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Northwestern Robotics Team Compete at Wooster High School



Kylee Purdy and Steven Lagoy are getting ready to compete in one of the qualifying matches



Josh Webel, Hunter Sciortino, and John Widdows are competing in one of their qualification matches



Jacob Haley, Blake Good and Gino Guidetti are competing in one of their qualification matches

Northwestern Robotics Teams had a successful day at the Wooster VEX Qualifier on October 29. All Northwestern teams competed well. One of the teams, made up of Tristan Miller, Kylee Purdy, Luke Walton and Steven LaGoy, not only made the final tournament, but they also competed extremely well in their finals match, falling just short of advancing in the tournament in a very exciting match against two Brecksville teams. All of our robotics teams that competed at Wooster have been working extremely hard to get ready for the season. The Northwestern Robotics season continues at the Triway VEX Qualifier on December 3. We look forward to seeing our robots continue to improve throughout the remainder of the robotics season.

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Northwestern FFA Hosts Christmas on the Equator

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Mrs. Harbaugh's 2nd grade class did a stem activity using q-tips to make symmetrical skeletons based on the book Bonaparte Falls Apart.







Northwestern Competes in Food Science CDE





Northwestern FFA Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

We anticipate submission deadlines occurring at the following dates: March 16 (electronic copy) June 22 (printed, mailed copy) District Twitter Account up and live! Log onto @ NW_Schools Live broadcast of events: http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ sportslive14



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A note from our superintendent...

Blessings to everyone throughout our community as we move toward spring and our annual Ruritan Sausage/Pancake Breakfast!

Rigor, relevance, relationships are so very important in our business of educating our students and maintaining our excellence. Thanks to everyone in our community putting our kids first and for your continuous support!

This newsletter includes much information and insight into our schools and school operations. The district has worked hard to stretch our dollars and spend our tax dollars wisely. Shared services, collaboration, smart decisions, needs assessments, successful grant writing, and some COVID funds have all positively impacted our finances, which have created a very healthy financial condition for the district. Our requested year-long Ohio Performance Audit that was completed last winter, 2022 substantiated Northwestern's efficiency and solid, well-managed, operational decisions. Please reach out to Treasurer Jerry Buccilla or me if you would like additional information or explanation of anything herein or regarding any facet of our school operations.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! I have consistently shared my philosophy that our schools and community are one in the same. We universally want to help and support each other through these challenging times and lift one another up when tragedy strikes or when someone is in need. At Northwestern we provide the best opportunities for our students while ensuing we do so as efficiently as possible. We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. All of this while maintaining practical and frugal financial limitations. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to adapt to legislation and focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to excel in preparing our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

Please contact me with suggestion, questions, concerns. I always make myself available and am a great listener! I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, employees, and anyone in our community! It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work and make the best decisions possible. 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!"

Grants Article

Grants Meet Needs & Have Helped our Bottom Line Northwestern has been so blessed to have written and been awarded many grants (see the summery of recent grant awards). We have received well over \$1 million in grants awarded in 2023 when including the CCIP Entitlement, E-Rate, and individual grants awarded

One some of the larger state-wide grant awards we are in exclusive company – being one of as few as 4 school districts successfully writing and receiving the awards

We pursue grants for one of two main reasons:

- 1.To meet a student, staff, and/or district need
- 2.To reduce district costs

Sometimes grants serve to do both – meet a need and reduce district costs.

Not all grants or the total amount of all grants directly reduce costs.

In the end grants benefit our students, staff, and school district while additionally helping reduce district costs; therefore, ultimately also benefitting our taxpayers and community.

Some needs addressed with the recent grant awards:

- Advancing student literacy
- School safety & security
- School air quality
- Emergency communications
- Purchase of technology
- Vape Detectors
- Employee BWC safety
- •Water bottle refill station convenience
- •Solar Sprint competition
- Supporting Agricultural Science
- •Advancing STEM Education
- •Transportation Dept. Efficiency
- New School Buses
- •Staff Professional Development
- Supporting Homeless students
- •Student social and emotional supports
- Husky Buddies Mentoring
- After School Programs
- •STEM Preschool
- •Reading Under the Lights
- •Robotics equipment and competitions
- Student organizations and competitions
- •School Resource Officer
- School cleaning equipment & supplies



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Curriculum News

Northwestern Local School District has been working through the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) for the past 18 months. Our staff in each building have had the opportunity to work through the district action plan which includes academic, social emotional, and community goals.

Northwestern staff have taken on changes while supporting implementation through the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) which lays the foundation for sustainable change. Supporting implementation consists of setting up the collaborative teams and processes that districts and schools need to identify, research, plan, implement and monitor, and examine in their improvement efforts. It also includes the communication and engagement, decision-making and resource management that thread through the process.

Collaborative teams are essential for shared leadership and effective communication. District, building and teacher-based teams share responsibility for improving student achievement as part of a system-wide improvement focus. Collaborative teams include:

- •DLT (District Leadership Implementation Team);
- •BLT (Building Leadership Implementation Team); and
- •TBTs (Teacher-Based Teams).

These teams must engage in two-way communication to collect and share the information and data they need to implement evidence-based strategies. This feedback helps teams communicate their support needs and barriers to implementation and successes.

Northwestern teams work through the four bullet points below with intention and fidelity, knowing that effective teams and leaders should always drive informed decision making.

- •Shared Leadership Effective leaders believe teams should share decision-making, empowering all staff to contribute to purposeful choices and resource management. Continuous improvement is everyone's responsibility. Different situations call for different leadership skills.
- •Communication and Engagement Effective teams require actively engaged members who communicate consistently with all staff and stakeholders.
- •Purposeful Decision-Making Informed decision-making and resource management calls for analyzing adult and student data. Teams at all levels collect, monitor and analyze the data through this continuous process to monitor their improvement goals.
- •Resource Management Teams direct resources to support district and school goals. These resources include people, program materials, time and funds. All teams should evaluate and align resources to district and building level plans to provide professional learning, including coaching, selecting and onboarding staff.

Northwestern's District Action Plan is a continuous working document that was developed by the District Leadership Team (DLT) based on data from various sources. The collaborative teams mentioned earlier are working through the process to determine improvement that needs to be made with evidence-based strategies and action steps to meet each district goal.

The Academic Goal reflects on individual students making academic growth in all subject areas through disciplinary literacy. (Our Literacy and Math coaches are working with Teacher-Based Teams to identify, demonstrate and utilize evidence-based strategies across all content areas)

The climate and condition goal reflects community and family participation and engagement along with behavioral and social emotional supports for students in order to reduce discipline referrals.

This picture represents the Literacy Team working with Elementary Literacy Coach Angie McCullough during our delayed-start days. The content area team on this particular delayed start is organizing data from diagnostic assessments, documenting strategies that are working and collaborating with grade levels kindergarten through fifth grade. The Title Team is a vital piece to monitoring the progress that students are making.





Olivia Humphrey represented NMS at the Wayne County spelling Bee on January 24.







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It's with great pleasure that I get to write my first article in this month's newsletter. The end of January marked my sixth month serving as your Treasurer. During these six months, I have been very impressed with the commitment and passion for our Husky education system shown by all parties that I have met within the district and in the community. I've also been humbled by the warm welcome, the assistance I've received, and the patience that I have been shown during these first six months. Even though I'm still in the phase of gaining an understanding of the fiscal processes and practices of the district and those within the county governance system, I am feeling more and more comfortable as each day passes. With this said, my focus and commitment as your Treasurer is to gain your trust and confidence in our fiscal operation. My staff and I are committed to this focus and to this expectation, and are very confident that we will earn your trust and support.

I understand that a big part of earning your trust and support is for my office to have open communication and dialogue with the not only the employees in the district but as importantly with all of our families and constituencies in the community. To help with this effort, we are focused on communicating in the following ways:

1.Open door policy. Please feel free to stop by our offices in the Administration build ing at any time you are in the area for an introduction and brief discussion. If you would like to schedule an appointment to cover a specific topic, suggestion or con cern, please give me a call or email at:

Jerry Buccilla – Treasurer 419-846-3400x4303; nrws_jbuccilla@tccsa.net

2.Financial Reports and Communications. During our monthly Board of Education meetings, I present the district's monthly financial report along with financial data comparing the current year's financial activity versus the prior year's financial activity. I also provide financial data that details the current year's financial activity in relation to the district's current five-year forecast. After the Board of Education meetings, these financial reports are uploaded on the district's website under the Board of Education page then within the monthly board meeting minutes.

3.District's Five Year Forecast. The Board of Education is required by state law to approve the district's Five-Year Forecast twice a year. This approval takes place during our November and May Board of Education meetings each year. After the Board of Education approves the Five-Year Forecast the forecast and the supporting notes are uploaded on the district website. Please visit our district website via the instructions below to review the five-year financial forecast and notes. If you have any questions or comments regarding the forecast and/or notes, please contact me. I welcome your feedback.

To view the district's five-year forecast:

Visit our website at: northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us

Click On: Welcome Center

Click On: Treasurer

Click On:

Northwestern LSD November 2022 Five-Year Forecast

Northwestern 5-Year Forecast Notes.BOE Approved Nov 21.2022

I am truly excited about being part of the Northwestern Local School District family and very much look forward to serving all of you. Stay well and Go Huskies!

Jerry.

Northwestern Alumni Association

The Northwestern Alumni and Friends Association is excited to announce that it will host its Alumni Banquet for the first time since COVID struck in 2020. The association has reconvened its meetings and is looking for Northwestern Community-focused individuals to join its membership, which is free, as it looks to grow and assist Northwestern Local Schools and the surrounding communities. The Alumni and Friends Association constitutional purpose states that it "... provides a venue for alumni and school district residents to re-establish and maintain contacts and foster a sense of community." Due to COVID interrupting the association's banquet schedule, this summer's banquet will look to recognize the Classes

of '60, '61, '62, and '63 for their 60th graduation anniversaries and the classes of '70, '71, '72, and '73 for their 50th graduation anniversaries. We invite all former graduates and/or community members to enjoy an evening of reunion, conversation, dinner, entertainment, and sense of community on June 17, 2023, starting at 5:30 pm. Please see the reservation form below for more details and reminders, and if you or anyone you know would be interested in joining the association please contact Bill Pim: phone: 330-287-8871; email: bpim007@gmail.com or Dwight Wasson: phone: 330-465-5943; email dwi15ght@ gmail.com



Northwestern Diploma for veterans & workers having served our nation during Conflicts & Wars (incl. World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War, and others)

We are proud to notify our community of a unique Ohio law that authorizes Local Boards of Education to grant diplomas to the men and women who - due to their service in a time of war - were unable to secure a high school diploma. The law applies to military veterans as well as women who joined the workforce to support their families and/or the war effort.

Under R.C. 3313.616 (Ohio Veterans' Diploma Program), boards of education may issue a high school diploma to veterans and women who served during the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War – and who left school before graduating to serve in the armed forces or, in the case of women, who joined the workforce to support their family or the war effort.

The law permits those who are deceased to earn a diploma posthumously, with the diploma being presented to a living relative. This allows boards of education to honor those who never returned home and those veterans who have passed. Furthermore, the law does not contain residency restrictions. Any board of education may issue a diploma to a covered veteran or woman; school districts are not limited to their former students.

In addition to our veterans, the law recognizes the efforts of female war workers as well. The law permits women to earn a diploma if they left school "to join the workforce to support their family or the war effort." It also allows women to earn a diploma if they left school "due to family circumstances" and then joined the workforce to support their family or the war effort.

The procedures for applying and verifying eligibility are established in O.A.C. 5902-3-01 (for veterans) and O.A.C. 5902-3-02 (for women). Applications are available through our Wayne County Veterans Service Office:

Wayne County Veterans Service Office 356 W. North St., Lower Level, Wooster, OH 44691

Phone: (330) 345-6638 Fax: (330) 345-6945

Thank you to all those who protected and served the people of our great nation!

RURITANS

ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB PANCAKE/SAUSAGE DAY

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Northwestern High School,

We will be serving "Sit-Down Meals" in the HS Commons and "Pickup" from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. of meals and bulk sausage in front of the High School.

Vehicles will come in the South driveway (towards Lattasburg) and drive by the school front door to pick up meals.

Adults: \$8.00 Seniors 65+: \$7.00 Children 6-10: \$5.00

DELICIOUS PANCAKES, GORTNER'S PURE MAPLE SYRUP, "WHOLE HOG" SAUSAGE, and APPLESAUCE

"Whole Hog Sausage" (pre-frozen & fresh) will be for sale. Gortner's pure maple syrup will be available to take home!

The High School is located at 7473 North Elyria Rd, West Salem, OH (St. Rt. 301), one mile North of Lattasburg or six miles South of West Salem

All proceeds go towards Northwestern Community projects! The Ruritan Mission is "To Make Our Community a Better Place to Live"!

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award

Business Award of Merit Nomination Form (our 16th year!)

Name of Business	
Address	
Phone	
Owner/Contact Person	
Contributions to school and/or community:	
Nominated by: March 10th)	(Deadline:

Note: Nomination information may be typed or printed on other paper and attached to this form.

Nominator: Please send to the office of any school building or to the district office to be forward to Superintendent Jeffrey Layton. Nominations can also be e-mailed to Mr. Layton.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING A WORTHY BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION FOR OUR RURITAN NORTHWESTERN BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD!

This past year, 2022, Northwestern Local Schools and Northwestern Ruritans recognized 2 Business/Organization Partnership Award Winners for their contributions and support of our Northwestern students, schools, and community!

- •The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 523 Lodi/West Salem
- Frito-Lay, Wooster Manufac turing Facility

The prior year, in 2021, Northwestern Local Schools and Northwestern Ruritans recognized 3 Business/Organization Partnership Award Winners:

- Wayne County Commission ers
- •Congress Township Trustees
- Perry Township Trustees

About Northwestern Ruritans:
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 "bettering our community".

New Members are welcome!

Current President Kim Wellert

Past President Chuck Beck

Prior President Dwight Wasson

Stay up on the latest Northwestern News by joining our facebook page at "Northwestern Ruritan Club-W. Salem, Ohio" or visit on the link through our Northwestern website.



Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 12 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 Rice Farms Milk Cartage

300 Tire & Auto George's Alignment

American Augers Congress Township Trustees

Wayne County Commissioners Perry Township Trustees

The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 523 Lodi/West Salem Frito-Lay, Wooster Manufacturing Facility



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 Dis tributing donations to active military from our community
- •Northwestern Husky Brigade Annual Golf Outing
- •Community Parade of Flags new this spring, distribution and set ting-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 organiza tions 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
- •Northwestern Choir and Drama Program support

NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB MEETING NEWS RELEASE:

"Helping Our Community Be a Better Place to Live"

The Northwestern Ruritan Club met on Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for the annual "Christmas Dinner" at Northwestern High School. NWHS FFA members made beautiful Christmas table decorations which were dispersed to many of the guests after the dinner. President Kim Wellert welcomed members and guests (spouses were invited). The group joined in singing "America" and the invocation was given by Jim Johnson.

The ham dinner served by the NWHS cooks was enjoyed by all. Michelle Bowman's treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. Appreciation was given to those who brought in coats & hats to donate to the Mohican Church Community Ministry. Chuck Beck reported that 20 "Husky Brigade" boxes were sent to area soldiers. He appreciated club members helping to pack the boxes. The ladies of the West Salem VFW baked many cookies and Frito Lay donated many items to send in the boxes. There was a surplus of items which were sent to soldiers stationed at Camp Perry (Ohio). Beck will be signing up with the State Highway Department for the club again doing roadside trash pickup next year on Rt. 301 between Pleasant Home and Lattasburg.

The NWHS Choir, under the baton of Music Teacher Elizabeth Crabtree, accompanied on the keyboard by College of Wooster music student Sophia Marshall, gave an excellent selection of Christmas songs (which had been memorized). They closed with the chorus of "Messiah", which was outstanding!

The meeting was adjourned with reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" and wishes of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year"! The next Club dinner/meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, Jan. 9, at NWHS. Plans for the "New Year" of 2023 will be discussed. Directors will meet at 6:15 that evening.

Submitted by Gerald Payn, Club Secretary <gmpayn@sssnet.com> 330-345-5547

NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB MEETING MINUTES -

- -Jan. 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Dinner/Meeting at Northwestern High School (NWHS).
- -President Kim Wellert welcomed members.
- -The group joined in singing "America" and the invocation was given by Jim Johnson.
- -The meat loaf dinner served by NWHS Chefs Wendi & Tammy was enjoyed.
- -The reading of the Dec.12 meeting minutes were dispensed with. They had been approved by the Directors.
- -We were pleased to receive Gold Honor Certificates from Ruritan National for recognition of outstanding and meritorious community service by our club in the fields of Citizenship & Patriotism and Social Development, signed by John Biery, Ohio District Governor.
- -Michelle Bowman's treasurer's report: total deposit in Dec. was \$200.56. Expenses were \$350.00. The bank balance Dec. 31 was \$22,081.16. The report was approved subject to audit.
- -Thank you notes were received from Panda Preschool, Wooster Salvation Army, and West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry for our donations and from Emma Nicholson for her scholarship. Also from the Mohican Church for the donation of coats, gloves, and hats.
- -Sherri Wellert moved and Jamie Bowman 2nd that future club dinners/meetings begin at 6:30 pm rather than 7:00. Motion passed with no opposition. Director's meetings will normally begin at 6:00 pm prior to the regular meetings.
- -The following have signed up to "man" the recycling bins: Jan 7 - Jamie Bowman, Jan. 21 - Phil Keener, Feb.4 – Dick Wiley, Feb. 18 – Paul Bartholomew
- -Randy Tegtmeier presented plans for the Pancake/ Sausage Day on Mar. 11. Eat In/Eat Out "All You Can Eat" service will be from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Members will sell ads for place mats – business card size for \$30.00 and patron donor names for \$20.00. The ads will include a free meal. Meal prices are \$8.00 for adults, 7:00 for "seniors" over 65, and \$5.00 for children 6 – 10. Members are asked to help "set up" on Friday beginning 5:00. Posters were available for members to put out.
- -Jamie Bowman reported that several more flags will be purchased for the "Parade of Flags". Publicity is already out on Facebook, etc. for people to purchase flag subscriptions. Flags will be put out for every National Holiday. He appreciates member's help with the flags!
- -Jamie Bowman dispersed 2023 Club Members Handbooks which gives officers names, important dates, committees, meeting schedule, and members names & contact information.
- -Committees then met to discuss plans for the year.
- -The meeting was adjourned with the "Pledge of Allegiance".
- -The next Dinner/Meeting will be at 6:30 pm., Feb. 13, 2023, at Northwestern High School. The program will be by the Food Drive & Charity Committee, Pastor Paul, Chair.
- -The Director's meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. that evening

Information from All Sports Association:

Northwestern All Sports continues to support our student athletes in numerous ways. Recently \$6,000 was approved for updates to the community building's weight room. Additional money from the board of education, as well as contributions from individual athletic teams, will also help in this renovation and update to equipment, machines, and weights. All Sports also purchased the boys basketball team white (home) uniforms, as well as purchased the football WCAL championship T-shirts for the football team and coaches. The middle school basketball teams (girls and boys) also had new uniforms purchased for them prior to their seasons, using money from the middle school basketball games' concession stands. The products sold in the concession stand are all purchased by All Sports.

As the year progresses, remember that meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 in the high school library. Elections for new officers will be held in the spring; therefore, new leadership will be needed, as well as many members to help make decisions and volunteer in the various ways necessary for our student athletes to reap the benefits.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Funding Available Through Ohio's ACE Program For Qualifying Families

The Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Educational Savings Account program provides funds to a student's parent or guardian to use on various enrichment and educational activities. The program is being offered through a partnership between Merit International, Inc. and the Ohio Department of Education.

The program provides \$500 a year for students ages 6-18 whose households are at the 300% or below the Federal Poverty Level to use for educational enrichment such as after school programs and summer camps.

For more information, visit ACEOhio.org





Annual Notice of Student Wellness Meeting

Northwestern will conduct our annual Wellness Committee Discussions by Friday, April 7th.

Northwestern Schools recognize the importance of a healthy child in regard to increased capacity for learning, attendance, and overall health and well-being. Northwestern School District is committed to providing a healthy school environment which cares for the total child academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. In order to support current and lifelong health a wellness committee has been established and meets annually to evaluate various measurements and discussed ideas for continued improvement. Our wellness committee has been instrumental in securing and insuring:

- Healthy meals and snacks
- Expanding our Breakfast program
- •Installing defibrillators in each building
- •Installing first aid stations at locations throughout the build ings
- Creating and supplying first aid kits for each teachers' desk
- •Securing an epinephrine (EpiPen) for each building
- •Beginning concussion protocol prior to OHSAA requiring it
- •Coordinating influenza vaccine available for all employees so as to inhibit a flu outbreak
- Providing hand sanitation stations

Our Wellness policy #EFG explains our wellness practices. This policy is listed on our website (as are all Northwestern policies) and in this issue of our district newsletter.

Participants:

Superintendent Jeffrey N. Layton
High School Principal Tyler Keener
Middle School Principal Rachel Beun
Elementary Principal Doug Hopkins
Curriculum Director
Food Service Supervisor
School Nurse
MS/HS Health Teacher
Physical Education Teachers (ES, MS/HS)

In the 21-22 SY the district conducted a survey of grade 4-12 students and all staff regarding resiliency, emotional, and social issues and concerns. We continue working to improve socio-emotional interventions and supports for our students and our staff.

Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Needed!

We have a small number of sub bus drivers and van drivers, but several have limited availability – so we can always use more and keep you busy!

Great hourly rate!

Contact Northwestern Transportation Dept. if you have an interest in the district-paid training, a very good salary, and opportunity for future employment as a van or bus driver!

We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur.

Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Substitute Teacher Aides, Food Service, and Custodians Needed!

We have need for substitutes in these areas as well. We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur.

Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Retirees from any career welcome to apply as well for these and other district positions – your experience is valuable!

Northwe	estern Major Grants 2021-2023	2023	American Augers \$2,000 MS Robotics
		2023	American Augers \$2,000 HS Robotics
2021	SRO Risk Assessment Grant \$600 \$200 per building for risk assessment	2023	LoPresti Grant \$2,000 Husky Buddies Mentoring Program
2021	ARRA 64,849 grant \$64,849	2023	Bus Purchasing Grant \$180,000
2021	CCIP Federal Entitlement Grants \$620,000.00 IDEA,		50% of the cost of 2 buses in fall 2022 and 50%
	Title I, early childhood, IIA, III, IVA		in fall 2023
2021	LoPresti Grant \$2,200.00 Elementary School After	2023	Title XX JFS \$41,000 student counse
	School Programming	2023	ling and emotional support grant
2021	Tital XX JFS \$41,000 student counseling and emotional	2022	
	support grant	2023	CTE HSTW \$9,000 professional de
2021	PNC Preschool \$8,000 STEM Preschool	2022	velopment
2021	DARE \$12,000 DARE	2023	ARP Homeless \$10,000 homeless student
2021	ESSER II \$827,854.22 COVID, Education, Tutoring, PD,		communication, transportation, supports
2021	Curriculum, Employees salaries, etc.	2023	ARP Homeless II \$376 homeless student
2021	CTE HSTW \$9,000.00 Professional Development &		communication, transportation, supports
2021	HSTW \$5,000.00 Trofessional Bevelopment &	2023	Reaching all students through Literacy
2021	Ag. 5th Quarter \$6,217.60 100% to teacher addit.		\$200,000 2-year Literacy Planning & Improve
2021	salaries and payroll costs		ment Grant
2021	·	2023	Transportation collaboration R II \$10,000
2021	AEOP Grant \$3,500 jr solar sprint		Northwestern-Mapleton each \$10,000 collabo
2021	Bus Purchasing Grant \$43,441.16 Bus Purchasing		ration grant (PD, training, software license)
2024	Grant (50% match)	2023	Bureau of Workers Comp Safety \$15,000
2021	Congress Township \$42,000.00 COVID safety		HVAC/Air Quality
2021	Perry Township \$20,000.00 COVID safety	2023	Attorney General Safety \$6,920 HS Vape
2022	CCIP Federal Entitlement Grants \$596,688.11 IDEA,		Detectors
	Title I, early childhood, IIA, III, IVA	2023	AEOP Army \$2,000 Rural Consortium
2022	ESSER Federal Funds \$826,720.39 COVID		Grant for ongoing Jr. Solar Sprint competition
2022	ARP ESSER Federal Funds \$1,858,015.34 COVID	2023	Reading Under the Lights \$5,000 In
2022	ARP Homeless Federal Funds \$5,684.86 COVID		creased contribution from anonymous founda
2022	ARP IDEA Federal Funds \$70,073.64 COVID		tion
2022	LoPresti Grant \$2,200.00 After School Program	2023	Additional Special e-rate grant funding \$40,000
2022	Transportation collaboration grant \$10,000 Transportation		(est.) Special grant funding application
	collaboration grant (PD, training, software license)		we purchased replacement Chrome Books with
2022	LoPresti Grant \$2,000.00 Elementary School After		these funds
	School Programming	2023	Preschool Contribution Anonymous \$10,000
2022	DARE \$12,000 DARE		Contribution supporting STEM Preschool
2022	anonymous foundation \$2,000 Reading Under the Lights	2023	DARE \$12,000 DARE
2022	CTE \$9,000.00 Professional Development & HSTW	These are	e currently in process:
2022	Tital XX JFS \$41,000 student counseling and emotional		or In-Process
	support grant	_	er Bottle refill Grant \$10,000 ES, MS and HS
2022	Attorney Gen Safety \$6,920 Vape Detectors in HS		ttle stations
	(training vulnerability, SRO)		ant OSFC Round II \$150,000 ES, MS,
2022	Battelle For Jr. Solar Sprint and rural consortium		Grant (additional lock controls, security camer-
2022	CTE HSTW \$9,000.00 Professional Development		recorders & radios)
	& HSTW	_	rate grant funding XXX This annual grant
2022	Ag. 5th Quarter \$6,217.60 100% to teacher addit.		pplication supplements technology and net-
	salaries and payroll costs	_	costs \$45k + annually
2022	Romich Foundation \$2,000 Robotics	_	General \$20,000 Innovative Grants for
2022	Romich Foundation \$2,000 sign-out 3-D printers and filament	-	w Enforcement Communications and Notifica-
	donation	tion	W Emoreement communications and Notifica
2022	Battelle \$5,000 Rural STEM Consortium (collaborative)		rkplace Innovation and Safety XXX Innova-
2022	HSTW \$2,000 Presentation Grant		vorkplace worker safety - early in process
2023	CCIP Federal Entitlement Grants \$592,807.63 IDEA,		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Title I, early childhood, IIA, IVA		pe Detectors
2023	Safety Grant OSFC Round I \$150,000 ES, MS, HS ES		ons Grant XXX Student connections to
	safety grant (exterior lock controls, security cameras, digital		m - early in process
	recorders, MARCS system)		ous Foundation Grant \$2,000 in-pro-
2023	CTE HSTW 9,000 ES, MS, HS		M Preschool
2023	Ag. 5th Quarter 5,505 100% to teacher addit. salaries and	Kuritan D	onation Request \$2,000 in-process STEM
	payroll costs for additional time	Preschoo	
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Open Enrollment deadline is April

15, 2023 for priority consideration. Submit the application with proof of residency to:

Cathie Franks Executive Secretary & EMIS Coordinator

Northwestern Local School District 7571 N. Elyria Road West Salem, OH 44287 Email: nrws_cfranks@tccsa.net Office 419-846-3151 ext 1 Fax 419-846-3361

Northwestern Elementary KINDERGARTEN REGISTRA-TION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-24 school year kindergarten class will be held March 14th & March 15th at Northwestern Elementary School, 7334 N. Elyria Rd, West Salem. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1st, 2023, please call the school to schedule an appointment for the screening on or after Feb. 1st.

Please call 419-846-3519, ext. 3101 to schedule your child's screening time starting Feb. 1st. Appointment times: 9:15 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M. Appointment time slots will be first come, first serve. Please call Feb. 1st if needing a specific time.

Registration Day Please bring your child, birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, any custody papers that may apply, driver's license (w current address), and another form of proof of residency (it can be a utility bill or phone bill, with your name and address



Athletic Hall of Fame

Please consider submitting a nomination forms for individual or teams deserving of being honored into the 2013 class of the Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame

Important information from our Dec. NWFC Committee meeting:

- •We will have annual inductions until such time as the NWFC Committee determines that it time to go every other year
- •We are creating a separate selection committee that will include interested individu als
- •We want formal, distinguished bronze plaques for the wall 12X12
- Fall, 2022 was the initial induction class, which was limited to state championship teams and athletes who had won state. Fall 2023 will be the first class inducted through community nominations
- •Induction Timeline:
- Create and advertise nomination forms January-February, 2023
- ∘Nomination Deadline April 1st (submission to athletic director)
- Selection Committee meets mid-April
- ∘Selections Made May 1
- Notify those inducted by June 1st
- ∘ Fall, 2023 Induction Ceremony 9/15/2023 preceding the Football game
- •The other information we discussed has been embedded within the nomination forms
- •Nominations will be submitted to the HS Athletic Director
- •Applications will be considered for 5 years from initial nomination. Following the 5 years they can be re-nominated for future consideration
- •Selection Committee directions, rubric, and process will be developed in February
- •The rubric for selection of nominees will include: Talent, Leadership, Character, Impact on School, Records/Stats, Awards, Letters

Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame

The Objective of the Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame Committee shall be to recognize those individuals and teams who have made outstanding contributions to the Northwestern Athletic programs – including those schools comprised in making Northwestern prior to consolidation - West Salem, Congress, Chester, as well as Northwestern. To this end the NAWFC has established a selection process for the candidates, final selection of candidates, and will disseminate through the media the selection of NAWFC inductees, induction program information, and the nominating process.

The inception of the Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame inductions came about due to the request of former long-time Northwestern High School Principal, Coach Mike Burkholder. As we discussed a way to memorialize Mike following his passing, he had asked that whatever we do in his memory, that we also honor Northwestern athletes. Mike had input into the memorial and athletic wall of fame concept. Mike leaves a lasting legacy of leadership and dedication here at Northwestern and across Wayne County. Mike had incredible passion for our students, student athletes, our staff, and Northwestern Schools.

The result was the creation of The Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Wall of Fame at the entrance of our main Husky Stadium Football and Track Sports Complex. The wall of fame was incorporated into the memorial of a great and compassionate leader, Mike Burkholder. Northwestern Local School District appreciates the contributions of our Husky employees, Husky community, and various organizations & businesses, The Wayne County Community Foundation, as well as the Burkholder family in the more than \$26,000 donated for The Mike Burkholder Memorial & Northwestern Wall of Fame in order to recognize our tradition of athletic accomplishments.

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Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame	Name of person submitting normination				
Nominees must be:	Cell Phone				
Player: 10 or more years post-graduation	Home Phone				
Team: 5 or more years from year being nominated Coach: Not currently coaching	E-mail address				
coach: Not currently coaching	Mailing address				
NOMINATION FORM					
	Relationship to Nominee Date Submitted				
Anyone may submit a nomination to the selection committee by April	Relationship to Nominee Date Submitted				
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	by April 1 for consideration for the given year. Inductions will take place every year in the Fall until an updated induc-				
(Individual Student Athlete or Coach Nomination Form)	tion schedule is determined. The committee will consider				
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	ments as necessary.				
Dates of Attendance at Northwestern High School (student and/or	(Team Nomination Form)				
coach)	Sport and year of team being nominated				
Year of Graduation:					
Accomplishments and statistics while attending/coaching Northwestern	Please list names of coaches and as many players as you can				
High School	recall (can be attached)				
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	Name of person submitting nomination				
	Cell Phone Home Phone				
	E-mail address				
Biographical Data about the Nominee	Mailing address				

Name of person submitting nomination

Relationship to Team Date Submitted

Northwestern High School



Tyler Keener Northwestern High school Principal

We are excited to head into the spring as we continue to strive toward continual growth and excellence in all our endeavors. We are looking forward to finishing this year strong as we start planning graduation activities for our seniors and drafting next year's courses for our underclassmen. Although it may seem like we are stuck in the doldrums of February, things are moving and shaking as the end of the year will soon be here.

We encourage our community and parents to partner with us as we help educate our students to be the best they can be for themselves and for their community. We are striving to build students who are community-minded, lifelong learners in pursuit of excellence. It takes all of us, collectively, to work together for the next generation. We not only want every student to receive a diploma, but the skills needed to be Employed, Enlisted, or Enrolled beyond high school. Our desire is for all our students to be impactful in our community and global society. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time if you have any questions or ideas on ways we can make Northwestern even better for our students.

Thank you for your continued support of Northwestern High School and Go Huskies!



Student services:

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the year already! There are so many exciting events ahead and it's important to finish the year strong.

Scholarship information: The Wayne County Community Foundation Scholarship Guide was mailed out over winter break. The book lists many scholarships opportunities at the local, regional, state and national level. It is vital that applicants read all instructions for the scholarship and pay close attention to deadlines. REMEMBER: deadlines are very strict. If a scholarship is supposed to be mailed, make sure all relevant materials are mailed before the due date.

Scheduling: We will be starting the 23/24 scheduling process very soon. On February 9, at 6:30pm, there will be a general scheduling meeting in the high school library. There will be a CCP (College Credit Plus) meeting that follows immediately after. Students will begin receiving their course selection forms February 22-24. Each student will meet with Mrs. Coombs to discuss their current credits and to turn in their course request forms.





The academic challenge team finished an excellent season at the Tri-County Academic Challenge Tournament on January 7th. The varsity came in 1st place with an undefeated record and JV #1 came in 3rd place. Northwestern took home the trophy for most wins combined varsity and JV #1 for the 2nd year in a row.

The varsity was also undefeated in the Wayne County Academic Challenge league and took 1st place for the 2nd year in a row.

Northwestern Engineering Students participated in Manufacturing Day on October 25. Students had the opportunity to visit both Akron Brass and RBB in Wooster. Students were able to get a tour of the facilities and learn about some of the manufacturing and engineering component of both of the companies visited. It was a great day with a lot of great connections made between our students and local industry.



Manufacturing Day

NHS Engineering Students at RBB



NHS Engineering Students at Akron Brass

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Community Pantry Box

Northwestern Local Schools, Wooster Community Kitchen, and the wooster hope center are proud to offer items to anyone in our community who needs them.

No forms, No questions.

Take waht you need!

Located At the south side of Northwestern Elementary in the drive that goes to the ball feilds.

Items restocked by the NHS national honor society every monday and friday (or as needed-including holdiday breaks)

February 2023 THE Northwestern

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2nd Quarter

1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Marina Aulger, Florida Blake, Addison Bodager, Brooklyn Buzzard, Gabriel Chupp, Ella Erickson, Jesse Evans, Arianna Firebaugh, Madison Gray, Kelly Harper, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Kayla Hummel, Melanie Imhoff, Steven LaGoy, Charleigh Mc-Millan, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Hayden Novak, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Ava Stoller, Isabella Vacco, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Charles Westover, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson, Samantha Yates Juniors: Nihad Al-Jamal, Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Kara Burgan, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Logan Garman, Josiah Gilman, Ellie Hanshaw, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino, , Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Josie Wright

Sophomores: Taya Becerra, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Karizma Brinker, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Kowen Donahue, Mallory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Morgan Murphy, Katherine Orosz, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Braydan Springer, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alysa Troyan, Joshua Webel, Taylor Wurst

Freshmen: Alivia Aicone, James Cassady,
Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson
Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna
Connelly, Jason Diehl, Jacob Ebert, Jackson
Evans, Lorelai Garman, Mason Gray, Coralyn
Hall, Samantha Herman, Nevaeh Kirk, William
Marshall, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay,
Hayden Sigler, Deborah Sponseller, Ravenna
Stiegelmeyer, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas,
Kiera Whisman, Audriana Yeagley
2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Brett Alberts, Audrey Franks, Anna Gendron, Kristan George, Madison Jester, Kendrick Meuer, Gabriel Noble, Daylie Rickard, Thomas Tomechko, Andrew Tope, Lauren Vaughan

Juniors: Leona Buetter, Mikalah Jones, Ethan Mausolf, Jennie Riffle, Jonathon Widdows Sophomores: Kristanna Bradford, Sara Corn, Ashton Good, Noah Lee, Colton Mark, Avery Mullet, Gabriel Nicholson, Emilie Ott, Elizabeth Siedlack

Freshmen: Alexander Boehm, Claire Buchholz, Cheyenne Friend, Timothy Hatfield, Taylor Leidigh, Eleanna Lightle, Olivia Scarbrough, Carson Seabolt, Audrina Smith, Kelsee Smith, Holly Widdows

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740) Seniors: Carter Clarke, Harper

Flores, Collin Good, A'Kia Hardin,

Anthony Huber, Mark Ingraham, Keegan Johns, Paul Kobak, Logan Kolp, Brent Mann, Grace Noble, Craig Reed, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Ariel Smith, Mary Wellert, Luke Wright Juniors: Olivia Amstutz, Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Haley Caldwell, Cayden Fiala, Jacoby Gilbert, Virginia Hamers, Haley Hummel, Brianna Lance, Caleb Mackey, Faith Maiher, Zoey Oldaker, Olivia Richardson, Caydence Scale, Cade St. Clair, Easton Thomas, Jacob Ward, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman Sophomores: Keira Beard, Kyleighana Collins, Cheyenn Constance, Mateo Dague, Morgan Ervin, Haylie Fisher, Nathaniel Fulton, Blake Good, Kaylie Gregory, Jacob Haley, Jaidyn Kelly, Madison Love, Eric Meeker, Kalyn Nelson, Lucas Olson-Doll, Gavin Palmer, McCullough Porter, Alexa Riffel, Miranda Smith, Benjamin Spencer, Emily Thompson, Kelsey Walkuski, Jailynn Woodruff, Roxanna Zytowiecki Freshmen: Sophia Ahrendt, Kierah Bailey, Mallory Bloom, Nickolas Coots, Riellie DeSanto, Asher Erf, Hannah Frontz, Wyatt Goon, Kace Hixson, Morgan Holley-Fry, Austin Johnson, Kate Johnson, Isabella Kelley, Brayden Knapp, Eithan Lilly, Jacoby Matacale, Alienna McCune, Chet McNeil, Ashton Moser, Arayah Nussbaum, Eva Patterson, Peyton Pitts, Keiley Reynolds, Mason Rogers, Daniel Sponseller, Christian Strickland, Payton White, Addalyn Willig



Northwestern Middle School Honor Roll

Honor Roll

1st Nine weeks

6th Grade

Leah Altman, Tessa Buzzard, Jacelyn Cherry, Rowan Cottrell, Olivia Ellis, Lily Farnsworth, Quinn Firebaugh, Aubreigh Flack, Grace Hawkins, Karsten Kline, Cash Lindeman, Miya Loy, Madeline Morris, Lyric Ogden, Marissa Smith, Brayden Turnage, Isabella Virgili, Nora Wakefield, Stephanie Widdows

7th Grade

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Emily Beeghley, Taylor Carpenter, Courtney Cline, Jordan Cline, Dakota Constance, Justin Ebert, Grady Ellerbrock, Caleb Gilman, Colt Hall, Jesse Hanshaw, Maxx Herman, Case Keener, Kate Keener, Grant Koch, Keagan Kostohryz, Colton Morris, Alexa Perry, Natalie Posta, Bronson Rogers, Madilyn Smith, Brayden Swank

8th Grade

Emma Altman, Garrett Diehl, Emma Fricke, Reed Hamey, Brooke Hershey, Cara McKay, Sophia Morris, Brookelyn Nolletti, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Nichole Troyan, Kezia

Weaver, Alivia Welch, Grace Wilson

Merit Roll

1st Nine weeks

6th Grade

Porter Boreman, Matthew Coman, Austin Dudte, Journey Haven, Bailey Howman, Mercedes Lorenz, Mason Mobley, Jacob Morris, Elliana Murphy, Taylor Nutter, Keaton Penthany, Austin Pierson, Kaylee Roberson, Ava Santos, Keegan Schaefer, Hannah Shriver, Blake Sigler, Anabella Smith, Lynnley Stutz, Miles Terwilliger, Emerson Ulrich, Boston Wilson, Jenna Workman, Leonora Zemancik

7th Grade

Deacon Boreman, Lillian Boreman, Emma Doll, Hayden Erf, Breonna Favara, Briella Fiala, Cara Graham, Bruce Grier, Leo Guidetti, Braden Gump, Taryn Hall Cravens, Cole Herrmann, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Hoyt Hutto, Wyatt James, Shiloh McConahay, Haley McLaughlin, Madison Miller, Jaysen Royse, Katherine Scarbrough, Kaleb Thurman-Fetherolf, Elle West, Kashmiere Woods 8th Grade

Victoria Aicone, Riley Damon, Ryleigh Farner, Madison Frazier, Riley Grier, Olivia Humphrey, Sierrah Knight, Aiden Mausolf, Aubrey Peeples, Joy Phillips, Garret Rogala, Eliana Rosales-Martinez, Mason Salem, Cheyenne Strait, Abigail Webel, Michael Weygandt, Alexandra Yoder



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

We crossed the halfway point for the 2022-2023 school-year and we are looking forward to many exciting opportunities ahead of us. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our students this year, as they show their talents and skills. It is definitely a wonderful year to celebrate Husky PRIDE (Performance, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Effort with Enthusiasm).

We have taken groups of students to celebrate their accomplishments this year multiple times, with our student of the month breakfasts and honor roll lunch. These are amazing opportunities to celebrate groups of our students who are exhibiting Husky PRIDE in our schools, helping us to create the wonderful school culture that we have at NMS. Aside from being able to honor these students, my favorite part of these experiences is taking the time to talk to the students about their favorite experiences at NMS- favorite classes, teachers, and memories. We also encourage students to share with us what they think we can do better and offer suggestions on improvements. As a principal, there is nothing better than hearing students talk about their school and our staff, giving them the opportunity to share their voices. These experiences also allow us to thank these students for what they do to make our school a better place, whether it is because they are showing the wonderful Husky PRIDE characteristics or whether they have worked hard to achieve academic success.

In the next few months, we have several new ways for students to showcase their skills. From athletic competitions to the Spelling bee, we have students ready and willing to represent NMS as our Husky athletes and scholars. As we move into February, we have our NMS Drama club putting on another great production, after hours and hours of practice and hard work. In March, our eighth grade students will participate in our Career Day, where they present information on their job shadow experiences and research. We will also have some great music programs to watch this spring, as well. Being able to watch students use their talents and skills to perform is quite exciting. We encourage our parents and community members to get involved in these activities when your schedules allow...you won't be disappointed. Our students are pretty amazing!

As March approves, we will begin thinking about next year, while beginning to close out this year. Our students will begin scheduling classes for the 2023-2024 school year, choosing from the wonderful courses we have to offer at Northwestern. Spring testing will also begin in March, where students will be able to showcase their academic knowledge and skills. We are hopeful that our students' hard work and effort will show through in the scores attained.

As we cross the halfway point of the year, I just want to extend my gratitude to our staff, students, parents, and community. Thank you for sending us such amazing students and for supporting our staff and school so that we can provide them with so many wonderful opportunities! We are thankful for a community that embraces Husky PRIDE and who celebrates alongside our students and staff. Thank you all you do to support our schools!

NW Middle School



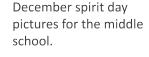


NMS November & December Students' of the Month

School will be hosting their eighth grade Career Day on March 2, 2023 from 7:45am-12:30pm. To make this day a success for our students, we need the community's support and help. This event requires several volunteers, from individuals who will listen to student presentations to another large group of volunteers who will engage with students in a job interview. This is a fantastic opportunity to help grow students and to show them the potential that they have in the future. If you are interested and available to participate, we would love to have you. Please contact Rachel Beun at nrws_beun@tccsa.net or by calling 419-846-3974

Northwestern Middle









7th & 8th grade girls basketball

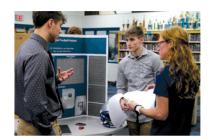
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NORTHWESTERN LOCAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR



Kendrick Meuer and Craig Reed present science their Engineering Capstone Project to Judge Pooler



Steven Lagoy presents his Computer Capstone Project to Judge Jimmy



Madison Gray presents her Biomedical Capstone Biomedical Project to Judge Bobby Neer



Jason Diehl prepares to present his Project at local science fair



Audrey Franks presents her Biomedical Capstone Project to Judge Charlie Hamilton



Gabe Chupp and Jacob Wakefield present their Engineering Capstone Project to Judge Sarah Hinton



Isabella Vacco presents her Clean Energy Capstone Project to Judge Dan Kaufman

Robotics- Vex Competitions

There are currently 18 students in Robotics II, III and IV (competition class). These students have competed at three VEX qualifiers during this robotics season with the last competition scheduled for February 18, 2023 at Wooster High School. All competition teams have performed well and shown great improvement throughout the season. There are also 14 students in the Robotics I (introductory class). These students have been working through the foundations of robotics design and coding. Provided that these students' robots are ready to compete, the current plan is for the Robotics I students to also participate at the VEX qualifier on February 18, 2023 at Wooster High School. This will be their first tournament of the season and hopefully will be a jump start for them as they continue in their robotics ventures in Robotics II, III, and IV in subsequent years.

This is also the first year that our Robotics I course has been separated from Robotics II, III, and IV. The separation of these courses was due to the overwhelming interest in Robotics with 32 total high school students registered for the course. This separation of Robotics I and Robotics II, III and IV has given an opportunity for some strong foundational robotics skills to be developed in the Robotics I class prior to diving into the VEX competition. This will hopefully continue to help build our robotics program in the years to come.



Jacob Haley, Blake Good, Gino Guidetti and Morgan Murphy

Northwestern conducted their local science and engineering fair on January 26, 2023. The local science and engineering fair included many local judges from area businesses (Schaeffler, American Auger, Ethos Center, Scot Industries, Sherwin Williams). The judges evaluated the science fair projects and provided great feedback for all of the participants. The following Northwestern students participated in the engineering and science fair: Craig Reed, Kenrick Meuer, Jacob Wakefield, Gabe Chupp, Steven Lagoy, Paige Walter, Isabella Vacco, Madison Gray, Audrey Franks, Brailee Beun, and Jason Diehl. Many of these students will be continuing onto District Science Fair that will be held on March 25, 2023 at Ashland University.



Luke Walton, Kylee Purdy and Tristan Miller



Johnathon Widdows and Hunter Sciortino



Mark Ingraham and Logan Kolp



Gavin Hines and Josiah Gilman



Mr. Douglas Hopkins Northwestern Elementary Principal

We, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Rowe, hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It has been a busy year so far, and our students and staff have been working hard. We are proud of how hard the staff has been working and helping our building to run smoothly. Our staff takes pride in building a community with our students, and you can feel it when you walk our hallways. There has been a lot happening in our building these past few months that I would like to share with you. We wanted to first say thank you so much for helping us make our turkey race a success. Both students and staff loved to see who was winning, and it was a close race all the way until the end with Coach Alberts "winning" the race. The students really enjoyed seeing him in a turkey outfit, and Mr. Besancon, being a good sport, wearing one as well. With all the support and fun we had with this, we are hoping to possibly bring it back next year! In November we also had a concert put on by our 4th grade students and Mr. Andrews. It was amazing to see the patriotism in our building, and seeing our students have American pride.

During the month of December we had a lot going on including our Kindergarten Christmas concert. Our young students did a great job both speaking and singing to our parents/caregivers. We also had our Santa Shop going on, and we hope all of our parents/caregivers enjoyed their gifts from their little "Santas"! We would really love to have a family night next year with our Santa Shop, but we need your help! Our amazing PTO, Parent Teacher Organization, needs volunteers to help with different events throughout the year. To get more information please attend our monthly meetings, or give us a call and we will be happy to answer any questions. Our building has hosted three Grandparent Days so far, and they have been amazing! It has been wonderful to see and meet the grandparents of our students. The students have enjoyed having the time to eat breakfast and have a craft with their loved ones, and we are excited for our final three coming up this year.

ed for our final three coming up this year.
We have a handful of things coming up in the next few months. As stated above we have three more Grandparent Days coming up including our second grade, fifth grade, and our kindergarteners. The students also have their Valentine Days party on Thursday, February 16.
The following day Friday, February 17 the students have no school. On February 22 we will have our family night for the science fair, and are excited to see all of our projects that our students have been working hard on. The last week of February we also have our book fair week. The family night for our book fair week will be Thursday, March 2 from 5-7 pm. We hope to see all Northwestern families come out and find a good book!

Mr. Rowe Northwestern Elementary Principal



Staff Spotlight:Erin Woodring



A quote I've always liked, "Advantages of helping people include you being a good example for your children, family, and friends, and you having a direct

impact on the trajectory of the lives of a lot of people." This quote embodies the kind of person Erin Woodring is. She is a great example for our staff, students, and her family. Erin Woodring is one of our Title teachers, and she does an amazing job teaching our little ones how to become successful readers. This job alone has many parts to it including looking at data, making student groups, professional development, and so much more to help her and her students be successful. That is a lot to have on one's plate, but Mrs. Woodring continues to do more for our school. Mrs. Woodring has been a huge help alongside Mrs. Tiano in setting up our Grandparents Day, and having a beautiful background for our pictures. She and Mr. Martin and his students are the one who gets our "Tucked in Tuesdays" ready for our parents each week. Mrs. Woodring is a huge part of the PBIS committee and is one of our head people who run our "Reading Under the Lights" program. One more role that she has is she helps co lead our summer school to work with our students who need that support. Not only does she "wear" all of these hats, but she does a phenomenal job at each one. Mrs. Woodring is always working hard, and making sure that everything is done precisely. We are beyond thankful to have Erin Woodring in our building, and we cannot say thank you enough for all that you do. Erin Woodring you are a true role model for many people, and you make our Northwestern community proud to have you as a Husky!

Here are some important dates coming up in our building for the month of March/April:

Thursday, March 9-Music Concert- 3rd Grade Friday, March 10-Mario Spirit Day

March 14 – 15, 2023-Kindergarten Screening
Thursday, March 16-Music
Concert - 1st grade
Friday, March 17-St. Patrick's
Day (Green Day)
Thursday, March 23-Music
Concert - 2nd grade
March 29 – 30, 2023-ELA OST
Testing

April 10 – 14, 2023-Spring Break (No School) April 19 – 20, 2023-Science OST Testing

April 26 – 27, 2023-Math OST
Testing Although it has been
a busy year, our students and
staff continue to work hard
and make the most out of the
2022-2023 school year. The
students have already made
huge gains academically and
socially. We cannot wait to see
how they finish the year off!
Thank you again to my amazing staff, and the wonderful
parents/caregivers that help
our students everyday! Go
Huskies!

Tri County Preschool

Enrolling for 2023-2024 School Year Openings in all Wayne County Schools *Ages 3-5 *Possible tranportation* *need not be toilet trained *sliding scale fee* Please Contact Us @330.262.2262, Ask For

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Northwestern Alumni Association

The Northwestern Alumni and Friends Association is excited to announce that it will host its Alumni Banquet for the first time since COVID struck in 2020. The association has reconvened its meetings and is looking for Northwestern Community-focused individuals to join its membership, which is free, as it looks to grow and assist Northwestern Local Schools and the surrounding communities. The Alumni and Friends Association constitutional purpose states that it "...provides a venue for alumni and school district residents to re-establish and maintain contacts and foster a sense of community." Due to COVID interrupting the association's banquet schedule, this summer's banquet will look to recognize the Classes of '60, '61, '62, and '63 for their 60th graduation anniversaries and the classes of '70, '71, '72, and '73 for their 50th graduation anniversaries. We invite all former graduates and/or community members to enjoy an evening of reunion, conversation, dinner, entertainment, and sense of community on June 17, 2023, starting at 5:30 pm. Please see the reservation form below for more details and reminders, and if you or anyone you know would be interested in joining the association please contact Bill Pim: phone: 330-287-8871; email: bpim007@gmail.com or Dwight Wasson: phone: 330-465-5943; email dwi15ght@ gmail.com

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

Twentieth Northwestern Reunion & Community Banquet Saturday June 17, 2023, at Northwestern High School

Social time – 5 p.m. Catered Dinner- 6 p.m. Program – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required and are non-refundable Adults - \$20

Children: Age 5 & under – Free Age 6-11 - \$11 Children 12 & over - \$20 Reservation Deadline June 1, 2023 - Reservations will not be confirmed without payment

The 50 year classes of '70, '71, '72, & '73 and the 60 year classes of '60, '61, '62, & '63 will be recognized, but alumni of all years are invited to attend and celebrate our wonderful school district and catch up with one another

For a downloadable, on-line printable reservation form visit Northwestern Schools' website

(or see the form below)

https://www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us/

Click on ALUMNI link and then on RESERVATION

For further information contact any of the following: Bill Pim: 330-287-8871 Email: bpim007@gmail.com Lois Forbes: 330-201-2217 Email: lswns124@gmail.com

Dwight & Judy Wasson: 330-465-5943 Email: dwi15ght@gmail.com

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Dinner Reservation Form

Reservation deadline June 1, 2023—non-refundable and not confirmed without payment

Enclose a check made payable to: Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

Mail to: Lois Forbes 8565 Cedar Valley Rd., West Salem, OH 44287

Please print all information and use the back for any additional names of attendees.

NW Grad yes no NW Class of Name: NW Grad yes no NW Class of Address:

Phone: ____-Total Amount Enclosed \$_

Included in my check is a donation of \$______to assist with future HOF/HOH ceremonies Included in my check is a donation of \$_______to assist with general expenses of the association Included in my check is a donation of \$_______to assist with NWAFA Scholarship Fund

I won't be attending the banquet but have a donation of \$_____ to assist with









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Counseling Corner with Mrs. Donohoe

Elementary School

Our Husky Buddy mentoring program is where high school students mentor elementary students once a week. Our mentors and mentees have been building a positive relationship these past few months while engaging in various activities. Through these mentorships, students have gained positive support on building friendship skills, recognizing emotions, appropriate social skills, and spreading kindness. This program has been encouraging confidence in our youth and allowing students to gain support through a positive role model. This program will continue until the end of the school year.

How to Build Self – Esteem in your Student

Self-esteem is how we feel about our self. In elementary school you may start to notice your student's self-esteem level. This may increase and decrease at various time and be effected by life changes such as: moving, parents' divorce, peer trouble, grades and more. Supporting your student's self-esteem at home can promote confidence in academics at school.

Students with high self-esteem:

- •Show confidence in things they do.
- Have a positive self-image.
- •Are more likely to try something new.
- •Are more likely to engage with peers or groups.

Students with low self-esteem:

- •May have poor image of self.
- •Have trouble finding and keeping friends.
- •Do not respond well to failure.
- •May feel lonely at times.

How can we support students with low self-esteem?

- •Help them engage in activities they are interested in. Examples: art club, soccer, band, etc.
- •Set time aside to listen about your student's day. Acknowledge the hardships and praise the accomplishments. *Great idea while eating dinner together*
- •Encourage them to try something new. Example: enroll them in dance class
- •Show them unconditional love.

Middle School

Future Fridays

Middle School students have had the opportunity to attend Future Fridays and hear various community members speak about potential careers. Each Friday students have the choice to hear our guest speakers during extra help. Students have learned about careers in firefighting, mental health counseling, coaching, insurance, certified angus beef, computer science, digital marketing and becoming a realtor.

Pictured above: Jessica Wagner from Just B Media spoke with our students in January about her career in digital marketing. Ms. Wagner shared about social media, influencers and how they market a product.

Social Media and our Students

As we are all know social media and electronics are a huge part of our students lives. A survey from "American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry" showed 95% of teens aged 13-17 have used social media and 75% report having at least one active social media profile. As a parent or caregiver it is important to know the positives and risks of your student using social media so you can help them navigate it appropriately.

Positives of Social Media:

- •Students can connect with peers.
- $\bullet \mbox{Express}$ themselves by sharing artwork, music, or things that interest them.
- •Being able to connect with friends/family that may not live near them. Risks of Social Media:
- •Exposure to inappropriate content.
- •Oversharing of personal information.
- •Exposure to people they may not know.
- •Impact sleep, schoolwork, family activities or more.

How can support your student to navigate social media appropriately:

- •By friending or following your student's social media account.
- •Limiting screen time: Example: No phone at the dinner table
- Reminding your student not to share personal information online: address, phone number, passwords, etc.
- Teaching them: Think before you speak. Being mindful about what you say on social media.
- •If you see something speak up: Encour aging students to tell a trusted adult if they see someone post something that may impact a student's safety.



News release: NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPRING "HOMECOMING"

54th ANNUAL PANCAKE/SAUSAGE DAY BY THE NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Northwestern High School from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

Serving both "DINE IN" and "DRIVE BY" !!

- * "DINE IN" in the High School Cafeteria
- * "DRIVE BY" enter the South drive (towards Lattasburg) and drive by the High School front door to pick up meals

\$8.00 per meal, \$7.00 "seniors" (over 65 yrs.), \$5.00 children 6 to 10, free to children under 5 yrs. old

DELICIOUS PANCAKES, GORTNER'S PURE MAPLE SYRUP, WHOLE HOG" SAUSAGE, and APPLESAUCE

"Whole Hog Sausage" (pre-frozen and fresh) and Gortner's pure maple syrup will be available for sale to take home!

The High School is located at 7473 North Elyria Rd, West Salem, OH (St. Rt. 301), one mile North of Lattasburg or six miles South of West Salem

All proceeds go towards Northwestern Community projects!

The Ruritan Mission is "To Make Our Community a Better Place To Live"!

Hope you can join us!!

Photo below is from the 2022 Pancake/Sausage Day in the school cafeteria.



EMERGENCY DELAY OR CANCELLATION DAYS

With the severely cold weather and winter remaining we would like to remind parents about our delay and cancellation procedures. When our school buses travel over 1,436 miles each day in our 94 square mile school district, picking up students it is imperative that the roads are safe to travel. The safety of students and drivers is the primary issue when considering whether to cancel school.

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both the Northwestern Transportation Mechanic Faron Flinn and Northwestern Superintendent Jeff Layton drive the roads prior to 5:00 a.m. in order to make the final decision before 5:30 a.m. At 5:30 many of our dedicated bus drivers have already begun their routes on poor weather days. The Superintendent also listens to weather forecasts and confers with other area school district superintendents - all of who also do assessments of their road conditions. A decision is made to delay or cancel school if it is unsafe for students and/or unsafe for bus travel. Since Northwestern stretches so far north-south we may not always make the same decision as other school districts. This is because we are concerned with Northwestern students first and foremost. However, we also have an obligation to also fulfill our mission of providing an excellent education for our students.

Know that our buses do have heaters and they also drop-down chains. We installed the chains for a reason – so we can fulfill transporting our children to and from school safely. Trust our dedicated and experienced bus drivers to do this with the safest equipment.

When the Wayne County Sheriff issues a Level 2 weather warning, telling motorists to drive only if it is an emergency, school is automatically cancelled. However, sometimes these announcements do not come before announcement of school closing has to occur. In addition, often the road conditions change quickly and dramatically – sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse - between the time of the final decision at 5:30 a.m. and the time MS and HS may begin with a 2-hour delay. As most people are aware the superintendent has made the extra effort to make the decision between 5:00-5:30 and closer to 5:00am if at all possible depending on the conditions and situation.

Information on school closing is available and most accurate by registering for communications. Parents, students, and community members can register for text alerts and/or e-mail alerts through our website.

The school text and e-mail alerts systems are the most efficient and immediate as far as information, please register if you have not. Additionally, district phone recordings, website, twitter, Instagram, facebook, as well as radio station WQKT are the quickest to post the information. Also, calling the district or individual school building phone numbers and listening to the recorded message on our automated phone system is an option. Announcements are also made through local radio stations WQKT and WNCO as well as TV stations WEWS (Channel 5), WKYC (Channel 3), and FOX WJW (Channel 8). Television stations have between a 15-minute and 30-minute lag time before the information is posted an occasionally do post inaccurate messages or their systems become overwhelmed. Also, following a delay a decision to close is announced by 8:00 a.m. at the very latest. Otherwise, assume that we will remain open.

Northwestern Robotics Students participated in the Mount Vernon Vex Qualifier on January 21, 2023. All three Northwestern Robotics Teams 2971A, 2971B and 2971C all competed exceptionally well. Team 2971A competed well during qualification rounds and finished with a 4-2 record and were seeded 9th. They were eliminated from the first round of the tournament even though they won the match due to an unfortunate disqualification of their alliance partner. Team 2971A did however win the Judges Award for the tournament. Team 2971B also competed exceptionally well. They finished with a 5-1 record in the qualification rounds and were seeded 2nd in the tournament. They too had a difficult first match in the tournament and were eliminated. Team 2971C also competed well during qualification rounds and finished with a 2-4 record. All three teams will be preparing for our next tournament at Wooster High School on February 18, 2023. We look forward to another successful tournament for our robotics teams.



Luke Walton, Steven Lagoy, Tristan Miller and Kylee Purdy competed at Mount Vernon VEX Qualifier and won the Judges Award at the competition



Morgan Murphy stands poised with a 2nd place finish in the qualifications round and subsequence 2nd selection for the tournament finals (Teammates include Gino Guidetti, Blake Good and Jacob Haley)

Job Openings

For the 2023-2024 school year: To apply submit an application, letter of interest and resume to the person listed by Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., or until filled **Elementary School** 4th Grade Teacher Appropriate licensure required Salary: Per Negotiated Salary Schedule Contact: Douglas Hopkins, Principal nrws_dhopkins@tccsa.net Middle School 8th Grade Science Teacher Appropriate licensure required Salary: Per Negotiated Salary Schedule Contact: Rachel Beun, Principal nrws_beun@tccsa.net High School Boys Head Soccer Coach Girls Head Soccer Coach Salary: Per Negotiated Salary Schedule Contact: Anita Jorney-Gifford, High School Athletic Director/Assistant Principal nrws_ajgifford@tccsa.net For the 2022-2023 school year. To apply submit an application, letter of interest and resume to the person listed by Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Administrative Secretary Central Office 206 days/year Duties are split between Transportation and EMIS reporting Salary: This is an Exempt position Contact: Jeffrey N. Layton, Superintendent nrws_layton@tccsa.net

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Northwestern Local Schools 2023-2024 School Year Calendar BOE approved 12/19/2022

17 & 18 Professional Development Days 21 Convocation Day 22 1st Day for Students

4 Labor Day – No School 11 Fair Day – No School 12 Professional Development Day – No School 27 Parent Teacher Conf. MS & HS (mid-term 1st quarter)

12 Parent Teacher Conf. Elementary – No School MS & HS Professional Development Day 13 No School 20 End of 1st Nine weeks (39 days) MS & HS

10 End of 1st Trimester Elementary (52 days) 22 thru 24 Thanksgiving Break No School 27 Compensatory Day No School 29 Parent Teacher Conf. MS & HS (mid-term 2nd quarter)

20 End of 2nd Nine weeks (39 days) MS & HS 21 thru January 2 Christmas Vacation – No School

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3 School resumes 15 M.L. King Day – No School

1 Parent Teacher Conf.
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7 Parent Teacher Conf.
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16 Compensatory DayNo School
16 End of 2nd Trimester
Elementary (64 days)
19 Presidents' Day No School

1 Professional Development Day – No School
7 Parent Teacher Conf.
Elementary
15 End of 3rd Nine
weeks (49 days)
29 thru April 5 Easter
Break No School
31 Easter Sunday

8 School resumes



26 Graduation
27 Memorial Day
30 Last Day of School
& End
of 4th Nine weeks MS &
HS (47 days)
30 End of 3rd Trimester
Elementary (63 days)
31 Staff Work Day

DON'T MISS OUT !! Board of Education Meeting

Board President John Smith 3rd Monday each month 6:30 p.m. HS Library

All Sports Association

President Bill Arthur 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 Kim Wellert 2nd Monday each month 7:00 p.m. HS Commons

Football Club

President Tommy Guidetti 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 Alison Fiala Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



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