



Principal's Newsletter

NOVEMBER

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Principal's Message

As you are likely aware, the Wichita Public Schools Board of Education met on Friday, October 30, and voted 4-3 to continue with the **Blended Onsite/MySchool Remote** model that was adopted at the October 20 Board meeting. This could all change based on the November 9th Board of Education meeting as they examine the most recent COVID numbers in Sedgwick County, but we must be prepared for the Blended Hybrid model, nonetheless.

I know this has been an incredibly frustrating school year with so many unknowns caused by COVID and the pandemic, but the Northwest community has responded remarkably well. Thank you for your *patience* and *understanding*! Together we will make it through these uncertain times! Together we will come out the other side a stronger school and community!

Please be sure to read through the following important information concerning the upcoming Second Quarter.

Final Week of the First Quarter:

November is here and with it the end to our First Quarter of school. As you will recall, with our 4X4 Block Schedule, one quarter is actually a semester's worth of material. That means that the grades that are issued on Friday, November 6, will actually be semester grades that will be a permanent part of your student's transcript. Parents and families are asked to encourage your student to give their best effort in this final week of the First Quarter.

Finals are scheduled for Thursday, November 5. Finals are worth 10% of a student's overall grade. There will be no Advocacy Class, or 9th Hour, on Thursday, November 5.

Student Supply Pick Up:

Students who will not be attending school in-person in the Second Quarter are invited to come to Northwest any time on **Wednesday (11/4) between 2-7pm** or on **Friday (11/6) between 8am-Noon** to pick up school supplies

Second Quarter Learning Model:

The new Onsite/MySchool Remote model, *as of this moment*, is what we are moving to in the Second Quarter. In general, the new model will work with three groups of students.

Group A: Students with **Last Name beginning with A-L** who have selected in-person learning will be on site at Northwest High School on all **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** only. These students will be learning remotely the remaining days of the week; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Group B: Students with **Last Name beginning with M-Z** who have selected in-person learning will be on site at Northwest High School on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** only. These students will be learning remotely the remaining days of the week; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Group C: Students who have selected MySchool Remote will stay remote full time. These students will be learning remotely full-time.

There could potentially be exceptions to these student-groups including, but not limited to, siblings that have different last names. If you have students that are living in the same home but have different last names and you would like to have them attend in-person with the same group, please be sure to contact your grade-level administrator.

Exception Requests for student groups (A, B, or C) should be made to the Grade-Level Administrator:

- Freshmen (Class of 2024): Stacey Steffes (ssteffes@usd259.net)
- Sophomores (Class of 2023): Fred Crayton (fcrayton@usd259.net)
- Juniors (Class of 2022): Steve Parks (sparks@usd259.net)
- Seniors (Class of 2021): Stacey Steffes (ssteffes@usd259.net)

Regular Weekly Onsite/MySchool Remote Hybrid Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Onsite	Group A	Group A	None	Group B	Group B
Remote	Groups B, C	Groups B, C	Groups A, B, C	Groups A, C	Groups A, C

At this moment, this new Onsite/MySchool Remote model is to begin on **Thursday, November 12th**. The reason for the slight delay is the Board of Education will meet again on Monday, November 9th, to determine if we move forward with this new model, or if the COVID numbers will dictate that for safety's sake we need to stay in our current fully remote model.

The first week of the Second Quarter will therefore look like this:

	Monday 11/9	Tuesday 11/10	Wednesday 11/12	Thursday 11/13	Friday 11/14
Onsite	None	None	None	Group B	Group B
Remote	Groups A, B, C	Groups A, B, C	Groups A, B, C	Groups A, C	Groups A, C

Safety Procedures for In-Person Learning:

For those students who have opted for **In-Person Learning** in our new model, the following Safety Procedures will be implemented at Northwest High School.

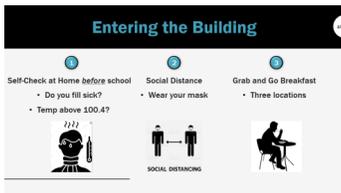
Please read through these carefully and be prepared to comply with all of them:

(These Safety Procedures were covered in our All-School Assembly on Thursday, October 29.)

(To view the All-School Assembly, click here; [All-School Assembly Recording](#).)

Click on the icon to examine more closely.

1. Entering the building in the morning:



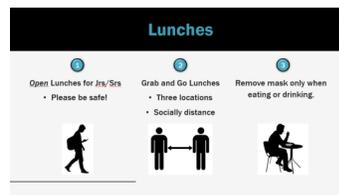
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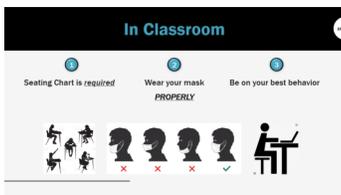
2. Entering/Exiting Classrooms:



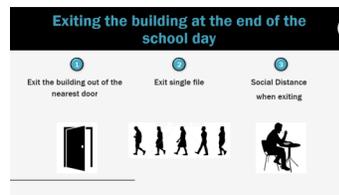
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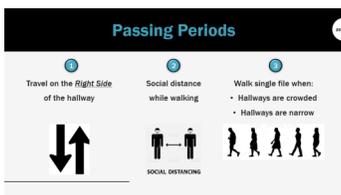
3. In Classrooms:



7. Exiting the building at the end of the school day:



4. Passing Periods:



If you would like to view the PowerPoint of the All-School Assembly, click on the link below.

- [All School Assembly PowerPoint](#)

Again, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters.

Stay tuned for more information from Wichita Public Schools and Northwest High School.

- Eric

Second Quarter

The Wichita Board of Education voted 4-3 to continue with the blended Onsite/MySchool Remote model for middle and high schools on Thursday, November 12th. All students will attend class remotely on Monday, November 9th, and Tuesday, November 10th.

Clarification on the blended onsite model approved by the BOE:

1. We will be staying with the current Master Schedule.
2. **Mondays & Tuesdays**: Students whose last names begin with **A-L** and who selected **in-person** learning will physically come to Northwest on Mon/Tues. The remaining students, both the other half of in-person and all of the MySchool Remote students, will be in classes remotely. Siblings will be allowed to attend with siblings, even if their last names are different.
3. **Wednesdays**: **All** students will attend school **remotely** on Wednesdays. Custodians will be conducting a deep clean on Wednesdays to prepare for the different group of students attending on Thursdays and Fridays.
4. **Thursdays & Fridays**: Students whose last name begins with **M-Z** and who selected in-person learning will physically attend Northwest on Thurs/Fri. The remaining students, both the first half of in-person and all of the MySchool Remote students, will be in classes remotely.

Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for the boys basketball team will be held Monday, November 16th through Wednesday, November 18th at 4pm in the main gym. All players must have a current physical uploaded and on file in RankOne sports in order to participate. Everyone must also wear a mask into the building and bring their own water. They will be permitted to remove masks when they are participating, but must wear them any time they are not participating in a drill or activity. Contact Coach Hill if you have any questions: ahill2@usd259.net or 973-5952.



Northwest Orchestra Fall Concert

Please tune in and listen to the Northwest Orchestra's Fall Concert, featuring the sounds of musicals. Students have been rehearsing in-person Tuesdays after school, in addition to our daily virtual in-class rehearsals. The concert will be posted to the orchestra's YouTube channel on Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 7 pm.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIBpS94YslDT2p6a9ODSskg>

Pieces performed are:

- Wayfarin' Stranger—Traditional, Arr. Bilner
- Starlight—Muse, Arr. Ivanov & Stein
- This is Halloween from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*—Danny Elfman, Arr. Kazik
- Selections from *American Idiot—The Musical*—Green Day, Arr. Gorfein



Counseling News

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are already scholarship opportunities available for the class of 2021. Check out: <https://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.

Make sure to use your student's LEGAL NAME in order to process transcript.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

ACT TEST DATES: 2020-2021

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Late Registration Fee Deadline</u>
December 12 th	November 6 th	Nov 7 th – 20 th
February 6 th	January 8 th	January 9 th – 15 th
April 17 th	March 12 th	March 13 th – 26 th
June 12 th	May 7 th	May 8 th – 21 st
July 17 th	June 18 th	June 19 th – 26 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.

ACT PRACTICE???

Need some help practicing for the ACT? Check out the new ACT Academy at www.act.org/academy. This FREE resource provides your student with videos, practice tests and personalized pacing guides to help them get the best score possible!

FRESHMEN

It's never too early to start planning for college and/or careers. Much of your freshmen and sophomore years are about exploring options. While exploring, however, you want to make sure you are organized and are taking rigorous courses and getting good grades. The websites below have resources to help guide you through your freshman year. You want to make sure you aren't limiting yourself in your post-high school options by taking only the basics. Our goal for you is that you are able to pursue whatever you want after high school and have the pre-requisites to be successful. Check them out!

<http://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/BCF1A04A/High-School-Freshman-Timeline-and-Checklist/>

<http://www.cafecollege.org/freshmen/make-a-plan/freshmen-checklist>

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/blog/posts/2012-09-28/Getting-Ready-for-College-A-Four-Year-Checklist-for-High-School-Teens.aspx>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY ADVANCED STANDING (CONCURRENT COLLEGE CREDIT)

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

- FST (Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry)—Roger Powell rpowell@usd259.net
- Honors English 4—Elizabeth Minerva eminerva@usd259.net
- AP Language and Composition—Elizabeth Minerva eminerva@usd259.net
- AP Literature and Composition—Melissa Buteyn mbuteyn@usd259.net
- Speech—Peter Crevoiserat pcrevoiserat@usd259.net
- AP US History—Paul Kitchen pkitchen@usd259.net

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 or ktibbetts@usd259.net

- Newman University Enrollment is on-line
- Enrollment Starts: November 16th
- Advanced Standing /Concurrent enrollment Northwest Teachers will give students documents and information they need to enroll in their Advanced Standing /Concurrent enrollment class.
- Deadline for on-line enrollment is Friday, November 27th (yes this is over Thanksgiving break)

Senior Days (flyer attached)

Butler Community College – Register at: butlercc.edu/senior-days

El Dorado Campus: Nov. 13, 17

Andover Campus: Nov. 2, 4, 9, 16 and 18

K-State Hospitality Management

K-State is hosting a Hospitality Management Career Night virtually on Thursday, November 12, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

This will be a great opportunity for students to learn more about careers in event, hotel and restaurant management. The event will start with a welcome and some basic information about the K-State Hospitality Management Program, followed by PowerPoint presentations from 3 K-State Hospitality Management Alumni and a Q & A session to follow. Click [here](#) to register for the HM Career Night.

STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES

Crisis Text Line

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: text messaging. How it Works:

- 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, suicide etc.

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STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES CONT'D.

Crisis Text Line Cont'd.

- 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.
- After 2 automated responses, you'll connect with a live, trained, volunteer Crisis Counselor who receives the text on their computer.
- The goal of the conversation is to help you find calm. That may mean sharing resources for you to check out for more help or sometimes it means listening.
- It usually takes less than 5 minutes (maybe longer during busy times) to connect you with a Crisis Counselor.
- 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. "Parents Helping Parents" can help by offering hope through resources, education, and shared experience.

Parent Meetings @ 7 pm, 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month

Reflection Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse

7700 W. Reflection Road

Wichita, KS 67205

779-444-3380

wichita@parentshelpingparents.info

Grizzly Pride

PROJECT GRADUATION 2021

Calling senior class parents! Our next meeting is on **Monday, November 16 at 7:00pm** in the NW commons area. We will be discussing party theme/shirt ideas. PLEASE JOIN US! Questions???

Email NWHSProjectGraduation@gmail.com.

GRIZZLY PRIDE

Our next *Grizzly Pride meeting is Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm in the NW library*. We would LOVE to have you attend and introduce you to the friendly group of parents, administrators and coaches who are part of Grizzly Pride. We support all athletic teams and organizations at Northwest and ask you to join us in support of your NW Grizzlies!

BEAR WEAR

The holidays will be here before we know it. If you want to order a warm hoodie, sweatpants, NW blanket or other NW apparel for your Grizzly, just send a message through our Grizzly Pride Facebook page (@nwgrizzlypride) or send an email to candacerae28@yahoo.com. Stay warm and show that NW Grizzlies Spirit!



Senior Calendar

November	5	Finals for First Quarter
	9	Begin Second Quarter—All Students Remote
	12	Group B in-person, all other students Remote.
December	21-Jan 3.....	Winter Break
January	21	Finals for Second Quarter
	25	Begin Third Quarter
February	1,3	Parent/Teacher Conferences—Virtual
March	18	Finals for Third Quarter
	22-26.....	Spring Break
	29	Begin Fourth Quarter
	31	Senior Speech Tryouts (3pm in Room C21)
April	26	Senior Honors Recognition (by invitation only)
May	1	Prom—Brick and Mortar
	17	Senior Finals
	18	Senior Breakfast & Program (8:10am)/Finals Make-up
	20	Graduation Practice
	20	Graduation
	20	Project Graduation (10:30pm at NWHS)

Turkey Drive

Due to COVID-19, we are ***not*** hosting an on-site food drive. To help struggling families in our community this holiday season, please donate online or by mailing a check to:

Open Door
PO Box 2756
Wichita, KS 67202

Please indicate that your donation is for the Turkey Drive. The link to make an online donation is: https://www.sagepayments.net/sagenonprofit/shopping_cart/forms/donate.asp?M_id=245589606208

Thank you.
Grizzlies for Change NW Student Leadership Organization



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. Our winners will be recognized at their homes and will be invited to a big reception when we return to school face-to-face. They will also 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 October:

FRESHMAN

Kelli Leonard is a freshman working on the newspaper staff. Kelli has learned to write in a journalistic style very quickly and is always one of the first students to volunteer to do a story or interview. You can see his work on the northwestexplorer.org website where he is posting at least one story per week. I am very impressed with his work ethic. Susan Holbrook



SOPHOMORE

Rylee Senseman seems like the kind of kid that would rather be working on this class in person instead of remotely yet, on a daily basis, she demonstrates the perseverance needed to be successful in this unusual environment. She is not afraid to ask questions in front of an unseen class. She maintains a positive attitude. Rylee has learned to take advantage of the new communication tools of Meeting Chat, email, using the microphone and going to Advocacy virtually. These might not be any student’s favorite ways to communicate with and get help from a teacher, but Rylee is showing that embracing these can lead to success. I am proud of her for accepting this challenge that none of us expected to have a year ago, and for being a great example for her classmates to follow.



JUNIOR

Makayla Brown is a model student. She pushes herself in every class and it is paying off. She reaches out to help others, whether it be to help them understand their course work, or to help them learn how to deal with stress and anxiety. She asks great questions and has a positive attitude. She is definitely a leader in her AVID 3 class. Tracy Morris



SENIOR

Ezekiel Alvarez-Davalos is a senior in my Photo Imaging class who completes every single assignment with a perfect score. He is the only student in any of my classes who has a perfect 100%. He is a dependable, conscientious student who takes great photos. Susan Holbrook

