



Principal's Newsletter

OCTOBER

- 1 Homecoming Parade/
Football Game @6/7pm
- 2 Homecoming Dance
@8-11pm in Commons
- 4 Project Grad Meeting
@6:30pm in Library
- 6 Senior Workkeys Test
@8:40am-12:25pm

FAFSA Night at WSU
Tech @7pm
- 7 Fall Choir Concert
@7pm in Auditorium
- 12 Futures Fair 2021
@8:30am

Fall Orchestra Concert
@7pm in Auditorium

Grizzly Pride Meeting
@6:30pm in Library
- 13 Testing Day for Fr, So, Jr
Sr Panoramic Pic @10am
- 14 Improv Show @7pm in
Auditorium
End of 1st Quarter
- 15 NO SCHOOL—Non-
Teaching Duty Day
- 18 NO SCHOOL—District
Inservice Day
- 20 Jostens Senior Grad
Orders @12:25pm &
5pm in Commons
- 22 ACT Test @8am
- 26 Jazz Concert @7pm in
Auditorium
- 29 Yearbook Photo Retakes
and Cap&Gown Pictures



Principal's Message

The **2021-22** school year is already nearing the end of the first quarter, and although it has had its share of challenges, I can honestly say that we have had an *excellent* start! I am so proud of the work Northwest teachers, staff, and students have put in thus far! When faced with challenges, the Northwest High School Team steps up to face the task head on and overcomes those challenges!



Student Behavior. Although the vast majority of our students behave appropriately for a school setting and have been experiencing success, we do have a small percentage of students that are having difficulty readjusting to in-person schooling. It is easy to understand why coming off an 18-months hiatus from the organization and structure of a school setting. I write about this not to cast blame, but to ask for your help, Parents and Families. If you are reading this and you have a student at Northwest High School, I would respectfully ask that you have a quick conversation about proper behavior in a school setting. My own son is a sophomore at Northwest and I have had this exact conversation with him, so I am not asking for anything that I am unwilling to do myself. We all want the best learning environment possible for our Northwest students and together we can make this possible. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Upcoming Testing Dates. Please be aware of two important upcoming testing dates, October 6 and 13. Notice that October 6 will be a **regular late-start** Wednesday, but October 13 will be an **8:00am** start.

- **October 6:** School starts at **8:40am** on this Wednesday. (Regular late start)
 - **ALL** Seniors will be taking the **ACT Workkeys** Assessment in the Auxiliary Gym beginning at 8:40am.
 - ⇒ All other students will continue with their regular class schedules.
 - ⇒ The only students affected this day are Seniors.
- **October 13:** School starts at **8:00am** on this Wednesday. There will be no regular class schedule this morning due to testing.
 - **ALL** Freshmen will take the **PreACT**.
 - **ALL** Sophomores will take the **PSAT**.
 - Select Juniors will take the **PSAT**. (Juniors that have signed up)
 - All other Juniors will take a **Practice ACT**.
 - All Seniors will have a variety of activities and guest speakers during the morning including our annual Senior Panoramic Photo at 10am.

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Senior Top 10% Breakfast. Congratulations to the Top 10% of the Class of 2022! These students have demonstrated a remarkable work ethic and sense of purpose over their first three years of high school and are now preparing to finish their Senior year with that same commitment. These students, pictured below, along with their parents, were congratulated at a breakfast on Friday, September 10.



End of the First Quarter. Believe it or not, the end of our first nine-weeks is quickly approaching; the last official day of the quarter is **Thursday, October 14**. Unlike last year when we utilized a 4X4 Block Schedule, this year grades do **not** start over after the first quarter ends. With our A/B Block Schedule, grades continue throughout the entire first semester. With that in mind, students need to continue to do their best in all classes throughout first and second quarter. Final grades will go onto transcripts at the end of first semester in December.

FAFSA Night at WSU Tech. This coming Wednesday, October 6, WSU Tech is hosting a **FAFSA** Night that we want to encourage ALL Northwest Seniors to attend. If you are thinking about any education after high school; college, trade school, anything; then you need to attend this evening event. **FAFSA** stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

- This coming Wednesday, October 6, at WSU Tech located at 4004 N. Webb Road.
- Call the school at 973-6000 if you have questions.

Communication. The key to any successful parent-school relationship is communication. Northwest communicates in multiple ways including our [webpage](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Snapchat](#)! In order to do that effectively, however, we must have accurate phone numbers and email addresses. Please be sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date in our system. If you have **not** received a ParentLink call from me (more than once), then we most likely do not have an accurate phone number in our system. Please either call the school at 973-6000 to update your contact information, or you can do it yourself through ParentVUE on your computer or phone.

Also, if you ever need to get in touch with any of the teachers at Northwest, **email** is the most effective form of communication. For a list of email addresses visit our school webpage at www.usd259.org/northwest and find the "Faculty & Staff" tab along the top banner on the page. Under that tab you will find a "Staff Directory" link that will list all of your student's teachers. If you have access to ParentVUE on your computer or smart phone, you should also be able to find email address-es listed under each classroom teacher's grades.

Have a great October and continue to demonstrate **Pride, Respect, and Excellence!**

- Eric Hofer-Holdeman



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 are recognized at a reception in their honor. 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 September:

FRESHMAN

Isabel Santiago-Morrison comes in each day with a positive attitude, ready to learn and contribute to class discussions. She’s great about getting her work done and helping others if they seem to be struggling. I truly enjoy having her in class! Jennifer Pickler



SOPHOMORE

Kelli Leonard is in my printmaking 1 class. He is a talented student who brings an attitude of positivity and kindness to my classroom. Kelli looks out for other students, often asking if anyone is hungry and sharing some breakfast or noticing a student looking a little lost and asking if they need help. Kelli cares about his learning and is always striving for improvement over perfection. I appreciate his leadership and love having him in class! Sunny Overholt



JUNIOR

Chinonye (China) Otuonye was wonderful to have in Culinary Arts 1 last year and I loved seeing her niece during remote learning. China is now my proctor and is asked to do so many things to help me make sure classes stay organized. She lets me know when something seems off with tasks and stepped up the other day to help the class run smoothly with a knife skills air-frying lab. I love seeing how she is constantly turning into a leader with these multiple roles! Alison Draut



SENIOR

Rylee Lopez is attentive during class by applying her fast food job knowledge to class content in Culinary Essentials. She is a model student and I can’t wait to see how she continues to be an asset to our class! Alison Draut



Peter Crevoiserat added “Rylee Lopez is on the debate and speech team. She has chosen to take more of a leadership role on the team. She communicates with younger students to help prepare them for tournaments. She is very driven to achieve her goals. Her dedication to the activity is impressive.”

Rylee qualified for the Timothy O'Shaughnessy scholarship for her academic achievements, her involvement in school activities and her leadership and integrity skills over the years. If she wins this scholarship, Rylee will receive a good amount of money for the next four years of college.

Grizzly Pride

Grizzly Pride is the combined booster club and parent organization at Northwest High School. Grizzly Pride is the very best way to financially support and propel Northwest students to have the very best school year possible! Grizzly Pride funds affect every aspect of a student's school experience at Northwest High School! We financially support all Northwest athletic teams (uniforms, food, equipment, etc.), Drama Department, Instrumental Music Department, Vocal Music Department, Cheerleaders, AV-ID, Scholars Bowl, Project Graduation, JROTC, Bear Buddies, DECA, school spirit t-shirts for all incoming freshmen, FEA, BPA, teacher grants, the list goes on and on. When you support Grizzly Pride you become a part of Grizzly Nation!

Join the Grizzly Pride Nation by clicking this link: https://fnd.us/91qZq1?ref=sh_e7TDua or going to the Northwest High School website and following the link on the front page.

Partnership Levels

\$25 - Blue - Your name on a banner displayed at home games and in the all sports program

\$50 - Gold - (One) Grizzly Pride T- Shirt

\$100 - Grizzly (Two) Grizzly Pride T-Shirts

We hope to see you at our next meeting on **Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30pm** in the NW library!

Project Graduation 2022

Are you looking for a way to help your son or daughter have a memorable graduation night? Then Project Graduation 2022 needs YOU! If you're able to donate time, food, or money, please contact Kendra Stuever at kendroid48@yahoo.com or attend our next meeting on **Monday, October 4th at 6:30pm** in the Library.

Here are a few opportunities for you to consider lending your support:

- Volunteer at junior varsity football concessions on October 11 & 18
- Donate water, pop, 20 oz. Gatorades, candy (no chocolate), and chips for concessions sales

Important Senior Dates

October	1	Homecoming Parade/Game
	2	Homecoming Dance
	6	Workkeys Test for ALL Seniors (8:40am-12:25pm)
	 FAFSA Night at WSU Tech—All Senior Parents (5:30-8:00pm)
	13	Senior Panoramic Picture (10am—Main Gym)
	 Jostens Senior Meeting (10:30am—Auditorium)
	20	Jostens Grad Supply Orders—\$60 down payment DUE
	20	Jostens Family Night (5-6:30pm—Commons)
	29	Cap & Gown Pictures/Yearbook Picture Retakes
November	1	Faculty vs Seniors Volleyball Game
December.....	TBA	Cap & Gown Retakes (7:30-9:30am)

Counseling News

Reminder! The counseling department has been reorganized and we no longer have Grade Level Counselors. We are now serving students Alpha by their last name:

Last name Alpha A-D and all ECA students: Mrs. Tibbetts - ktibbetts@usd259.net

Last name Alpha E-M: Mrs. Kiser – mkiser@usd259.net

Last name Alpha N-Z: Mr. Gerstner – lgerstner@usd259.net

Social /Emotional Counselor: Mrs. Milhon - jmilhon@usd259.net

This counselor is available daily from 12-3pm to work with students regarding social/and or emotional concerns and does not work with students on schedules or academic concerns.

College and Career Coordinator: Ms. Jones - ljones8@usd259.net

FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) NIGHT AT WSU TECH

WSU Tech will host a FAFSA night that senior students are invited to attend on Wednesday, October 6th from 5:30-8:30pm. Students will learn about the financial aid process and how they can get started/complete the FAFSA for 2022. See the attached flyer for more information and address.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are already scholarship opportunities available for the class of 2022. Check out: <https://www.usd259.org/domain/2661> for a link to the College Career Center Scholarship Page.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact LaShona Jones, College Career Coordinator at ljones8@usd259.net or 973-6058.

NEW NORTHWEST TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCEDURE

Northwest High School, along with all Wichita High Schools, will utilize the Xello Transcript Electronic System to deliver transcripts electronically to community colleges, colleges and universities. To utilize Xello, follow the steps below:

1. From the Northwest homepage www.usd259.org/northwest, go to your rapid identity log in
2. Open the “Xello” app
3. Go to “College Planning” under “Goals and Plans”
4. If you haven’t saved colleges, you may need to click “Manage” under “College Planning”
5. Click “Create New Application”
6. Search for the college you want to send your transcript to, select that college, and then click “Next”
7. Select “Regular Decision” and put in today’s date, and then click “Create”
8. Request the transcript for the school if listed
9. If select a transcript is not listed, then click “add task” and choose transcript. You will then need to click “Request.”
10. **This process is FREE. Seniors must complete this process before July 31 when their access to Rapid Identity ends. Starting August 1st, seniors will have to request transcripts through Parchment.com or call Student Records @316-973-4498. Both Parchment and Student Records will charge fees to send transcripts.**

You must use your student’s LEGAL NAME in order to process transcript.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

Counseling News cont'd.

ACT TEST DATES: 2021 - 2022

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Late Registration Fee Deadline</u>
October 23 rd	September 17 th	Sept. 18 th – Oct. 1 st
December 11 th	November 5 th	November 6 th – 19 th
February 12 th	January 7 th	January 8 th – 21 st
April 2 nd	February 25 th	Feb. 26 th – March 11 th
June 11 th	May 6 th	May 7 th – 20 th
July 16 th	June 17 th	June 18 th – 24 th

Register online at: www.act.org/bts The Northwest school code is **173214**. See Mrs. Tibbetts (Head Counselor) or Ms. Jones (CCC) 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!

COLLEGE CAREER CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Military Day on the Courtyard @ Northwest

Military Branches will be at Northwest for students who have an interest in the military.

Date: Tuesday, October 5th

Time: 2-3:10pm

Sign-up in advance with Ms. Jones in the CCC (A24) to get a pass.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO NORTHWEST

Throughout the school year various college admissions representatives will be at Northwest during Advocacy (2:30– 3:10pm) to visit with any junior or senior student interested in learning more about a particular institution.

Interested students MUST get a pass in the CCC, Room A24, before the day of the visit.

Wednesday, October 6..... Fort Hays State University

Wednesday, October 20..... Hutchinson Community College

Wednesday, October 20..... Hesston College

Tuesday, October 26..... Cowley County Community College

Wednesday, October 27..... Butler Community College

Thursday, October 28 Beckley College

Friday, October 29..... Newman University

NORTHWEST HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION

Northwest students who earned a 3.5 or higher GPA on their May 2021 report card will be invited to attend the Honor Roll Celebration. At the event, students will receive their honor (either a pen, bar, or academic letter) depending on how many times they have been on the honor roll.

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NORTHWEST HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION (CONT'D)

Students will also receive a cupcake and punch and get to socialize with other honor roll students.

Date: Friday, October 22nd

Time: 2:28 - 3:05pm

Location: Northwest Commons

Invitation only

ASVAB TESTING @ NORTHWEST

What is the ASVAB test? The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a heavily researched and well-respected **free** aptitude test developed by the Department of Defense. It measures a young adult's strengths and potential for success in military training.

Test Date: Thursday, October 21st (from 8am-noon)

Sign up in advance with Ms. Jones in the CCC (College Career Center)

SENIOR PASS CARD APPLICATIONS

Seniors that would like to have a pass card (hour off from school) during 2nd semester will need to complete a pass card application.

Pass card applications will be handed out on October 21st or October 22nd (in senior English class) and are also available in the counseling office.

Please be advised that one of the requirements for a pass card is to take the ACT or other post-secondary exam. If your student hasn't taken the ACT, they should take the Work Keys (free to all seniors on October 6th – no sign up necessary) or take the ASVAB – (free on October 21st—must sign up in advance with Ms. Jones – CCC).

The pass card application deadline is November 12th @ 3:30pm. Students should consider the opportunities, both in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities, that may be missed when opting for a shortened day.

Requirements for the pass card are below:

1. During the fall semester of their senior year, seniors must pass all classes required for graduation and be in good standing for graduation.
2. Any student involved with KSHSAA activities must be enrolled in 5 classes (Advocacy and Learning Center class do NOT count for KSHSAA eligibility).
3. AP classes and special programs are NOT pass card eligible.
4. Students who fail to leave the building and/or grounds during pass card hours will face disciplinary action and may have their pass card(s) revoked.
5. This application must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the counselor's office prior to 3:30pm, Friday, November 12th, 2021.
6. Students must have completed the FAFSA application or meet with the College Career Coordinator, LaShona Jones, regarding post-secondary plans.

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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.
- 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; sometimes it means listening.
- It usually takes less than 5 minutes to connect you with a Crisis Counselor, maybe longer during busy times.
- 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 are @ 7 pm on the 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

