



Principal's Newsletter

JANUARY

- 1 No School-Winter Recess
- 2 No School-District Inservice Day
- 3 Students Return
- 7 Early College Academy Parent Night @7pm in Auditorium
- 14 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
- 16 Blood Drive in Aux Gym
- 18 Newman Concurrent Credit Enrollment @2:25 in Auditorium
- 21 No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance
- 25 Magnet Application Deadline
- 27 Mattress Fund-raiser @10am-5pm in Aux Gym
- 28 Student of the Month Reception @2:30pm in Library
8th Grade Open House @6:30pm
- 30 Unbearable Shows Improv @7:30pm in Auditorium

Principal's Message

As we begin a new semester, I would like to wish a very **Happy New Year** to our Northwest Family! I trust you had a wonderful winter break with family and friends.

As we celebrate this new year, 2019, it is always a great time to reflect on the past year, but more importantly, to look forward to the coming year. It is a time to reflect on the changes we want, or need, to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. So as we begin 2019, I want to assure everyone that the high expectations in academics set at the beginning of the year will continue as we begin second semester.

Pre-Enrollment

Believe it or not, pre-enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is right around the corner. See the **Counseling News** section for specific details, but know that Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will soon be asked to choose their courses for next year. If you have questions about pre-enrollment or specific courses, you may contact your grade-level counselor or Head Counselor, Kyla Tibbetts.

Another part of the Pre-Enrollment process is our annual 8th Grade Open House here at Northwest where we explain to the freshmen of 2019-20 how to pre-enroll. This year the 8th Grade Open House will be on Monday, January 28th at 6:30pm. If you or someone you know has an 8th grader who is planning on attending Northwest next year, I highly encourage you to attend this event.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

There is no school on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. To quote Dr. King: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: **What are you doing for others?**"¹ It should speak to people to be sensitive to the benefit of being selfless, as opposed to being selfish." These words describe the spirit behind making the holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day of service. What a great reminder on this National Holiday in his honor!



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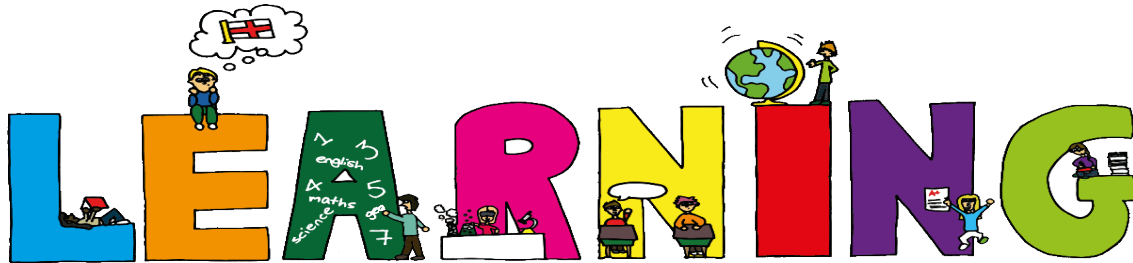
Finally, on behalf of Northwest's faculty and staff, thank you for your continued support of our students and the work we do for them. It is truly the **community, parents, and staff** partnering and working together that allows us to maintain the successes we have so long enjoyed here at Northwest! As always, if you have questions or concerns, 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!

Have a great January and continue to demonstrate **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.



Tutoring Opportunities

Did you know Northwest has several tutoring opportunities available to provide students extra help to be successful in school?



Math and English tutors are available 9th hour.



After-school tutoring is available Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library until 5pm.



After-school tutoring is available Wednesdays in the commons until 6:45pm.

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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
Sophomores	Enrollment overview Video	Expectations Assembly w/ Administrator	Career Cluster Video	Department Enrollment
Juniors	Career Cluster Video	Department Enrollment	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 6:30 – 8:00 PM @ Northwest High School.

NORTHWEST EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY PARENT NIGHT

Are you interested in (or know somebody who is) learning more about our new Early College Academy? Plan to attend our Parent Night:

January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Northwest Auditorium

The application is on the Northwest website and is due **January 25th, 2019.**

*****Incoming freshman only - Class of 2023. Only 50 students will be selected in mid-February to attend the academy next school year.**



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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

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.

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.

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

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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

Yearbook Ads

TICK TOCK...BEAT THE CLOCK

Time is running out. Submit your yearbook recognition ad honoring your student's journey. Submit yours by Friday, February 15 to make sure it gets in the yearbook. Go to www.jostens.com/, select "yearbooks" and then "order your yearbook ad." If you have questions, email Ms. Gray at sgray@usd259.

Mattress Fundraiser

On **Sunday, January 27th, 2019 (please note corrected date) from 10am-5pm**, the Wichita Northwest High School Band **and** Orchestra are pleased to host 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 both band and orchestra programs. There will be 20+ sets on display and a team of experts on hand to answer any questions you may have. Visit <http://bit.ly/beds4wichitanorthwest3> for additional information.

Grizzlies Promote Kindness

Have you ever experienced a random act of kindness from a stranger or an anonymous source? Do you remember how it made you feel? Or maybe you have heard the Aesop quote “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” Well, get ready, because random kindness will soon be taking over Grizzly Nation.

January is a busy month for our Gay, Straight Alliance club. The club is excited to promote two campaigns that focus on increasing kindness and putting an end to bullying.

First, the NWHS GSA will promote and celebrate #kindnessinmotion throughout the month of January. #kindnessinmotion is a campaign that not only focuses on recognizing the importance of kindness, but promotes actively adding kindness into our every action. The GSA will be promoting this by modeling and demonstrating daily acts of kindness throughout the month and will organize some special activities and events to encourage the entire school to participate. Be prepared to see and hear lots of inspirational quotes, compliments, smiles, affirmations, and encouraging words throughout the building.



The second campaign is called No Name Calling Week and begins January 21st. This campaign was founded in 2004 with Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. No Name-Calling Week was inspired by James Howe’s novel *The Misfits* about students who, after experiencing name-calling, run for student council on a No Name-Calling platform. The NWHS GSA has developed plans to incorporate specific activities throughout that week to help end name calling and bullying in schools as we continue to promote and model kindness all month.

The students are excited about the upcoming awareness activities and are looking forward to spreading kindness. If you have any questions or would like to know how you can participate, please feel free to call 973-6000 and ask to speak to one of the GSA sponsors.

Project LIT Book Clubs

As English Language Arts teachers at Wichita Northwest High School, we believe wholeheartedly in the power of reading and its ability to transform lives and communities.

During the fall of 2016, teacher Jared Amato, along with his students, started Project LIT Community to increase access to high-quality, culturally relevant books inside and outside of the classroom, and to promote a love of reading in Nashville.

Now, Project Lit has partnered with a group of dedicated teachers and students in more than 300 schools and 40 states to ensure that all children become proficient, passionate readers who possess the literacy skills to choose their post-secondary path. We are thrilled to bring this partnership to Northwest next year!

During the 2019-20 school year, we plan to host quarterly Project LIT Book Clubs in our school library in order to bring students, parents, and community members together to discuss and celebrate outstanding literature. We would love for you and the entire community to join us at these events!

Additionally, throughout the year, our students will engage in meaningful service & project-based learning focused on literacy, which will allow them to gain critical 21st century skills while becoming better citizens, leaders and readers.

Please let us know if you’d like to learn more about Northwest’s Project LIT Community and how you can support our work. This exciting project will need lots of books, snacks, and promotion as we work toward implementation. If you would like to support us in one of these areas, please contact us.

Melissa Buteyn, Charlotte Bartsch, Precious Mathenia, Lindsey Bales, Jennifer Enright