

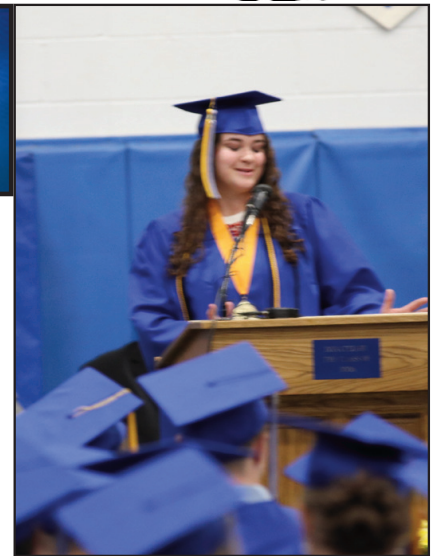
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June 2019



Northwestern High School Academic Challenge Team



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**Class of 2019
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**District Twitter Account
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**Log onto @NW_Schools
Live broadcast of events
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The Northwestern Board of Education thanks our supportive community for coming through in our time of need with the recent 4.0 Permanent Improvement Levy!

With passage of this levy Northwestern remains second lowest in property tax millage in Wayne County. Because of the increase of 1.2 mills with passage of this levy we will be able to continue maintaining our buildings and facilities to the high standards our community expects and our students deserve.

We are blessed with such a wonderfully supporting community and we pledge to continue "preparing our students today for tomorrow's opportunities" by remaining student-centered and leading our great school district efficiently and effectively!

Most appreciative,

- Kim Wellert, Board of Education President
- Phil Keener, Board of Education Vice President
- Laura Woodring, Board of Education Member
- Chuck Beck, Board of Education Member
- Paula Abrecht, Board of Education Member



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A note from our superintendent...

Thank you to our supportive community for passing the Permanent Improvement Levy! Rest assured that we will continue our frugal practices in maintaining our facilities in the most efficient, yet effective manner.

We have recently concluded a very difficult school year - with numerous storms that included major employee health issues, devastating employee family deaths, state school funding reductions, running a PI Levy campaign -twice, transitioning and adapting to the more than \$900,000 in personnel and other cost reductions from summer 2018, enduring a significant lawsuit and other litigation in which we persevered and came out on top. These only include a handful of our challenges/pressures this past school year.

In spite of these many challenges we were able to continue our fantastic successes in developing our 1436 students!

The relationships, leadership, and common purpose have carried us through these savage storms and together we persevere.

Storms have and will continue rolling through to be sure, yet not with the severity nor the vengeance we have seen this past year. We always come out the other side to fair weather. In spite of it all the accomplishments this year were many by our students and by our schools.

At Northwestern our dedicated faculty, staff, and administration are engaging students, providing rigor, developing relationships and creating opportunities for every student to develop toward attainment of their potential are all important as well and are also needed components of **developing well-rounded, educated graduates, problem-solvers and leaders of tomorrow, and all around good people.** This has concluded my 14th year at the helm of Northwestern and in a couple of months I will begin my 15th year. **And yet again here we are as I write this on June 5th not knowing what our state funding will be starting July 1st (just 3 weeks away) through the next two school years.** Continued challenging political and financial times to be sure...

I am so very proud of our community, of our faculty, staff, administration, and outstanding Board of Education! I am proud of the academic and social success of our students. I am proud of the innovative and progressive, project-based and research-based programs & instruction we have here. I am proud of the fantastic school culture and climate we have throughout each of our buildings. **A huge "Thank you" to our parents and community who support the development of our children, to our faculty, staff, administration for the ongoing efforts each day, and to our 5 Board of Education Members for your leadership and direction.** Together we can continue to achieve so very much! We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. All of this while maintaining practical limitations. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to adapt to legislation and focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community.

It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support. Here is for Northwestern Huskies continuing to "lead the pack!" Let's head full steam into the 2019-2020 school year!

Summary Federal E-Rate Grant Program (2019-2020SY)

Total cost of managed network services and network upgrades for 2019-2020 school year will be \$64,695.57, of which \$45,286.90 should be covered by E-Rate grants. This will leave the district with a total cost of \$19,413.67.

* This year's grant submissions will continue to cover existing Internet, network and Wi-Fi services as well as help fund upgrades to our network infrastructure.

* Currently our available Internet bandwidth for the entire district is 1GB although the connection will support 10GB with the planned upgrades. These upgrades will allow multiple points in each of our buildings to have a 1GB connection to a 10GB trunk rather than the current 1GB.

* Upcoming need: running new fiber between buildings in 2020-21SY - requiring additional applications.

We have approval of \$21,874.78 for the first Grant. The other 2 Grants are being reviewed and are pending.

Grant to cover Internet access/managed network services

Total annual cost of services	31,249.68
Amount covered by grant	21,874.78
District cost	9,379.90

Grant to cover managed WI-FI services

Total annual cost of services	7,297.92
Amount covered by grant	5,108.54
District cost	2,189.38

Grant to cover network equipment, fiber and bandwidth upgrades

Total cost of equipt. and services	26,147.97
Amount covered by grant	18,303.58
District cost	7844.39

**Grant Awards 2018-2019 SY
(written/awarded June 2018-present)**

SUMMARY: Total Awarded (only Northwestern share of collaboratives): \$920,472.72

<u>\$\$\$</u>	<u>GRANT TITLE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
\$2,200	Transition Funding	Support HS Special Education Students.
\$425,000	Expanding Opportunities	Gr. 7-12: STEM, CTE programs, CCP, student organizations, credentials, student competitions, supplies, equipment for expanded programs.
\$41,000	Title.XX	Student Counseling and Therapy.
\$12,000	United Way	MS and ES after school programs.
\$7,000	School Safety	Security Camera Updates & Additions.
\$149,100	AEOP (5-District Consortium)	\$25,000 was Northwestern's share. This grant was for Jr. Solar Sprint 5-8 and 6-9 e-Cyber Mission.
\$40,000	BWC Safety & Security	Tiered Key locks, Security camera updates and additions, school bus camera hard drives, additional handheld radios.
\$7,272.72	Ag 5th Quarter	Additional teacher salaries for extending ag programs through summer.
\$10,000	HSTW	Research-based professional development and (combined ES, MS, HS) supports.
\$129,000	Farm to School Grant (OSU OARDC, ATI)	28,000 Northwestern share. Fresh produce for school lunches, nutrition education, food prep professional development and recipes, college ambassadors, equipment, cameras, stipends. Partnership A Whole Community, ATI, OSU, Northwestern, Wooster City Schools, College of Wooster.
\$129,000	Farm to School Grant (USDA Grant Award also!)	28,000 Northwestern share. Fresh produce for school lunches, nutrition education, food prep professional development and recipes, college ambassadors, equipment, cameras, stipends. Partnership A Whole Community, ATI, OSU, Northwestern, Wooster City Schools, College of Wooster.
\$47,500	EPA Grant (5-District Consortium)	\$12,000 is Northwestern's share. This consortium is headed by High Schools That Work that will provide curriculum, professional development, and support for Environmental Education Curriculum.
\$8,000	Preschool PNC	Preschool Scholarship & Professional Development
\$275,000	Expanding Opportunities II	Funds will establish Advanced Placement Courses, develop International Baccalaureate curriculum, and develop a distance Learning Lab
Pending Grants:		
\$19,000	NW DARE Grant	Support SRO and DARE Classroom Curriculum.
\$20,000	Family Life Counseling	Replicate a program from Family Life Counseling here at Northwestern in collaboration with Mental Health & Recovery Board

**NORTHWESTERN
SCHOOL
DISTRICT NEWS**

Grant Awards, continued

Weltmer Foundation – ongoing, as needed and requested – not included

Romich Foundation – ongoing, as needed and requested – not included

GoFundMe and specific teacher grants - not included

\$45,286.90 in E-Rate Grants - not included

\$564,388.13 in Federal Consolidated Entitlement Grants – not included

(Title I, Title II-A, Title III, Title IV-A, IDEA, IDEA Early Childhood)



SUPERINTENDENT TIDBIT!!

Did you know?

Northwestern Ruritan is a strong organization that supports student scholarships, our schools, and our community. Having been a member myself for the past 14 years I value the relationships and service of our members. The activities people are most aware of include the March Sausage-Pancake Breakfast and ongoing Community Flag Display.

Did you know that Board Members Charles Beck (Ruritan President), Kim Wellert (former Ruritan President), Phil Keener (former Ruritan President), and Paula Abrecht have each been very active Ruritan members in addition to their many other areas of community service involvement and activities? This in addition to their very important roles as Northwestern Board of Education Members!



At Northwestern our 7 major sources of revenue include:

1. State Ohio Dept. of Education Funding
2. Property Taxes
3. Income Taxes
4. Incoming Open Enrollment Revenue
5. Northwestern Written & Managed Grants
6. Federal Entitlement Grant Funds
7. Career Technical Education Program Weighted Funds

This list is in order of largest to least source of revenue.

School Funding is a quagmire, being very, very complex – most especially for Northwestern due to our minimal business tax base, negative impact of Agricultural CAUV recalculations by the state, significant incoming open enrolled students, numerous & sought-after successful grant funding, and significant CTE weighted funding. The impact of state formula changes can change our funding dramatically.

Yet again here we are as I write this on June 5th not knowing what our state funding will be starting July 1st (just 3 weeks away) through the next two school years. This is daunting when it represents nearly 50% of our funding stream.

Grants

While we continue bringing-in additional revenue with finding and securing many grants through successful grant-writing and grant monitoring this requires a lot of work and time, which we gladly do for our kids - in order to pay for programs, equipment, and technology, as well as reduce the burden on taxpayers. Each grant averages well over a hundred hours per year – mostly by the district office, but also by building administrators, secretaries, and teachers. One can see that there are thousands of hours of time, effort, monitoring, data-gathering, reporting, and stress Northwestern faculty, staff, and administration puts in annually above and beyond our other responsibilities. However, these grants are the

2018-2019 Gifted Services Update

District Gifted Numbers

- * 176 students identified in at least one area
 - * 29% Identified as Superior Cognitive
 - * 43% Identified in Reading/Writing
 - * 52% Identified in Math
 - * 22% Identified in Science
 - * 13% Identified in Soc. Studies
 - * 3% Identified in Visual Performing Arts
 - * .05% Identified in Creative Thinking
 - * 47% Identified in more than one area
- * 22 newly identified students since start of school year
- * 93% Identified students are being served o
 - * 8 students elementary TAG
 - * 4 elementary students received special design curriculum in 3' d gr Math (including one 2n^ Grader)
 - * 100/o served through CCP courses
 - * 4'h Grade Math & ELA served through Co-Teaching Model
 - * 73% served through Honors courses

2018-2019 Gifted Coordinator Focus

- * Move MS/HS progress reports to Progress book for better reporting of student progress towards WEP goals
- * Preparation of Training/Review identification in Visual Performing Arts(VPA) for Art & Music teachers
- * Creation of District VPA identification timeline to ensure regular identification
 - * 3 students identified this fall
 - * 1 senior majoring in Music and was able to apply for additional scholarships
 - * 3 additional students will be screened April 4th
- * Creation of District EMIS reporting form
 - * All Identified student information in one google sheet for easier reporting
- * Continuation of creating PD modules through google classroom/review of teachers PD hours

Goals for end ofschool year & 2019-2020

- * Review of student schedules 6-12 to ensure service in ID area
- * Research and/or create service models for K-2
- * Review of curriculum maps work with Curriculum Director and teachers to imbed enrichment activities/higher order thinking skills and tasks

Highlights from ODE Gifted Cost Study

- * Those rural districts using shared ESC and shared coordinators say their services are less integrated, lack consistency and are overall not successful
- * Some rural districts must use ESC for Written Education Plans (WEPs) due to lack of gifted intervention specialist
- * Whole grade screening has resulted in a more effective and efficient identification process
- * Some rural districts reported only serving gifted students through an enrichment/study time 2-3 times a week
- * Many rural districts reported high school students opting out of gifted services due to scheduling conflicts

** NW District **		
Type of District	% Gifted Students Identified as a Fraction of Enrollment	% Gifted Students RECEIVING Services as a Fraction of Students Identified
Poor Rural	12.7%	55.3%
Rural	14.5%	53.5%
Small Town	16.1%	55.2%
Poor Small Town	11.4%	57.0%
Suburban	19.1%	53.1%
Wealthy Suburban	31.6%	48.3%
Urban	8.8%	50.9%
Major Urban	9.7%	46.7%
State Average	16.4%	51.8%
Northwestern	13.4%	93.2%

SOURCES OF REVENUE, continued from page 4

wild cards that pay for our excellent and expanded programs with our students Pre-K through 12.

In addition, grant funding is “hit and miss” meaning that various foci of grants and their parameters come and they go. This past school year we were very successful in bringing-in \$920,472.72 in sought-after grants, with additional E-Rate Grants and various smaller classroom grants by teachers and Pupil Support Personnel. The year prior (18-19 SY) was under \$300,000. The year prior to that (17-18) was just under \$1,000,000 (paying for the better part of the cost of our 3,000 Sq. Ft. Greenhouse-Clean Energy Lab)

- I heard a misconception recently that “grants cost the schools money”. This could not be further from the truth. Grant dollars support current programs, either partially or totally fund new initiatives, and grants have and continue providing stipends to staff and teachers who participate in new initiatives. In the end **grant funds have improved opportunities for our students, development & human capital of our staff, and have improved school pride, expanded partnerships with business, other progressive schools & post-secondary institutions - as well as increasing open enrollment (which adds even greater revenue).** Some grants are intended to support programs and initiatives, but a local share and/or contribution from partner organizations must be provided, but these are in the minority of grants written. Often, in these cases, the district can pledge local share of the cost, but it has often been for things we were going to do anyway – even without the grant.

- Each grant is unique. Purposes of the grants we seek-out align with our needs and strategic plan.** Some bring in funds with things we are doing anyway, some pay the entire cost of new initiatives that benefit programs and students, some provide additional funding that supplement district costs for current programs or new initiatives.

- Some grants bring direct additional funds to Northwestern (ex. STEM Preschool, after school programs, Title XX JVS counseling & therapy) these are direct dollars coming to Northwestern for specific needs.

- There have been some grants that we had written and we pulled out of because the rules changed, were overly restrictive, they were not in alignment with our goals and vision, or were going to cost the district in the end.

- Some grants pay for a portion of new initiatives that we could not do on our own (i.e. BWC \$53,000 grant for school safety that the district had to contribute \$13,000 of, or the expanding opportunities grant where the district has to fund some aspects. However, we would be doing these things anyway, but the grants actually save the district money by softening our costs.

- Some grants pay the entire cost of new initiatives that we simply could not afford to do, but with the grants paying all of the cost we can bring this new initiative to reality (expanding opportunity I and expanding opportunity II). The district may see some additional costs for sustainability costs with personnel and replacement items in the future, but none initially.

I appreciate the collaborative efforts in writing, monitoring, final reporting, and budgeting all of these grants and the related funds. A lot of time and effort go into the writing and ongoing management of these grants. Our collective efforts ease the burden on our taxpayers, allow opportunities for additional compensation for employees for efforts outside the school day and professional development, create an environment to strengthen and expand programs, and, ultimately, a culture where we can and do provide opportunities for our students – a school system we can take pride in where we truly do prepare our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities. Going the extra mile for these pockets of money benefit our students, our staff, and our school district – keeping us on the “cutting edge” and doing what is best for kids. That matters – and these funds, aligned with our culture and the talents of our incredible faculty, staff, and administrators – and leadership of our Board of Education Members - makes all the difference!

SUPERINTENDENT TIDB ITS!!

Sign Woes!

Our double digital sign in front of the Middle School took a lightning strike in late May and will be out of commission until we can order and replace it in early August. The insurance claim has been filed.

Roof Project!

The Middle School Roof Project is under way as can be observed with the large amounts of insulation and roofing materials at the north end of the Middle School parking lot. This project is expected to be completed in July.

Ruritans

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 School Year organizations honored as the Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award of Merit!

- **Rice Farms Milk Cartage**
- **300 Tire & Auto**

This marks the 12th year of our Business recognition award. There have been 24 occasions where businesses have been honored by the Northwestern Ruritan Club.

This award is annually presented to an organization which has shown incredible contributions to our school and community. It is selected through nomination forms that are distributed district-wide each February.

Noteworthy this year is that these two organizations are both the first to have been selected for a second time. We are so very appreciative of the support and collaboration from these two longstanding supporters of our students, schools, and community!

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 10 years

include:

Lodi Lumber	Koenig's Korner
Scot Industries	LuK, USA
Hagans Construction, Inc.	New Pittsburgh Fire & Rescue
Central Farm & Garden, Inc.	American Legion Post #499
Commodity Blenders	Fuhrman's IGA
West Salem IGA	Town & Country Co-op
Cutter Oil	Hud Wharton Excavating
Romich Foundation/Prentke Romich	Heffelfinger Meats, Inc.
Wellerts A.C. Parts (2015) Owner Kim Wellert	Friendly Wholesale Company of Wooster
Ed Marty Studios	G & S Titanium
Wooster Brush	HealthPoint/Wooster Community Hospital
Schaeffler/LuK, USA	Romich Foundation/Prentke Romich

Northwestern Ruritan meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Northwestern High School commons. Each meeting begins with a catered meal, followed by a presentation and meeting. Visitors are welcome and new members are encouraged to participate. Ruritans are about "servant leadership" and about "community".

Current President Chuck Beck
Past President Dwight Wasson
Prior President Kim Wellert

The Northwestern Ruritan Club is an organization dedicated to the betterment of our community. Our mission is "to make our community a better place in which to live."

The Ruritans raise funds in three primary ways – by manning the gates of the Wayne County Fair, manning Congress recycling, and through the annual Sausage & Pancake Breakfast held in conjunction with the Northwestern Washington, D. C. Auction the second Saturday of March. There are also several additional projects held in order to raise funds.

The Ruritans provide ongoing community service projects that include:

- * Northwestern Husky Brigade – Distributing donations to active military from our community
- * Northwestern Husky Brigade Annual Golf Outing
- * Community Parade of Flags – new this spring, distribution and setting-up United States Flags
- * Providing numerous Northwestern Scholarships each year
- * Sponsoring students for various leadership projects and activities
- * Community Recycling
- * Roadside clean-up
- * Donations for families and organizations in need
- * Buckeye Boys State & Buckeye Girls State Leadership weekend contributions
- * Recognizing area businesses & volunteer organizations for community and school support
- * Cemetery clean-up
- * Support for our Northwestern Schools
- * Support for the Old School House in West Salem
- * Support for the West Salem Town & Country Festival
- * Numerous ongoing and special activities to support our community

SUPERINTENDENT TIDBIT!!

Practical Project!

Our Clean-Renewable Energy students are working with an OSU-ATI Professor/Mentor to install solar panels behind the elementary school this next school year. This will be the culmination of two students' senior capstone projects. The planning stage began this past spring. Our hopes are that these panels will power lighting and fans for the sugar shack as well as more than compensate for the energy used for the youth BB, SB, and Soccer Field lighting. The project is expected to be funded 100% through donations and grants.

Article Regarding Property Taxes and CAUV

The article below captures some of the financial struggles of our agricultural business community and the school district having been caught between the 3-year reevaluation and state changes in CAUV calculation and value. Our agricultural business community was slammed a few years back with huge CAUV tax increases. At that time the school funding formula basically reduced our state funding so the school district received very little more revenue. However, over the last year or so we have been caught in the reverse affect where the state funding formula for schools has reduced our funds due to the CAUV and district wealth showing on paper to be of higher value because of being three years behind in re-evaluating on the local revenue side. Thus the state funding formula has hurt rural school districts across the state and more-so for those of us, like Northwestern, with very little business base. The district is hurting financially as the new CAUV calculation has been phased-in by the state. This new calculation is surely much more fair for our agricultural businesses and provides some much-needed relief, but the state has not built in a method for holding schools financially harmless during the transition. Thus, we have been experiencing what is essentially a lag time that has shorted the school district funding as we wait for the school funding formula to be realigned.

NEWS FROM THE

COLLEGE of FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, and ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Taxes on farmland dropping steadily

Published on June 5, 2019

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Taxes, on average, are going down for owners of farmland across Ohio and are expected to decline at an even faster rate beginning in 2020, a study by researchers with The Ohio State University shows.

The average value of agricultural land across the state has dropped by a third since a recent change in how the state calculates taxes for farmland owners, according to a study by Robert Dinterman and Ani Katchova, two agricultural economists with the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Starting in 2020, farmland values in the state likely will drop by another one-third, said Dinterman, a postdoctoral researcher with CFAES. With values going down, owners of agricultural land in the state should see similar declines in their taxes.

“Farmers, I would think, would be pretty pleased to see their taxes going down,” Dinterman said.

2017 was the first year some owners of agricultural land in Ohio saw a break in taxes. Taxes on agricultural land are based on the state’s assessment of the value of the land, which is done every three years at different times across the state. Ohio farmland is valued not based on what it would sell for on the open market, but on the income it is expected to generate from growing crops on that land.

The Ohio legislature in 2017 approved changing the law on how agricultural land would be valued for tax purposes.

In 2016, before the change was in place, the average value of agricultural land in the state was \$1,310 per acre, according to the results of the study by Dinterman and Katchova. This year, the value decreased to \$875 per acre.

Agricultural land values and the corresponding taxes paid on that land will continue to decline at an even faster rate, Dinterman said. Steeper decreases in taxes will be seen, on average, because the changes to the way the farmland is assessed have been phased in between 2017 and 2019. Small changes were made each year to avoid a sudden and dramatic drop in tax revenue, Dinterman said.

But in 2020, the phase-in will end. That’s why during that year, Ohio farmland owners should see another one-third drop in the assessed value of their land, compared to the previous year, and similar declines in their taxes, Dinterman said.

The average tax paid across the state was about \$36 per acre of farmland in 2016. That dropped to around \$31 in 2017, Dinterman said. By 2020, the average likely will be around \$25 per acre, which would match the rate paid in 2011, he said.

The decrease in revenues funneling into the state from agricultural land could mean an increase in taxes on homes and farm buildings in some counties, particularly rural counties, Dinterman said.

“Counties with a lot of farmland may have to make adjustments in their tax rates to make up the difference,” he said...

There is more to the article, but this captures the focus of it.

The full article can be read by contacting CFAES News cfaesnews@osu.edu

SUPERINTENDENT TIDBITS!

Thank you!

Thanks to Rich Kline for his efforts in coordinating and securing contributions of time, labor, in addition to his own time, labor, and curriculum development through continued development of the maple sugar shack. What a fantastic opportunity for our students, teachers, and our community! Talk about STEM education and Project-Based Learning. This is a great example! Mr. Kline’s passion has driven this project and will benefit student snow and throughout the future.

Another Practical Project!

Our 3,000 Sq. Ft. Greenhouse-Clean Energy Lab includes several renewable components that include: a Wind Turbine, Solar Panels, Biofuel plant, expansive Geothermal System. These were paid for through grant funds three years ago. The energy created from the solar panels and wind turbine actually reduce our electric bill and pay the high school through a reduced electric bill. The live electrical generation can be viewed on our website!

HVAC Project!

The High School Kitchen/Commons area HVAC project began in late May and is expected to be completed in early August.

Northwestern Schools

Northwestern All-Sports Association

Membership for 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday night of each month in the High School Library. All community members are welcome to attend.

The All-Sports Association provides many services for athletes at Northwestern. Over the past four (4) years the All-Sports Association has donated over \$200,000 towards the Northwestern Athletic Programs. We have had the privilege of replacing our campus wide scoreboards with the help of supporters like you. We have helped pay for uniforms, equipment, championship shirts and provide team meals for each of our athletic teams. We need your support not just with membership, but with your involvement.

Your membership in the All-Sports Association will help us continue to provide support to ALL the Northwestern Husky Athletes.

Name: _____
(How you want it printed in newsletters and the Fall and Winter sports programs)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cost: _____ (Please circle one)
\$25.00 – Individual/Family Membership
\$40.00 – Silver Membership
\$50.00 – Gold Membership

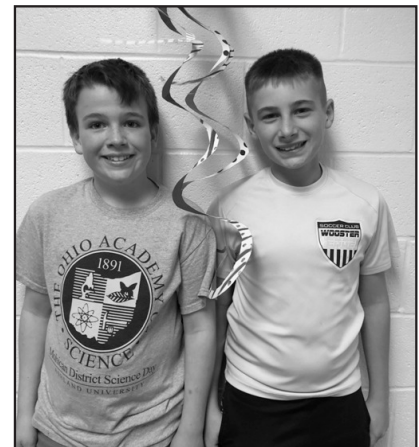
You can give this form to any officer or mail it to:
Megan Schwartz
538 Dekalb Lane
Burbank, OH 44214

Please make checks payable to Northwestern All-Sports Association

Officers: President: Bill Arthur
Vice President: Janet Alberts
Secretary: Kim St. Clair
Treasurer: Megan Schwartz

Are you interested in helping at the Concession Stands? Yes No

Are you interested in advertising in our Programs? Yes No



Congratulations to NMS students
Quinn Fast, Sofi Linder, Gino
Guidetti and Morgan Murphy for
earning **Excellent ratings at State
Science Day on May 11th**. We are
so proud of your hard work!

School Supplies For 2019-20

NW STEM Preschool Supply List

AM Class

- 1 Box of Ziploc Baggies (Sandwich Size)
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 2 Boxes Crayons

Both Classes

- 1 package of glue sticks
- 2 Packages of Dixie Cups (5 oz.)
- 2 Packages of Baby Wipes
- 2 Packages of Crayola Washable Markers, Broad Line, Classic 8 Color

Please bring a set of extra clothes and old shoes. Please pack them in a Gallon size bag and label your child's name on the front© we will keep them throughout the year just in case! Your child will also need a book bag to make sure they carry daily, so we can transition items to and from school!

Snacks Will Be Provided!!!

Donations

Dear Parents,

Our Preschool Students thrive through hands on activities and projects throughout the year. Below are items that we use throughout the year and if you are able and willing we would appreciate any donations.

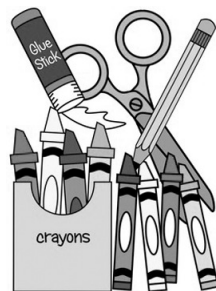
With two full preschool classes you can never be too prepared! Thank you for your contribution! !

Items to Be Donated:

- Batteries (AA & AAA)
- Brown Paper Bags
- Pipe Cleaners (All Colors)
- Straws
- Liquid Glue
- Buttons
- Boxes of Tooth Picks
- Colored Pencils
- Any Art Supplies
- Cotton Balls
- Bottle Caps (All sizes)
- Toilet Paper Rolls (Empty)
- Any old books that need a new home

PM CLASS

- 1 Box of Ziploc Baggies (Gallon Size)
- One 1" Binder
- 1 Package of dry erase markers



2019-2020

First Grade Supply List

- 1-Art shirt 1- Book bag
 - 1- Set of Headphones
 - 1- Canister of Clorox Wipes 1 - box of tissues
 - 4 - Spiral Notebooks 3 - big pink erasers
 - 10- dry erasers (Black Expo Wide tip) 6 - Jumbo glue sticks
 - 3 - packs of Crayola crayons (24 count)
 - 40- No. 2 pencils (Plain orange #2 pencils - No fancy pencils, please!)
- Please do not bring pencil sharpeners or mechanical pencils to school. Also, in First Grade we use a community based approach to our classroom, including our supplies. So, please do not write names on supplies as we will be sharing them at our large tables and centers in our rooms. **Thank you!**



NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY Kindergarten Supply List

Item

- 4 Boxes of CRAYOLA Crayons (24 Count) - No generic brands, please.
- 1 Box of CRAYOLA BASIC COLOR Markers (Regular Size-Not Thin)
- 4 Dark Colored Dry Erase Markers - Low Odor
- 2 packages Highlighter Markers - Yellow, Orange, Pink, Blue (8 total)
- 1 Box CRAYOLA 12 count Colored Pencils
- 10 LARGE Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 3 Medium-Sized Bottles of "Glue-All"
- ELMER'S Glue (Not Glitter or Fancy)
- 1 Pair of FISKARS BRAND Scissors
- 24 Yellow Pencils #2 Lead - Sharpened - (Ticonderoga Pencils- Preferred)
- NO DECORATIVE PENCILS
- 2 Big Erasers
- 1 Clean, Child-Sized Sock
- 1 Regular Size Shoe Box - Decorated (This will be used as a Literacy Box)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 Art Shirt (Oversized T-Shirt works great)
- 1 Book Bag that could easily hold a three-ring binder
- 2 Frosting cans to store crayons (Mrs. Hartzler 'sand Mr. Curtis' class only)
- 1 Earbuds (for technology use)

Parents:

Please place one box of crayons in a frosting can. Each individual item is to be marked with your child's name using a permanent marker (each pencil, glue stick etc.). Please have this done before your child brings his/her supplies so they can easily be transferred into a school box that we supply.

PLEASE BRING ALL SUPPLIES TO OPEN HOUSE - MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH@ 6:30 PM

Open Houses for 2019-20 School Year

- Aug 12 - STEM PreK - 5:30 PM
- Aug 12 - Kindergarten - 6:30 PM
- Aug 13 - 1st Grade - 5:30 PM
- Aug 13 - 3rd Grade - 6:15 PM
- Aug 13 - 5th Grade - 7:00 PM
- Aug 14 - 2nd Grade - 5:30 PM
- Aug 14 - 4th Grade - 6:15 PM

School Supplies For 2019-20

2nd Grade Supply List

Art shirt (oversized t-shirt)
 4 black chisel tip Expo dry erase markers
 2 packs of 24 crayons
 1 pair Fiskars pointed scissors
 4 packs of pencils (sharpened is preferred)
 6 large glue sticks
 1 large pink eraser
 4 spiral 100 page notebooks (2 red, 2, black)
 \$1.00 (to the classroom teacher to purchase in-class supplies)

If your last name begins A-L=
 2 boxes of tissues
 If your last name begins M-Z=
 1 box of Lysol/Clorox wipes

NO mechanical pencils, pencil sharpeners or grippies please. Each item does not need to be labeled with your child's name.

Looking forward to a great year, Mrs. Chance, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Steiner & Mrs. Wakefield (for Mrs. Brooks)

Welcome to Fourth Grade! 2019 - 2020

You will need the following supplies for fourth grade:

4 packages of no. 2 pencils (at least 48) Small zippered pencil pouch
 Wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper (70 pages) 1 70-page spiral notebook
 3 heavy duty folders with 3 prongs and pockets
 2 highlighters Crayons Colored pencils
 Elmer's glue or glue stick Scissors
 Pencil erasers
 6 dry erase markers
 Old washcloth or sock to erase dry erase boards
 6 red ink pens
 2-4 Ultra fine tip black Sharpies
 2 boxes of tissues for classroom use
 1 tub of disposable wipes or 1 hand sanitizer for classroom use
 Art box
 Art shirt ,,
 3 XL/Jumbo book covers or 3 paper grocery bags
 Inexpensive ear buds to .keep at school
 Mouse (optional)_
 Markers (optional)

Welcome to 3rd grade! 2019 - 2020

Next year you will need the following supplies:

8 EXPO dry erase markers -not fine tip
 Old Sock or cloth to use as eraser
 20 - 30 Ticonderoga pencils
 2 big erasers Pencil top erasers
 1 small school box (5" x 8")
 2 small boxes of crayons (24 count) 6 glue sticks
 2 pair of scissors
 Crayola Markers _
 Crayola colored pencils
 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
 4 plain pocket folders with brads 2 highlighters - different colors
 _1 Spiral notebook Headphones - or earbuds
 2 containers disinfecting wipes-35 or 70 wipes each
 Art Shirt

Please DO NOT send mechanical pencils, pens, or pencil sharpeners.

3rd Grade Teachers

**** Please put your child's initials with permanent marker on each item, including coats, hats, gloves.**

PLEASE NO
 MECHANICAL PENCILS AT SCHOOL.
 Label every item with permanent marker.
 This includes coats, hats,
 gloves, hoodies, footballs, etc.

The Fourth Grade Team

Mrs. Condren
 Mrs. Creasap
 Mrs. Fortune
 Mrs. Wiles
 Mr. Imhoff

5th Grade Supply List

Please put your name on all supplies that the students keep!

2 - pencil pouches with zippers (one for pencils and one for other supplies)
 3 - packages pencils (1 for your homeroom teacher-do not label)
 1 - large pink eraser
 2 - extra fine point Black Sharpie
 2 - red pens (keep one and give one to Mrs. Besancon)
 1 - 100 page composition books
 1 - package loose leaf notebook paper
 1 - Expandable file with 7 pockets (ELA class)
 2 - box of tissues
 2 - packages of 12 count of colored pencils (keep one and give second one to your homeroom teacher)
 2 packs of 5 - dry erase markers (Give 9 to Mrs. Besancon and 1 to for Enrichment)
 2 - small glue sticks
 1 - package of pencil top erasers
 1 - containers of disinfecting wipes (give to homeroom teacher)
 1 - pair of scissors
 1 - packs of Post It Notes with lines (give to ELA teacher)
 4 - two pocket vinyl folders with prongs (give one to Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Besancon, ELA Teacher, Enrichment)
 1 - clean old sock to use as an eraser for the dry erase boards
 1 - pair of earbuds
 1 - Old t-shirt for Art
NO TRAPPERS, MECHANICAL PENCILS, OR ART BOXES
Students will be getting a blue homework folder.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:55 AM - 3:30 PM
 STEM PreSchool Hours:
 4-5 yr olds-8:50-11:50
 3 yr olds-12:50-3:30
 All students may enter the building at 8:45.
 Students eating breakfast may enter building at 8:35, go directly to cafeteria.



**Mr. Mike
Burkholder
Northwestern
High School
Principal**

Hello from Northwestern High School, Things have slowed down here at Northwestern High School giving us time to reflect on the past school year and begin preparations for the coming year as well.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 for their collective success. Going in to the end of the school year our graduating class had more than \$1,285,000 pledged in grants and scholarships which will be applied to their post-secondary education.

* 79 students – 72% intend to enter a 2 or 4-year College.

* 5 students – 5% intend to enter a branch of the Military

* 26 students – 23% intend to enter the work force.

I am very proud of this group of young men and women and look forward to seeing and hearing of their accomplishments in the next phase of their lives. The Mission of the Northwestern School District is “Preparing Our Students Today for Tomorrow's Opportunities”. The Class of 2019 has lived up to the expectations of their school, family and community and are prepared for the opportunities that lie ahead.

As noted, the hard work and perseverance of the class of 2019 resulted in a graduation rate above 90%. As usual, the Ohio Department of Education is looking for the right criteria. This includes successfully completing the required courses and accumulating the required scores for end of course tests. For the 2019 20 school year there are additional options that could be utilized to demonstrate competency. These include completing a capstone project, which our students already do via Senior Seminar, Internships or Pathway capstone classes. Receiving the OhioMeansJobs readiness seal is an additional

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possible criteria. As the 2019 school year approaches, we will compare the graduation requirements with the accomplishments of each student and develop a plan that is the best path toward graduation. The majority of our students will meet the traditional graduation requirements.

Looking to the 2019 – 20 school year, we now have complete career pathways developed in Agricultural Science, Engineering, Biomedicine, Computer Science, Business and Clean Energy. We also have a partial pathway in Teacher Education. Another focus has been to adjust our delivery of CCP classes. We are fortunate to have a number of staff members who qualify for adjunct professor status and provide an opportunity for our students to accumulate a significant number of college credits without ever leaving campus. In fact, the class of 2019 left high school with over 960 earned college credits. At NHS, we will have four CCP classes in English, two in Math, two in Social Studies, two in Science, one in Music, several in Business, one in Teacher Education and numerous opportunities via the Agricultural Science program. We are fortunate to be able to provide this opportunity to our students and hope that our students chose to stay at the high school, rather than pursue college credits on the college campus. We understand that there are options for students and decisions to be made. In the end, there are positive and negative aspects for all choices. The high school cannot be a college and a college cannot be a high school. In addition to CCP classes, we are exploring the possibility of adding some AP classes and curriculum that will have a focus on ACT Test Preparation.

Relative to staffing at the high school, Lee Kimmich will be assuming the lead in our Wood Tech program. We are in the process of developing this program into a career pathway. It is our goal to preserve the traditional wood working aspects of this program. We will also be incorporating other aspects that focus on basic construction into the curriculum. We will be welcoming Carly Black to the English department. Carly is an experienced teacher, previously employed in the Ashland City school district. She will be teaching English 10. We also will be welcoming Amy Forbes to the NHS staff. She will be working as a para-professional.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of our students and school. If you have any questions or issues that you would like to discuss or get clarity on, please let me know and I will do my best to address them.

Have a great summer!!



I have had a great first year at Northwestern as your School Resource Officer and I am looking forward to August. We started Husky Safety Patrol at Northwestern Elementary, which is teaching leadership and responsibility to students. They have been doing an excellent job and I want to say thank you to our 5th graders moving forward to the middle school.

One of the biggest problems we have in school is social media. Roughly 80% of school discipline is related to social media. We spoke to all 3rd graders about computer safety and realized that 90% of them was already on social media. Sign up age for social media is 13. Parents please make sure you are monitoring their accounts.

I look forward to returning in August. Have a safe and fun summer.

**Deputy Adam Chellis
School Resource Officer**

HUSKY PRIDE & TRADITION

Northwestern Academic Challenge

This year's varsity academic challenge team had a fantastic season. They won the Wayne County Academic Challenge league, came in 2nd at the Tri-County Academic Challenge competition and won their episode of the channel 5 Academic Challenge TV show! **Congratulations on an amazing season!**

Varsity members: Nik King, Olivia Wakefield, Ben Pollizi, Brock Tegtmeier, Katie Shambaugh

JV members: Morgan McCoy, Betty Stevens, Autumn Duncan

Advisor: Maria Hines



Greetings from the Northwestern Athletic Department,

Another great year in Northwestern Athletics has come to an end. It is with great pride that we can look back at the numerous achievements of our student-athletes. The 2018-2019 school year brought the Huskies the WCAL Championship in Boys Basketball, Sectional Championships in Girls Soccer, Girls Golf, Boys Basketball, Baseball, & Softball, and a District Championship in Softball. We had numerous individual student-athletes earn All-League, All-District, All-Region, and All-State Honors. All of these accomplishments would not be possible without the support of our Husky community – so from all of our student-athletes and coaches we would like to say thank you for your support of Northwestern Athletics.

Enjoy your summer,

Randall Hafner

Northwestern Local Schools

High School Assistant Principal/7-12 Athletic Director

Important Fall Sport Dates

Mandatory Fall Sports Parent Meeting – Thursday, July 25th @6pm in the HS Theater

Football Meet the Team Night – Thursday, August 8th @5pm



Congrats to the Lady Huskies Softball team for their excellent season – Sectional Champs! District Champs! Regional Runner-Ups!



Congrats to Tyler Carlson for his All-Ohio performance in the Shot Put

STAY INVOLVED

NorthwesternAll Sports Update:

The end of the spring sports season brought many celebrations! Tyler Carlson finished 8th at state in shot put, and Alec Praisler and Wesley Arthur competed very well at regionals in their respective events of high jump and mile run. The baseball team finished tied for second in the WCAL, and advanced to districts; meanwhile, the softball team finished second in the WCAL, and advanced to regional finals before losing 3-0 to the eventual state champs, Warren Champion. All Sports is now gearing up for the beginning of the fall sports campaign. In order to assure happy customers, up grades have occurred to various concessions necessities: new cheese machines, popcorn machine, and hot chocolate dispensers. These upgrades will continue to serve many happy customers during events. Additionally, at the last May meeting, Bill Arthur was elected as president, Janet Alberts was elected vice-president, Megan Schwartz maintained her treasurer's role, and Kim St.Clair began a second year stint as secretary. If anyone would like to become more involved in supporting our student athletes, contact an officer for open opportunities to serve the youth. New fall memberships have begun. The membership form can be accessed on the school's athletic website. All meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All are invited and actually encouraged to attend and join the conversations involving our student athletes.



- June 22 NW Alumni Banquet at Elementary School
- June 24 Board Meeting at HS 6:30 p.m.
- July 15-19 Percussion Camp 1 p.m.
- July 22-26 Band Camp 4 p.m.
- July 22 Board Meeting at HS 6:30 p.m.
- July 25 Mandatory Sports Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- July 29 - August 2 Band Camp
- August 5-9 Band Camp 4 p.m.
- August 5 All Sports Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- August 8 Meet the Team 5 p.m.
- August 12 - 16 Band Camp 4 p.m.
- August 12 Ruritan Meeting
- August 14 Fall Sports Pictures
- August 15 HS Open House 6 p.m.
- Freshmen/New Student Orientation
- August 16 Mandatory Band Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- August 19 Convocation Day School Board Meeting
- August 20 First Day of School
- August 20 Music Booster Meeting
- August 23 Picture Day



Northwestern High School
Honor and Merit Roll
4th Nine Weeks
2018-19



1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER

Seniors: Danielle Ballinger, Mikayla Beegle, Trenton Boatner, Aubrey Bodager, Grace Chupp, Lindsay Ciolek, Skylar Dawson, Kaylie Dye, Peyton Edwards, Isabella Flickinger, Hannah Fricke, Alexis Hall, Raini Hershey, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Nikolas King, Katherine Koontz, Elise Krajcik, Annabelle Martin, Tori McConnell, James McLaurin, Jessica Moats, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Jalen Severs, Jadah Smith, Claire Vaughan, Olivia Wakefield

Juniors: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Lindsay Boak, Claire Bond, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, Elliot Coffman, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Logan Haven, Taylor Howman, Treyton Jester, Natalie Mareno, Jordan Melegari, Karlie Mowrer, Cal Rhamy, Mehli Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Lydia Smith, Lindsey Sykes, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

Sophomores: Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Brandon Casto, Zane Fast, Mitchell Gray, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Mary Nixon, Halie O'Loughlin, Dakota Rainsberger, Lariah Severs, Breanna Slanczka, Allison Spencer, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Hailie Tomsik, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Kylie Wellert, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

Freshmen: Shayna Allshouse, Jacqueline Barrington, Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Stefanie Ecker, Gavon Edgell, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Gabe Hendricks, Mariah Hill, Skyler Hines, Ariel Hughes, Nathaniel Jackson, Kathleen Kindall, Sarah Miller, James Rowe, Alexus Sandy, Ryan Walter, Steven Widdows, Clara Zemancik

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Weslea Arthur, Jacey Fulton, Cody Morrow, Sydney Pollizi, Shane Smith

Juniors: Alexander Borton, Nathaniel Hudson, Matthew Kobak, Sasha McConahay, Hunter Miller, Makenzie Nowell, Brock Rush, Aidan Spittler

Sophomores: Wyatt Arthur, Colston Cutter, Tanner Meininger, Noah Pack, Desiree Smith, Betty Stevens

Freshmen: Rylee Dawson, Zoey Dudte, Taylor Haley, Riley James, Margaret McCullough, Kara McKay, Grant Rhamy, Tyler Ward

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: James Blake, Nicholas Burns, Tanner Carlson, London Chaffee, Avery Crumley, Isaac Franks, Jeffrey Guidetti, Malibu Hess, Jake Hjerpe, Cortney Hoff, Nicholas Howman, Christopher Kovacs, Erica Leiby, Cole Marley, Carter Melicant, Joren Rickard, Pedro Rosales, Alexandra Rowe, Cael Rowland, Bethanie Schaefer, Nathan Smithberger, Mason Taylor, Kamy Tope, Hailey Yarbour

Juniors: Austin Beegle, Jett Conley, Phillip Howman, Savannah Hunt, Allison Kandel, Robert Martin, Riley Mas-sengill, Grace McCullough, Justin McElfresh, Tia Miles, Justin O'Brien, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Gabriel Sarno, Miyja Shank, Ceili Smith, Montana Stidham, Kenneth Strait, Matthew Yates

Sophomores: Maxwell Albright, Rilee Ammon, Lillian Bower, Cassidy Brown, Macey Carlson, Max Carlson, James Cooke, Braydon Duvall, Tyler Farner, Gerald Fricke, Chase Fry, Brooke Frybarger, Juan Gendron-Olalde, Colton Hix-son, Haldon Huber, Rosa Ixcoy-Sica, Ryan Kuhn, Ashton Mackey, Jason Markley, Cole McClure, Kiley Murphy, Tay-lor Nixon, Robert Soueid, Hayden Stoller, Nathan Stoltz, Cole Wharton, Noah White

Freshmen: Weston Arthur, Jagger Brown, Alexandra Burkett-Hostetler, Alexander Ciolek, Addison Desanto, Grant Dever, Autumn Duncan, Emma Ewing, Laurissa Fulton, D. Loudon Geiger, Ethan Gibbs, Jameson Holtz, Peyton Hostetler, Kendra Hummel, Faith Jackson, Dugan McLaughlin, Abigail Miller, Jackalynn Mosher, Gunnar Mullet, Jake Newcombe, Isaac Ott, Cierra Phillips, Aubree Reed, Emily Reed, Shayna Roder, Tori Rogers, Allison Rowland, Skylar Scott, Andrew Sims, Kaylyn Smith, Rachel Smithberger, Thomas Stawicki, Cooper Stephens, Edward Stevens, Troy Tope, Brennen Topp, Dominic Wallace, Nicole Yutzy



**Mrs. Rachel
Beun
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal**

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

We made it! The 2018-2019 school-year has come to an official closing...and I can't be more proud of everything we have accomplished along the way. Although the middle school years can present many challenges, it is also a wonderful time to watch our students develop their talents and discover their interests and strengths. Spending this year with this group of middle school students, I can say with the upmost confidence that we truly have amazing and talented young men and women at Northwestern Middle School!

At the beginning of the year, we discussed our school focus on "Above the Line" behaviors- being intentional, being skillful, acting with purpose, and doing the work that it takes to be successful. We continued the year discussing lessons surrounding themes from Urban Meyer's book, Above the Line. Within these messages, we focused on the necessity of hard work in order to be successful. Now, at the end of the year, it is especially exciting to be able to celebrate the success of that hard work with the students.

Over the last month, we were also able to celebrate the accomplishments and awards of our sixth and seventh grade students. A very large group of seventh grade students were rewarded with ice cream for acting above the line, which was incredible to see. Of course, the best part of the day for me was when I was able to observe those same students, who absolutely did the work to earn the reward, thank the adults for the ice cream. I hope our students not only strive to continue to do their best, but continue to exhibit that level of humility and gratitude towards others. I also had the wonderful privilege to attend this year's Washington D.C. trip with our sixth grade students. What a great opportunity to remind me of just how fortunate we are to have the

students we have at Northwestern! !

I was so impressed with the respect our students showed while on the trip, both to their adult and teacher chaperones, as well as, to the individuals that crossed our paths on our many stops and visits along the way. Our students showed interest and an excitement to interact with the history of our great country, which made me extremely proud of them. One of my favorite parts of the trip is watching our students interact with veterans and active servicemen and women, learning what true heroes have done for our country and freedoms. I loved when they came up and told me, "Mrs. Beun, I met a veteran," followed by a story of their interaction, with excitement and awe! Thank you to the staff, parents, and community who continue to help make this trip a possibility for our students!

On the last day of school, we were able to honor the class of 2023, as they were promoted to High School. As I mentioned at the ceremony, this class is so incredibly talented on all fronts- academically, athletically, and artistically. In addition, I have appreciated getting to know this group of students over the past three years, recognizing the wonderful young adults they have become, reflecting great PRIDE (performance, respect, integrity, determination, and enthusiasm) in all that they do. I am extremely excited to be able to watch as this class completes the next four years at Northwestern High School, as I know this class is going to do GREAT things! Pay attention, Husky family and community- this group of students is going to be fun to watch!

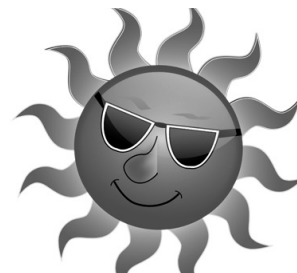
With each of these positive experiences and celebrations, I recognize how our students are a direct reflection of our community, both at school and at home. Thank you to our staff, our parents and guardians, and to our greater community for the love, care, and guidance you give to our students. I love collaborating with others in order to provide our students with the absolute best chance to develop into the amazing young adults we know they are capable of being. Thank you to our community for recognizing the importance of education, hard work, and great character.

Lastly, I want to thank Dr. Layton and the Board of Education for trusting in me to lead the Middle School this year as the building principal. It was, and is, truly an honor. Thank you to Mrs. Alberts, Mrs. Ryan, and Ms. Dunn for keeping things running and organized in the office. Thank you to Mr. Hopkins, for joining the Husky family and for your help, support, and leadership in the building. Thank you to the NMS staff and students for all you do to make our school the absolute best! Finally, a very special thank you to my own family, for your patience, understanding, love, and support of me as I have taken on an additional role with more requirements and responsibilities. I hope to continue to do the best I can for all our students; thank you for your continued trust in me.

Although I recognize several areas where we can continue to grow and improve at NMS, I am also thankful and proud of the school that we have! I look forward to putting in the necessary work to continue to provide the best educational experiences and opportunities we can for our students. As we close this school-year, I am excited to think about the possibilities ahead of us! Thank you, again, for a fantastic 2018-2019 school-year! Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer vacation!

Have a great

Summer
Vacation!





Mr. Douglas Hopkins
Northwestern Middle School
Assistant Principal

My first year as assistant principal for the middle school has come to a close. What a wonderful year it has been. Reflecting on the year we had so many wonderful memories. I want to wish our eighth graders moving to the high school the best of luck and if they ever need anyone to talk to my door is always open. I will always remember you as my first eighth grade class at Northwestern.

We had some fun events happen in the fourth quarter with both choir and band concerts. We hosted a Civil War reenactment day. We also hosted a solar sprint car competition with several schools. Our 6th and 8th grade went on field trips and we saw Mrs. Susan Buss retire.

I'm looking forward to next year and our fifth graders moving up to sixth grade. We are in the process of making schedules for all the middle school students. Just a reminder we will be offering two new electives next year with "Solar Cars" and a new Agriculture class for our eighth graders.

I just wanted to share how fun the Civil War reenactment day was. Our students saw how individuals talked, acted and dressed during the nineteenth century. Some of our students dressed up as civil war soldiers and our girls had the opportunity to try on nineteenth century dresses. We had several community volunteers show our sixth graders how life was like back then and we even got to try some food that soldiers would have kept with them as they traveled.

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I know the students worked very hard all year long and deserve this much needed break. I would like to thank Mrs. Beun, Mr. Layton, students, teachers, community members and the board of education for all their support and guidance throughout this year. Again, I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful district and community.



Middle school hosting the solar sprint cars race on the track.



Enjoying breakfast with March's "COOPERATIVE" students of the month at NMS.



Civil War day for 6th grade



Thank you to Mrs. Susan Buss for her years of service at Northwestern!

Thank you for your commitment to educational excellence, and for the care and compassion you showed to students and colleagues. Congratulations and best wishes with retirement!



Celebrating wonderful PERFORMANCE with April's students of the month at NMS.

MS Honor/Merit Roll

Academic Honor Roll 4th Nine Weeks 2018-19

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin Phillips, Carter VanScoder, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Samantha Yates

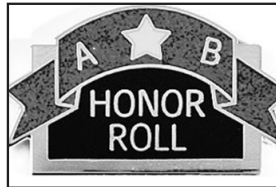
7TH GRADE: Emma Adkison, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder, Tristan Miller, Julia Norby, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Lillian Wakefield

6TH GRADE: Kiera Beard, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Sara Corn, Kayla Cutter, Morgan Ervin, Mallory Gilbert, Ayden Hendricks, Kelli Kearney McKensie McCoy, Paige Muetzel, Avery Mullet Morgan Murphy, Katherine Orosz, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Chloe Starcher, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Bella Stutz

All "A" and "B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Brett Alberts, Carissa Brinker, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Gabriel Chupp, Arianna Firebaugh, Audrey Franks, Summer Franks, Madison Gray, Karissa Groves, A'Kia Hardin, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Cole Hoffer, Kayla Hummel, Melanie Imhoff, Mark Ingraham, Logan Kolp, Lindsey Luther, Jacquelyn McLaurin, Charleigh McMillan, Paige Pellshaw, Kylee Purdy, Daylie Rickard, Joshua Spencer, Ava Stoller, Mariah Thompson, Shelby Thorpe, Isabella Vacco, Lauren Vaughan, Charles Westover, Hanna Wilson

7TH GRADE: Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Kara Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Jacob Farner, Cayden Fiala, Logan Garman, Virginia Hamers, Owen Hoffman, Jacob Huebner, Mikalah Jones, Brianna Lance, Faith Maiher, Alexander Maxwell, Zoey Oldaker, Gabriella Ream, Caydence Scale, Kierstin Skelly, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Jonathon Widdows, Benjamin Williamson, McKenna Witucki



6TH GRADE: Brooklyn Brinker, Karizma Brinker, Gabriela Cubur, Mateo Dague, Natalie, Dobbins, Johanna Elkins, Braiden Franks, Bladen Friend, Nathaniel Fulton, Ashton Good, Blake Good, Kaylie Gregory, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Danyel Hyatt Taya Kaufman, Jaidyn Kelly, Noah Lee, Cole Loy, Colton Mark, Lacey Mark, Danina McClure, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Austin Mooney, Mason Myers, Emilie Ott, Cheyenne Sadler, Emma Salem, Miranda Smith, Benjamin Spencer, Braydan Springer, Emily Thompson, Heidi Topp Alys Troyan, Taylor Wurst Madalyn Yasch



A group of 6th grade students at the Capital building.



A group of NMS students showed their gratitude and respect to current servicemen and women at the Pentagon, posing for a picture after individual thank yous and handshakes.



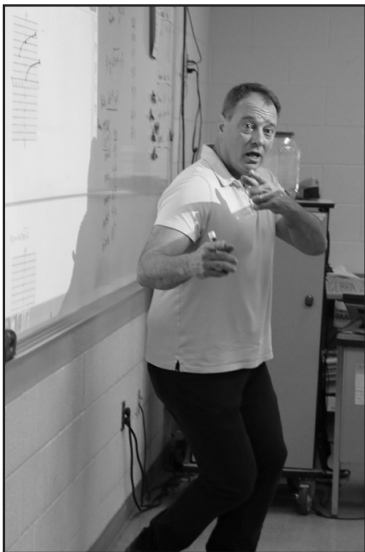
Sixth grade at Gettysburg.



Civil War Day for 6th grade



SCHOOL HIGH- LIGHTS



*School
is cool!*



NW ELEMENTARY



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**



5th grade Career Day - Learning about nursing from Mrs. Kline

Dear Northwestern Elementary School Students & Parents

We are excited to offer MobyMax as a summer program for as part of your child's education. Next school year, MobyMax will be utilized on a daily basis in all grade levels and all core subjects with an emphasis on Math and Language Arts. The program identifies learning gaps for each individual student and assigns the student the necessary practices to address their needs. The great thing about the program is that students can access their account 365 days through the year at school or at home. To encourage our students to continue their education in Math and Language Arts and to prevent the "Summer Slide," we are offering an incentive program to our students to reward their efforts and dedication over the summer (see below).

Math & ELA MobyMax Incentive Program

***Minutes on the program will be combined**

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>Minutes (Math & ELA Combined)</u>	<u>Incentive</u>
GOLD	900-1200 Minutes	Pizza Party Afternoon Recess
SILVER	600-899 Minutes	Afternoon Recess
BRONZE	300-599 Minutes	Ice Cream at Lunch

The program window for the MobyMax Summer Program will open on June 3, 2019 and close on August 19, 2019. Once the window closes, minutes for the program will be calculated towards the incentive program listed above. If you have any questions about the program or logging in to MobyMax, please contact the school, your child's teacher or refer to the welcome letter attached with this. Enjoy your summer!

*Joey Brightbill
Principal*

Northwestern Elementary School



Coding Fun!

Coding is an important skill for students to learn as it teaches problem solving and perseverance to continue working through difficult challenges. It is also a skill that your child may use in a future career. Below are a few coding websites your child could use over the summer to practice coding.

Code for Life

<https://www.codeforlife.education/>
Click the blue get started button on right hand side of the screen under play.

Scratch – Imagine, Program, Share

<https://scratch.mit.edu>

****NOTE: you only need to create a user name & password IF your child wants to save their work. Otherwise just click on the Start Creating button.**

Code Combat

<https://codecombat.com/>

Click the play button on the left hand side of the of the page to begin

****Due to the advanced coding skills necessary for this game, it is only recommended for students in 4th or 5th grade****



Visit from Farmer Rick Wellert and 6 day old twin red holstines.

Northwestern Elementary

5th Grade Grandparents Day



Dr. Dave Whizbang Rocket Show for 5th grade Outdoor Education



Students giving other students encouragement on testing day.

The elementary school supporting the NW high school softball team as they played in the OHSAA Regional championship game!!



Each Northwestern Elementary Student and Staff member created a feather for this collaborate project. The wings are inspired by street artist Kelsey Montague and her #WhatLiftsYou wing paintings.



5th grade band concert

Elementary Highlights



Thank you kindergarten mommy's for coming to our mommy spa!!



ES Safety Patrol



First day of training for the elementary Safety Patrol.



Mrs. Lees kindergarten doing a Reader's Theatre



Fifth Grade Promotion



"High Five" for Reading!

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

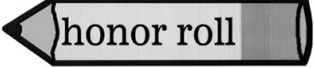
The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association is preparing for this year's banquet on June 22, 2019. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. at the Chester Elementary Building. Though the venue has changed this year, we hope to see alumni classes including the banquet in their reunion plans. It is also always great to see recent graduates attend the banquet! The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association is always looking for new members for the planning committee. Next year will be an induction year for the Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor. This years fall meetings will be planned to ensure the selection committee has time to process nominations for the 2020 induction class. Nominations are also always welcome. Nomination forms can be found on the school website under the Alumni tab.

Written and submitted by Anne Funk-Chance

The Wayne County Library is once again teaming up with the **West Salem Library** for **Summer Reading Club**. Just download the app and get prizes for reading or listening to books all summer long! Visit the WCPL website at WCPL.info for more information.

Northwestern Elementary

4th Nine Weeks
2018-19



3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Lilly Boreman, Kenzie Cutter, Briella Fiala, Colt Hall, Wyatt James, Case Keener, Grant Koch, Keagan Kostohryz, Colton Morris, Madilyn Smith, Brayden Swank

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Altman, Garrett Diehl, Reed Hamey, Aiden Mausolf, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Camryn Boak, Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Kate Conley, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenn, Connelly, Christian Defendall, Jacob Ebert, Jackson Evans, Mason Rogers, Hayden Sigler, Josey Thomas, Claire Walker

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Emily Beeghley, Alexis Black, Deacon Boreman, Taylor Carpenter, Jordan Cline, Courtney Cline, Justin Ebert, Hayden Erf, Triston Flinn, Gracie Gibbs, Cara Graham, Leo Guidetti, Braden Gump, Taryn Hall-Cravens, Jesse Hanshaw, Keaton Harris, Cole Herrmann, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Brooklyn Howell, Elcey Imhoff, Michael Ivan, Bella Justus, Afton Karazsia, Kellen Kimble, Tristin Malcomb, Finn Massengill,, Colton McCloud, Emma Olson, Alexa Perry, Natalie Posta, Bronson Rogers, Katie Scarbrough, Korbyn Sims, Hailee Smith, Kael Vallowe, Brynley Weirick

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Cameron Beck, Laci Butler, Chiron Cuthrell, Riley Damon, Elaina Donnel, Ryleigh Farner, Madi Frazier, Emma Fricke, Riley Grier, Jake Howman, Olivia Humphrey, Austin Kovacs, Zareyah Martin, Trista McQuerry, Lucas Mooney, Sophia Morris, Owen Murphy, Brooke Nolletti, Bryce Nussbaum, Charlotte Radcliff, Jace Rickard, Ozzy Roybal, Mason Salem, Bricen Snow, Timothy Spencer, Makenna Stansfield, Nikki Troyan, Kezia Weaver, Alivia Welch, Allison Wellert, Michael Weygandt, Audrey Wilcox, Luke Wilkinson, Grace Wilson, Elijah Wilson, Noah Wilson, Carter Wulff, Alex Yoder

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Kierah Bailey, Claire Buchholz, James Cassady, Addie Cassidy, Nick Coots, Evan Crank, Riellie Desanto, Jason Diehl, Asher Erf, Logan Fiala, Cheyenne Friend, C.J. Frybarger, Pippy Garman, Mason Gray, Coralyn Hall, Timmy Hatfield, Sami Herman, Kace Hixson, Chad Houck, Austin Johnson, Kate Johnson, Vaeh Kirk, Gabi Klinect, Brayden Knapp, Eleanna Lightle, Anna Lizarraga, Savannah McConahay, David Mcle, Kolten McKinley, Jesse McLaurin, Chet McNeil, Ashton Moser, Kaiden Pack, Lexie Palker, Mia Rosales, Collin Rouse, Olivia Scarbrough, Kelsee Smith, Audrina Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Dylan Tomsik, Alaric Trimble, Elliot Vanni, Sarah Wellert, Holly Widdows, Cyrus Witmer, Audri Yeagley, Mackenzie Zahradnicek

If you are new to the district and would like to register a new student, please bring with you the following documents: **Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Record, Proof of Residency, Custody papers, if applicable to your family, and if your child has an IEP, please bring the most recent copy of that document.** You may bring originals, and we will make copies of your documents.

Northwestern FFA



Northwestern FFA Ag in the Classroom Petting Zoo

On May 17, 2019 members of the Ag in the Classroom Committee and other FFA officers held a petting zoo for the 1st graders as a year-end wrap up. At the petting zoo students learned about tractor use and safety demonstrated by a tractor brought in by Cole Wharton. While there, students were also able to learn about a goat brought by Craig Wellert, a rabbit brought by Kaitlyn Praisler, two sheep provided in by Craig Wellert. The students were able to pet the animals and were given the opportunity to ask questions. Throughout the year students had lessons on soil, trees, "Freddy the Fish" by Kelly Riley, animals and their products and flowers. This year members of the committee were: Jayden Berry, Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Tate Hixson, Lizzy Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Cole Marley, Tori McConnell, Jordan Melegari, Carter Melicant, Cody Morrow, Kaitlyn Praisler, Leeanna Ruegg, Riley Stull, Claire Vaughan, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton and Haley Wilson. The Northwestern FFA and Ag in the Classroom Committee would like to thank the volunteers that donated their time and efforts to the petting zoo, as well as whole year, which made it a great success.

Northwestern FFA's Drive Your Truck or Tractor to School Day

On May 17, 2019, as part of the year end wrap up activities for the FFA chapter, the Northwestern FFA Chapter held their annual drive your truck or tractor to school day. The members that participated were: Tyler Bair, Joey Ballinger, Ari Borton, Alex Borton, Rylee Dawson, Skylar Dawson, Jacoby Gilbert, Jeff Guidetti, Tate Hixson, Tori McConnell, Dugan McLaughlin, Carter Melicant, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow, Joey Shaw, Kenny Strait, Mason Taylor, Kade Tegtmeier, Craig Wellert and Cole Wharton. This is one of the chapter's favorite traditions, and the students look forward to participating in this event again next year.



Select Northwestern FFA Members Receive Grants for SAE Projects

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, six members of the Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter received grants for their Supervised Agricultural Experience. The purpose of the grants given to the students by Jeff Franks of JBF Acquisition LLC., is to help the students defray the cost of their SAE's. Each member has an animal SAE where they must put in hours of work and invest money in order to be successful. The following members received grants for their Supervised Agricultural Experiences: Freshman Jayden Berry with her hog and dairy heifer project, Rylee Dawson with his feeder calf, market steer and baby beef project, Zoey Dudte with her market hog project, Sophomore Haley Wilson with her dairy cattle project, and juniors Brock Tegtmeier with his market hog project, and Kaitlyn Praisler with her market hog, horse, dog and rabbit projects. The members look forward to putting these grants to good use in their projects.



FFA News!!!

Northwestern FFA Members Bring Agriculture to the City

On April Friday 12th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to Keen Elementary School to educate 3rd grade students on various animals and their many uses. Members that traveled to Keen Elementary were: Alex Borton, Tate Hixson, Beth Schaefer, Joey Shaw, Tori McConnell, Carter Melicant, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow and Claire Vaughan. In the school's library, the members split into groups of two and placed tarps on the ground for the animals. The elementary students were then separated into small groups and sent off into different parts of the library to learn about the several animals that the students brought in. Joining the FFA members were a pig, lamb, rabbit, goat and some chicks. The members had a wonderful time teaching the children about the different animals and hope to be back in the future.



Northwestern FFA Members Hold Middle School Recruitment Day

On Friday, April 12th, Northwestern FFA Members held a Recruitment Day for the 7th and 8th grade students. Members that participated in the recruitment day were: Jayden Berry, Austin Beegle, Ari Borton, Alex Borton, Avery Crumley, Avery Garver, Jeffery Guidetti, Jameson Holtz, Lizzy Howman, Savannah Hunt, Val Imhoff, Kolton Kliner, Max Madrill, Cole Marley, Riley Mas-sengill, Tori McConnell, Carter Melicant, Jordan Melegari, Dugan McLaughlin, Mackenzie Nowell, Abby Ramseyer, Leeanna Ruegg, Gabe Sarno, Riley Stull, Claire Vaughan, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, and Haley Wilson. During the Recruitment Day, these FFA members held activities for the middle school students to participate in. Some of these activities included: games to play such as Junk in the Trunk, Pedal Tractor Races, the Cotton Ball game, and other team building activities. As well as a lunch with a main dish being hot dogs, donated by Certified Angus Beef, chips and cookies. Also at the Recruitment Day, the members gave the students insight on the chapter and its events. The day also allowed students to get the idea of various Career Development Events. In the Chapter's greenhouse, the students learned how to wrap flowers, which relates to the Floriculture CDE and the students were also able to see the working greenhouse.



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Recruitment day, continued

Next, the middle school members judged a class of goats, as if they were participating in the General Livestock Judging CDE and then had the opportunity to try out the Food Science CDE. In the classroom, students learned and about each of the classes, the projects and the importance of agriculture.

Northwestern FFA Members Attend State FFA Convention

On May 2nd & 3rd 2019, members of the Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter traveled to the Ohio State Fairgrounds to attend the Ohio FFA State Convention. Arianan Borton, Jadeyn Berry, Jordan Melegari, Kaitlyn Praisler, Valerie Imhoff, Riley Stull, Lizzy Howman, Alex Borton, Cody Morrow, Austin Beegle, Rylee Dawson, Desiree Smith, Owen Hoffman, Kade Tegtmeier, Craig Wellert, Jacoby Gilbert, Brandon Barnette, Dugan McLaughlin, Claire Vaughan, Lauren Vaughan, Kirsten Boreman, and Leeanna Ruegg all attended this event.

To start the morning off in Columbus, the members of the chapter visited the Columbus Zoo. Members also attended various sessions, awards ceremonies, presentations and motivational speakers during the convention. Some of the keynote speakers were Chris Koch, Mandy Harvey and National FFA Officer, Layni LeBlanc.

NORTHWESTERN FFA

During the 4th session, three of the 2018-2019 officers received awards for earning gold ratings on their officer book. Leeanna Ruegg was awarded a Gold Rating on her Secretary's book for the year. Austin Beegle was awarded a Gold Rating on his Treasurer's book, and Jordan Meligari was awarded a Gold Rating on her Reporter's book.

This year, seven chapter members also received their State Degrees during the 5th and final session of the State FFA Convention. The members earned their State degree due to their hard work and dedication to their Supervised Agricultural Experiences. This year, the recipients from the Northwestern FFA Chapter were Claire Vaughan, Brock Tegtmeier, Leeanna Ruegg, Cody Morrow, Jordan Meligari, Austin Beegle, and Alex Borton.

The State FFA Convention is always a fun and memorable time for the FFA members, as well as a learning and motivational experience. Our members enjoyed attending this year's convention and look forward to going again next year.

Northwestern FFA Chapter Holds Annual Banquet

On April 27, 2019, the Northwestern FFA Chapter held its annual banquet to award members and recognize the chapter's events from the past year. Each year, the banquet is given a theme, and this year's theme was "These Ol' Boots Have Roots". The theme symbolized the original culture of the FFA, as well as remembering the organization that helped shape the lives of so many people.

The evening started with a slideshow of the "Year in Review." Then the officers performed opening ceremonies.

During the banquet, many people were recognized for participating in Career Development Events (CDEs) throughout the year. These CDEs are contests designed to educate students in different fields of agriculture and have them show their knowledge by competing against other members throughout the state. The first CDEs recognized were from the fall of 2018.

The Urban Soil Judging team placed 1st at districts, which allowed them a spot at the state competition. The team members were Alex Borton, Austin Beegle, Cody Morrow and Leeanna Ruegg. The Rural Soil Judging team of Valerie Imhoff, Dugan McLaughlin, Lizzy Howman and Cole Wharton. This team did an outstanding job representing Northwestern FFA at the county district and state levels. The 2019 Equine Management team of, Rilee Ammon, Jordan Melegari and Kaitlyn Praisler competed at the state contest and did an excellent job.

The Wildlife Management team competing at state in 2019 consisted of Austin Beegle, Cole Marley, Dugan McLaughlin and Desiree Smith. The team placed well all thought the season, and at the state competition.

The high school's Dairy Cattle Judging team of 2019 placed 10th in the state preliminaries with team members: Austin Beegle, Lizzy Howman, Dugan McLaughlin and Riley Stull. The team advanced to the state finals, where they received 10th at the state contest. Along with this group of high school students, there were three middle school members that participated in the contest. Kade Tegtmeier, 3rd place individual, Jacoby Gilbert, 4th place individual, and Owen Hoffman placed 4th in the state for the middle school team.

The 2019 General Livestock judging team consisting of Tori McConnell, Cody Morrow, Abby Ramseyer and Craig Weller competed at state. The team participated in, and excelled at the state contest.

The 2018 Milk Quality and Products Judging team of Jayden Berry, Alex Borton, Ari Borton and Valerie Imhoff. The team placed 13th overall in State. Alex Borton placed 7th individually, and Ari Borton placed 8th individually. The Novice and Advanced Parliamentary Procedure teams were also recognized



State Degree Recipients L to R: Teacher Mr. Myers, Alex Borton, Cody Morrow, Leeanna Ruegg, Claire Vaughan, Jordan Melegari, Brock Tegtmeier, Austin Beegle, Teacher Mrs. Tegtmeier.

The novice team consisted of, President; Avery Garver, Vice President; Dugan McLaughlin, Treasurer; Jameson Holtz, Sentinel; Hanna Wilson, Student Advisor; Jayden Berry, Secretary; Carissa Brinker, Reporter; Ari Borton and Members Rylee Dawson, Kara McKay and Kade Tegtmeier. The team placed 1st at the sub-district and district contests. At the state contest, the team placed 2nd in their room. The Varsity team placed 1st at the county contest. Team team consisted of: President; Brock Tegtmeier, Secretary; Valerie Imhoff, and members, Austen Beegle, Alex Borton, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow, Riley Stull, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton and Haley Wilson.

Public Speaking was the next CDE to be recognized. Freshman Mariah Hill recited the FFA creed at the district contest. Sasha McConahay, a junior, competed in the FFA Advanced Creed Speaking Contest placing 1st at the district contest. In the Beginning Prepared division, 2nd year member Haley Wilson wrote and presented her speech, placing 3rd at districts.

Job Interview Career Development Event was recognized next. In this CDE, Cody Morrow, Leeanna Ruegg, Valerie Imhoff and Jayden Berry competed. Cody Morrow placed 2nd in his division at districts. Leeanna Ruegg, placed 2nd in her division. Valerie Imhoff placed 3rd in her division. Jayden Berry placed 2nd in her division as well.

The Food Science and Technology Team consisted of Valerie Imhoff, Leeanna Ruegg, Claire Vaughan and Haley Wilson. They placed 2nd in the district contest and 15th at state.

FFA Highlights

FFA Banquet, continued

The Ag Sales team placed 1st at districts and 8th at state. The team members from this CDE were Jayden Berry, Alex Borton, Dugan McLaughlin, Cody Morrow, Brock Tegtmeier and Claire Vaughan.

The Dairy Handlers CDE is a state level competition that tests participants showmanship skills with various dairy animals. Jayden Berry, Alex Borton, Arianna Borton and Haley Wilson competed. Alex and Jayden placed 8th and 9th respectively. Haley placed 21st and Ari placed 31st.

The newest CDE for the chapter is the Floriculture CDE. The purpose of this CDE is to identify flowers, plants, and tools used in the floral industry. The members were to make a bud vase and a corsage. The team members were: Austin Beegle, Cassidy Brown, Valerie Imhoff, Leeanna Ruegg, Desiree Smith and Riley Stull. The team placed 10th at the state contest.

The chapter also competed this spring in the state contest in the Ag Power and Diagnostics CDE. In this CDE, students in teams of two are faced with common mechanical issues that the students must diagnose, explain how to repair the issue, then repair the equipment. The members that participated were: Gabe Graham, Max Madrill, Cody Morrow, Blake Riel, Craig Wellert and Cole Wharton. The team of Graham and Wharton placed 2nd and the team of Morrow and Wellert placed 3rd.

The Ag in The Classroom committee members, with chairperson Claire Vaughan, were recognized next. Austin Beegle, Ari Borton, Alex Borton, Zoey Dudte, Avery Garver, Kara McKay, Jordan Melegari, Tori Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Riley Stull, Craig Wellert and Haley Wilson are all a part of the Ag in the Classroom committee. The Ag in the Classroom committee visits Northwestern Elementary School throughout the school year to teach 1st grade students about agriculture. The committee has covered many topics, including environmental awareness, forestry, soils, animals and their products, plants and their anatomy, and will be having a petting zoo in May.

Once all of these members were recognized, the proficiency awards were handed out. Proficiency awards are given to the most outstanding chapter member in a certain category according to their Supervised Agricultural Experience project. Members must apply for these awards, and each member has worked hard to receive this award. The Chapter is happy to have so many qualified applicants.

The first awards of the evening were for fundraising awards. The members recognized for these awards have sold the most fruit, sausage, or strawberries in the chapter. The star fruit sales award went to Kaitlyn Praisler, with runner up being Dugan McLaughlin. Praisler sold 40.5 cases of fruit, and McLaughlin sold 40 cases. The star NWFFA sausage sales award went to Dugan McLaughlin, who sold 79 bags or 395 pounds of sausage. Leeanna Ruegg was the runner up for this award, and she sold 57 bags of sausage. The star strawberry sales award was given to Kaitlyn Praisler, who sold 55 flats of strawberries and runner-up Dugan McLaughlin with 47 flats.

The Star Notebook Awards were presented to the members with the most outstanding notebook for each class. The Star Greenhouse Notebook Award went to Lindsay Ciolek. The Star Animal Science Notebook went to Haley Wilson. The Star Ag. Business Notebook went to Beth Schaefer. The Star Environmental Science Notebook award went to Tori McConnell. This year we had two recipients for the Star Ag. Food and Natural Resources Award: Ari Borton, and Sasha McConahay

The next awards presented were for Star Entrepreneurship for Supervised Agricultural Experience projects. The members that receive these awards have the most exceptional entrepreneurship project for each respective animal.

The Star Beef Entrepreneurship award went to Dugan McLaughlin, with runner up Tori McConnell.

The Swine Production Entrepreneurship Award was given next. The winner of this award is Riley Stull, with runner up Kaitlyn Praisler. Another award that was handed out this year was the Diversified Livestock Production award. In order to receive this award the member

must have multiple species Supervised Agriculture Experience projects. The winner of this award was Riley Stull.

The next award area was the Star Home Improvement Award. This was presented to Alex Borton. The home improvement award goes to the member that has the most outstanding home improvement project.

Star Poultry Production was awarded to Desiree Smith. Her SAE includes raising 40 ducklings, 3-5 geese, and 15-20 chickens every year.

Next is Star Goat Production Award. The winner of this award is Riley Stull who raises a herd of boer goats to sell to local 4-H members each year.

The Star Fruit Production Placement Award was awarded to Alex Borton. Alex has put in 800 hours at his vineyard pruning, spraying and maintaining the grapes.

The proficiency of Star Small Animal Production and Care was awarded to Desiree Smith. Desiree manages a personal rabbitry named Bunny Woods Rabbitry.

Next is the Star Sheep Entrepreneurship Award which was awarded to Austen Wood. Austen has raised three breeding rams, 19 breeding ewes, and nine market wethers since his freshman year. Riley Stull was runner up this year. Riley began with three ewes in her capital and plans on increasing her capital to produce more offspring.

This year's winner of Star Ag Processing Placement was awarded to Alex Borton. Alex has put in over 350 hours of work at Lincoln Way Winery in the past year crushing grapes, completing cleaning tasks, and clearing tables. The star placement awards were then presented. The placement awards are given to members that work in an agricultural type of field as their SAE and have invested many hours in his or her work-place.

Taylor Dawson was awarded the Star Dairy Placement Award. Taylor works at Buckeye Country Creamery and Lahmers Farm milking roughly 130 cows twice a day. This year's runner up was Austin Beegle. Austin has worked roughly 300 hours on Miley Holstein Farm where he led the value of hard work. The Star Vegetable production award was presented next. This award is presented to the member that shows dedication to horticulture. This member was Dugan McLaughlin.

Northwestern FFA

Banquet continued ...

The last awards to be presented were for Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, Star County, and Star Dekalb. These awards are presented to the most outstanding Chapter member at each respective level of the FFA. The Star Greenhand award is presented to the most outstanding first year member, and this year's winners are, Jayden Berry and Dugan McLaughlin. Val Imhoff and Riley Stull both earned the title of Star Chapter for being the most outstanding 2nd year member. Star County was presented to the most outstanding 3rd year member: Austin Beegle. Claire Vaughan was presented with the Star Dekalb Award for being the most outstanding senior member.

Scholarship awards were as follows: The Fulk Family scholarship award, was presented to current college student, Kaci Way and Katie Stull. The Rebecca Stull Memorial scholarship went to Claire Vaughan. The Wayne County Truck and Tractor Pullers Association was presented to Austen Wood. The FFA Alumni scholarship was presented to Taylor Dawson and Austen Wood. Northwestern FFA Scholarship was given to Carter Melicant and Claire Vaughan. Next was the Commodity Blenders Scholarship given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Keener, was awarded to Claire Vaughan.

Scholarship awards were also presented to members on this evening for earning all A's.

Scholarship pins were presented to freshman members: Ari Borton, Zoey Dudte, Jadeyn Berry, Dugan McLaughlin, Avery Garver, and Jackie Mosher.

Sophomore members presented with this award were: Lizzy Howman, Val Imhoff, Max Madrill, Desiree Smith, Riley Stull, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, and Haley Wilson. The junior scholarship award winners were: Lindsay Boak, Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Maddy Cherry, Savannah Hunt, Riley Massengill,

Sasha McConahay, Jordan Melegari, Mackenzi Nowell, Kaitlyn Praisler, Leeanna Ruegg, Kenny Strait, and Brock Tegtmeier.

Senior scholarship award winners were: Jeff Guidetti, Beth Kanzeg, Cole Marley, Tori McConnell, Carter Melicant, Cody Morrow, Beth Schaefer, and Claire Vaughan.

Outstanding coaches' awards were presented to Vickie Devore, John Eberly, Sabrina Hershey, Phil Keener, Marie Marty, Sarah Maxomovich, Craig Wellert Sr., and Austen Wood for helping coach contests throughout the year. The FFA also recognized and thanked: Tegtmeier farms, Heffelfinger's Meats Inc., Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District, The Demasimo Family, Miley Family Farms, Hershey Family Farms, Marla Walton, Zach Berry, Austin Wood, Abby Greer, Kierstyn Wood, David Miley, Randy Tegtmeier, Chris Griffin, Dan Fulk, Molly Stull, Brad Stull, Lynn Bridenstine, Brian Bowers, John Graber, Cory Myers, Becca Harbaugh, Rick Wellert, Dave Myers, Kristen Eisenhauer, Shania Reed, Emily Flinn, Cody Tegtmeier, Logan Myers, Kaci Way, Rachelle Howman, and Sabrina Hershey for helping our chapter grow in various ways.

The State Degree recipients were Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow, Leeanna Ruegg, Brock Tegtmeier, and Claire Vaughan. The students that earned their American Degree were Jessie Bair, Taylor Dawson, David Miley, Kyle Piscione, Cody Tegtmeier, and Austen Wood.

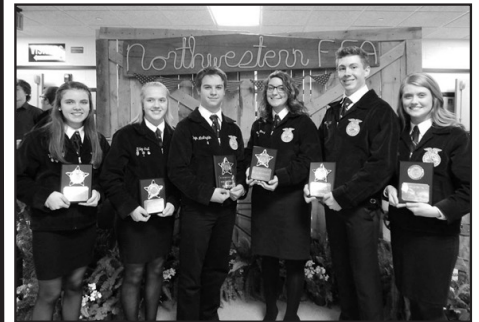
Distinguished Service awards were awarded to Michelle Hall, Todd Smith, Rusty Yarman, Cheryl Boreman, Craig Wiley, and Brent Martin.

The officers concluded the evening by installing the new leadership team for the 2019-2020 school year. The new officers are: Leeanna Ruegg, President; Lizzy Howman and Valerie Imhoff, Vice Presidents of Chapter Development, Alex Borton and Abbey Ramsyer, Vice Presidents of Fundraising, Riley Stull and Ari Borton, Vice Presidents of Community Service, Jordan Melegari and Avery Garver, Vice Presidents of Middle School Engagement, Dugan McLaughlin and Jameson Holtz, Vice Presidents of High School Recruitment. The new leadership team then performed closing ceremonies and handed out

door prizes.

The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to thank Certified Angus Beef, Commodity Blenders, Buckeye Country Creamery, Wooster Brush Company, C&L Shoes, Mast Leppley, AutoZone, Advanced Auto Parts, Tractor Supply Company, Rural King Ohio, Vaughan's Lawn & Tractor, Vaughan Insurance Agency, Westfield Insurance, Honey Baked Ham, Pulp, Zoup, Bob Evans, Der Dutchman Gift Shop, Hendrix Trucking, Calli's Custom Creations, and Shakley Mechanical INC. for donating the door prizes.

Once door prizes were handed out, parents and members enjoyed a dessert buffet in the high school commons prepared by Troyer's Home Pantry and the High School Kitchen Staff.



STAR DEGREES



NATIONAL DEGREES

FFA articles written and submitted by Jordan Melegari

**Northwestern Local Schools
Calendar 2019-2020**

2019

Monday, August 19	Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 20	First Day for Students
Monday, September 2	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 9	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 10	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wedn., September 11	NO SCHOOL - Waiver Day
Thursday, October 3	2 hour delay
Friday, October 18	End of First Nine Weeks (41 Pupil Days)

Thursday, October 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Mon./Thurs., Oct. 28 & 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, Nov. 7	2 hour delay
Thursday, November 28 thru	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, Dec. 2	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Friday, Dec. 20	End of Second Nine Weeks (42 days)

Monday, Dec. 23 thru Jan. 3
2020 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation

Wednesday, January 6, 2020	School Reconvenes
Thursday, January 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Monday, January 20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Tues./Thurs. Jan.28 & 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, Feb. 6	2 hour delay
Friday, February 14	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 17	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Thursday, March 5	2 hour delay
Friday, March 13	End of Third Nine Weeks (47 Pupil Days)

Thursday, March 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences; H.S. and M.S.
Thursday, April 2	2 hour delay
Monday, April 6-10	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Monday, May 25	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Thursday, May 28	Student's Last Day (48 Pupil Days)

Friday, May 29	Teacher's Last Day
Sunday, May 31	Graduation

** Student contact days 178 (PD Waiver 2 student contact)
P-T Conference & Open House days 2
Professional Development day 1; Convocation and Work days 3 (1 day between Aug. 1 & 18)

MAKE UP DAYS

May 29, June 1,2,3,4 in order

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Laura Woodring
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Library

All Sports Association

President Janet Alberts
1st Monday each month 7:30 p.m.
HS Commons

Music Boosters

President Audrey Pollizi
3rd Tuesday each month 7:00 p.m.
(Do not meet June, July, December)
HS Band room

Ruritans

President Chuck Beck
2nd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

Football Club

President Craig Wellert
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

Soccer Club

President Steve Wellert
1st Tuesday each month 6:00 p.m.
Elementary Cafeteria

Elementary PTO

President Kim Witucki
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA

Civil War Days at NMS



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