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January 2015



Northwestern Elementary School
Student Assembly focusing on
“Character Traits”

Northwestern Elementary School
Mrs. Julie McCumber, Principal, had
the most pies thrown at her at the
annual Fun Fair!!



Northwestern Middle School “Tech Team”



**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...

Congratulations to Northwestern Elementary, which not only rose, but soared above the "improvement status" from two years ago at an incredible rate. The incredible efforts lifted us out of that status in two years rather than the state's anticipated three years! Also, State Support Team Region 9 (SST9) holds Northwestern Elementary as an example of a district which serves ALL of our students very well!

As many of you may recall, Northwestern Elementary (as with most elementary schools our size which had been successful) were classified as "needs improvement" status by the Ohio Department of Education two years ago. This was based upon limited growth in reading test scores for "students with disabilities" subcategory. Oddly, our students with disabilities have traditionally scored well – an average of 30% lower than the general population did not pass the reading achievement tests. However, the subcategory was expected to make annual growth to close this "achievement gap" over time. Two years ago the time was up to close this gap so we were tagged along with numerous other schools. We have since redoubled our efforts, spent significant additional local dollars in Foundations and Wilson Reading programs, tutors, professional development, summer programming, and supplies. The significant focus, dedication, and dollars spent on this population of students, has paid off!

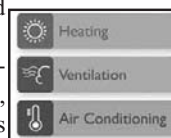
HVAC needs:

Our efforts at both functionality and energy efficiency are well documented at Northwestern. The LED and fluorescent lighting are only two of many examples of the energy efficiency side. The district has been working on Control Systems, equipment, and other HVAC due to poor performing or worn-out equipment and motors, and poorly designed systems in some situations. We have hundreds of thousands of dollars in needed equipment redesigns, repair,

and replacement needs.

Unfortunately, the district is not in the situation fiscally to complete these all at once. We are working through these building by building. The elementary, although only 11 years old, suffered from design flaws and we have had to replace several motors and address control systems. One of the chillers went down this past year, which was an expensive endeavor. Finally, the Elementary is nearly where we want it to be, although there is still on the list replacement of the 3-way chiller valves in the Elementary with 2-way valves, as well as replace the remaining pumps. They are poorly designed (built to fail) and inefficient as well. We are planning to move forward with these in the summer. At that time the Elementary School should be in fantastic shape!

The MS and HS systems need upgrading as well, but we are moving at a snail's pace with these buildings until after we have the needed revenue through the upcoming operating millage in November. The HVAC Systems are one of many needs we have. We have numerous other facility maintenance items needing addressed as well – such as replacement of carpeting; the high school fire alarm system; and others which our maintenance revenue cannot handle with existing funds. The funding reductions from state and federal, along with unfunded mandates, shifting of the bulk of our support organization costs onto schools, new online testing mandates that require additional Chrome Books, software, and technology infrastructure are many of the reasons we will be seeking additional operating revenue this November to replace the expiring HS bond issue revenue.



BioOhio Workforce & Education STEM Panel:

BioOhio has invited me to be a member of a 4-person panel on STEM Education at the February Bioscience Workforce & Education Summit. The event is an effort to gather the state's educators, school administrators, career counselors, workforce professionals and industry representatives to discuss the quality, comprehensiveness, and challenges of bioscience education in Ohio. The day will also include a Career/Internship/Co-op Fair, and is a great opportunity to meet hiring companies around the state.

Meetings and other items:

* We are pursuing a visit and STEM support legislation from Senator Frank LaRose. Hopefully this will occur in February.

* We are working with both Stark State College and OSU-ATI for anchor Dual College Credit courses in Technology and Clean Energy.

* Solar Array. Brandon Miller with Carbon Vision is donating \$5,000 worth of solar panels for our new Renewable/Clean Energy Program! He has also shared that he will seek support from other vendors in the field for other solar equipment. Brandon expressed an interest in helping with the program by sharing expertise, visiting our class, coordinating trips to some of the large solar arrays he has installed. We are working with adjunct professors Brandon Miller, Drew Wang, and Russell Yoder from OSU-ATI in an attempt to obtain solar panels, technical support, as well as dual college credit partnership for our Clean Energy Program!

* Heather Tegtmeier and I recently submitted a \$5,000 wetlands grant with the EPA. The proposal supports study and reduction of invasive species, reintroduction of native species, restoration and preservation of the area, and education of students and the public. More on this will be shared in the spring as we move forward.

* We have been spending a large amount of time in completing Career Education forms for our MS programs and new HS Clean Energy Program for next year. Being on the cutting edge means that we are often the ones who are asking the questions in anticipation when the answers do not exist yet or Ohio Department of Education has changed them. As district leaders, we take great pride in analyzing and preparing for potential new programs. For example, we always look at the following before beginning a new program, course, or career pathway: need, student interest, capacity to perform with quality and with efficacy, sustainability, and impact on student achievement. The exciting thing for us is when we see financial and in-kind equipment contributions from foundations, businesses, grants, and individual donors! Also, the sustainability factor is huge because we have to balance our excellent programs with efficiency & remain fiscally accountable. We will receive a \$16,000 Ohio Department of Education Grant to support the implementation of our new Renewable/Clean Energy program.

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From the Superintendent

We also anticipate an increase in weighted funding from the Ohio Department of Education next year for our expanded STEM programs in the middle school and the first initial Renewable/Clean Energy course. These weighted funds support the costs of these programs and we expect these funds to be consistent. Working smarter and understanding sustainability and the funding mechanisms are the main reasons we have remained financially successful for so long here while we have also been able to expand programs, further improve quality, and attract numerous students and interest from outside our school district.

* Grants: LOWES, Chevron, CH2M, Ashland Petroleum, etc. Working on several at this time.

* Lesa and I met with Bond Council Rick Manoloff regarding a 10-year Emergency Levy for next November. He will be providing resolutions & official ballot language that the Board will need to approve in the spring and next fall. Please share with friends and relatives that this will replace the current HS bond issue at its expiration so there will be NO INCREASE IN CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES! We have been striving to stretch our dollars to get to this January 2017 date. I anticipate this levy to carry us financially beyond our 2024 payoff of the OSFC project, at which point the district will be debt-free!

* Met with Mike Burkholder and Elizabeth Crabtree regarding HS Drama to be within the school day & the continued expansion of the Choir. The district intends to increase Laura Schantz' time at the elementary and Elizabeth will spend more time at the HS to continue expanding our fine arts programs!

* Carrie Wellert and Justin Starlin put together a video interview including Northwestern regarding STEM, WIN Economic Development Committee, and last October's Manufacturing Day. The video was incorporated into the annual January Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce program and annual dinner in mid-January.

* I held my final meeting as 2014 Ruritan President in December. Mike Burkholder is the

2015 President, Becky Burkholder is 2015 Treasurer. I cannot think of a finer organization in which to belong! Please consider membership!

* The district has agreed to sell the West Salem Park to the Town & Country Fire District for \$1 plus legal costs. They will update and maintain the playground, baseball diamond, and a pavilion, as well as build a new fire station on a portion of the property. I continue working with Bill Cletzer regarding the West Salem land transfer. The district in the past has spent thousands annually on paint and other supplies while the village, fire district, and volunteers had provided the labor for grounds maintenance. The school district will save maintenance costs, the fire district can expand to a new and larger building and monitor/maintain the property, and the village will have an excellent playground and park. This seems to be one of those rare win-wins for the community good.

* We have negotiated a 5-year extension to our Coca Cola Contract – terms include an additional \$10,300 this year (over the \$5,000 annual donation we have already received) as well as the ongoing \$5,000 donation and case rebates for All Sports. It is important to note that a portion of these funds support our drug and alcohol screening costs. In addition, the Coca Cola revenue from All Sports in addition to raising funds through concessions and fair Coca Cola booth sales are used to purchase uniforms and equipment for students and will purchase new scoreboards for the high school gymnasium next winter and replace all district scoreboards over time. These funds also support other athletic facility improvements and replacements.

* Proud to be a Ruritan! Northwestern Ruritans has been nominated for and received a military award for military support through the work of our Husky Brigade! This award was presented on January 12th

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.

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STEM (Science- Technology- Engineering-Math) Showcase

Northwestern has a history of holding a "Night with the Arts" where we celebrate the arts the evening of our spring concert. As a result of numerous questions and conversations from community members the **Northwestern School District will be featuring the following on March 14th**, the day of our annual Washington, D.C. Auction and Ruritans annual Sausage and Pancake Day.

Come celebrate our community, support the great works of our Northwestern Ruritans, support our 6th Grade Washington, D.C. trip, and see the following:

* Our traditional Wood Technology furniture & Art set-up in the HS Commons

* Information on the history of and becoming a Northwestern Ruritan, HS Commons

STEM Program and Robotics displays will be viewable in the HS Library:

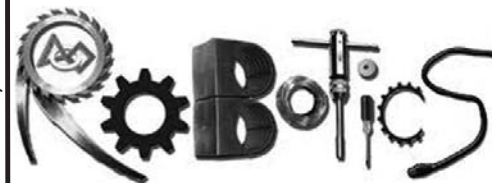
* Elementary School STEM program pilot

* Middle School STEM programs

* High School STEM programs

* Pictures, display, and information of our Northwestern District "Innovation Station STEM Lab"

* Robotics Course and Robots!



2014-15 school year Newsletter article and photo submission deadlines:

March 18th

July 22nd

Note: Assume 14 days from each deadline as delivery date.

District NEWS!

5-year Northwestern Strategic Plan Revision Committee

Please be a part of prioritizing our needs and charting the course for our future success!

EVENT: Strategic Plan Meeting

DATES: June 8th 5-6:30 p.m.

August 10th 5-6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Northwestern High School Library

TIME COMMITMENT: These two meetings and likely one or two subcommittee meetings in between, as determined by the subcommittees

INVITED: ANY STAFF OR COMMUNITY MEMBER HAVING A DESIRE TO PLAN OUR CONTINUED GOOD WORK!

With the numerous state and federal mandates, STEM designation and Northwestern – business - post-secondary collaborative meetings it has been very busy times! Finding time to review and revise our strategic plan has been extremely challenging. We also needed to complete, distribute, collect, and analyze survey data prior to the June meeting.

We are in need of renewing our current 2010-2015 Five-Year School District Strategic Plan, then approving this revised plan for five additional years in the future – 2015-2020. This helps us to base our goals and objectives on the most recent data and allows us to refocus our efforts on relevant continuous improvement needs so we can best serve our students and our community. It is an important time to review and recalibrate in an effort to clarify our direction as a school district. Common Core Curriculum, financial challenges, technology integration, new generation of state assessments, collaborations; all are important topics for consideration. Northwestern has seen fantastic success as we have adapted to the changes and mandates in these and other areas in the current environment.

The strategic plan focuses on the vision of our school district and has guided us in our current positive direction. It will likely include the following seven general areas:

- Teaching & Learning
- Technology
- Professional Development & Curriculum
- Community-School relations – (family, business, post-secondary, community learning support)
- Communications
- Budget/Finances
- Student Development

These are the steps of the revision process:

1. A Committee will be gathering, discussing, and disseminate data regarding performance, finance, curriculum, and instruction.
2. April 2015: Creation and distribution of surveys. Done by district through mailings, staff, students, and website monkey surveys.
3. May 2015 data will be shared on district website & e-mails including information will be forwarded to Strategic Plan Committee Members for review prior to the June meeting.
4. June, 2015: Initial Strategic Plan Committee will meet with members of the internal committee to summarize this data to the full Strategic Plan Committee, information will be discussed, and some focal points clarified.

6. August, 2015: Meeting to pull the subcommittees back together, report out, and summarize.

7. October, 2015: Tentative Strategic Plan Completed.

CONTACT: I have a short list of individuals who have expressed interest over the past year. Others please contact Superintendent Jeffrey Layton to be an involved participant. If interested please contact me and leave the following information:

Name

E-mail address

Best telephone number to reach you

You can contact Jeff Layton by telephone or e-mail

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- 419-846-3151 (ext. 4302)

These meetings are for the collaboration of any past participants of the Strategic Plan committee, in addition to any staff-member, interested student, parent, or community member wanting to be a positive participant in this process.

Communications, structure clarifications, and dates of meetings will be communicated via e-mail or telephone as the process moves forward and dates are set.

We appreciate your ongoing involvement with the success of our students and Northwestern Schools. Our caring, involved, staff and community are what set us apart!

Some of the information discussed will include:

Survey data

Elementary, Middle, High School Data

Current Curriculum and Course Offerings

State Common CORE Curriculum

Requirements

Budget and Financial Information

Dual College Credit Options

State Grade Card Performance Data

Adequate Yearly Progress Data

General Value-Added Data

Attendance Data

Graduation Data

Subgroup data (students with disabilities, at risk students, gifted students)

**COME BE AN INTEGRAL PART
OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!**

Home of the Huskies

Northwestern H.S. DRAMA CLUB

Human Trafficking & Sexual Abuse

As parents, educators, and a concerned community we must remain vigilant in discussing with our children and maintaining awareness of human trafficking, internet and social media safety concerns, as well as potential sexual abuse. This is an important part of our health curriculum within these classes. However, in addition to this, we also should all be discussing this topic with our young people. I trust that we as aware members of our community discuss and watch the many dangers of social media and uncomfortable situations that may lead to damaging situations - including potential molesters and human traffickers.

As a school district I trust that our teachers, bus drivers, administration - all of our employees - will continue to encourage parents to be aware, to monitor their children's activities on the internet, on the phone, and in person. We also should, as parents, continue asking questions of our children and encourage our students to question anything that their instincts tell them is not quite right and to remove themselves from and mention to trusted adults uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situations.

With the data and situations and evidence so close to home here in Ohio we all should redouble our efforts at educating our students, parents, as well as our communities to be sure we all remain vigilant and aware. We do not need any more victims of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or human trafficking. Trust your instincts and check it out if you feel something is not quite right.

FOLLOW US ON NORTHWESTERN TWITTER!

Please register for our Northwestern "Twitter" account!

Registration can be completed on our Northwestern website and by registering at the twitter address on the front page of this newsletter!

We initiated this account last October and have sent dozens of tweets since.

We are planning to increase the number of tweets to at least 1 classroom tweet per building per week.

There is a significant amount of research that indicates parents and community members are more likely to read brief one or two liners with a picture than lengthy posts. Northwestern wants to continue sharing the amazing things happening in our classrooms through every avenue possible!

Our area newspapers provide too little coverage for the many amazing things that our outstanding teachers do each day. While we do utilize the West Salem Messenger, WQKT, The Post Newspaper, our website, and our own "The Northwestern" newsletter it is time to make more ongoing and immediate newsbytes. The answer is regular twitter postings.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our teachers and our students!

No Smoking on School Grounds – Period!

Please be considerate of our children and your neighbors.

This is a stern reminder that there is No Smoking on school grounds. This includes the parking lots, entrances, sides of the buildings, football stadium – both inside and outside of the fence, as well as behind the elementary school when attending youth baseball, softball or soccer events.

The No Smoking policy on school grounds has been posted on all doors and around the campus and has been a district policy for over a decade. Anyone smoking on school grounds will be asked to put it

out and asked to leave.



This policy is to protect our students and community as well as to maintain clean facilities and grounds. Nobody likes inhaling second-hand smoke and cleaning or stepping over cigarette butts in our parking lots or at the entrances of our buildings!

Thank you for your consideration!

The Northwestern H.S. Drama Club is proud to announce our production of **"God Spell, Jr." March 27 - 28, 2015.** It is a one-hour version of the popular Broadway musical and promises to be a credit to the theater program here and very entertaining to our community.

Musicals take more funding than normal plays. We are inviting you to help us fund the production of this excellent event with your sponsorships. All donations will be appreciated and all donors will be credited on the program. We've created some small bits of appreciation for various levels of sponsorship:

\$50.00 – two tickets

\$75.00 – two tickets and a t-shirt

\$100.00 – two reserved seat tickets and two t-shirts

\$300.00 – six reserved seat tickets and three t-shirts

Thank you for your kind support!

Northwestern H.S. Drama Club

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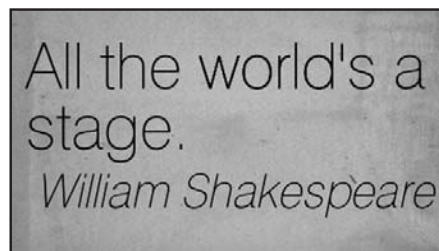
Phone _____

Amount/Level donated

\$ _____.

Date ____/____/____.

Collected by _____



Stay Informed



Special Education and Title I Planning Special Planning Board Meeting: March 16, 2015

March 16, 2015 Northwestern Board of Education meeting is our annual parent involvement & collaborative planning meeting for our Special Education (IDEA) and Title I programs. We will discuss current programs and collaboratively plan for utilization of these funds for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. We will also discuss the district programs, success, and anticipated student needs. We will also entertain parent, student, and community member suggestions, as well as answer questions and enter into preplanning discussions regarding these programs.

Background:

All three buildings at Northwestern – the elementary, middle school, and high school – all are designated as Title I buildings and participate in the Title I with “school-wide” service status. Title I programs are programs partially funded by the federal government and partially funded by state and local education dollars to support the education of our low-wealth student population. Title I “school wide” means that we have such a large low-wealth population of students that Northwestern is permitted the involvement of all students in these programs. Northwestern encourages active, ongoing parent involvement with their child’s education, which is a parental right under Title I. These services and programs are necessary to support the needs of our children – helping them to be successful.

Northwestern is very near the state and national average as far as the percentage of students meeting the requirements for and receiving special education services. Approximately 14% of our student population has special needs which must be met according to law. These services are predominantly funded by local education dollars, in addition to being partially funded by the federal government as well. These services are necessary to accommodate for individualized needs for these children to be successful.

Collaboration between student, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators are strongly correlated with student achievement and success

Please contact your child’s teacher, building principal, intervention specialist, Title I coordinator, or special education director with questions, concerns, comments, performance data, suggestions, and/or desire for increased participation in the planning of your child’s education, programs, curriculum, and communications utilizing Title I and IDEA federal funds.

RANDOM DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

I am proud to share that as of the date of authoring this article we have had zero positive student drug and alcohol test results! We have conducted several urine test sessions through this fall and winter, over 100 middle and high school students. These are the results we have desired with this initiative. Our district is not out to catch and consequence students. However, we are promoting healthy lifestyles, good decisions, and supports for our students. This process is necessary, unfortunately, to protect students and is part of an effort to minimize use of these substances by students in our community. When we do have positive results we will provide supports, encourage counseling, and consequences will result. Taking a proactive stance is so very important in order to provide additional reasons and support for students to say “no.”

We feel that the drug and alcohol screenings are an important deterrent to the use of illegal substances by our students. Reduced use in high school will undoubtedly result in lower use also as

adults throughout our community. We also feel we are preparing students for the real world due to the numerous businesses wisely mandating drug testing for employment. Their mandates reduce operational costs and increase safety for us all

Our policy reflects randomly testing students participating in extracurricular activities grades 7-12. The testing began in October since the policy was passed unanimously by our Northwestern Board of Education on September 22, 2014. Consequences for failing the test include loss of parking privileges for a time period (for students who drive) as well as counseling and suspension from the extracurricular activity. With the recent steep rise in deadly drug use such as prescription medications, methamphetamines, and heroin, as well as the fact that we know parties happen where alcohol and drug use occurs, we feel we have a moral and civic responsibility as a school district to enforce this proactive tool to potentially reduce the use of drugs and alcohol by Northwestern students. It also gives a valid and substantial reason for a student to defy peer pressure and say “no” when they are in a situation where they might be offered such a substance.

Our overall plan includes education through adult interaction and discussion, speakers, assemblies, and a variety of pointed events and activities to discourage use of illegal substances and educate our students to their dangers. Northwestern is one of four Wayne County school districts that have taken this strong and courageous stance. We can only hope that, in time, it will become a county-wide supported initiative.

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 to transport students it is imperative that the roads are safe to travel. The safety of children and drivers is the only issue when considering whether to cancel school.



SNOW DAYS, continued

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent drive the roads prior to 5:00 a.m. - communicating with each other - 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 districts - all of whom also do assessments of 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.

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 (9:15 a.m.) or ES 2-hour delay (11:00 a.m.).

Information on school closing is available and most accurate by registering for communications through OhioAlerts.com (a link is also on our Northwestern website). Parents, students, and community members can register for text alerts and/or e-mail alerts.

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 and occasionally they post inaccurate messages. Also, a decision to close is announced by 8:00 a.m. at the very latest. Otherwise, we will remain open.

Northwestern Ruritans

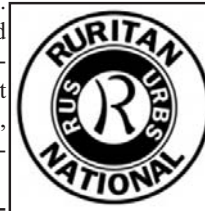
Nominations for the Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award for 2015 are being accepted through March 31st. Anyone having an interest in nominating an organization, please submit to any Northwestern building. This is the Eighth year of this collaborative award!

Congratulations to last year's winners - MW Robinson Plumbing and Heating and KDM Sportswear - as 2014 recipients of the Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award!

Each business was recognized at the Northwestern banquet and recognition program held in May for acknowledging exemplary scholarship students and businesses. The recognition program is co-sponsored by Northwestern Ruritans and Northwestern Schools. Businesses are recognized for their long-standing relationship and commitment shared with our students, school district, and throughout our community.

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 7 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
Friendly Wholesale Company of Wooster
MW Robinson Plumbing and Heating
KDM Sportswear



About Northwestern Ruritans:

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 additional projects held 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 last 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
 - * Donations for Buckeye Boys State Leadership weekend and Buckeye Girls State Leadership weekend
 - * Recognizing area businesses and volunteer organizations for their support of our community and schools
 - * 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
 - * Support for our local fire districts
- Northwestern Ruritan meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Northwestern High School commons.

HUSKY PRIDE AND TRADITION



Husky
Pride
and
Tradition!

Ruritan NEWS continued

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.”

2014 Past President Jeff Layton

2015 Current President Mike Burkholder

Northwestern Ruritans also had the distinction of hosting the District State-wide Ruritans Fall Convention this past November, 2014!

Join our club – you will be glad you did. Contact any Ruritan Member or Jeff Layton (419-846-3151 or nrws_layton@tccsa.net) for membership information.



Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award

Business Award of Merit Nomination Form

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Owner/Contact Person _____

Contributions to school and/or community:

Nominated by: _____ (Deadline: March 31st)

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 to be forward to Mr. Layton.

Northwestern School District – a 10-year Review of Excellence & Innovation

Northwestern Schools are very appreciative of our recent Innovation Lab Network membership and collaboration for the future of our excellent programs and for the good of our students. Being very successful academically as well as a public school leader in STEM Education in Northeast Ohio the success of Northwestern programs is well documented. We are emulated by several school districts and followed closely by numerous businesses and politicians throughout our region. However, in spite of our past success we have much more work remaining ahead of us as we continue progressing in our project-based learning in order to continue our growth and continued excellence in all areas – K-12 including: foundational reading and math through the STEM areas, core subject, elective, and fine arts courses.

A general summary of current Northwestern STEM programs & upcoming initiatives:

- 2005 implemented all-day, every-day Kindergarten
- 2005 membership in SREB (Southern Regional Education Board), HSTW (High Schools that Work), and MMGW (Making Middle Grades Work)
- 2005 introduction of High School “Husky Huddle” student-teacher mentor program
- 2006 Strategic Plan and Planning year for incorporating STEM and project-based learning
- 2006 Introduction of Senior Seminar Capstone course requirement
- 2007 4-course Biomedical PLTW STEM program initiated
- 2007 4-course biomedical PLTW STEM program initiated
- 2007 middle school Gateway to Technology PLTW STEM courses added (Engineering Design, Flight & Space)

STAY INFORMED!!

Summary continued

- Attainment of 50 credit hours of dual college coursework available on Northwestern campus
- 2008 Membership in Northeast Ohio BioScience Consortium - ongoing
- 2006 introduction of middle school "Husky Huddle" student-teacher mentor program
- 2009 Membership in BioOhio – ongoing
- 2009 Awarded K-8 "Program of Excellence" STEM Grant
- 2010 Goal Benchmark: First year of more than 75% of 8th grade students completing Algebra I prior to entering high school (we have attained this for the past 5 consecutive years!)
- 2010 Competitive after school Robotics Club formed
- 2010 High School 4-year Biomedical program earns national accreditation
- 2010 High School 4-year Engineering program earns national accreditation
- 2011 Pilot and initial year of our Middle School Medical Detectives Biomedical course
- 2012 Introduction of 8th Grade Career Capstone course requirement
- 2013 inclusion of smart phone "Ap Design" within computer networking class
- 2013-2015 transitioning our Tech I course from high school to middle school
- 2014 (spring) Northwestern Middle School named by OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network) "Ohio STEM Designated School" (1 of 25 schools in Ohio)
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- 2014 Sitting member of the Wayne County Economic Development WIN (Regional Workforce Innovations Network) Committee and active in Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce
- 2014 75% ratio of student to device (Chrome Book, Ipad, laptop, and few remaining desktops)
- 2014 \$10,000 Martha Holden Jennings Award

- (fall) "Inspiration Station District/Community STEM Lab" dedication (includes 4 helicopter drones, 2 3-D printers, more than \$10,000 in robotics equipment, laser engraver, ShopBot tabletop CNC router, and full sized industrial CNC machine, desktops, laptops, several action cameras, etc.)
- 2014 (fall) Full Time middle school STEM Teacher employed (quadrupling our Gateway to Technology PLTW STEM and general STEM courses – we now offer 10 Middle School STEM courses: Design & Modeling, Environmental Design, Smart Historians & Architecture, Science in Technology, Electricity, Scientific Inventions, Agricultural Science, Green architecture, Agri-STEM, as well as Automation & Robotics). Northwestern Middle School offers more than 30 electives for students to explore and pursue potential careers!
- 2014 (fall) Robotics becomes a high school course
- 2014 (winter) Membership in Ohio ILN (Innovation Lab Network) 1 of only 16 member districts
- 2015 (winter-spring) piloting K-5 elementary PLTW STEM programs – one teacher per grade
- 2015 (fall) Full implementation of K-5 PLTW STEM programs
- 2015 (fall) establishing high school Clean/Renewable Energy SREB (Southern Regional Education Board) STEM program (4-year phase-in of 4 program course)
- 2015 (fall) Anticipated Dual Associates Degree/High School Diploma in BioScience articulation agreement with North Central State College
- 2016 (fall) establishing high school Computer Sciences PLTW STEM program (4-year phase-in of 6 program 9-12 grade course)



JUNIOR POST PROM FUNDRAISING:

Junior Post Prom Committee is continuing to raise money for our kids to have a great Prom this Year.

Any JUNIOR PARENTS willing to get involved is welcome.

Contact LeAnne Buchholz (330)317-7789 with any interest or questions

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

** We are selling HOG RAFFLE TICKETS until FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20th
 Tickets are being sold at ALL HOME GAMES and also available at all school offices~
 We will be drawing the winning tickets Friday Night February 20th at the Boys Varsity Game
 YOU DO NOT need to be present to win!!
 TICKETS are \$5 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$10
 1st place 1/2 hog processed
 2nd place 1/2 hog processed
 3rd place \$50 gas card
 THE HOG IS DONATED BY THE CARL WAY FAMILY AND ALL PROCESSING IS DONATED BY BUTCHER BLOCK AND HEFFELFINGER MEATS!
 Thanks for their support ~

** JUNIOR CLASS WILL BE SELLING BUTTER BRAIDS AND COOKIE DOUGH
 More information to come

** SUNDAY April 19th QUARTER AUCTION
 Doors will open at 2:00 and Auction begins at 3:00
 More Information to come

**Mr.
Burkholder
Northwestern
High School
Principal**



Hello from Northwestern High School,

As time rolls on, we can be assured that winter will give way to spring – bringing with it the Spring Assessment season. This used to mean just the Ohio Graduation Test. We are now in the process of phasing this test out. Our current sophomores will be the last group to take this assessment and have it as a graduation requirement. Our freshmen will be taking Performance Based and End of Course tests in their English, Math and Science classes. Students in American History and Government will also be included in this testing, but it will not be a graduation requirement for them. One of the difficulties in developing an approach to this is that the majority of our students will not be testing at any given time. This, along with having adequate technology resources, has impacted our plan. The basic approach will be that the discipline being tested will be on a block schedule while the rest of the school remains on a traditional schedule. This approach is necessary, as the time that has to be allocated for these tests is longer than a traditional period. The students will be on a regular bell schedule, unless they are testing on that day. This will minimize the impact and result in minimal lost instruction time. We will be sending a more thorough description of the testing schedule to those involved. The bottom line for PBA and EOY tests is that school is on a regular schedule on the test days. Students testing will have some adjustment to their day, students not testing will experience a regular school day.

The Performance Based Assessments will be on the following days:

English: February: 17, 18, 23, 24, 26, 27

Math: March 2,3,5,6

Science: March 9,10

History: March 11, 12

The Ohio Graduation Test will be administered to all sophomores the week of March 16th. We will be on adjusted bell schedule for this week. Students in Grades 9 and students in grades 11 & 12 that have

passed their OGT tests will be on a late start.

The OGT test schedule is as follows:

Monday: Reading

Tuesday: Mathematics

Wednesday: Writing

Thursday: Science

Friday: Social Studies

For those students not involved in OGT testing the school day will begin at 9:55. School buses will run on their normal schedule. Students not testing can ride the bus and stay in supervised areas until their school day starts or if they don't need to ride their bus they can come in later, as long as they are here and ready to begin their school day at 9:55. School will be over at 2:23, as usual.

In April we will be back in Assessment mode with impacted students taking their End of Course tests on the following days:

English: April: 22,23,27,28

Math: April 30, May 4,6,7

Science: May 8,11

History: May 12,13

For members of the class of 2018, the combined result of their Performance Based and their End of Course tests will be given a rating, which is attached to a point value. As things stand now, the highest point value is a 5. Students will take these assessments in seven different classes and need to accumulate at least 18 points across these tests, as a graduation requirement. There will be retest opportunities, where necessary. This is still an evolving requirement. We will continue to adjust and share information as it becomes available. As with any new assessment program, there will be growing pains. We anticipate that schools across the state and country will experience lower scores and work to address and become more efficient with the new assessment. We also anticipate this test information will play a significant role in the Ohio Department of Education's grading system and "grade cards" issued to school districts. We will meet the requirements, but keep our focus on educating our children to the very best of our ability rather than focus on the assessment.

The schools grade card will include a shift to the utilization of letter grades rather than the current terminology of continuous improvement, effective or excellent. There is a general belief that fewer schools will receive the highest distinction, which in this case would be an overall grade of A.

Hopefully the additional information assessed will help to communicate how schools are doing with their current population of students and help formulate effective strategies to do better in areas that receive a lower score. All schools and their demographics are different, making it difficult to use the information for comparative purposes.

We are very proud of the body of work completed by our students in senior seminar. Thank you to all community members who took the time to serve as mentors or to sit on the panel during presentations. It is a huge endeavor, but is very worthwhile.

It is the time of year that we begin planning for the coming year and will be starting the scheduling process for returning students. We have scheduled a meeting to help with this process on Tuesday March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. The course selection books are available on-line. As expected, our curriculum is always evolving. We have some new course offerings in our Math Curriculum, we are adding a class in Theater Arts, Agriculture Science has a new course and we are launching a new pathway that focuses on Clean Energy. We have simplified the paperwork and decided to keep the main document on-line for reference, rather than go through the expense of distributing a complete book for each student. We probably saved a tree or two in the process! Please contact us with any questions you may have, relative to your child's academic selections.

We have had many exciting things going on at the High School. . The music and visual arts programs have continued to perform well. Many community members have had the pleasure of listening to their concert performances and seeing their displayed work. We have participated in, and served as the host school, for the One Act Play Festival. Our robotics team had a good competition. Our winter sports teams have worked hard and have given their best efforts. Hopefully this newsletter finds many teams and/or individuals still competing in their respective tournaments.

A reminder to all community members; Thanks to the generosity of the

Northwestern All-Sports Association and Northwestern High School Physical Education classes now has a well-equipped fitness room. The fitness room is equipped with 2 treadmills, 2 ellipticals, upright bikes & recumbent bikes. The fitness room is located on the Northwest Corner of the High School in Room 400. The room is available to members of the Northwestern Community from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on days that the high school is in session. Northwestern Middle School students may use the equipment if accompanied by an adult. For safety reasons, we cannot allow children 11 or younger to use the equipment. Access to the fitness room may vary with the season, and the school calendar.

Community members have access to the track during daylight hours. Please restrict your use to the outside four lanes to reduce the wear on the inner lanes, which have more use during athletic events. The free weight facility in the community building is also available to community members, with restrictions. During the school day it can be accessed by signing in and getting a key from the board office. If we have a physical education class using the facility, they have priority. These classes are typically scheduled from 7:20 to 9:32. After school hours the weight room is generally utilized by athletic teams, making the facility unavailable. If the board office is closed and the athletic teams have finished their practices, access to the weight room may be achieved through a coach or Northwestern staff member who has a key, but they must be on the premises with you as a supervisor. These tightened restrictions are a result of trying to be good members of the community while balancing issues related to safety and liability.

We have so many people that invest so much for our students and children. Thank you for your continued support as we continue the work of "Preparing our Students Today for Tomorrow's Opportunities".



Mrs. Juliet Thomas
Northwestern High School
Guidance Counselor



Northwestern High School Counselor's Corner Hello from the High School Counseling Office!

Second semester is that funny time where there is still plenty left to do in this school year, but it is already time to start planning for next year. Here are a few things for each grade level to be aware of:

Current Freshman – There are new graduation requirements starting with the Class of 2018. Most notably are the new online tests that are coming up soon. The online tests have two sections: The Performance Based (PBA) Assessments will be in February/March and the End-of-Year (EOY) Assessments will be in April/May. Students in the Class of 2018 or below currently enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, English 9, and Physical Science will be taking both parts of these tests. Each student must take both parts and then will earn a final score for the exam. Additional tests you will be taking as you move through high school include American History, English 10, Biology and American Government. By your senior year, you will need to earn enough points on all of the exams to earn an overall passing score (This cumulative passing score has not yet been set by the State Board of Education).

Current Sophomores - The Class of 2017 falls under the old graduation requirements which includes the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) that has been around for quite some time. You will be taking all 5 sections of the OGT during the week of March 16-20. Monday will be Reading, Tuesday will be Math, Wednesday will be Writing, Thursday will be Science and Friday will be Social Studies. You must earn a proficient score on each test in order to graduate. Additionally, you will be participating in a 2-part online American History assessment.

Current Juniors – It's hard to believe, but you need to think about life after high school! Are you interested in attending college or a trade school? The military? It is recommended that you have taken at least one ACT or SAT exam before you start your Senior year. Upcoming ACT exams are being held on April 18 and then again on June 13. A lot of students take it in April and then again in June so they have a solid ACT score to start off their Senior year with and are prepared to be applying to college in the fall. Please don't hesitate to stop in the Guidance Office and I'm more than happy to walk you through the online registration process for the ACT or the SAT. Also, talk with your parents and start thinking about visiting campuses. Most colleges host special visit days specifically for high school juniors on Saturdays. If you start off your senior year with already having taken the ACT at least once and having already visited a few campuses, you'll be off to a great start! I know it is overwhelming and I am here to help! Call or just stop in and ask about the ACT, setting up campus visits, choosing a college major, etc.

Current Seniors – Congratulations! You're now more than halfway through your final year and so close to graduation. I'm very proud to report that of our students at the high school, already 71% of you have applied to a 2-year or 4-year college. AMAZING! Now is the time to focus on scholarships and filing the FAFSA to potentially qualify for grants (free money!) and federal student loans. College Goal Sunday on February 8 is a statewide event to provide free assistance to anyone filing the FAFSA. Take advantage of this! The closest location to us is OSU-ATI in Wooster. For more information, check out www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org or stop in the Guidance office.

NHS HIGHLIGHTS!

GUIDANCE news continued

The Guidance website on the High School website is updated nearly daily with local scholarship information as it is received in our office.

College Credit Plus Information

For students interested in participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program by taking the college-level courses we offer here at the high school or at a local college campus, be sure you sign up for the April ACT if you do not already have an ACT score. The CCP courses we currently offer at the high school for qualified students are Animal Science, English 12 Accelerated, Calculus, Music History/Theory, and US History to 1877 as part of Government Accelerated. These courses are offered through either Akron/Wayne College or University of Findlay. Currently, Wayne's admission standards are a 3.0 cumulative gpa and a 21 ACT. Their deadline for fall classes is May 15. University of Findlay's admission requirements are 2.5 cumulative gpa and a 20 ACT, plus a qualifying COMPASS Math score for anyone interested in taking Calculus. UF's deadline to apply online is April 1. You must meet both high school requirements to be in the specific courses as well as meeting the college admission requirements and deadlines. If you were qualified for and took all the college courses we currently offer at the high school, you could potentially earn 19 college credit hours without ever leaving the halls of NHS!

Thank you to the 115 students/parents who came to the College Credit Plus meeting last night to learn more about this program!! It was a great turnout and I hope it helps everyone make the best decisions for course selections for their student(s). This information will also be reviewed in scheduling sessions when I speak to students about classes they want to take next year.

Never hesitate to contact me in the School Counseling office! Feel free to stop in, call or email me at nrws_jthomas@tccsa.net. I love being here at Northwestern and being part of the Husky community.



An "Immersion" Day for Northwestern French Students at Wright State University

"Je promesse de ne pas parler anglais toute la journée" ("I promise to not speak English all day long"), was the promise five brave French students in Levels 3 and 4 signed in writing before their field trip to Wright State University on November 5. For the very first time in the history of any language classes at Northwestern High School five students from Madame Gillespie's Advanced French class participated in a full day of French Immersion at the university. Under threat of being thrown into a mock prison if they broke their promise, the students proved fearless and fluent in French, having mastered the task and having enjoyed a great deal of it. Here's what these five students had to say about the day, Hannah Imhoff, Sara Maximovich, Jake Wiandt, Adam Miley, and Luke Hartman.

"I really enjoyed being surrounded by people who all spoke French."

"I find it valuable to be able to be comfortable with my level of French. I wasn't worried about being judged when I spoke French and I really appreciated that."

"It is a great chance to communicate in French ... it surprised me how much I knew."

"I would recommend it (to future students) because it gives the students a broader horizon in their language."

Northwestern students spent two months preparing the theme of the day by studying the history of France during the time of the Romans in France around 52 B.C. This included reading a famous graphic French storybook called Asterix legionnaire. The many activities where the Northwestern students interacted with Wright State University French students and professors included puzzles and table games (2 photos), competitive trivia games based on "La Gaule", Gallic legends, songs from the "Dana"



tribe, charades and a food tasting with authentic Gallic food. There was also a dance lesson to current popular French songs (photo), and a free Immersion Day 2014 t-shirt. At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed the "Telephone game", passing along a message in French in a chain of people to see how correctly it came out at the end of the line (photo). Wright State University catering services provided a French luncheon, complete with "boeuf bourguignon," croissants and apple tarts.

Northwestern High School was one of eighteen high schools throughout the state attending this event.

Northwestern High School Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks 2014-15

1st Honors ** 4.01 and over **

Seniors: Ashley Besancon, Kaitlyn Dailey, Victoria Devore, Courtney Dunn, Rebecca Ebert, Bethany Forbes, Shannon Garrison, Johna Gordon, Lucas Hartman, Hannah Hottel, Rachelle Howman, Allison Jackson, Rachael Mahr, Elizabeth Marti, Amber Pope, Adam Schuller, Zoe Siders, Lainy Spies, Eric Winkler

Juniors: Jacelyn Alberts, Brent Bejcek, Jessica Bodager, Stephany Boutell, Malory Bowman, Chance Carr, Kyle Cayse, Chandler Dudte, Deborah Eberly, Philip Eberly, Hunter Edwards, Marshall Geiger, Audra Gill, Rachel Guidetti, Chloe Hagans, Courtney Hagans, Emily Herbst, Gabrielle Hiller, Kyle Hinton, Nicolle Lamson, Joshua Melegari, Shelby Miller, Brevin Shearer, Jordan Sims, Kayla Strunk, Rachel Sykes, James Volcansek, Kaci Way, Taliyah White

Sophomores: Bailey Adler, Shelby Aulger, Mary Baker, Jacob Besancon, Jeshua Boggs, Micah Boggs, Travis Bower, Kyle Burgan, Erin Gordon, Elizabeth Hartman, Hannah Hockenbery, Vinicius Kavinski, Trevor Kline, Briana Lindeman, Tyler Morr, Reiley Murphy, Angela Patterson, Savannah Pritt, Riley Rechnitzer, Allison Ruegg, Brooke Rush, John Schuller, Ryan Schwartz, Katie Stull, Sierra Vants, Charles Walker

Freshmen: Emily Bouffard, Blair Colter, Steven Cozzuli, Garrett Dever, Justin Ebert, Emily Finley, Tatum Franczek, Christie Franks, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Quinten Garver, Nicholas Hinton, Kennedy Hoffer, Hannah Kardohely, Christopher Orosz, Madison Patterson, Joel Proben, Nicole Russell, Cody Tegtmeier, Mia Tope, Amaya White

2nd Honors ** 3.75 - 4.00 **

Seniors: Tristan Campbell, Donald Martin, Sarah Maximovich, Ryan Morr, Ashley Shearer Frierson, Jake Wiandt

Juniors: Katlyn Bing, Alexis Horst, Logan Ickes

Sophomores: Macie Buzzard, Riley Carlson, Lindsey Gortner, Sierra Kamps, Isaac Rivera, Mackenzie Smith, Courtney Wood

Freshmen: Jared Alberts, Daniel Critzer, Sierra Duvall, Jacob Hudson, Chase Lambert, Margaret Linder, Sera Martin, Hannah Osborn, Jessica Preston, Devin Smith, Parker Smith, Mykenzie Snyder, Hunter Stidham, Austen Wood

3rd Honors: ** 3.000-3.740**

Seniors: Broud Butler-Root

Juniors: Dalton Bloom, Isaac Sadzewicz

Sophomores: David Agnes, Kaylee Conaway, Tyler Devore, Ashley Dunn, Sydney Harmon, Carley Kandel, Kourtney Kliner, Derek Koch, Shelby McKay, Nicholas Praisler, Brock Thut

Freshmen: : Holli Asbury, Tylar Coen, Madison Cook, Taylor Dawson, Derick Duvall, Jr., Aaron Eicher, Joscelyn Hill, Jonathan Hoff, Hunter Kanzeg, Jared Leasure, David Miley, Michael Nutter, Nathaniel Oquendo, Tyler Riffle, Bryce Rush, Ashley Simons, Robert Stinemetz, Mason Wilhelmy, Megan Winkler

Middle School Academic Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks 2014-15

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Weslea Arthur, Mikayla Beegle, Carrie Boak, Tyler Carlson, Trevor Ferriman, Hannah Fricke, Mackenzi Gray, Cortney Hoff, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Katherine Koontz, Elise Krajcik, Cody Morrow, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Brianna Shearer, Jada Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Allison St.Clair, Olivia Wakefield

7TH GRADE: Jordan Allshouse, Claire Bond, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, Elliot Coffman, Taylor Howman, Savannah Hunt, Grace McCullough, Jordan Melegari, Karlie Mowrer, Cal Rhamy, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

6TH GRADE: Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Max Carlson, Brandon Casto, James Cooke, Zane Fast, Brooke Frybarger, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Tanner Meininger, Halie O'Loughlin,

Dakota Rainsberger, Will Schaad, Robert Soueid, Allison Spencer, Hayden Stoller, Nathan Stoltz, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Kylie Wellert, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

All "A/B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Alexis Arnette, Nicholas Burns, Tanner Carlson, Maria Chellis, Grace Chupp, Avery Crumley, Skylar Dawson, Daniel Dietrich, Kaylie Dye, Peyton Edwards, Isabella Flickinger, Bobby Flores, Isaac Franks, Alexis Hall, Raini Hershey, Nicholas Howman, Nikolas King, Kolton Kliner, Annabelle Martin, Jessica Moats, Richard Rasschaert, Kaylee Reed, Joren Rickard, Cael Rowland, Sophie Soueid, Claire Vaughan

7TH GRADE: Colin Agnes, Avery Becker, Austin Beegle, Alexander Borton, Jett Conley, Skylar Edington, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Avery Garver, Zaine Garver, Rebecca Hall, Brooke Hinton, Phillip Howman, Nathaniel Hudson, Isabella Ingraham, Hailey Jaquet, Treyton Jester, Paige Kaiser, Allison Kandel, Aaron Kline, Chase Leighty,



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill**
Middle School
Principal

Education Message from Mr. Brightbill

It is a new beginning and courses are set for the second semester. With a supportive community and administration, we can trust our staff to educate our students at the highest level. The administration and staff here at Northwestern Middle School have the best intentions when it comes to educating and guiding our students towards their future.

This semester, we will venture into a new journey of Next Generation Assessments. We will focus intensely on PARCC (Math & ELA) and AIR (Science & Social Studies) tests that rely heavily on technology and critical thinking. Our staff has completed various trainings, and are learning to adjust their teaching styles and curriculums to prepare the students for these assessments. Students can practice at home by visiting <http://www.parconline.org/> for Math and ELA or <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/> for Science and Social Studies.

NMS will begin its academic scheduling for 2015-2016 this semester. We are very proud of the over 30 course electives that we offer here at Northwestern Middle School, and are excited about several new courses that will be offered as a part of the middle school curriculum next year. As school districts keep cutting back on programs, we strive to progress academically by strengthening ours.

Our school values partnerships from community members and businesses that have made an investment in our students' education. Please continue to communicate with our staff and administrators about education. A "team" approach is the most successful approach to educate our students towards the future.

Northwestern Middle School NEWS!!

NMS Upcoming Events:

January 20- Second Semester Begins
January 22- Parent Teacher Conference 4:30-8:00 p.m.
January 27- Spelling Bee Contest at Wooster High
February 13- No School-Compensatory Time
February 16- No School- President's Day
February 20-No School- Professional Day
February 21- Solo Ensemble 8:30-3:30 p.m.
February 26- Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
March 13th & 14th- Sixth Grade Auction
March 20- End of 3rd nine weeks
March 21- Band Spaghetti Supper
March 26- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 p.m.
March 30-April 6- Easter Vacation/Spring Break

NMS Journalism Class



Our first published "Paw Print" newsletter by our 8th grade Journalism Class.



Northwestern Middle School
Winter sports schedules are available in the information rack and
on
www.northwesternathletics.org



Mrs. Crabtree is preparing the 6th grade choir for the concert.



6th Grade Students pretending to be teachers in their dance routine.



Three NMS participants that finished the Snow Much Fun 5K Run during Christmas Break.

Middle School Highlights



Pogo Tooting! Gabe Buchholz plays the trumpet while jumping on a pogo stick.



Veteran, Ralph Lynn, speaking with our students about Veteran's Day and his experiences as a pilot.



Jim Borton spoke to students in Mrs. Hagan's 7th Grade Science classroom on November 26th about waste-water treatment and about the opportunities in careers involving waste-water treatment.

MS Tech Team

The role of the Tech Team is to help out in any way we are needed. Each student has a work day during their extra help period and the eighth grade members teach the seventh and sixth graders during this time. The eight graders are a dedicated and helpful group. Some of the things we do for the school are as follows: set up microphones and monitor the sound for assemblies, video tape assemblies, video tape eighth grade girls basketball games, work the sound and light board for eighth grade promotion, assist teachers with technology problems, assist staff with computer set-up for practice standardized test, assist students with software problems, and put the day's announcements on the school-wide TV system to be shown to students in the cafeteria.

Along with our daily activities we have been fortunate to help out this year by setting-up and video taping our school's Veteran's Day assembly, editing the video tape of the assembly and making DVDs of the footage. We have also created a web page and a video play on Plotagon detailing what we do. The web page address is: <http://nmstechteam.weebly.com/>

We are grateful for the help and hardware Mr. Don Clifton has given us and for the support of Northwestern Middle School staff and administration.



This year's Northwestern Middle School Tech Team members are (front row left) Brock Tegtmeier, Matt Yates, Liam Sykes and Colin Agnes. Middle row left: Merissa Hesse, Nathan Stoltz, Trent Boatner, Craig Wellert, Cole McClure, and Austin Beegle. Back row: Hunter Miller, Tanner Meininger, Grace McCullough, Mikayla Beegle, Isaac Franks, and Nik King. Absent from photo: Kiley Murphy and Claire Bond. Mrs. Shelly Dailey is the adviser of the group.

Sixth grader Emma Zemancik won the American History Essay Ellis Island Essay Contest.

This contest was sponsored the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wayne County Chapter. Emma competed against all other sixth graders in the county. She will be awarded \$50 and will have the opportunity to read her essay at the Daughters of the American Revolution meeting on President's Day this year! Write on, Emma!



As a reminder, we are asking students to be dropped off and picked up in the North parking lot closest to the gym and practice field. We need to keep the lane in front of the school clear for the buses to pick up and drop off the students. Thank You.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Paige Nutter(left) and April Strait dissecting sheep brains as part of the 7th Grade Science class studying Mysteries in the Human Body Unit in the Medical Detectives STEM class.



Continued

Middle School Academic Honor Roll

7th GRADE A/B MERIT Roll continued

Robert Martin, Sasha McConahay, Justin McElfresh, Kaden Mellott, Hunter Miller, Makenzie Nowell, Abigail Ramseyer, Bethany Rickey, Brock Rush, Lydia Smith, Morgan Stephenson, Coby Stough, Kenneth Strait, Lindsey Sykes, Brianna Teal, Madison Wallace, Haley Webb, Madelyn Wohlford-Cherry, Matthew Yates

6TH GRADE: Maxwell Albright, Rilee Ammon, Alexis Apple, Wyatt Arthur, Joseph Ballinger, Cassidy Brown, Autumn Browning, Macey Carlson, Sara Cassady, Braden Colter, Colston Cutter, Braydon Duvall, Tyler Farner, Gerald Fricke, Juan Gendron-Olalde, Wayne Gerrick, Kyli Gostlin, Mitchell Gray, Gwendolyn Harland, Emily Hoff, Austin Horsky, Tressa Karper, Ryan Leasure, Ashton Macky, Jason Markley, Cole McClure, Kiley Murphy, Taylor Persinger, Amy Rempher, Matthew Savage, Lariah Severs, Jordan Skufca, Betty Stevens, Jacob Teal, Hailie Tomsik, Cameron Troyer, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, Noah White

Northwestern Middle School 6th Grade In Partnership with the Easter Seals Hosts a “Fill the Truck” Fundraiser March 13 and 14, 2015

Easter Seals Northern Ohio is partnering with Northwestern 6th Grade to give back to the community while helping children and adults with disabilities. The SIXTH GRADE is hosting a “Fill the Truck” fundraiser to benefit the Washington, D.C. trip in May.

We will be collecting any and all clothing items. Easter Seals will provide the truck to pick up all donations. This truck will be parked in the Northwestern High School parking lot located between the Northwestern Middle School and Northwestern High School on March 13th (Noon – 5 pm) and on March 14th (8 am – 3 pm). This is also during the 6th grade AUCTION and the Northwestern Ruritan PANCAKE Meal at the high school.

Northwestern 6th Grade will be compensated based on the number of bags/pounds of clothing collected. Acceptable items include (but are not limited to): clothing, comforters, blankets, towels, sheets, shoes, and purses. The items can be in “throw away condition” with holes and wore out. Even stained or torn items can be recycled into something else. The 6th Grade will only earn 20 cents for every pound from those types of clothing donations listed above.

So please hang onto all your unwanted clothing items until March 13-14 and then bring them to Northwestern Middle School for our “Fill the Truck” fundraiser. Tell your friends and neighbors! You do not need to have a student at the school to donate items. All donors will receive a tax deductible receipt! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mid White at nrws_white@tccsa.net or at 330-466-5754.

Share the News! Make Copies!

Clothing drives are a big “WIN” for everyone!

- This fundraiser is an innovative way for Northwestern 6th Grade to raise funds without having to SELL anything!
- All donated items will be reused, resold, or recycled.
- All donations are tax deductible. Easter Seals will provide receipts.
- Easter Seals’ Community Action Program supports vital services for children and adults with disabilities in Northern Ohio. The proceeds from the bulk sale of the contributions support programs such as speech therapy, home care, medical equipment loans, and summer camp opportunities.

MS Journalism

Northwestern Middle School added a Journalism class to their curriculum this school year. The class is writing and creating a school newsletter, directed and taught by Mrs. Kim St. Clair. Below are some articles written by the students.

Lunch requirements have huge effect

by Olivia Wakefield

School lunches have been changing over the past few years, but why? Many new requirements have been introduced since the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA).

In 2010, the HHFKA was introduced, allowing the United States Department of Agriculture to make nutritional standards for all of the lunches. The website www.techtimes.com said that although these standards increase nutrition, these standards have caused over one million children across the United States to not purchase school lunches.

According to www.washingtontimes.com the standards have also caused over 500 schools to drop out of the federal lunch program. Many schools dropped out because it was too expensive for them to switch to follow the new standards.

The requirements have also made it very hard for people working in the school cafeterias.

Mrs. Jones, a school cook at NMS said the requirements were “a lot different than they used to be.” She said that it was hard not to give students the food they were given before. Mrs. Jones also said there were lots of “portion control” in different areas, such as only being allowed to give students 10 fries.

Mrs. Jones also mentioned that it was “hard to cook” because there were “stricter guidelines on fat, calories, sugar and salt.”

Also, the meals have to be in line with the dietary recommendations for protein and be the correct size for students’ age.

Many students have also been affected by the standards.

Savannah Hunt, a seventh grader, said that she thought it was good that the requirements made students take fruits and vegetables.

However, some students have opposite opinions about the lunches.

Rachel Winkler, seventh-grader, said she thought they “shouldn’t force people to eat things,” and there were “plenty of things getting thrown away.”

Another seventh-grader, Logan Haven, said he did not like that there were different things changed by the requirements, such as “no sauces and no salt to put on the corn.”

Are the lunch requirements a good healthy addition or are they just more rules that have decreased any taste?



NMS smashes out hunger

By Weslea Arthur

According to www.do something.com, 1 out of every 6 Americans face hunger. The Northwestern Schools are working to stop this! This year the school district held a canned food drive. Did you participate in this event?

To add even more excitement to this activity, Northwestern put together a competition for the students. All students have a Husky Huddle group. Each Huddle was given a pumpkin to decorate. After the pumpkins were decorated, the pumpkins were judged on October 31st at the pep rally! The pumpkins were judged on the best decorated, and the Huddle that brought in the most cans in each grade got to smash all the pumpkins in their grade.

The winners for the best decorated pumpkins were in first place Mrs. Becker’s Huddle with a porcupine pumpkin, Mr. Hafner’s Huddle in second with a witch pumpkin and Mrs. Cutter’s Huddle in third with a candy apple pumpkin. The Huddles that brought in the most cans in each grade were Mr. Kimmich, Mrs. Zytowiecki and Mrs. Sykes.

Last year Northwestern Schools raised 2100 pounds of canned food but this year we reach our goal of 2500 pounds! Mrs. Beun said, “This year is the most donations the middle school has brought in ever for the food drive.” Middle school brought in over 100 cans in total.

Also, the week of the food drive and pumpkin smash there was a Halloween dance for the students. All the kids were rocking it out at the dance!

Why all the tests?

By Carrie Boak

Lately it feels like all we do is take tests that seem like they are all over the same thing. Some of the tests we have are the STAR which we take at least once a grading period for both math and language arts. We also take multiple ACT Aspire tests and the PARCC, which is replacing the OAA’s. A lot of these assessments are now on the computer, which some students like, but others don’t.

Cierra Hershey, a sixth grader, says that she doesn’t like testing, and it’s harder to do it on the computer than it is on paper. Brock Rush, a seventh grader, thinks that we do testing for a good reason, and it shows the teachers how good or bad we are doing in school. He also thinks that testing is easier on the computer.

Teachers at NMS also gave their opinions about testing. A seventh grade teacher, Mr. Hafner, thinks that it is a “necessary evil,” and that it prepares us for the future.

MS Journalism Article

Why all the tests?

By Carrie Boak

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He doesn't enjoy testing and thinks it takes fun away from school. However, he feels it also informs teachers about the world to come and what to work on with students. He likes that they are integrating technology but thinks it is also very stressful.

Mrs. Beun says that we take the STAR tests to give teachers basic data about students' math and reading levels and also for RTI placement and scheduling. We take the ACT Aspire tests because it gives us information about how students will do on future ACT tests, and it will soon be a requirement. We take PARCC tests because they are state required and they help with scheduling, overall student data, and teacher and school evaluation.

Testing feels like a pain, but it will benefit us in the future. Even though it's really boring, we do it for good reasons.



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS!!

- Feb. 9 FFA Strawberry Sales
Ruritan Meeting 7 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Junior Leadership
NW Alumni & Friends Meeting
7 pm
- Feb. 13 No School
- Feb. 16 No School Presidents Day
NW Board Meeting 7 pm
- Feb. 17 PARCC Test - English
Music Boosters Meeting 7 pm
- Feb. 18 HS Science Fair
PARCC Test
- Feb. 19 Students Early Release 2:00
PARCC Test

- Feb. 20 No School - Teacher Professional
Development
- Feb. 21 Dalton Solo & Ensemble
- Feb. 23 PARCC Test
- Feb. 24 PARCC Test
Science Fair Judging
- Feb. 26 NW Local Science Fair at Mohican
Church
Festival of Choirs Rehearsal
Winter Choir Concert 7 pm
- Feb. 27 PARCC Test
- March 1 Husky Hype Kalahari Trip
- March 2 PARCC Test
Festival of Choir Concert at
Smithville 7 pm
All Sports Assoc. Meeting 7:30 pm
- March 3 PARCC TEST
- March 4 Senior Class Picture
STaff Meeting 2:35
- March 5 Student early release
PARCC TEST
- March 6 PARCC Test
- March 7 Father/Daughter Dance
- March 9 Club Wood Blood Drive
PARCC Test
Ruritan Meeting 7 pm
- March 10 Flagline Tryouts
Junior Leadership
PARCC Test
- March 11 Flagline Tryouts
PARCC Test
- March 12 Flagline Tryouts
PARCC Test
- March 13 FFA AG in theclassroom
- March 14 NW Ruritan Pancake Day
- March 16-20 OGT Testing
- March 16 NW School Board Meeting 7pm
- March 17 Flagline Tryouts
Music Boosters 7 pm
- March 18 Flagline Tryouts
CDE Online Testing
- March 19 Student Early release 2:00
- March 20 End of third Nine weeks
- March 21 District Science Fair at Ashland
Spaghetti Dinner 3-9 pm
- March 23-27 OGT Test Makeups
- March 26 Parent Teacher Conferences
4:30-8 pm

All high school and middle school activities and events are updated DAILY on the school web pages!!

**www.web2.northwestern-
wayne.k12.oh.us**
Go to "CALENDARS"

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

- Feb. 5 Student Early Release
- Feb. 13 No School
- Feb. 16 No School - Presidents Day
- Feb. 19 Student Early Release
- Feb. 21 Solo & Ensemble Contest 8:30 am
- Feb. 26 Winter Choir Concert 7 pm
- Feb. 27 FCA event 6 pm
- Feb. 28 Junior High Art Exhibit
- March 1 - 12 Junior High Art Exhibit
- March 4 Spring Pictures 10:30 am
- March 5 Student early release
- March 13 6th grade auction 4 pm
- March 14 6th grade auction 8 am
NW Ruritan Pancake Day
- March 19 Student early release
- March 20 End of third nine weeks
MS Dance 2:30 - 5 pm
- March 21 Band Spaghetti supper/ concert 4 pm



**"Success seems to be
connected with action.
Successful people
keep moving. They make
mistakes, but they don't quit."**



**Mrs.
McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

Elementary News!

NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Screening for the 2015-16 school years' kindergarten classes will be held April 9th & 10th, 2015 at Mohican Church of the Brethren. The church is located at 7759 N. Elyria Rd., West Salem. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2015, please call the school to schedule an appointment for the screening.

For the screening you will need to bring your child, along with their birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, any custody papers that may apply, and proof of residency (it can be a utility bill with your name and address on it). We will begin scheduling appointments March 2nd. Please call Northwestern Elementary School at 419-846-3519 to schedule a screening time.



**Another SUCCESSFUL "STAR
Share a Christmas" Event !!!**



**Elementary School Cookie
Baking!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HONOR AND MERIT ROLL STUDENTS

Northwestern Elementary 2014-15
2nd Nine Weeks

Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Emma Adkison, Leona Buettner, Quinn Fast, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Jennie Riffle, Troy Rock, Hunter Sciortino, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton

4th Grade: Marina Aulger, Paige Becker, Brailee Beun, Addie Bodager, Jesse Evans, Collin Good, Cole Hoffer, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Julia Ours, Gabriel Pelfrey, Ava Stoller, Nick Tomechko, Andrew Tope, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Mary Wellert

5th Grade: Shayna Allshouse, Weston Arthur, Tyler Bair, Drew Becker, Jadeyn Berry, Arianna Borton, Alex Ciolek, Rylee Dawson, Hannah Dickson, Autumn Duncan, Stefanie Ecker, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Alexis Griffiths, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Alicia Harland, Cassie Hiner, KariJean Holbrook, Alexandra Hostetler, Nate Jackson, Kara McKay, Abigail Miller, Sarah Miller, Gunnar Mullet, Rae Raff, Aubree Reed, Grant Rhamy, Andrew Sims, Steven Starcher, Emery Tullis, Dominic Wallace, Ryan Walter, Tyler Ward, Steven Widdows, Austin Wilhelmy, Nicole Yutzy, Clara Zemancik

Merit Roll

3rd Grade: Brandon Barnette, Alex Berry, Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Erica Bouffard, Kara Borgan, Owen Cassidy, Hayden Cline, Kaylyn Dickson, Jacob Farner, Owen Ferriman, Cayden Fiala, Alyssah Fisher, Kendra Flickinger, Samantha Fraser, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Cassie Huntington, Kolby Kaiser, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Zoey Oldaker, Gabby Ream, Caydence Scale, Hattie Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Mariana Stefaniuk, Easton Thomas, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, John Widdows, Ben Williamson, Connor Winland, McKenna Witucki, Marcus Wolboldt

Northwestern Elementary Highlights!!

4th Grade: Brett Alberts, Braiden Barthalow, Florida Blake, Aubrey Bowersock, Aubrey Browning, Joe Buchholz, Gabriel Chupp, Carter Clarke, Owen Fетters, Arianna Firebaugh, Emma Fisher, Madelyn Fricke, Madison Gray, Karissa Groves, Hunter Hall, A'Kia Hardin, Charlie Herman, David Hiner, Alexa Hively, Nate Hunt, Melanie Imhoff, Caitlyn Leighty, Rosaline Mack, Katie Maffett, Brent Mann, Charleigh McMillan, Kendrick Meuer, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin Phillips, Dylan Ramsier, Ethan Reed, Kaleb Sadie, Alesia Samples, Ethan Siders, Trent Sigler, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Katherine Stefaniuk, Isabella Vacco, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson, Sammy Yates

5th Grade: Jackie Barrington, Emma Boreman, Devan Bresson, Jagger Brown, Zion Caudill, Deanna Devore, Hannah Dickson, Alayna Duncan, Masson Elkins, Emma Ewing, Hayley Franks, Loudon Geiger, Ethan Gibbs, Mariah Hill, Skyler Hines, Chelsey Hootman, Olicia Keener, Olivia Kurtz, Carley LeMaster, Margaret McCullough, Dugan McLaughlin, Megan Meeker, Ethan Miller, Jed Miller, Kyle Moser, Jackie Mosher, Jake Newcombe, Emma Nicholson, Isaac Ott, Gavin Pentito, CiCi Phillips, Antonio Ramos, Emily Reed, Isaah Rivera, Shayne Roder, James Rowe, Allison Rowland, Chloe Salmons, Ethan Schwartz, Skylar Scott, Edward Stevens, Troy Tope, Brennen Topp, Karissa Winland, Gavin Witucki, Araiya Yoder



NW All Sports Association

Friday, February 6 2015 CAKE AUCTION Varsity Boys Basketball Game Vs Norwayne

Thank you to our 2014 Cake Auction Buyers:

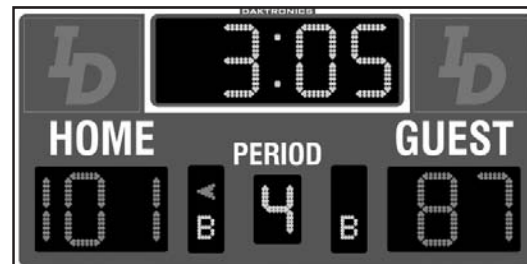
Joanne Jolliff, CJ & Beth Cutter Family, Dean Chance, Wharton Excavating, Mike & LeAnne Buchholz Family, Randy & Heather Tegtmeier, Mike & Norma Guidetti Family, Scott & Beth Melegari, Mike & Sara Howman, Phil & Jean Keener, Mike & Jen Fast, Husky Football Club, Tom & Marilyn Stull, Jim & Jeanne Tegtmeier



Also a big Thank You to our Auctioneer, Dave Geitgey

Are you still using technology from 1960? What about 1995?

Our scoreboards at the Middle School Gym are from 1960 and the High School Gym scoreboards are the original ones from when the school was built in 1995. Replacement parts are becoming a challenge to find. Therefore, All Sports is specifically targeting the 2015 Cake Auction proceeds to assist with replacing these scoreboards.



There are two ways that you can support your athletes in this quest to update scoreboard technology. We need bidders for our 2015 Cake Auction. The auction will be held on Friday, February 6 during the home high school boy's basketball game with Norwayne. We will have 11 cakes representing the high school sports, middle school sports and elementary sports up for auction. The auction will begin right after the Junior Varsity game is completed and continue at the halftime of the varsity game.

NEW THIS YEAR, All Sports will be selling raffle tickets at \$5 a ticket for a chance to win a 10 game adult pass to Northwestern Sporting Events. There will be 6 passes given away during the game on Friday, February 6th. Ticket sales will be conducted at home athletic events beginning the last week of January. All proceeds from these sales will go towards purchasing new gym scoreboards. Winner need not be present to win.

We are also accepting donations for this project. Replacement of the gym scoreboards at both schools will cost approximately \$18,000. It is the ultimate goal to replace all scoreboards on the Husky complex not including the Quad scoreboards at a total cost of around \$50,000.

Donations are also being accepted for this specific project. Remember these are tax deductible. Please mail donations to NW All Sports, 538 Dekalb Lane, Burbank, OH 44214 with checks made payable to Northwestern All Sports. Please indicate in the memo that your donation is for the scoreboard project.

If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Andy Becker at 419-846-3833 or Molly Stull, 330-464-4383.

Thank you for your continued support of our Husky Athletic Program!

12th Annual NW Reunion & Community Banquet

Saturday June 20, 2015 at Northwestern High School

Social time: 5:00 P.M. Catered Dinner 6:00 P.M. Program: 7:30 P.M.

Dinner reservations required, non-refundable, Children 5 & under-Free

Children 6 thru 11 - \$8.50, Children 12 thru Adult \$17.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE May 31, 2015; Reservations not confirmed without payment.

The 25 Yr. 1990, 50 Yr. 1965, & 60 Yr. 1955 classes will be recognized.

For a downloadable on-line printable reservation form visit:

<http://web2.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us>

Click on Alumni link then on reservation

For further information contact any of the following;

Richard & Jo-An Young: 330-264-6847; e-mail, oldtoad2@juno.com

Helen Raudebaugh: 330-264-0253; e-mail, hhr2car@wmconnect.com

Dwight & Judy Wasson: 330-465-5943; e-mail, JudyDwight@embarqmail.com

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Dinner Reservation Form

RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2015; non-refundable, not confirmed without payment.

Enclose a check made payable to: Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association
Children under 5 __, 6 thru 9 __, 10 thru Adult __.

TOTAL # attending ____

Mail To; Helen Raudebaugh, 1579 Avalon, Wooster, OH 4469112

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, use back for additional names attending

NAME: _____ NW Grad O yes, O no,

NW class of _____

NAME: _____ NW Grad O yes, O no,

NW class of _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE number ____ - ____ - ____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with 2016 HOF/HOH Ceremonies

Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with general expenses of Association

Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with NA&F Scholarship fund

The Association is tax exempt. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

We would like to remind our readers that we are still seeking year books from all the schools (West Salem, Congress & Chester) for our archive. If you have any please do not throw them away if you are finished with them. Put your name, address & phone number on a 3x5 card, place in an envelop and send to the following address; Alumni & Friends Association, 7571 North Elyria Rd., West Salem, OH 44287. We will contact you and arrange to pick them up.

We continue to seek nominations for the Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame & the Community Hall of Honor. These forms are on the Alumni link on the school home page. They can be printed off or downloaded. They have been revised to work with the military sector as well as with the civilian sector. When filling them out please give us as much information as you can, attach pictures, news articles etc., anything that will help the selection committee come to know the person. The committee does not do any research on the nominations, so if you do not supply all the information requested you will be contacted to give us that information. This in turn may hold up getting the nomination submitted on time.

Also, keep the next to last Saturday in June open, this is the time we have the Alumni & Community Banquet. The dinner reservation form is also on the Alumni link and can be printed off or downloaded. More information on the banquet will be coming.



NORTH-WESTERN



Phil Eberly Named Northwestern FFA Student of the Month

The Northwestern FFA Student of the Month for January is Phil Eberly. He is the son of Dan and Becky Eberly. Phil is currently serving as an assistant officer of the chapter. Phil is an active member and participates in many CDEs, including Soil Judging, Job Interview, Dairy Products, and Grain Merchandising. This year, he is also a crucial member of the Parliamentary Procedure team. He and many others have led the team to state for the past two years. Phil takes part in multiple community service activities through the chapter such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army and parking cars at the many events the chapter participates in. When asked about his award, Phil said, "I feel honored." One nominator wrote that "Phil is more than deserving of this award. He has gone above and beyond of what we need him to." Another said Phil is "doing an excellent job with the new website." As a part of this honor, Phil will receive a complimentary ice cream from the school cafeteria and rights to a parking space exclusively reserved for the Student of the Month. Congratulations, Phil!



Northwestern FFA Picks Up Christmas Trees

On January 6th several members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in a Christmas Tree pick-up for the community. Members Zach Berry, Ben Vaughan, and Cody Tegtmeier all helped out with this project. Members went to areas around the Northwestern School District to pick up the trees. The trees were then donated to the West Salem Beagle Club for "recycling." The trees will be used for wildlife habitats. This is the 28th annual event the Chapter participates in and is looking forward to participate in years to come.



Cody Tegtmeier, Ben Vaughan, and Zach Berry.

Northwestern FFA Members Ring Bells for the Salvation Army

On December 22, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in bell ringing at Walmart in Wooster. The Chapter volunteered to ring bells from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. to help the Salvation Army raise money for those in need. Members signed up in 1 hour shifts with one or 2 other people. Lene Goodman, Carrie Winchell, Sarah Maximovich, Victoria Devore, Ashley Besancon, Lyndsey Chanay, Joscelyn Hill, Robert Stinmetz, T.J. Cromer, Austen Wood, Emily Flinn, Shania Reed, Kaci Way, Shannon Garrison, Bradley Aulger, Rachelle Howman,



Robert Stinmetz, T.J. Cromer, and Austen Wood ringing bells.

Ally Ruegg, Ashley Dunn, Cody Tegtmeier, David Miley, Alexis Horst, Jordan Sims, Taylor Starling, Courtney Franks, Emily Finley, Rae Rempfer, Mackenzie Smith, Chase White, Dakota Jester, Christie Franks, Kaitlyn Gifford, Kennedy Hoffer, Marie Clements, Sierra Kamps, Kierstyn Wood, Sydney Harmon, Rachel Guidetti, Ally Jurenec, Katie Stull, Jessie Bair, Zach Berry, and Mary Baker all volunteered their time and rang bells. The Northwestern FFA Chapter is thankful for the opportunity to ring bells and is looking forward to participating in years to come.

*Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live, Living to Serve.*

Northwestern FFA Parliamentary Procedure Teams Compete at State

On Saturday, December 20th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to The Ohio State University for the state parliamentary procedure contest.

Parliamentary Procedure, continued

The varsity parliamentary procedure team consisted of Kaci Way (President), daughter of Carl and Tammy Way; Rachelle Howman (Vice President), daughter of Linda Howman; Katie Weber (Secretary), daughter of Chad and Rhonda Weber; Victoria Devore (Advisor), daughter of Dave Devore and Michele Matteson; Phil Eberly (Sentinel), son of Dan and Becky Eberly; Emily Flinn (Reporter), daughter of Jim and Mary Flinn; Katie Stull (Treasurer), daughter of Brad and Molly Stull; Sarah Maximovich (Member), daughter of Ed Maximovich and Linda Zimmerman; and Adam Miley (Alternate), son of Jon and Amy Miley. The team placed 1st in the semi-finals and advanced to the finals held that afternoon. In the finals, the team placed 2nd overall in the state, earning a trip to compete in The Big E held in Massachusetts in September 2015.

The novice parliamentary procedure team was made up of Amaya White (President), granddaughter of Nancy Seberiano; Cody Tegtmeier (Vice President), son of Randy and Heather Tegtmeier; Emily Finley (Secretary), daughter of Jean and Charles Finley; David Miley (Sentinel), son of Jon and Amy Miley; Christie Franks (Advisor), daughter of Craig and Cheryl Franks; Rae Rempher (Treasurer), daughter of Marie Rempher; Kennedy Hoffer (Reporter), daughter of Chris and Angie Hoffer; Austen Wood (Member), son of Ken and Laura Wood; and Jessie Bair (Alternate), daughter of Todd and Kris Bair. The team placed 2nd in their heat and ended up placing 6th overall.

Teams were scored on running a business meeting using correct abilities of parliamentary procedure, effectiveness of debate, overall professionalism, the secretary's minutes, correct responses to a set of oral questions, and a written test taken beforehand. The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to congratulate these members for their success throughout this contest due to their hard work and dedication.

*FFA articles written and submitted by
Rachelle Howman
Reporter
Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter
Northwestern High School*

Northwestern FFA Highlights!!



Novice team

The front row (from left) is of Amaya White, Christie Franks, Kennedy Hoffer, and Rae Rempher. The second row (from left) is of Emily Finley, Cody Tegtmeier, Austen Wood, David Miley, and Jessie Bair.



Varsity Parliamentary Procedure team.

The front row (from left) is of Katie Stull, Kaci Way, Rachelle Howman, and Katie Weber. The second row (from left) is of Sarah Maximovich, Victoria Devore, Phil Eberly, Advisor Dan Fulk, Adam Miley, and Emily Flinn.

Northwestern FFA Holds Winter Meeting and Gift Exchange

On Monday, December 15th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter gathered in the theater at Northwestern High School for their winter meeting and annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.

The meeting was called to order by the President Zach Berry at 7 pm. The officers then performed opening ceremonies and minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Sarah Maximovich.

Committee reports were given by 8 committees. Reiley Murphy reported on the Ag in the Classroom committee. They have visited Northwestern Elementary School one time since the October meeting, and will visit the elementary school each month for the rest of the year. Kyle Wharton reported on the Safety committee. Gabbrielle Cecil reported on the Earnings and Savings committee, which has held one meeting since October where they discussed the success of the fruit sale and the beginning of the sausage sales.

Ashley Besancon reported on the Cooperation committee. The committee held a meeting in November and discussed the POA as well as the upcoming leadership night hosted by Triway.

Austen Wood reported on the Community Service committee. They held a meeting in November and discussed the upcoming dodge ball tournament, Salvation Army bell ringing, and Christmas tree pickup.

Phil Eberly reported on the Public Relations committee. The committee met and talked about the upcoming deadline.

Adam Miley reported on the SAE committee, which worked on the details for the project tour to be held in the summer.

Christie Franks, Brittany Slanzcka, Megan Winkler, Marshall Geiger, Emily Finley, Mykenzie Snyder, Lyndsey Chanay, and Will Allen reported on the Leadership committee. They have held one meeting since October and discussed upcoming Spring Career Development Events.

Next members gave reports on different activities the Chapter has been involved in.



Victoria Devore reported on fruit sales. This year, the Northwestern FFA almost met the goal for the fruit sale and sold nearly 1,000 boxes of fruit.

She also stated that fruit money should be paid by Christmas break. Katie Stull reported on the county and district parliamentary procedure contest. The varsity and novice teams placed 1st at both the county and district contests, and advanced to state held on December 20th. Sarah Maximovich reported on National Convention, which had more than 30 Northwestern members attend this year. Rachelle Howman reported on State and National FFA scholarships for seniors, in which the applications are due in January. Shannon Garrison reported on the State Degree Applications, which are due in January. Phil Eberly reported on the Job Interview CDE, in which he placed 6th in his division at the state contest. Katie Stull reported on the Soil and Water Conservation District Banquet where members helped serve. Adam Miley reported on dues, which will increase to \$22 starting the second semester. Ashley Besancon reported on the dodgeball tournament, where the chapter earned \$240 to donate to the American Cancer Society. Ally Ruegg reported on bell ringing. The chapter will be ringing bells at the Wooster Walmart on December 22nd. Shania Reed reported on the annual carry-in to be held on December Victoria Devore moved to participate in the annual sausage sales again this year. Sarah Maximovich moved to attend the Leadership Night at Triway High School on January 6th. Rachelle Howman moved

to send FFA members to the 212 and 360 leadership conferences. Kaci Way moved to participate in the Ag Sales CDE.

Kierstyn Wood moved to participate in the public speaking contest. Victoria Devore moved to hold a bowling night in the spring. Phil Eberly moved to participate in the spring CDE invitationals. Kaci Way moved to participate in the Agri-Science fair. Sydney Harmon moved to host a Christmas tree pick-up. Emily Flinn moved to participate in FFA Week held in February. Shannon Garrison moved to donate \$100 to the Share-A-Christmas campaign. All of these motions were voted on and passed by the Chapter members. The meeting was then adjourned and officers performed closing ceremonies.

After the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments in the Ag shop and participated in the annual Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Northwestern FFA Student of the Month

The Northwestern FFA Student of the Month for December was Rachelle Howman. She is currently serving as the chapter's reporter. Rachelle is an active member and participates in many CDEs, including Poultry Judging, Ag Sales, and Grain Merchandising. This year, she is the Vice President of the chapter's Varsity Parliamentary Procedure team. She and many others have led the team to State for the past three years. Rachelle also attended the Washington Leadership Conference this summer and takes part in multiple community service activities such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army and the Husky Brigade. When asked about her award, Rachelle said, "It feels awesome!" One nominator wrote that "she always has work done and is very diligent in her role. We couldn't ask for a better reporter."

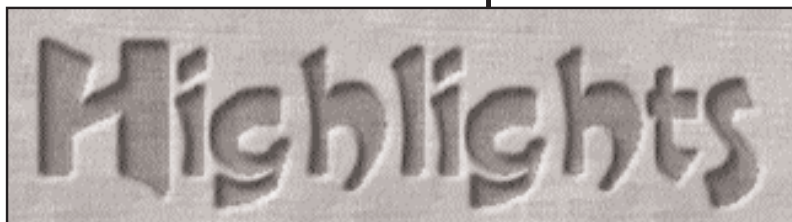


Another said Rachelle is "doing a fantastic job of keeping on top of articles and publishing them. She also did a great job as a chairperson in Parli." As a part of this honor, Rachelle will receive a complimentary ice cream from the school cafeteria and rights to a parking space exclusively reserved for the Student of the Month. Congratulations, Rachelle!

Written by Ashley Besancon, Northwestern FFA Officer

WINTER WARMTH

Piles of snow beneath my boots
chilly winds blowing everywhere
snow keeps mounting on the posts
on the windows and on the roads
shovels outside,
soups inside
hot and rich,
chicken and corn
coming back from all the work
this is what I look for
the warm chestnuts,
the cracking fire
this is my winter warmth





The second place team of the Dodgeball Tournament was "The Executives." They are (from left) Shane Berger, Adam Miley, Erich Berger, Brennan Rush, Isaac Smith, Andrew McCoy, Phil Eberly, Debbie Eberly, and Vini Kavinski. The first place team was the "Black Out War Pigs" - their team picture is on the back of this issue.

Northwestern FFA Sponsors Dodgeball Tournament

On Saturday, December 13th, the Northwestern FFA Chapter hosted the first annual Dodgeball Tournament at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. A total of six teams competed in a double elimination bracket. The winning team was the "Black-Out War Pigs" and the second place team was "The Executives". The event raised a total of around \$480, with the winning team earning prize money of \$20 per player. The second place team received a \$10 payback and the remaining \$240 was donated to the American Cancer Society. Everyone had a great time supporting a worthy cause. The chapter would like to thank everyone who participated.

Northwestern FFA Member Competes in State Job Interview

On Saturday, December 6th, Phil Eberly, son of Dan and Becky Eberly, competed in the State Job Interview contest in Columbus, where he placed 6th in his division consisting of 3rd year FFA members. This career development event is designed to give FFA members the opportunity to learn about the interviewing process, as well as practice interviewing for a job. Members are required to fill out a job application, complete a cover letter, create a resume participate in a mock interview, and complete a follow up letter.



Phil Eberly,
who placed 6th in
his division at the
State Job
Interview Career
Development
Event.

Northwestern FFA Animal Science Classes Participate in Protein Experiments

The Northwestern FFA Chapter's Animal Science classes recently conducted an experiment regarding protein in chick feed. This year, there are two Animal Science classes in which more than 30 members are involved in. Members involved in this class are: Shelby Aulger, Schylar Bebout, Dalton Bloom, Colton Corbett, Emily Flinn, Dakota Jester, Taylor McConnell, Julia Roesken, Josh Rood, Trystan Synder, Ben Vaughan, Katelynn Weber, Mary Baker, Zach Berry, Victoria Devore, MaKenzie Harmon, Cory Leighty, Shelby McKay, Shelby Miller, Reiley Murphy, Shania Reed, Brennen Rush, Brooke Rush, Kierstyn Wood, Gabbrielle Cecil, Ashley Dunn, Debbie Eberly, Rachel Guidetti, Faith Hudson, Allyson Jurenec, Ryan Morr, Taylor Starling, and Kaci Way. Throughout the course of the experiment, Ben Vaughan was in charge of feeding and caring for the chicks.

For the experiment, the chicks were separated into two groups, and each group was fed chick feed with a different level of protein in them. One group received a finishing feed with 20% protein and the other group received a 36% protein starter feed. The chicks were weighed after each week and the results were recorded. The results showed that the chicks who received the higher percent protein feed had a higher rate of gain than those who were fed with the lower protein feed.

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Animal Science, continued

Not only was the rate of gain much better in the higher protein but appeared much healthier and larger in size. Although this experiment was a great learning experience for the students, their original hypothesis was verified.



Ben Vaughan was responsible for feeding and caring for the chicks throughout the experiment.

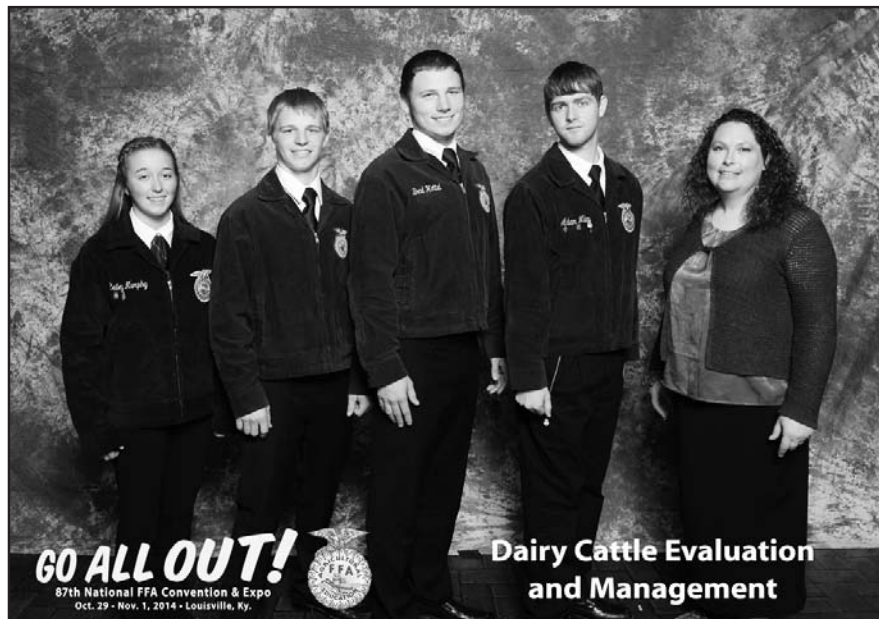
Northwestern FFA Dairy Judging Team 5th in the Nation

The Northwestern FFA Dairy Judging team of Tanner Topp, son of Kurt and Rachel Topp; Kaleb Kliner, son of Dan and Michele Kliner and Tara Kliner; Adam Miley, son of Jon and Amy Miley; and Reiley Murphy, the daughter of Nathan and Cheryl Murphy competed at the 87th National Convention on October 28-29th. The team placed 5th in the nation. Topp placed 2nd individually, which earned a \$900 award. Gold awards were given to Kliner and Topp, while Miley and Murphy earned Silver awards. There were approximately 47 teams from around the United States that competed. The team is coached by Rachel Topp and the Advisors are Dan Fulk and Heather Tegtmeier.

Dairy cattle evaluation and management is one of 24 national CDE areas, covering job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Members put the skills learned in their high school agricultural education classes to use in a practical manner.

Participants evaluated more than five classes of dairy cattle and presented oral reasons for their selections in three classes of cows. Competitors judged Brown Swiss, Jersey, and Holstein breeds of cattle. The team also worked together to develop a comprehensive management plan for a farm described in a given scenario. Those who judged also took a written test covering multiple areas of the dairy industry.

The chapter is proud of these four members and would like to congratulate them for their hard work and dedication. The chapter would also like to thank the community for their continued support.



Reiley Murphy, Kaleb Kliner, Tanner Topp, Adam Miley, and coach Rachel Topp at the National Competition.

4 Northwestern FFA Members Earn American FFA Degrees

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is proud to announce that 4 members of the Chapter received their American FFA Degrees at the 87th National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky. Earning this degree is the highest degree an FFA member can earn through the National FFA Organization. The degree is awarded to members that have shown hard work and strong involvement in the FFA. Requirements of this degree include: receiving the Greenhand, Chapter, and State FFA Degrees; having been involved in Agricultural Education/FFA for at least three years; be a high school graduate; maintained outstanding records books on their Supervised Agricultural Experience projects; have earned and productively invested \$7,500 towards the SAE; demonstrate outstanding leadership skills; and have a minimum of 50 hours of community service.

Ashley Cromer is the daughter of Tom and Grace Cromer. She is a 2012 graduate of Northwestern High School and was involved in FFA for 3 years. During her high school FFA career, she served as an officer of the chapter, participated in parliamentary procedure, agricultural sales, and attended state and national conventions.

FFA Highlights!

American FFA Degrees, continued ..

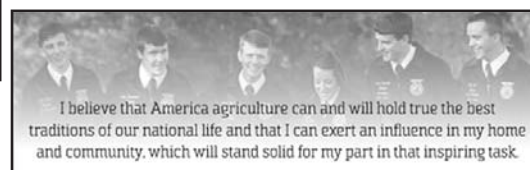
Her SAE consisted of working at The Ohio State University ATI. She is currently a junior at The Ohio State University pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education.

John Eberly is also a recipient of this degree. He is a 2013 graduate of Northwestern High School and is the son of Dan and Becky Eberly. He was involved in FFA for 4 years. During this time, he served as an officer of the chapter, attended state and national conventions, participated in parliamentary procedure, dairy cattle judging, job interview, farm business management, soil judging, and grain merchandising. His Supervised Agricultural Experience consisted of working on the family dairy farm. Eberly is currently a sophomore at The Ohio State University ATI pursuing a degree in agronomy. He is also a firefighter for New Pittsburgh Fire Department and is coaching the FFA Job Interview team.

Sarhra Flinn, daughter of Jim and Mary Flinn, is a 2012 graduate of Northwestern High School and was involved in FFA for 4 years. In her FFA career, she participated in parliamentary procedure, soil judging, agricultural sales, attended state and national FFA conventions, and was also an officer of the chapter. Flinn's SAE consisted of raising beef cattle and working at Phantasy Farms Alpaca Farm. She is currently a junior at The Ohio State University majoring in Agricultural Education.

Sabrina Johnson, daughter of Jackie Miller and Todd Johnson, is the final recipient of this degree. Johnson is a 2012 graduate of Northwestern High School and was involved in FFA for 4 years. Throughout her FFA career, she participated in soil judging, parliamentary procedure, job interview, grain merchandising, attended state and national conventions, and served as an officer of the chapter. Johnson's Supervised-Agricultural Experience project consisted of working at One Ash Kennel as well as raising and training horses. She is currently a junior at The Ohio State University studying soil science.

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is proud to recognize these four members for their hard work and dedication to receive the American FFA Degree.



American FFA Degree Recipients. They are from left: John Eberly, Sabrina Johnson, Sarhra Flinn, and Ashley Cromer.

Northwestern FFA One of 100 Exhibitors at OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Northwestern FFA shared one of its outstanding programs during the 16th annual Student Achievement Fair November 11th at the 2014 Ohio Schools Boards Association (OSBA) Capital Conference and Trade Show. Jordan Allshouse, son of Ben and Jaelyn Allshouse; Austin Beegle, son of Shaun and Portia Beegle; Treyton Jester, son of Jason and Macy Hastings; Cal Rhamy, son of Jeff Rhamy and Hanna Sanford; Katie Shambaugh, daughter of Aaron and Wendy Shambaugh; Coby Stough, son of Brian and Teresa Stough; Kenneth Strait, daughter of Ken Strait and Hope Saffle; and Brock Tegtmeier, son of Randy and Heather Tegtmeier attended. OSBA showcased 11 innovative programs at this year's fair, held at the Greater Columbus Convention

Center in downtown Columbus.

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Students and staff from districts across the state exhibited their innovative programs at the fair. The event offered an opportunity to observe and learn what public school districts in Ohio are doing to enhance the learning and achievement in their schools. The Student Achievement Fair is sponsored by the OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team, which is an integral part of OSBA's focus on improving public education. Approximately 10,000 school board members, administrators, teachers, students, vendors, and guests attended the four-day Capital Conference, which ran November 9-12. In its 59th year, OSBA leads the way to education excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service and creative solutions.



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Northwestern FFA Student of the Month

The Northwestern FFA Student of the Month for November is Sarah Maximovich. She is currently serving as the chapter's Secretary. Sarah is very active in the chapter and participates in multiple CDEs, including Equine Management, Soil Judging, Grain Merchandising, and plans on competing in Parliamentary Procedure this winter. She has also attended several National and State Conventions. "I am so happy to have earned this honor," Sarah said of her award. One of her nominators wrote "She has stepped into the Secretary role smoothly and with confidence. [She] always works to get things done". Others said she is "upbeat and willing to help" and always a "hard worker". As part of her award, Sarah will receive a free ice cream from the school cafeteria and a parking spot reserved specifically for the FFA Student of the Month. (*Written by Ashley Besancon, FFA Officer*)



Congratulations, Sarah!



Northwestern Middle School Students and FFA members who attended the conference. They are from left: Treyton Jester, Kenny Strait, Cal Rhamy, Brock Tegtmeier, Katie Shambaugh, Austin Beegle, Jordan Allshouse, Coby Stough, and Superintendent Jeff Layton.



SOFTBALL

Northwestern High School Spring Sports Schedules



VARSITY SOFTBALL

03/31/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(A)	Smithville H S
04/01/2015	Wed.5:00 PM	(H)	Smithville H S
04/06/2015	Mon.5:00 PM	(H)	Rittman H S
04/07/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(A)	Rittman H S
04/11/2015	Sat.10:00 AM	(A)	Triway H S
04/11/2015	Sat.12:00 PM	(A)	Triway H S
04/13/2015	Mon.5:00 PM	(H)	Hillsdale
04/14/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(A)	Hillsdale
04/16/2015	Thu.5:00 PM	(A)	Clear Fork H S
04/17/2015	Fri.4:30 PM	(A)	Black River
04/18/2015	Sat.10:00 AM	(A)	Black River
04/20/2015	Mon.5:00 PM	(A)	Norwayne
04/21/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(H)	Norwayne
04/27/2015	Mon.5:00 PM	(H)	Waynedale H S
04/28/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(A)	Waynedale H S
05/02/2015	Sat.11:00 AM	(H)	Loudonville H S
05/02/2015	Sat.1:00 PM	(H)	Loudonville H S
05/04/2015	Mon.5:00 PM	(A)	Dalton H S
05/05/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(H)	Dalton H S
05/07/2015	Thu.5:00 PM	(H)	Tuslaw H S
05/11/2015	Mon.5:00 PM	(A)	Chippewa H S
05/12/2015	Tue.5:00 PM	(H)	Chippewa H S



VARSITY BASEBALL

03/21/2015	11:00 AM	(H)	Tuscarawas Valley (Scrim.)
03/24/2015	4:30 PM	(A)	South Central H S (Scrim.)
03/25/2015	4:30 PM	(A)	Cloverleaf H S (Scrim.)
03/28/2015	11:00 AM	(H)	Columbia H S
03/30/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Lucas H S
03/31/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Smithville HS
04/01/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Smithville HS
04/04/2015	11:00 AM	(A)	Black River H S
04/04/2015	2:00 PM	(A)	Black River H S
04/06/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Rittman HS
04/07/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Rittman HS
04/11/2015	11:00 AM	(A)	Strasburg-Franklin H S
04/11/2015	1:00 PM	(A)	Strasburg-Franklin H S
04/13/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Hillsdale HS
04/14/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Hillsdale HS
04/16/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Manchester H S
04/18/2015	1:00 PM	(A)	Maysville H S
04/18/2015	3:00 PM	(A)	Maysville H S
04/20/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Norwayne HS
04/21/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Norwayne HS
04/27/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Waynedale HS
04/28/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Waynedale HS
05/01/2015	4:30 PM	(H)	Central Christian H S
05/02/2015	11:00 AM	(H)	Loudonville H S
05/02/2015	1:00 PM	(H)	Loudonville H S
05/04/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Dalton HS
05/05/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Dalton HS
05/07/2015	4:30 PM	(H)	Tuslaw HS
05/08/2015	7:00 PM	(A)	Orrville H S
05/11/2015	5:00 PM	(A)	Chippewa HS
05/12/2015	5:00 PM	(H)	Chippewa HS

Home of the Huskies



VARSITY GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK 2015

03/31/2015 4:30 PM (H)	Tri Meet Lucas/Hiland
04/09/2015 4:30 PM (A)	Frosh/Soph Invitational @ Orrville
04/11/2015 10:00 AM(A)	McKay Relays @ Smithville
04/14/2015 4:30 PM (H)	Tri Meet w/ Norwayne and Rittman
04/18/2015 1:00 PM (H)	HealthPoint Husky Invite
04/21/2015 4:30 PM (A)	Tri Meet @ Smithville w/ Dalton
04/25/2015 9:30 AM (A)	Triway Track Invitational @ Triway
04/28/2015 4:30 PM (H)	Tri Meet w/ Chippewa and Waynedale
05/01/2015 5:00 PM (A)	Red Rider Relays @ Orrville
05/05/2015 4:15 PM (A)	Dual Meet @ Hillsdale
05/08/2015 3:00 PM (A)	Kiwanis Invitational @ Galion
05/11/2015 4:30 PM (A)	Frosh/Soph Meet @ Smithville
05/15/2015 4:00 PM (H)	WCAL Championships
05/16/2015 11:00 AM(H)	WCAL Championships
05/21/2015 TBA (A)	OHSAA Division II District Meet @ Midview OHSAA Division II District Meet @ Midview
05/23/2015 TBA (A)	OHSAA Division II District Meet @ Midview OHSAA Division II District Meet @ Midview
05/28/2015 TBA (A)	OHSAA Division II Regional Meet @ Lexington OHSAA Division II Regional Meet @ Lexington
05/30/2015 TBA (A)	OHSAA Division II Regional Meet @ Lexington OHSAA Division II Regional Meet @ Lexington
06/05/2015 TBA (A)	OHSAA Division II State Meet @ Columbus



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD 2015

04/06/2015 4:15 PM (H)	Tri Meet @ Northwestern/Rittman/Norwayne
04/08/2015 4:30 PM (A)	Orrville Tri Meet
04/13/2015 4:15 PM (A)	Tri Meet @Greene/Dalton
04/17/2015 4:00 PM (A)	Triway Invite
04/20/2015 4:15 PM (H)	Tri Meet @ Northwestern/Chippewa/Waynedale
04/24/2015 4:30 PM (A)	Loudonville Invite
04/27/2015 4:15 PM (A)	Hillsdale Middle School
04/30/2015 4:00 PM (A)	WCAL Relays @ Norwayne
05/07/2015 3:30 PM (A)	WCAL Championship @ Hillsdale



DON'T MISS OUT

MEETING -
WHEN?
WHERE?
HOW OFTEN?

Board of Education Meeting

Board President: Chuck Beck
 3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
 H.S. Library (Sept. ES, Oct. MS)

District Facilities Committee

Chair: Kim Wellert
 Meets 4 times a year
 Watch newspaper for dates and times
 District Conference Room

All Sports Boosters

President: Janet Alberts
 1st Monday of each month 7:30 p.m.
 High School Commons

Music Boosters

President: Linda Howman
 3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m.
 (do not meet June, July, Dec.)
 HS Band Room
 (rear, east, entrance of building)

Ruritans

President: Jeff Layton
 2nd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
 High School commons

Football Club

President: Reggie Kline
 3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
 High School Commons
www.HuskyFootballClub.com

Soccer Club

President: Hans Ley
 1st Tuesday of each month 6:00 p.m.
 Elementary Cafeteria

Elementary PTO

President: Kim Witucki; Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, Feb. March 21, April 18; All meetings will start at 3:45 in the ES Library,

Approved 6/09/14

NORTHWESTERN LOCAL SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2014 - 15 School Year

2014

Monday, August 18	Convocation Day	
Tuesday, August 19	First Day for Students	
Monday, September 1	No School - Labor Day	
Monday, September 8	No School - Fair Day	
Tuesday, September 9	No School - Professional Development	
Monday/Wednesday		
October 20 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary	
Friday, October 24	End of First Nine Weeks	46 Pupil Days

Thursday, October 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS & MS	
Tues./Thurs. Nov. 4 & 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary	
Friday, November 21	No School - Professional Development Waiver Day	
Thursday, Nov. 27 and	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation	
Friday, November 28		
Monday, December 1	No School - Compensatory Time	
Monday, December 22	No School - Christmas Vacation	
Monday, January 5, 2015	School Reconvenes	
Friday, January 16	End of Second Nine Weeks	48 Pupil Days

Monday, January 19	No School - Martin Luther King Day	
Thursday, January 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS & MS	
Mon./Wedn. Feb. 9&11	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elem. Only	
Friday, February 13	No School - Compensatory Time	
Monday, February 16	No School - President's Day	
Friday, February 20	No School - Professional Development Waiver Day	
Friday, March 20	End of Third Nine Weeks	43 Pupil Days

Thursday, March 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS & MS	
Monday, March 30 thru	No School - Easter vacation	
April 6		
Monday, May 25	No School - Memorial Day	
Friday, May 29	Students' Last Day	43 Pupil Days

Monday, June 1	Teachers' Last Day
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Days in Session with Pupils Present including	
2 Parent/Teacher Conference Comp Days	180
Professional Development Day	1
Convocation Day & Teacher Work Days	3
(1 work day between August 1-15)	
Total	184

Graduation: Sunday, May 31

MAKE-UP DAYS

First	Feb. 13	Sixth	June 1
Second	April 6	Seventh	June 2
Third	March 30	Eighth	June 3
Fourth	March 31	Ninth	June 4
Fifth	April 1	Tenth	June 5

If make-up days are necessary, Teachers' Work Day will follow the last make up day.



The winning dodgeball team, the "Black Out War Pigs." The front row (from left) is Brandon Reed, Nathan Schwartz, and Hunter Edwards. The back row (from left) is Cameron Taylor, Chris Topovski, Ryan Schwartz,



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