you for helping to make Northwest an even better school!

Home Stretch

As we enter the last few weeks and days of the 1st semester, please help our efforts with your students by encouraging them to continue to do their best in all that they do. Our school's core values of Pride, Respect, and Excellence, are so much more than just words on a page; with your help it's how we do business on a daily basis!

Our last two days of the semester, **December 17th** and **18th**, will be shortened for finals ending at 12:30pm. Here is our final schedule for the last two days of the semester:

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December 17 & 18 Finals Schedule:

1 st /2 nd	8:00-9:00
3 rd /4 th	9:05-10:05
5 th /6 th	10:10-11:10
7 th /8 th	11:15-12:15
Lunch	12:15
<u>Buses Roll</u>	12:30
Make-Up or Extra Time for Finals	1:00-3:10

As always, if you ever have questions or just want to check up on your student, please don't hesitate to contact a teacher or me directly. We are here to work together to provide the best possible education for your student!

Pride, Respect and Excellence!

Extended School for Algebra I

Northwest will be offering Extended School for students who failed Algebra I first semester, but earned between **50 – 59%**. These students will have the *opportunity* to be enrolled in Extended School from Monday, January 7th through Friday, January 25th (14 school days) so that they might raise their grade to a passing mark. Extended School is not mandatory, but it is an excellent opportunity.

For those who are enrolled, concept mastery will be demonstrated by earning at least 70% C on two units that were previously covered during the first semester class. If a student achieves this goal prior to January 25th, they do not have to continue attending Extended School. All students enrolled will begin working with math teachers during 9th hour (2:26-3:10) and then continue after school until 5:00 pm. Any student that accrues more than one absence from the extended school time (9th hour and then after school until 5:00 pm) will be removed from this Extended School opportunity. There is no cost for the student to be enrolled. When a student demonstrates mastery with their two units, they will be finished with Extended School and their semester grade will be changed to a D.

Mattress Fundraiser

On **Saturday, January 20, 2018** from 10am-5pm, Wichita Northwest High School Band is pleased to host, once again, a one of a kind fundraising event. If you are in need of a mattress, please save the date and visit the mobile showroom which will be set up in the gym. This is the time to buy and **save up to 50% off** retail, all while supporting the band program. There will be 20+ sets on display and a team of experts on hand to answer any questions you may have.

This is a *no pressure* sale, just stop in and take a look. Even layaway and delivery are available to make it easy on you. It is a pleasure to be able to find a way to help our students while providing cost savings to our community and staff. We appreciate your support of our fundraiser and hope you spread the word to neighbors, family and friends.



Counseling News

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are many scholarship opportunities available for the class of 2019. Check out: <http://www.usd259.org/Page/10764> for a link to the College Career Center Scholarship Page. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Teketa Paschal, College Career Coordinator, at tpaschal1@usd259.net or 973-6058.

NORTHWEST TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCEDURE

Northwest High School utilizes the Parchment Transcript Electronic System to deliver transcripts electronically to community colleges, colleges and universities. To utilize Parchment, the student must create an account at www.parchment.com. From there, the student will be able to request that his/her transcript be sent to the school of his/her choice. Please allow 24 hours for the request to be processed. You must use your student's LEGAL NAME in order to process transcripts.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

Seniors, remember, you will need a Parchment account to send your Final Transcript after graduation, so the sooner you set one up the better.

ACT TEST DATES: 2018-2019

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Fee Deadline
February 9 th	January 11 th	January 18 th
April 13 th	March 8 th	March 25 th
June 8 th	May 3 rd	May 20 th
July 13 th	June 14 th	June 24 th

Register online at www.actstudent.org; our school code is **173214**. See Mrs. Tibbetts or Ms. Paschal if you are on free or reduced lunch and need a fee waiver.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

ACT Prep (all four subjects)

January 19th, 2019

March 9th, 2019

May 4th, 2019

ACT Math Prep

February 16th, 2019

All workshop dates are on Saturdays

ACT Prep: 8 a.m. to noon

ACT Math: 9 a.m. to noon

Fee: \$32 for ACT Prep / \$25 for ACT Math

Registration can be done online at: www.registerblast.com/wsu.

For paper registration, please call: 316-978-3440.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PRE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in January with enrollment presentations in your student's advocacy class so that your student can start planning regarding enrolling for next school year.

Schedule for enrollment information is below:

Grade Level	January 3 rd	January 4 th	January 7 th	January 8 th
Freshmen	Expectations Assembly w/ Administrator	Career Cluster Video	Enrollment overview video	Department Enrollment Power Points
Sophomores	Enrollment overview Video	Expectations Assembly w/ Administrator	Career Cluster Video	Department Enrollment PowerPoints
Juniors	Career Cluster Video	Department Enrollment PowerPoints	Expectations Assembly w/ Administrator	Enrollment overview Video

Counselors will be meeting with students starting Jan. 14th in social studies classes to review graduation requirements and complete the enrollment process. We are requesting a parent signature on the pre-enrollment paperwork which is to be turned in to the grade level counselors when they come to the social studies classes starting Jan. 14th. Please discuss with your student the selections that they are making for the upcoming school year. Pre-enrollment is how the master schedule for the school is developed. The district is becoming more strict on changing courses prior to each semester's beginning. Please help your student make wise choices, as the chance to change from their electives (or alternates) is slim.

Incoming freshman will be enrolled by Levan Gerstner at their current middle school.

8th Grade Open House will be Monday, Jan. 28th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM @ Northwest High School.

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY ADVANCED STANDING (CONCURRENT COLLEGE CREDIT)

Current sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled in Northwest courses approved by Newman University have the opportunity to earn college credit if they have a 3.0 GPA. The courses are listed below:

- Pre-Calc/Trigonometry
- FST (Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry)
- Honors English 4
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition
- Speech
- AP US History
- Teaching Observation

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NEWMAN UNIVERSITY ADVANCED STANDING (CONCURRENT COLLEGE CREDIT) CONT'D.

The charge for the concurrent credit is set by the university and therefore is subject to change. If you have questions regarding requirements, please contact Kyla Tibbetts @ 973-5983.

- ◆ Newman University Enrollment is on-line
- ◆ Enrollment meeting: Friday, January 18th
- ◆ When: 9th hour Advocacy
- ◆ Where: Northwest Auditorium
- ◆ Eligible students will receive a pass in their class for the meeting.

SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCEDURES

All students can view their second semester schedule in Advocacy or on Student Vue. If a student is requesting a change to their 2nd semester schedule they must sign up by **Friday, December 7th**.

Students whose requests meet the guidelines below need to sign up with their appropriate counselor on the google drive.

Per Board of Education Policy 1227, schedule change requests are to be discouraged except for valid educational reasons.

Schedule change requests may occur for the following reasons:

- Schedule does not have a course for every period of the day;
- Duplication of course;
- Class incorrectly sequenced or student does not meet prerequisite;
- Student lacks a class needed for graduation;
- Inappropriate skill level for class (teacher recommendation).

Schedule change requests are NOT made for the following reasons:

- Request for withdrawal from Advanced Placement Course(s);
- Preference for a different teacher, period or semester;
- Preference to be with a family member or friend;
- Change of mind about taking a course;
- Student or Parent request.

COLLEGE VISITS

Juniors and Seniors have 2 days during the school year that can be school related absences to visit college campuses. Just follow these steps.

- Set up the visit with the college of your choice on the college website.
- Schedule the visit 2 weeks in advance.
- On the day of your college visit, a parent/guardian must call Northwest regarding the absence.
- The following school day, bring in proof of your college visit (a business card of the college representative that you visited with or your agenda from the day) to the guidance office and we will school-relate 2 absences your junior year and 2 absences your senior year.

***If you have questions regarding how to set up a college visit, please see Ms. Paschal in the CCC (College and Career Center) A-24.

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K-STATE CAMPUS EVENTS

Fall 2018 Junior Day dates:

Monday, December 3rd

Friday, December 7th

Cost

\$20 per student and \$15 for each parent, family member, or guest, which covers program materials, parking, and lunch.

Register online at: k-state.edu/admissions/juniors

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISITS

Black and Gold Visit Days

Spring 2019

- Saturday, February 09, 2019
- Saturday, February 23, 2019
- Friday, March 01, 2019
- Friday, April 12, 2019

STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES

CRISIS TEXT LINE

The Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support and information via a medium people already use and trust.

How it Works:

1. Text Hello to 741741 (from anywhere in the United States 24/7.) You can text about whatever is a crisis to you – addiction, anxiety, assault, bullying, depression, eating disorders, self-harm, and suicide.
2. The Crisis Counselor listens without judgement, invites you to share more, and helps you move from a hot moment to a cool calm. You'll text back and forth, sharing only what you feel comfortable with.
3. After 2 automated responses, you'll connect with a live trained volunteer Crisis Counselor who receives the text on their computer.
4. The goal of the conversation is to help you find calm. That may mean sharing resources for you to check out for more help and sometimes it means listening.
5. It usually takes less than 5 minutes to connect you with a Crisis Counselor, maybe longer during busy times.
6. Conversations usually end when you and the Crisis Counselor feel comfortable that you're in a "cool", safe place, after 15 – 45 minutes.

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

Are you dealing with a child of any age abusing alcohol or other drugs? You are not alone. We can help. We are caring parents offering hope through resources, education, and shared experience.

Parent Meetings @ 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at:

Reflection Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse

7700 W. Reflection Road

Wichita, KS 67205

779-444-3380

wichita@parentshelpingparents.info

Grizzly Pride

Merry Christmas to our Northwest Grizzly Family! We hope you and yours have a safe and happy holiday break. Be sure to stop by the BearWear table at one of our home basketball games and pick up a NW Grizzlies holiday sweatshirt! Get one before they sell out!

Our last meeting of 2018 will be held Monday, December 10 at 6:30pm in the NW Library. Please join us and see what's in store for your student and school in 2019.

Don't forget to follow Grizzly Pride:

Twitter: NWHS Booster Club @NW_GrizzlyPride

Facebook: Grizzly Pride @nwgrizzlypride

Project Graduation

Our next Project Graduation meeting will be December 17 at 7pm in the Commons. Please consider bringing soda, water or Gatorade for lunch and concessions sales.

We have two Project Grad fundraising nights in December. We hope to see you there!

December 4: Chipotle Night from 4-8pm at the Maple & Ridge Chipotle

December 17: Hurricane Sports Grill at 13th & Tyler

(Be sure and mention to your server that you are with Northwest Project Grad.)



Students of the Month

Northwest staff believes that students who stand out for their good deeds and work in the classroom or within the school deserve recognition. Therefore, each month, faculty and staff are asked to nominate and vote for students from each grade level who they believe are most deserving of this award. The winners, their parents and two friends are invited to a reception in their honor, receive a "Jump the Line" pass to jump to the front of the lunch line for the school year and a certificate for a free item from the Bear Necessities Store. Below are our winners for November:

FRESHMAN Isis Claassen pays close attention to her grades, advocates for herself by coming in to talk to me, and asks for more work to help her understand. She is always polite and respectful, and is willing to help other students when asked. I am very thankful to have Isis in my AVID 1 class. Tracy Morris

Isis is academically conscious and works extremely hard to be a top student. She is actively involved in AVID, student leadership, and also a member of the basketball team. Isis goes out of her way to be a positive role model for other students in her class as well as the whole school. She is personable with staff members in our building and almost every day greets me and asks how I am doing. I can honestly say that I have never seen her in the office for anything but positive reasons. I am lucky to be her administrator and look forward to the positive things that she will do for Northwest High School in the next four years! Stephen Parks

SOPHOMORE Jonathan Turner always has a positive attitude and tries hard in class. He is very polite. He is willing to share information and help out other students in class. In addition to being a great chemistry student, he is also in JROTC and takes great pride in representing that organization well. Lisa Fields

JUNIOR Ethan Hoang is an incredibly hard worker and also very kind to others. Every day when he comes to class he takes down chairs for students before they arrive, and greets his table mates by name. Ethan takes his time on his work and strives for high quality prints, even if it means staying after school for print club or coming in during advocacy. He consistently puts forth extraordinary effort. At the end of every class when he is done cleaning up his own materials, he actively looks for other messes in the room and helps clean them up too. His ownership of our space makes my job so much easier! Ethan is a great leader in our class and I appreciate his effort. He deserves this recognition! Sunny Overholt

SENIOR Briaja Tucker is a senior in my Photo Imaging and Computer Graphics classes who shows up every day ready to learn. She is always engaged in class activities and works hard to complete assignments, often turning in work that lands well above my expectations. In classes that include all grade and ability levels, she is a student that I can count on to complete her work and help others when necessary. Her finished projects in Computer Graphics are creative and many will be used as examples when I assign those projects in the future. Rebekah Morse



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