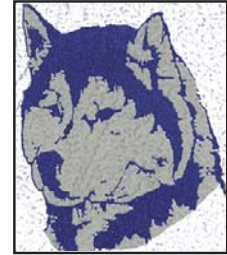


THE Northwestern

Northwestern Local Schools * 7571 N. Elyria Rd. * West Salem, OH 44287
419-846-3151 * FAX: 419-846-3361 * www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us

October 2015



2015 Homecoming Queen Jessica Bodager
and her escort Anthony Brown with
Harmony Miller!!
**CONGRATULATIONS
JESSICA!!**

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ASKING OUR COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF A 2.9 MIL 10-YEAR OPERATING LEVY THIS NOVEMBER.

- THIS 2.9 MIL LEVY WOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL JANUARY, 2017 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXISTING 3.3 MIL HIGH SCHOOL BOND LEVY EXPIRES
- THIS LEVY WOULD REPLACE THE EXPIRING 3.3 MIL LEVY WITH A LOWER 2.9 MIL OPERATING LEVY
- PURPOSE: SCHOOL OPERATIONS, NEEDED MAJOR HVAC REPAIRS AND UPDATES, AND NEEDED HIGH SCHOOL FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM REVAMP
- NORTHWESTERN IS ASKING ONLY FOR WHAT IS NEEDED – ASKING FOR JUST THE REDUCED 2.9 MILS

**PASSING THIS 2.9 MIL LEVY WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CURRENT TAX
PAYMENTS!**



Administration

Jeffrey Layton, Superintendent
419-846-3151

nrws_layton@tccsa.net
Lesa Forbes, Treasurer
419-846-3400

nrws_lforbes@tccsa.net

Mike Burkholder, High School Principal
419-846-3833

nrws_burkhol@tccsa.net

Joey Brightbill, Middle School Principal
419-846-3974

nrws_jbrightbill@tccsa.net

Julie McCumber, Elementary Principal
419-846-3519

nrws_mccumbe@tccsa.net

Scott Smith, Curriculum Director
nrws_ssmith@tccsa.net



QR
Code



**District Twitter Account
up and live!**
Log onto @NW_Schools!
Live Broadcast of events
**[http://www.ustream.tv/
channel/
sportslive14](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sportslive14)**

Board of Education

Kim Wellert, President
330-264-3545

welac@sssn.net

Phil Keener, Vice-President
419-846-3935

pkeener@tccsa.net

Paula Abrecht
330-464-3204

nrws_abrecht@tccsa.net

Laura Woodring
330-263-5042

nrws_lwoodring@tccsa.net

Charles Beck
330-464-8614

nrws_cbeck@tccsa.net



Mr. Jeff Layton
Northwestern
Superintendent

Work: 419-846-3151 x. 1
Cell: 330-317-5175
e-mail:
nrws_layton@tccsa.net

A note from our superintendent...

Thank you to the dedication of our teachers, entire staff, and coaches. We have an incredible family here – within our school employees and throughout our community!

A few things to share:

Grant and Donation

We have received a \$41,000 grant, shared within this newsletter, for student and family supports through The Counseling Center and ANA-ZAO. We are very excited about these funds. It has taken a tremendous amount of time and effort from our administrators and guidance counselors to make this a reality. Following the grant the work really began with several meetings to get the programs up and running on October 1st. I want to acknowledge their efforts and their future efforts in this regard, as well as the additional career plans mandated by the state that our dedicated guidance counselors have undertaken as well. In addition, Mr. Barry Romich has again made a sizeable donation, this time \$3,000 for Robotics equipment and 3-D printers. We have several other grants pending and will continue spending evenings and weekends pursuing these additional funds and donations.

A huge thanks to our local community and the larger Wayne County and NE Ohio community for the donations and support for our local families. Whether it for grief support for students who have lost a parent, families displaced by fire, or injury, our people come together in prayer, emotional, and financial support of one another!

Balance

Balancing excellence with efficiency. All programs are important to us at Northwestern Schools – fine arts, core content, STEM, Special Education, Gifted. Counseling center and ANAZAO supports are also instrumental in our efforts.

At Northwestern we feel the family structure, the common good, the relationships are all important. When we provide support for our students and families, and we provide strong academic opportunities, and hands-on relevant, real-world instruction ALL student can succeed!

Developing the God-given talents our students possess is a part of what we do - in addition to the opportunity to explore and discover themselves and other gifts and interests. We do not limit our efforts in the foundational areas of reading, writing, math skills, and subject knowledge. In Huskyland we continually strive to make every aspect of our students' growth and experiences here meaningful and productive. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support.

Inspiration

I take great pride in supporting our administrators and faculty so they take risks through creativity and utilizing their talents as teachers - for the betterment of students. Our teachers feel supported and secure to inspire students' young minds, which makes all the difference!

Levy

While continuously scaling-up our student achievements and opportunities available, our School Board Members and administrators have made numerous proactive decisions that have not only greatly improved our rigorous instruction and helped expand programs. We have also made many decisions that have helped maintain our financial solvency by stretching our dollars. This has allowed us to stretch our budget and get to 2017 before needing the requested 2.9 mil levy dollars on the Nov. 3rd ballot. **I have every intention of ensuring that I stretch these funds, if the community passes the 2.9 mils, to carry us through beyond pay-off of our OSFC school facilities project payoff, which is scheduled for Dec. of 2024.**

However as I have shared previously, the financial waters remain murky and with the variety of factors affecting our budget such as continually increasing costs, political agendas, charter school sapping of public school funds, cuts of state and federal funds and services, our increasing cost for contracted services as a result of these have been cut to other entities by the state, federal sequester cuts, additional costs from the

numerous onslaught of unfunded state and federal mandates, etc.

In short, the funds that the 2.9 mil levy would generate are sorely needed for our HAVAC systems, Fire suppression systems, building operation, and other physical needs. The fact that a “yes” vote would result in needed funds for the school while property tax payments would go down makes it all the easier to support. Whatever your feeling on the issue, be sure to vote! See you at the polls.

I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools throughout our community and across the state. The supports and relationships throughout our community are unique. We can take great pride in our schools and together we can continue to strive for even greater heights. With our dedicated administrators, staff, and supportive community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations. As we all know, “our children are our future.”

We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. All of this while maintaining practical and frugal limitations. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community. It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and “thank you” for your ongoing support. Here is for Northwestern Huskies continuing to “lead the pack!” Let's head full steam into the 2015-2016 school year!

Jeffrey N. Layton

Superintendent

Northwestern Local Schools



Did You Know?

Did you know that Northwestern Career Pathways, Project-Based Learning, and STEM Programs actually support themselves financially?

We receive increased state funding (weighted funds) for the following high school courses:

- Agricultural Science
- Engineering
- Biomedical
- Renewable-Clean Energy
- Family & Consumer Science
- Computer Science (effective with the phase-in of new course sequence beginning in Aug., 2016)

Beginning this year schools also receive this additional weighted funding for our Middle School STEM courses in these career pathways mentioned above, in addition to Robotics as well. With Northwestern strategically leading the effort to expand MS Career Programs and STEM courses this has helped keep us afloat financially and to fund these programs through these weighted funds.

With Northwestern being an innovative leader in these Middle School and High School career pathways, programs, and courses these weighted funds we receive support the ongoing costs of the supplies, equipment, professional development, and field trips for these courses. We have successfully sought grants, business, and foundation support for these programs as well. I want our community to be aware that these courses are self-sufficient and are not a drain on our district budget.

One might ask the question, “Do these weighted funds not pay for the costs of the new programs?”

The facts are:

- Weighted funds do not pay for the classroom teachers in these programs, but do cover other costs and provide ongoing sustainability of these courses. However, the district has strategically and purposefully planned for shifting Teacher assignments to cover these courses in order to have no additional Teacher cost or, in some instances, to minimize any additional Teacher cost.
- Our Agricultural Science and Family and Consumer Sciences are traditional, long-standing, strong programs of which the district has paid the teacher costs for decades. These have not changed.
- We shifted nearly all of our Algebra I from HS to the MS, which resulted in no additional Teacher cost for the Engineering courses simply by a shift from a HS Teacher teaching Algebra I to now teaching Engineering.
- We replaced a retiring Physical Education/Health Teacher with a Biology/Health Teacher, which allowed a Biology Teacher to shift from Biology to Biomedical - resulting in no additional Teacher cost.
- We have re-aligned our technology curriculum K-12 and over the past three years have purposefully been phasing HS technology courses to the MS, which is allowing us to shift assignment of a HS Teacher to teach higher level Computer Science courses (and receive these weighted funds) at the HS.
- Additional incoming open enrolled students have carried with them state funds, which have been used to support these and other programs as well. Strong programs and rigorous curriculum and programs

With all of this being said, we have had a few interesting changes that have resulted in additional Teacher needs – in the areas of HS Math, HS Science, and Special Education. Explanations are below:

- The state increased Math requirements for EVERY student to increase from 3 to 4 math courses. In addition, as of last year Pre-Algebra was no longer allowed for HS credit. This means that every Math credit now has to be Algebra I or higher. In addition, the required courses must include Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, in addition to one additional Math course higher than Algebra I. Our 5-year

effort to shift over 75% of Algebra I to the MS has helped us control the additional required courses by the state, but we have still had to increase Math periods at the HS as a result of this change.

- By shifting higher levels of required Math to the MS we have had record numbers of students registering for Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and we have created a new offerings of Statistics and Probability courses. This is a nice problem to have, which has resulted in the need for additional Math periods.

- Due to success of our incredibly gifted core of Science Teachers who have inspired our students through Science Fair, STEM programming, and the scientific process we have more and more students requesting additional sections of higher level science courses. More courses equals more teachers. Again, this is a nice problem to have and we encourage our students to challenge themselves with the rigorous courses.

- For the past three years and in the foreseeable future the state has required more than \$55,000 each year of our Title I dollars be used for new supports for students with disabilities. Just one more unfunded mandate. This has resulted in the district budget having to make-up these dollars from where these were taken.

- MRDD and Ida Sue has hugely reduced the number of very low functioning students with multiple disabilities to the home districts. This has resulted in a significant number of low functioning students with the greatest needs to now be educated here at Northwestern, with no funding coming to us to pay for the required additional Teachers and Aides.



2015-16 school year Newsletter article and photo submission deadlines:

December 16

February 2

March 16

July 20

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

Home of the Huskies

“Did You Know” continued

Finally, even while reducing or freezing state funds over the past 5 years (depending on the year) the numerous unfunded mandates such as the online testing costs, Title I set-aside, their cuts in ESC, Preschool, and other program costs (which we then are billed for locally), trainings that the state only holds during the school day - often pulling numerous teachers and sometimes ALL teachers from classrooms – are costly in time and money. Also, the online and for-profit charter schools literally STEAL dollars from all districts, including ours. These entities take tens of thousands of dollars from Northwestern district alone and have little-to no accountability and often not only do a sub-par job when students actually attend, but also rob not only our state funds, but also our local funds by billing for students who are registered but oftentimes do not attend, log-in online, or complete courses or credits.

At Northwestern we aim to “stay the course” in regard to 6-12 Career Pathways, K-12 Project-Based Learning, K-12 STEM Programs, and the related weighted funding the state provides (making these programs sustainable). We take great pride in the 21st Century skills, collaboration, problem-solving, real-world, rigorous courses and programs that we offer. We also take great pride in the opportunities that these high level courses provide our students, in addition to their successes in Science Fair at the regional and state level, with student scholarships, recognition, awards. Our kids rise to the expectations that we set as far as their capabilities allow. We aim to inspire each student to reach their potential each and every day!

These courses pay rich dividends and are best for student learning and student engagement, and are the future of education. We also believe that continuing our innovations in curriculum, authentic project-based learning, changing educational structures and improving use of various technologies will become ever-more important and have the potential to also increase efficiency and control district costs. In particular, blended learning in some courses or programs as well as

changing structures in various ways in some courses and in varying ways will also better serve our students.

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

TENTATIVE DATES AND TIMES:

Meeting #1 Nov. 23, 5-6:30PM

Meeting #2 TBD

PLACE: Northwestern High School Library

TIME COMMITMENT: Meetings as shared above and likely one or two subcommittee meetings as determined by subcommittees between these two meetings.

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 meeting.

We are in need of renewing our current 2010-2015 5-year School District Strategic Plan, then approving this revised plan for 5 additional years in the future – 2016-2021. 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 are some of the many 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 hyperturbulent 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 7 general areas:

- Teaching & Learning
(Topics: Basic Skills, PreSchool, STEM, Writing, Reading, Math, Project-Based Learning, Gifted, Special Education, Summer Programs, Title I)
- Technology
(ChromeBooks, Blended Learning, Computer Networking, Software)
- Professional Development & Curriculum
(Project-Based Learning, Summer Programs, Curriculum Content, Career Pathways)
- Community-School Relations – (family, business, post-secondary, community learning support)
(collaborations, communications, parent involvement, public relations)
- Budget/Finances
(short term needs/costs, long-term needs/costs)
- Student Development
(21st C Skills, College and Career Ready, Character Development, Millennial perspective, Leadership, Internships)

District NEWS!

5-year Northwestern Strategic Plan Revision Committee

These are the steps of the revision process:

1. The district administrators will be gathering, discussing, and disseminate data regarding performance, finance, curriculum, and instruction.
2. November, 2015: Initial strategic plan committee will meet where some members of the internal Administrative Team and will summarize this data to the full Strategic Plan Committee, information will be discussed, and some focal points clarified.
3. Individual group meetings scheduled by subcommittees or follow-up meetings as a whole if numbers are an issue.
4. December, 2015: Meeting to pull the subcommittees back together, report out, and summarize.
5. January, 2016: Tentative Strategic Plan Completed

CONTACT: I have a very 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

- Nrws_layton@tccsa.net
- 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 sets us apart!

Some of the information discussed will include:

- Survey data
- Elementary School Data
- Middle School Data
- 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!

**** INFORMATIONAL TIDBITS ****

Still leading the pack:

Northwestern continues leading the pack through engaging, relevant professional development and presenting at regional, state, and national venues. Our Project-Based Professional Development held throughout this school year locally has intensified and expanded. A core group of Northwestern teachers underwent intensive Project-Based Learning professional development and brought it home – a “train the trainer” model where these resident expert teachers trained our entire faculty in September and will continue to do so throughout the 2015-2016 school year.

Our students have been successful at Wayne County Fair competitions, state and national FFA Agricultural Science competitions, have opportunities to collaborate in leadership venues, at The College of Wooster, Wayne College, and OSU-OARDC and OSU-ATI programs, as well as Future Fridays, Senior Seminar, and 8th Grade Seminar programs, job shadowing and internship experiences.

Northwestern Middle School and High School students will be presenting at the Student Achievement Fair in Columbus at the Ohio School Boards annual professional development state-wide capital conference this upcoming November on our Middle School and High School Environmental and Clean Energy Career Pathway/Programs.

By request a group of Northwestern Administrators and Teachers will be sharing our success and Project-Based Learning at the annual Ohio PLTW STEM Conference in Dayton in November.

Also by request a group of Northwestern Administrators and Teachers will be sharing our success and Project-Based Learning at the annual Ohio Improvement Conference this fall.

Stay Informed



Northwestern Counseling, Support, Wraparound Services Grant Award

I want to share the great news that Northwestern has recently written a \$41,000 grant for counseling services. We were recently awarded this grant by Wayne County Jobs and Family Services and the Wayne County Commissioners!

As a result, beginning the 1st of October the following services have begun for our Northwestern students and families!

Counseling Center

- Providing individual student counseling on site (ES Tues., HS Wed., MS Th each week – 3 days per week - during the school year and 1 day per week throughout the summer)

- Group counseling as determined

- Additional family counseling as needed

ANA-ZAO

- Specialized group counseling sessions weekly or more

- Some individual counseling

- Individualized FIA (Fitting it All Together) interventions

- As determined by our building guidance counselors, group counseling and additional needed student wraparound services.

The Student Support Team is a problem-solving and coordinating structure that assists students, families and teachers to develop positive solutions for maximizing student potential. It provides an opportunity for school staff, family members, community agencies, and others to present their concerns about an individual student, and through discussion and study, to plan a positive course of action, assign responsibilities and monitor results utilizing Pyramid of Interventions and Supports.



More TIDBITS!!

A group of Northwestern Teachers and Administrators not only received the “SREB Outstanding School District Award” last July in Atlanta, but also presented “The Northwestern STEM Journey” sharing capacity-building, STEM programs, Project-Based learning, and sustainability of a rural STEM K-12 District. This was held in Atlanta, Georgia at the national SREB Conference in July.

BioOhio Presentation – Superintendent Layton presented STEM and Project-Based Learning at the state-wide BioOhio workforce and education program last spring.

Cuyahoga County ESC and Innovation Lab network Presentation: Northwestern Administrators presented on our STEM and Project-Based Learning Career Pathways and STEM programs last spring.

Northwestern Middle School students presented at the Student Achievement Fair in Columbus at the Ohio School Boards annual professional development state-wide Capital Conference last November. The topic and sharing was problem-solving and creation in our Middle School STEM-Agriculture Class.

Northwestern Students, teachers, and administrators present annually at the Ohio STEM Conference and our students have been keynote speakers at this annual state-wide event on multiple occasions!

Husky Chess Club:

We have begun effort to establish a Husky Chess Club at Northwestern High School. Students have expressed interest and thus far we have 12 students signed-up. We anticipate getting this up and running this fall!

continued.....

From the Superintendent

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 hundreds of tweets since! We generally send 2 or more tweets 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, newsletter articles, etc. 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!



HUSKY PRIDE AND TRADITION



Husky
Pride
and
Tradition!

NORTHWESTERN NOV. 3rd LEVY INFORMATION

Public Information Meetings were held immediately prior to September and October Board of Education Meetings regarding the November 10-year Emergency Operating Levy of 2.9 mils replacing the expiring 3.3 mil Bond Levy.

Information is available on the district website as well as in the district office.

This reduced levy of 2.9 mils would collect 29 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten years, commencing in January, 2017.

The expiring levy that this new levy is intended to replace is 3.3 mils and collects 33 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation.

Any community member is welcome to request additional information (via e-mail or phone call: 419-846-3151) or visit Superintendent Jeffrey Layton and Treasurer Lesa Forbes in the Northwestern District office. We will gladly answer questions and share information requested.

Important notes:

#1 Last year's state formula Wayne County CAUV increase for Agricultural Land does not result in additional money for the school. The state school funding formula ensures that increased land taxes do not result in additional dollars for our schools. The school would only receive additional funds in the case of new construction. For additional CAUV information please visit our Wayne County Auditor Jarra Underwood's website for a well-written, detailed explanation of CAUV increases.

#2 All-Sports paid for the new basketball and football scoreboards. Not the district. We thank All-Sports for these donations.

#3 Unfunded mandates in addition to poor state and federal financial support have put us in this situation.

#4 State funding cuts to the county has resulted in MRDD reductions, which has resulted in a shifting of a greater number of students with disabilities being served within the district, which has and will continue to significantly increased costs as well.

#5 The district projects HVAC System mechanical costs alone exceeding \$1,000,000 in the very near future.

**Northwestern School District is asking voters to
consider passage
of a 2.9 mil operating levy to replace an
expiring 3.3 mil bond levy this Nov. 3rd.**

LEVY INFORMATION

Facts

- * Passing this levy will NOT increase your current tax payments!
- * This levy would replace the expiring 3.3 mil levy with a lower 2.9 mil levy.
- * This 2.9 mil levy would not begin until Jan., 2017 – immediately upon expiration of the current 3.3 mil levy.
- * Purpose: needed HVAC repairs & updates, HS fire suppression replacement, new well pump, ongoing school facility maintenance, and general school operations.
- * Northwestern is asking only for what is needed – asking for just the 2.9 mils to ensure great facilities & educational excellence!

Efficiency of Operations

- * Cost per Student – one of the lowest in the state!
(\$9,722 per student total cost – Ohio Ave. \$10,912 per student)
 - * Solicitation of Shared Services Contracts to reduce costs
 - * Have reduced staffing through combining of positions
 - * Northwestern has been listed as a “smart school” district in the National Knowledge Works “smart schools” efficiency study.
 - * American Progress “Efficiency Study”
- This national study of public school efficiency measured school district per pupil cost to educate against the productivity (student outcomes and quality of education) provided by individual school district across the nation. Northwestern has been one of the few listed districts as having the highest productivity rating with the highest achievement, as well as the lowest cost to educate.
- * Open Enrollment and Peterson Scholarships bring in additional revenue and fills empty classrooms seats
 - * Over \$1.1 million in grants earned over the past 10 years.
 - * Over \$90,000 in contributions from business partners, private foundations, & grants in 2014-2015 S
- Over \$25,000 in contributions from business partners, private foundations, & grants in thus far in 2015-2016 SY

**EVEN OUR EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS OF
INCREASING REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES
AND REDUCING OUR COSTS IN MANY AREAS
CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THE CURRENT FUND-
ING CRISIS AND CONSTANTLY INCREASING
MANDATES.**



Northwestern Evidence of Success

- * “Excellent” District Rating 10 of the past 11 years!
- * National SREB “Outstanding School District Award” (July, 2015)
- * Ohio School of Honor Award (2014)
- * All Buildings earning Ohio School of Promise repeatedly over the past 10 years
- * High Schools that Work
- * HS SREB Gold Achievement Award (2014)
- * MS SREB Implementation Award (2014)
- * HS STEM School Building Designation (2014)
- * MS STEM School Building Designation (2014)
- * Fantastic Student-Centered, Individualized Education
- * K-12 STEM Programs
- * K-12 Project-Based Learning Focus
- * Creation of “Inspiration Station District STEM Lab”
- * Incredible Agricultural Science Program – with numerous State and National competition winners!
- * Distinct & “Nationally Accredited” and “Credentialed”
- * 7-12 career pathway programs in:
 - Agricultural Business and Production
 - Biomedical
 - Engineering
 - Renewable-Clean Energy & Environmental
- * Outstanding foreign language programs in French & Spanish
- * Superb Award-Winning Drama, Choir, Band, and Visual Arts Programs – with a student earning her way to state choir and student art-work currently hanging in Washington, D.C.!
- * Outdoor Education experience
- * Washington, D.C. experience
- * Strong Extracurricular & Athletic Programs
- * And - The BEST HS Band in the land! Husky Pride!

Excellent return on investment of our taxpayer dollars!

Levy Information

Talking Points

- * While not an emergency situation, Northwestern has been deficit spending for 3 years and the 5-year forecast predicts the district to run out of operating dollars within two years.
- * “Emergency Levy” is the type of levy on the ballot because most levies increase the funding floor for schools. Increasing the funding floor results in the state sending fewer dollars to the school district.

With an emergency levy the 20mil floor does not increase, so the state dollars continue flowing to the school district without being reduced.

- * The district has some necessary major expenses with our HVAC systems and our facilities.

- * Steadily increasing costs, combined with inadequate state and federal funds, in addition to numerous unfunded state and federal mandates has resulted in abnormally higher costs with insufficient funding.

- * The state has also shifted dollars away from other entities such as Tri-County ESC and MRDD school ages special needs student costs – forcing public schools to pay these providers for their services. These costs have severely strained our budget.

- * FY 2010 school statewide funding was \$7,919,000,000 and FY 2016 school funding (6 years later) will be only \$8,135,500,000.

- * Our current 2015-2016 school year state of Ohio school funding payments are the same as they were last year.

- * Passing the 2.9 mil Operating levy will effectively decrease taxes. Replacing the expiring 3.3 mil levy with this 2.9 mil will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$101.50 (\$8.45 per month)

Replacing the expiring 3.3 mil levy with 3.3 mils would have cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$115.50 per year (\$9.62 per month).

AS A RESULT, PASSING THIS 2.9 MIL LEVY WILL ACTUALLY REDUCE CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS WHILE ALSO PROVIDING NEEDED REVENUE FOR NORTHWESTERN SCHOOLS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS!

More Informational Tidbits!!

Before School Care:

Beginning in September we have begun piloting our own before school program again. We have established a \$1 per hour cost for parents. We are planning an end of the school year study for possible permanency. We anticipate that this will provide a needed support for parents, minimizing transportation double stops in the mornings.

Enrollment Summary:

- * TOTAL STUDENT COUNT - 1413
- * INCOMING STUDENTS FROM OUT OF DISTRICT (OE) - 223

Total ES – 598, Total MS – 335, Total HS – 480 (also includes WCSSC)

ES Enrollment is down 23 from last year
MS Enrollment is up 9 from last year
HS is up 1 from last year.

Open Enrollment – (223 Total Incoming OE students – 210 last year)
(For comparison incoming OE students were only 54 just 10 years ago)

Total District Enrollment: 1413 (1428 last year)

Northwestern Events and News!

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Northwestern Schools
Substitute Bus Driver



Hourly rate: \$15.99

Will provide training

Will immediately reimburse licensure cost (with 2-year commitment)

Clean driving record

BCI/FBI background check required

Contact Sandra Carpenter at (419)846-3151 Ext. 4344

We need more quality drivers! With upcoming retirements over the next two years hours available!

Hours vary – normal school day routes equal 6-hours per day worked!

Will arrange riding on a route for interested individuals to experience how great our students are!

EMERGENCY DELAY OR CANCELLATION DAYS

With cold weather and winter weather right around the corner, we would like to remind parents about our delay and cancellation procedures. When our school buses travel over 1,436 miles each day in our 94 square mile school district, picking up students, it is imperative that the roads are safe to travel. The safety of children and drivers is the only issue when considering whether or not to cancel school.

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both Transportation Supervisor Scott Swysgood and Superintendent Jeff Layton 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 Elem. may begin with a 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 an 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 SCHOOL BOARD

MEET the Board Candidates

Northwestern School District has three Board Member seats up for election this Nov. 3rd, 2015. The three current Board Members (incumbents) are seeking re-election to retain their seats.

PHIL KEENER

What is your occupation and what are your qualifications for becoming a School Board Member?

I am a graduate of the Northwestern schools, The Ohio State University, and Kent State University, and I am completing my third term (12 years) as a member of the Northwestern Board of Education. I retired after thirty-three years as a Vocational Agriculture Teacher, FFA Advisor, and Career Center Administrator.

I remain busy with part-time dairy farming, Northwestern Schools, Wayne County Schools Career Center (WCSCC), church, and community activities. I have been our district's representative on the WCSCC Board of Education and have served on our contract negotiations committee and on facilities committees.

My continued interest in providing quality education is strengthened by my three daughters who are Northwestern alumnae and my two grandchildren currently enrolled as Northwestern students.

What do you perceive as the most pressing issues in our schools and what solutions can you offer?

A major area of concern is school finance. As a board we are responsible to our community to spend their tax dollars wisely. We have made significant changes in the past few years without sacrificing quality education. We need to continue to search for more support from grant and community resources.

We have accomplished academic advancements in Agricultural Science, Engineering, Biomedical and other STEM programs - reaching out to all ages of students and creating more opportunities for success, while also still continuing to support our fine arts programs of visual Arts, Band, Choir, and Drama. We need to stay on the "cutting-edge" of education and to continue supporting our great staff by providing them with the resources they need to keep Northwestern Schools on top so that all can continue to be proud of.



KIM WELLERT

What is your occupation and what are your qualifications for becoming a School Board Member?

I am owner of Wellert's A.C. Parts. I have been a Northwestern School Board Member for the past eight years – including being Board President and serving on the Facilities Committee. I am also currently serving as a Ruritan's Director and have been active in Northwestern Ruritans and our community for many years. These experiences have helped me understand student and school district needs and understand various situations, as well as giving me the knowledge necessary to continue working with our other Northwestern School Board Members and our administrators.



What do you perceive as the most pressing issues in our schools and what solutions can you offer?

The most pressing problem is working with reduced state funding and unfunded mandates without the needed financial support. In spite of this, our school district has done a great job of maintaining financial stability while giving our students and faculty the best education and opportunities to grow and learn. I would like to continue being a part of maintaining this financial stability while ensuring students a great education.

CHUCK BECK

What is your occupation and what are your qualifications for becoming a School Board Member?

I am presently finishing my first 4-year term on the Northwestern Board of Education. Prior to this, I was a 30-year teacher at Northwestern. During that time I served on several committees including contract negotiations. These experiences provide me knowledge about the inner-workings of our school district. I can relate to what our staff and students need to be successful. (Continued on next page)



NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL BOARD

CHUCK BECK - continued

As a school board member, I work well with our other board members and have a great relationship with our administration, staff, and community. I also know many students. These are important for our continued success as a district.

What do you perceive as the most pressing issues in our schools and what solutions can you offer?

Northwestern Schools have made great academic and overall strides these past several years. I would like to see us continue our progress. Our main need is to continue financing innovations and be able to help/support our staff by providing needed materials while continuing to make opportunities available through learning new teaching methods. Our staff has been terrific in their willingness to take on new projects. Our progress through excellent innovations would not be possible without them.

Although we have cut cost wherever possible without sacrificing quality and have obtained funds through grants and generous donations from our community, finances are an ongoing struggle due to stagnant state funding to our district along with unfunded mandates. To help our schools function at our high level, we will continue to search collaboratively for available monies in addition to our proposed levy.

I would like to continue to be involved in Northwestern's future endeavors.

Joe Sadzewicz is one of four members of our Northwestern community seeking a Northwestern Board of Education seat. Mr. Sadzewicz was not able to submit the focused responses or a photograph by The Northwestern newsletter deadline.

The four candidates for the 3 available Northwestern Board of Education seats are:

- Incumbent Phil Keener
- Incumbent Kim Wellert
- Incumbent Chuck Beck
- Joe Sadzewicz



News TIDBITS

Phone

Issues

with Frontier:

Phones have been out for five days thus far this school year due to external phone company fiber issues. It has been very frustrating, but following safety and communications concerns being stressed with a supervisor the problems seems to have finally been resolved. Frontier finally physically dug up and replaced a section of line over the week of October 5th.

In addition, as a result of new technology, our 2013 internet phones, and Don Clifton's efforts we have the capability and are moving forward with two internet-based back-up lines to our phone system. This means that if the Frontier lines go down again these lines would kick into action as a redundancy back-up. In addition, the low cost for these two lines will be offset by the savings resulting from routing our long-distance calls through these two lines!

Possible Adult Education Programs at Northwestern:

We approached Ashland-West Holmes CC Superintendent Mike McDaniel about interest in using Northwestern STEM Lab as an Adult Education training satellite for CNC and/or welding programs. This, after WCSCC has shown an unwillingness to collaborate after several attempts this past year. Mr. McDaniel and a contingent of administrators have visited and we are discussing possibilities. My hope is that we could house it at their cost for equipment and personnel. We envision possible programs being held immediately after HS lets out. They would reap the adult education funds and interested Northwestern HS students and adults in our community could participate at a small fee or at no cost.

In addition, Spherion has been approached about the possibility of teaching sessions to students during the school day on employment skills such as resume writing, interviewing, software skills, communication skills, etc. In addition they are open to holding some of these sessions after school for adults as well. We as a district not only want to support our students in programs and support - we also want to provide opportunities for our adults and strengthen our families. Specialized training programs can improve jobs, careers, strengthen families, and ultimately, improve the human condition.

Ohio School Boards (OSBA) Capital Conference and NE Ohio OSBA Program:

Northwestern is receiving another award at the NE Ohio OSBA Recognition Banquet. Northwestern students are again presenting at the Student Achievement Fair at the OSBA Capital Conference. This November teachers Jen Buchholz and Amanda Michalak, along with Northwestern MS and HS students will be presenting our MS and HS

Tidbits continued ...

Environmental and Clean Energy Programs and activities in Columbus. This is the 11th time over the past 12 years Northwestern students and teachers have presented at the annual conference of more than 9,700 educators, administrators, and school board members from throughout Ohio and the nation.

PLTW MS National Accreditation:

Project Lead the Way is the national organization surrounding our Biomedical and Engineering Career Pathways in grades 7-12. Four years ago our 4-year HS programs were Nationally Accredited. PLTW is coming next spring to recertify our HS National Accreditation in our Engineering and Biomedical programs. We asked them to also evaluate our MS programs for National Accreditation. We believe we have a great shot at National Accreditation of our MS PLTW programs! Unfortunately, they do not credential ES programs or our Northwestern Elementary School would certainly qualify as well!

After our administrative team updated PLTW Coordinator PJ Marshall on our MS initiatives as well as our ES PLTW programs PLTW was super excited. They asked that we present at the PLTW/STEM state conference in Dayton this November. In addition, they gave us leads of some additional grant sources to pursue as we move forward with our computer science PLTW pathway next year.



High School golf team preparing for a match this season



Know! To Pledge Your Support For Prevention

The new school year is underway. Are you aware that as your adolescent progresses into higher grades, his or her risk for first-time use of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs is also rising? For students transitioning into middle school, junior high or high school, as well as those moving into a new school system, the onset of substance use can be as much as triple.

A frightening statistic? Yes! A call for parents and other caregivers to be especially vigilant in their prevention efforts? Absolutely! The good news is that family and other influential adults in a child's life play the most important roles in determining how he or she will handle the lure of alcohol and other drugs during adolescence. In fact, you can automatically cut your son or daughter's risk for use in half, simply by keeping the lines of communication open and talking regularly with your child about the dangers of drinking, smoking and using other drugs.

What better time than now to show your child you care by making an official commitment to support his or her positive lifestyle choices surrounding substance use, than by taking the Know! Pledge. You are encouraged to read and sign the pledge, then post it on the fridge or other highly visible spot to serve as a tangible reminder of your commitment to prevent and reduce substance use among youth.

The Know! Pledge is as follows:

I will talk regularly with my children to make sure they are aware that I support their positive choices and am here to assist them in resisting negative influences.
I will not support underage consumption of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
I will adhere to the law and health guidelines surrounding the use of alcohol and other drugs.

This pledge is a great starting point, however, it is only the beginning. Ongoing communication, information, education and participation are all key aspects that need to accompany your pledge in order to be effective. These fundamental factors will be further explored throughout the school year.

In the meantime, keep these basic parent and caregiver prevention tips in mind:

Spend time with your child and know what's happening in his or her daily life
Maintain open communication that involves non-judgmental conversation (listening more than you talk)
Talk about substances and the dangers they pose to one's health, relationships and future
Help your child find his or her personal reason to refuse substances and practice saying 'no'
Set limits, curfews and clear expectations for your child's nonuse of alcohol and other drugs
Use TV shows, music lyrics, the morning news, etc. as teachable moments, whenever possible, to talk about the negatives of substance abuse
Get to know your child's friends and their friends' parents
Help your son or daughter find something positive to do with their time
Know! strives to increase your knowledge on alcohol, marijuana and other drugs and provide you with talking points and conversation starters to engage your child in conversation and prevent substance use.

**Mr.
Burkholder
Northwestern
High School
Principal**



Hello from Northwestern High School,

It's amazing how fast the school year has been going by. We have had a great start to this school year. Our students are working hard in the classroom and in the many extracurricular activities that are offered at Northwestern High School.

We continue to look to provide opportunities for our students. Students have many opportunities to connect to things of interest for them or to try something new. FFA has historically been a strong program at our school and this trend continues. The robotics club will be competing again this winter/spring. We have a new club this year, the chess club! They meet after school on Fridays. If you have a child or grandchild at our high school, please encourage them to look into things of this nature as a way to expand their views and experiences. We always get out of things what we put into them. At Northwestern High School we have so many exceptional students doing great things. They never cease to amaze me with both the quality and the volume of their activities.

We will be starting the second semester session of ACT test Prep at the high school. Please contact the guidance office if you are interested. The study sessions are built into the day on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the husky period. The cost is \$100, which basically goes to cover the cost of the materials.

Upcoming events at the high school include the following:

The drama program, under Elizabeth Crabtree's direction, is working to get a fall production ready. The dates for this production are November 13-15. Following this they will shift their focus to this winter's one act play, which we will be hosting this year.

We will have a Veteran's Day program at 10:19 a.m. on November 11th, in the high school theater. This is open to all veterans and community members.

We chose this time for the assembly as we also extend an open invitations to all veterans and guests to stay for a complimentary lunch.

On November 13th we will be inducting new members into the National Honor Society and we will be issuing Academic Letters to our top scholars. This program is at 7:00 in the theater and is open to the community. We hope to see you there!

There is a public performance for our NHS Talent Show on November 23rd @ 7:00 p.m. in the high school theater. This program will be incorporated into the school day on Wednesday, November 25th, as well.

The choir will be performing for the community on December 8th and the band will have their concert on December 17th. Both of these programs begin at 7:00 p.m., in the high school theater, with the middle school components. You are welcome to come early for the entire concert or come at a later time for an opportunity to transition into the theater when some of the parents and students from the middle school exit. As usual, we anticipate a full theater for these events. We also plan to have the concerts on the monitors in the commons, via livestreaming.

As a capstone event, our seniors are either in Senior Seminar, Biological Innovations, Engineering Design & Development or in a yearlong Internship. Our seniors are busy with these classes, in addition to the rest of their curriculum. Seniors who complete their senior seminar during the first semester will have the choice of taking an English elective, a study hall or having a late start (8:05 a.m.). We are committed to making the senior year meaningful and a cornerstone in the preparation for the future. Our students will have these multiple demands on them, whether it is in college or on the job. The senior year is no longer a place to relax, but a place to finish strong, preparing for what lies ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at nrws_burkhol@tccsa.net. If you would like to be added to an email distribution list, please contact me as well.



**Ms. Juliet
Thomas
Northwestern
High School
Guidance
Counselor**

Important Dates from High School Guidance:

October 14: PSAT exam for interested 10th and 11th graders

October 15: Career Center in English 10 classes to talk about their programs

October 19: Mount Union University College Rep visit to NHS

October 21: Ohio Northern University College Rep visit to NHS

October 24: National ACT Test Date

October 29: Financial Aid Meeting/FAFSA Info at 6:30 pm in high school theatre. This is especially important for seniors and their parents, but all are welcome to learn more about financing options for college!

November 1: Early Decision deadline for some colleges, including The Ohio State University Columbus Campus

November 2: The University of Findlay Rep visit to NHS

November 3: Walsh University College Rep visit to NHS

November 6: Regular registration deadline for December ACT

November 16: University of Akron College Rep visit to NHS

November 23: Sophomore Field Trip to Career Center

December 12: National ACT Test Date

January 8: Regular registration deadline for February ACT

January 21: College Credit Plus Meeting in High School Theatre

Seniors, be sure to check out the Guidance page for scholarship updates!

The spreadsheet will be updated as scholarships become available. In December, each senior will be mailed home a scholarship booklet listing Northwestern local, Wayne County, statewide, and some national scholarships. Be sure to attend the Financial Aid Night on October 29 at 6:30 pm in the High School Theatre to learn more about grants, scholarships and FAFSA.

Home of the Huskies

Important YEARBOOK information!!

***Get your 2014-2015 yearbook** before they are gone! Extra yearbooks are available for \$50. Please see Mrs. Hudson to claim yours today! Checks should be made payable to NHS.

***Attention Class of 2016!** The deadline for submission of senior photos and baby pictures is Friday, December 4th. Please submit either a hard copy to Mrs. Hudson or email a .jpg file (no PDFs, please) to nrws_khudson@tccsa.net. Area photographers may also submit NHS Senior photos to that email address.

***Watch the Mail!** The ordering period for 2015-2016 yearbooks will open soon. All of our yearbook orders are completed through Jostens, NOT through NHS. By the end of October, every family will receive a mailer from Jostens which outlines the ordering process. All orders are completed via jostens.com or by phone. The ordering period will run from the end of October until May.

***Follow the NHS yearbook on Twitter** for all the latest updates and photo sneak peeks! @NHSHuskiesYrbk

National Honor Society
Induction will take place
on Tuesday, December 1
at 7p.m. in the NHS
Auditorium. Cookie and
punch reception to follow.



"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" The Musical!

Do you enjoy the Peanuts classics? Are musicals enjoyable to you? Come and bring your whole family to this revived classic Broadway musical filled with your favorite Peanuts characters created by the great Charles Schulz!

Dates:

- November 13th and 14th: 7pm
 - November 15th: 2 p.m.
- Tickets are sold @ Northwestern High School office: 419-846-3833
- Call the school for ticket prices
 - Tickets will be available on November 6th
 - You can purchase or reserve tickets at Will Call
- Northwestern Drama Club Website
- www.nhsdrama.wordpress.com
 - Mrs. Crabtree's (Director) Email: nrws_ecrabtree@tccsa.net

Library NEWS!!

The library held its first Makerspace activities for the middle school and high school. Middle school students made Pringles can amplifiers for their music playing devices. The high school made Doodle Bots with a small vibrating motor, battery, Styrofoam cups and markers. Lots of fun and learning was had by all.



Girl Scout Troop 155 donated two new foam chairs to the middle school library. The students are very excited to try out this new comfy seating!



NHS Homecoming 2015 “A Very Sweet Adventure”

On Friday October 2, the 2015 Northwestern High School Homecoming queen Jessica Bodager was crowned. The ceremony took place at Husky Stadium in West Salem. Jessica is the daughter of Scott and Rhonda Bodager. Jessica's princess was Harmony Miller. She is the daughter of Sherry Miller. Both of these lovely ladies were escorted by Mr. Anthony Brown, son of Tony and Tricia Brown.

The attendants on Jessica's court were Kayleigh Buchholz and Jacelyn Alberts. Senior Kayleigh Buchholz is the daughter of Mike and LeAnn Buchholz. Kayleigh's princess was Vivian Franks, daughter of Jeff and Kelley Franks. Both of these lovely ladies were escorted by Philip Eberly, son of Dan and Becky Eberly. Senior Jacelyn Alberts is the daughter of Mark and Janet Alberts. Jacelyn's princess was Kayla Cutter. Kayla is the daughter of C.J. and Beth Cutter. Both of these lovely ladies were escorted by Storm Nelson. Storm is the son of Brad and Sherri Nelson. Junior Katelyn White, daughter of Josh and Kelly White, was escorted by Kyle Wharton, son of Hud and Jodie Wharton. Sophomore Kennedy Hoffer, daughter of Chris and Angie Hoffer, was escorted by Jared Leasure, son of Bert and Lori Leasure. Freshman Danni Ballinger, daughter of Cathy and the late Jeff Ballinger, was escorted by Trent Boatner, son of Troy and Chris Boatner.

Flowers held by the court were compliments of CR Blooms in Wooster.

The dance with the theme “A Very Sweet Adventure” was held Saturday night at the high school.

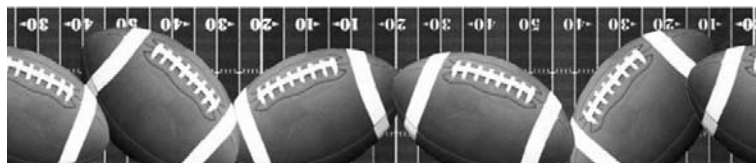
Northwestern High School News

NW ALL SPORTS

All Sports would like to thank Rob and Molly Hastings and all the volunteers who helped with the Wayne County Fair this year. Other than rain, we had a great week!

Fall concession season is underway. Huge thank you to Chris and Julie Ulrich who have coordinated all of our fall sports. All Sports would also like to thank all the volunteers that help in the concession stands.

We are always in need of volunteers for winter concessions; please consider helping during basketball and wrestling season! You can contact Megan or Janet. GO HUSKIES!!



Homecoming court seniors: Left to right: Kayla Cutter, Jacelyn Alberts, Storm Nelson, Anthony Brown, Kayleigh Buchholz with Vivian Franks, Philip Eberly.



NHS HIGHLIGHTS!



Fall
Sports
2015



Husky Pride
& Tradition



****Northwestern Local Schools ****

Donate Your Unneeded Items for Education!

"One person's trash is another one's treasure" is true for the Northwestern libraries this year! We are implementing a Makerspace and we need your help! Makerspaces provide hands-on spaces and tools to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they engage in engineering, tinkering, and creating.

Ideally, a makerspace is combination of a science lab, woodshop, computer lab and art room which should be designed to accommodate a wide range of activities, tools and materials. A possible range of activities, tools and materials. A possible range of activities might include:

- Cardboard design and construction
- Woodworking
- Electronics and Robotics
- Crafting of all types
- Coding/Gaming
- 3D design and printing



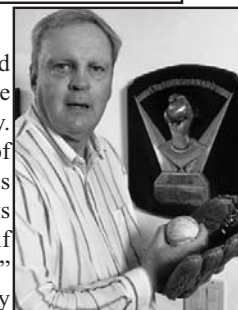
We are starting "small" or "low tech" with primarily crafting and building activities. The goal is to get a grant to purchase electronics and robotics kits so that students can truly utilize STEM skills and design/program creations. In the meantime, we are reaching out for donations of the following common household items:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Toothbrushes | • Legos/K'Nex/other construction toys |
| • Wire cutters | • Paint brushes |
| • Clean tshirts | • Paints |
| • Dental Floss | • Popsicle sticks |
| • Old pill or medicine bottles | • Duct tape (all colors and designs!) |
| • Old or broken electronics | • Clothes pins |
| • Modge podge | • Pringles cans |
| • Anything with gears/switches | • Wallpaper scraps |
| • Puffy paint | • Paper towel or toilet paper inserts |
| • Hot glue gun and glue/craft glue | • Batteries (all types) |
| • Yarn | • Fabric |
| • Foam Board | • Felt |
| • Broken toys/dolls | • CDs/DVDs/Computer disks |
| • Crafting supplies | • Small nails |

Donations can be dropped off to Gwen Geitgey at the middle school OR Maria Hines at the high school. Phone: 419-846-3833 Email: nrws_hines@tccsa.net

Goodbye, Friend

I have to say goodbye to a personal friend and friend to our Northwestern community and greater Wayne County Community who recently passed unexpectedly. Dean was the kind of unique person that even the greatest of authors could not have captured as a character. I will miss his weekly phone calls, advice, and his ending and always sincere comment saying, "You take care, my friend, and if there is ever anything I can do for you just let me know." This and a firm handshake was his ending to nearly every conversation that we had together in the 10+ years that I have known him.



Many people will remember Dean's achievements as a major league pitcher, Cy Young Award Winner, boxing promoter, Hollywood-visibility, and for his good work with the Roy Bates Foundation. Dean supported Northwestern Schools, our Northwestern students, and has been active in promoting students through support and scholarships throughout Wayne County. Dean was a big man an even bigger heart. I will miss Dean Chance, my friend, who offered me support and advice. I am glad Dean was able to have the opportunity to experience three meaningful events before his passing:

- This past summer's Induction into the California Angel's Hall of Fame, 2015
- Dean's induction into the Northwestern Hall of Fame, 2006
- The professional boxing match held at Northwestern High School three years ago, 2012

Dean was so excited to be inducted into the Northwestern Hall of Fame in the inaugural year of the award. This was even more meaningful to him because it was the same year as the coach and man he so respected and admired, Roy Bates, was also inducted.

The boxing match was most memorable to me because I made the decision to allow this event to be held at the school, not to make money for the school district (although Dean made sure to compensate the school district), but to help out a friend. Dean needed a venue, due to a last minute cancellation of a prior scheduled venue that had fallen through. I helped him out and I was immediately glad that I did the night of the event. Dean made sure he sat me next to Daily Record Sports Writer Aaron Dorksen ringside. Dean introduced me to friends of his from our local area as well as friends from across the country who attended in the event. The match, up close, as well as that entire evening was an amazing experience – from the sweat of the boxers slapping my face during the fights, to talking with and meeting many people, to the winner of the major bout giving God all credit for his success and the win.

You see, Dean would never verbally state the importance to him that one of his professional boxing matches was held in his alma mater, yet he commented during the event to me, with tears in his eyes, "I never would have imagined in all the world that one of my boxing matches would ever be held in my high school." I saw the tears in his eyes in the ring following the event as well. This made my decision to hold the event, and to help my friend, worthwhile.

Dean Chance the legend. Dean Chance my friend. "You take care, my friend."



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill
Middle School
Principal**

It's hard to believe that we are almost to the end of the first quarter. Our building is off to a great start, but we have endured a few hardships and challenges along the way. It is humbling to see so much of the community, staff and students come together and lift people up through difficult times. We have an awesome district that truly cares and supports the needs of individuals. In times when state mandates and standards are at an all-time high, we are supported by the district and the community to take the time and do what is best for our students.

We not only want our students to achieve high academically, but we want them to be well rounded individuals as well. We have a lot of exciting things going in the classrooms. Our staff has gone through a two day training on Problem-Based Learning (PBL). PBL is designed to reach a higher level thinking through hands-on activities and problem solving. A student or group of students is faced with a problem, either made up or real life, and work the problem through a series of steps to try and find the best possible solution. Through research and communication, students are actively engaged in learning and able to share out the information with a deeper understanding of the concepts being taught. On Oct. 16, the staff completed its final day of the training before it will be fully implemented district wide. Please speak to your son or daughter about PBL and what problems they have solved in their classes.

Our building has gone through a lot updates and a change in culture since the end of last school year. We have updated the library with computers, fresh paint and hard wood floor that was donated by Mr. Smith. Also in the library, Rachel Sykes is in the process of painting a "Husky Mural" on the back wall for a modern look. The office has been painted and received new checkerboard patterned carpet. The STEM

lab is constantly going through changes and our hallway walls received a fresh coat of paint. We have several painting projects coming up, our custodial staff is constantly working to make our building look the best.

I want to make sure that I thank the parents for being understanding and patient during our Lock Down situation. Everyone that came in to sign out his other son or daughter was very respectful as we received a lot compliments for the way everything was handled. It's unfortunate that we have to worry about school safety today, but the safety of our students is our top priority. Our staff did an awesome job at keeping students calm and talking with the students through the situation. I was very proud of everyone involved in the process.

We have had a great start, but we still have a lot of work to do! I want to make sure that we keep focused on our goals and keep challenging the students to achieve at a high level. Thank you all for your continued support for Northwestern Schools.

Best Regards-

Mr. Joey Brightbill

Northwestern Middle School HAPPENINGS!!



Our newest member to NMS, "The Husky Bot." It can clean the floors and shoot Nerf Balls. Our Robotics Club at NMS has begun!!!!



The above and below pictures are some of our staff working on a PBL! This is team work!!!



Mrs. White getting to know her students through the use of Play-Doh!

Middle School Highlights



Mrs. Buchholz teaching one of her students in the Science and Society Class.



Mr. Hafner teaching students about Flight!



Students working together on their "Invisible Ink" lab.

NMS Pep Rally!!!!



NMS Health Fair

Northwestern Middle School will be holding a health fair on Thursday, November 12th from 5-8pm. This event will include booths from local companies, students completing demonstrations, healthy food options and will feature the #Reflect-5 5k Glow Run! Look to the school website and for flyers with more information to be released closer to time. Contact Carrie Becker, Julie Hagans, Nicole McQuate, or Mid White at NMS for more information.



Northwestern Middle School ART

Northwestern Middle School art students had outstanding results at the 2015 Wayne County Fair. New rules restricted students to just one work of art to display. While the numbers of works displayed were reduced this year, the NMS art students made up for in quality. All art pieces for NMS received either a blue or red ribbon. Middle School Art teacher Shelly Dailey is extremely proud of the artists and the hard work they put in working on these art pieces. The students had to get out of their comfort zone and try new media and techniques and were successful in problem solving. Congratulations to all 2015 Wayne County Fair participants. Your hard work is very appreciated.

Northwestern Middle School winter sports picture day will be November 17th.





**Mrs.
McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

Elementary News!

The Adventure has Begun!

Kindergarten has been in full swing since even before school started with "Jumpstart" and then "Staggered Start" as students have become familiar with NES. They went on a Chicka Chicka Boom Boom scavenger hunt throughout the building, embarked on two field trips, and participated in their first Project Lead the Way STEA2M project to learn more about who engineers are and what they do.

Learning is a fun adventure with experiments, music, games, interactive centers, art, math manipulatives, and especially reading activities. Foundations is a reading and spelling program that is implemented in the classroom as well as small group. Students who receive Foundations in small group get a "double dose" each day. Foundations teaches phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, reading fluency, vocabulary, and handwriting in a fun, interactive way. This creates fluent readers who can decode, recognize spelling patterns, and understand letter sounds.

May this adventure continue and last a lifetime!



Elementary

Outdoor Education Activities!!



The Northwestern Elementary Art program has teamed up with Artsonia to showcase our students' artwork on the Internet. You can see your child's artwork as well as other artwork by visiting www.artsonia.com and browsing to our school gallery.



Congratulations to the following Northwestern 10U All-Stars for winning Queens of the Quad softball tournament and coming in 2nd at the Danville Tournament. Daylie Rickard, Della Amstutz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Issy Vacco, Hanna Wilson, Aubrey Bowersock, Marina Aulger, Mary Wellert, Olivia Amstutz, Chesney Hider, Quinn Fast



Mrs. Agnes' and Mrs. Lees' classes having an intense talk with Jim Tegtmeier before having some fun at The Tegtmeier Pumpking Patch.



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS!!

November 2	All Sports Meeting 7:30
November 4	Wood Club Blood drive
November 5	Early release
November 9	Ruritan meeting Honors Band Auditions 6:00 pm
November 11	State Food Science Online Test Veterans Day Assembly
November 13	NHS Fall Play 7:00 pm
November 14	NHS Fall Play
November 15	NHS Fall Play 2:00 pm
November 16	School Board Meeting 7 pm
November 17	Wayne Soil & Water meeting 7 pm HS
November 18	District Food Science FFA Post Prom Parent Meeting 6 pm HS
November 19	10th Grade Career Center visit Early Release for students
November 23	Talent Show 7 pm
November 24	FFA Sub District Parli Pro & Job Interviews Interims Due
November 25	Talent Show
November 26	No School Thanksgiving Day
November 27	No School
November 30	No School
December 1	NHS Induction Ceremony Academic Awards 7 pm
December 2	Staff meeting 2:35
December 3	Early Release
December 5	FFA State Job Interviews
December 7	All Sports Meeting 7:30
December 8	Safety Drill 12:56 pm Holiday Choir Concert 7 pm
December 10	French class field trip 8 am NW Alumni & Friends 7 pm
December 11	Project Partnership
December 14	Ruritan Meeting
December 16	FFA State Online Test Post Prom parent meeting 6 pm
December 17	Early Release Band Christmas Concert
December 18	Christmas dinner
December 21	Christmas break begins

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

November 5	30 minute Early release
November 11	Veterans Day Assembly
November 12	Health Fair
November 19	30 minute Early release
November 24	Real World Real Money
November 26-27	No School Thanksgiving
November 30	No School
December 3	30 minute early release
December 8	Holiday Choir Concert 7 pm
December 10	Candid pictures/group Student Council Holiday Door Contest
December 15	Ski Club
December 17	30 minute early release Band concert 7 pm
December 18	Talent Show
December 21	Christmas break begins



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



The STAR leadership team would like to thank everyone who purchased a "Team Tyler" T-shirt and for your tremendous support in this project to raise monies for Tyler and his family!! It is GREATLY appreciated!!



NORTH-WESTERN



Northwestern FFA Parliamentary Procedure and Dairy Foods Team Receives National Recognition

The Northwestern FFA chapter earned a trip to compete for national recognition in the Milk Quality and Products and Parliamentary Procedure FFA Career Development Events at The Eastern States Exposition, otherwise known as the Big E, in Springfield, Massachusetts on September 18 & 19, 2015. These two teams earned their spot to compete at the Big E by placing 2nd in the state of Ohio in their respective contests. The members then earned the top spot at the Big E. Team members were Philip Eberly, Adam Miley, Rae Rempher, and Cody Tegtmeier. Eberly placed 1st individually, Tegtmeier was 2nd, and Miley was 3rd. The purpose of the Milk Quality and Products Career Development Event is to promote practical learning activities in milk quality and dairy products as well as assisting students in developing team decision making skills. Members of the Parliamentary Procedure Team that competed at the Big E were Victoria Devore, Philip Eberly, Emily Flinn, Rachelle Howman, Sarah Maximovich, and Kaci Way. This group of members earned a 4th place finish in this competition. The purpose of the Parliamentary Procedure Team is to encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership skills.



Members of the Northwestern FFA Dairy Foods Team at the bottom left are from left to right Cody Tegtmeier, Philip Eberly, Adam Miley, Rae Rempher, and Advisor Heather Tegtmeier.



Members of the Northwestern FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team from left to right are Philip Eberly, Sarah Maximovich, Rachelle Howman, Kaci Way, Emily Flinn, and Victoria Devore.

Northwestern FFA Participates in Grape Picking

On September 23rd, members from the Northwestern FFA Chapter picked grapes at Jim Borton's vineyard. Maria Chellis, Ally Ruegg, Ashley Dunn, Jessie Bair, Kaci Way, Katie Stull, Cody Tegtmeier, Brock Tegtmeier, Emily Flinn, Rae Rempher, Robert Steinmetz, Spencer Deming, David Miley, Sydney Harmon, Tori Hall, Alex Borton, Michael Nutter, Caitlin Kline, Austen Wood, Kierstyn Wood, Derek Hudson, Dawson Flinn, and Carter Melicant picked grapes. Members picked grapes off the vine and put them into bins to be shipped off for processing. The chapter picked over five thousand pounds of grapes. The Borton's prepared supper for the members after the work was done. The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to thank the Jim Borton family for the supper and for the opportunity to come and pick grapes this year.

Northwestern FFA Prepares for 2015 Fair

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is excited to be preparing for the 2015 Wayne County Fair. On September 9, chapter members went to the Wayne County Fairgrounds to set up for the chapter's booth in the FFA Building. Jessie Bair, Ashley Dunn, Derek Hudson, Emily Flinn, Ally Ruegg, Katie Stull, Shania Reed, Kierstyn Wood, Leanna Ruegg, Carter Melicant, and Philip Eberly all attended. The theme of the booth this year is "Picture Yourself in FFA." The Chapter would like to promote the many good experiences that FFA members can have through the FFA Organization. The booth will feature shop projects made by the members, as well as the different activities the chapter has done throughout the summer.



Northwestern FFA members who assisted with fair booth decorating are from left to right (back row): Kierstyn Wood, Philip Eberly, Ashley Dunn, Emily Flinn, Derek Hudson, and Carter Melicant. (Front row) Left to right they are Jessie Bair, Ally Ruegg, Leanna Ruegg, Katie Stull, and Shania Reed.

Northwestern FFA Participates in County Soils Contest

On September 25th, the Northwestern FFA traveled to Smithville for the county soil judging contest. Katie Stull, Philip Eberly, Austen Wood, Rae Rempher, Christie Franks, Michael Nutter, Robert Stinemetz, Emily Cromer, Jazon LeMaster, Tatum Franczek, Emily Finley, Jessie Bair, Dawson Flinn, Reiley Murphy, Hunter Kanzeg, Spencer Deming, Kaitlyn Gifford, TJ Cromer,



MyKenzie Snyder, MacCayla Holbrook, Ally Ruegg, Kyle Piscione, Dillion Coffman, Lyndsey Chanay, Cody Starling, and Derek Hudson participated in the Urban Soils Career Development Event.

Urban soil judging requires contest members to calculate the slope of the soil, determine soil texture, and ultimately determine how fit the soil is to build a building on, support a septic tank, implement a road or driveway, and support landscaping. The team placed 1st overall, with Stull, Eberly, Wood, Rempher, and Franks placing in the top five individual scores for the chapter. The Rural Career Development Event participants were Shania Reed, Kierstyn Wood, Kaci Way, Emily Flinn, Cory Leighty, Cody Morrow, David Miley, Brittany Slanczka, Dakota Jester, AlanMichael Ulrich, and Ben Vaughn. Rural soil judging tests members' abilities to calculate slope, depth of topsoil, drainage capabilities, and texture of the soil for rural utilization. They determine the overall land capabilities as well as indicate the recommended best management practices for the plot of land. The Northwestern Chapter had a good showing, taking 1st as a team. Individually, Flinn and Wood tied for 1st, Reed earned 2nd, Way was 3rd, Morrow was 4th and Leighty was 5th for the chapter.

Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Recycling During the Fair

During the week of the Wayne County Fair, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in the recycling program. Members went around each night at closing time and collected recycling items around the fairgrounds in coordination with Jeff Harmon and the Senior Fair Board, the Joint Solid Waste District and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leisy. Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson, Debbie Eberly, Emily Flinn, Christie Franks, Jacey Fulton, Spencer Garrison, Sydney Harmon, Tate Hixon, McCayla Holbrook, Derek Hudson, Beth Kanzeg, Cole Marley, Cody Morrow, Shania Reed, Mary Rickey, Wes Schaad, MyKenzie Snyder, Brock Tegtmeier, Cody Tegtmeier, Hayden Tiliske, Carrie Winchell, Austen Wood, Philip Eberly, and Jazon LeMaster helped throughout the week. Members collected recycling items such as cardboard boxes, plastics, food waste and cans. This year members were able to remove many pounds of recyclables from the waste stream of the fair without any cost to the Fair Board. The Northwestern FFA Chapter is glad to have the opportunity to participate in this program.

Northwestern FFA Highlights!!



Members of the Northwestern FFA stop for a moment to take a picture during recycling at the Wayne County Fair.

Northwestern FFA Has Large Participation in Fair

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit shop projects and/or animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. There were nearly 90 shop projects this year displayed at Northwestern's booth in the FFA building. These projects included medium and large wood projects, welding, and electrical projects.

Cory Leighty, Jonah Ours, Brooke Rush, Mackenzie Smith, Trystan Snyder, Katie Stull, Kyle Wharton, Carrie Winchell had a metal project on display that was made in the Ag Science 2 class. Other projects on display were small tables made by the Ag Science 1 classes. Isabella Adkinson, Trevor Adkinson, Lindey Asbury, Jessie Bair, TJ Cromer, Taylor Dawson, Brandon Feist, Dawson Flinn, Emily Flinn, Emily Finley, Christie Franks, Tatum Franczek, Marshall Geiger, Kaitlyn Gifford, Joscelyn Hill, Hannah Hockenberry, Kennedy Hoffer, McCayla Holbrook, Alexis Horst, Hannah Hottel, Hunter Kanzeg, Jazon LeMaster, Andrew McCoy, David Miley, Michael Nutter, Kyle Piscione, Rae Rempher, Jordan Sims, Catherine Shore, Mackenzie Snyder, Cody Starling, Dylan Stephenson, Robert Stinemetz, Cody Tegtmeier, Mia Tope, Amaya White, Megan Winkler, and Austen Wood all had their projects displayed.

Will Allen, Tristan Ammon, TJ Cromer, Brandon Feist, Kaden Hill, Kenny Murphy, Michael Nutter, Kyle Piscione, Robert Stinemetz, Brock Thut, and Carrie Winchell exhibited electrical projects they made in Ag Shop.

Welding projects also made in shop were exhibited David Agnes, Will Allen, TJ Cromer, Brandon Feist, Kaden Hill, Dakota Jester, Michael Nutter, Kyle Piscione, Cody Sheperd, Dylan Stephenson, Brock Thut, and AlanMichael Ulrich.

Besides the shop projects, Northwestern FFA had a large number of members participate in animal exhibits. Many FFA members showed market hogs at the fair. Jessie Bair, Katie Stull, Austen Wood, Sydney Harmon, Kaci Way, David Miley, Kierstyn Wood, Andrew McCoy, Sera Martin, Mykenzie Snyder Lyndsey Chanay, Tatum Franczek, Jeff Guidetti, Tate Hixon Cory Leighty, Brittany Slanczka, AlanMichael Ulrich, Wes Schaad, Shelby Miller, Cody Tegtmeier, Brock Tegtmeier, and Dylan Martin showed a market hog. Showmanship winners were Mykenzie Snyder as Intermediate Pro-Showman, Jessie Bair, Katie Stull, and Tristan Snyder. Shelby Miller exhibited the Division Winner, Wayne County Born and Raised Champion, and 3rd overall market hog. Class winners were Kaci Way with Division 6 Champion, MyKenzie Snyder with Division 5 Reserve Champion, and David Miley.

Showing dairy cattle at the fair this year were: Marie Clements, Bethanie Schaefer, Sydney Harmon, Cory Leighty, David Miley, Reiley Murphy, Katie Stull, Austen Wood, and Kierstyn Wood. Cory Leighty and David Miley won their showmanship classes. Kierstyn Wood and Reiley Murphy received 1st place in their respective classes.

Austen Wood, Kyle Piscione, Kaci Way, Kierstyn Wood, Lyndsey Chanay, Jessie Bair,



and Cody Tegtmeier had a successful year showing a market steer. Kyle Piscione was the Division II Reserve Champion and Reserve Overall Champion. Kierstyn Wood exhibited a first place born and raised steer. Piscione and Tegtmeier also exhibited a Carcass Steer. Tegtmeier also exhibited a feeder calf.

Jessie Bair and Cody Tegtmeier exhibited beef breeding. Bair was Intermediate Showmanship Champion and she was Grand and Reserve All Other Breeds Champion. David Agnes, Austen Wood, and Kierstyn Wood showed a market lamb at the fair this year, and Katie Stull and Brittany Slanczka showed breeding sheep. Austen Wood was Overall Pro Showman and had 6th overall Market Lamb. Kierstyn Wood won the 16 year old showmanship and was 3rd overall in the Wayne County born and raised. Slanczka won Reserve Champion Oxford in the breeding sheep show.

Members Storm Nelson, Katie Stull, and Chase White also exhibited goats this year.

There were also members that had a successful showing with their horse this year. Emily Flinn, Ashley Dunn, Sarah Maximovich, Tatum Franczek, and Shania Reed all exhibited their projects. Reed was Grand Champion English Showman and Reserve Champion Western Showman. Franczek was 1st in Senior Pole Bending.

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland County Fair. Taylor Dawson, Skylar Dawson, and Storm Nelson showed at Ashland. Storm Nelson exhibited a market hog and sheep. He earned Champion Shropshire Female, and 1st place ram lamb, ewe

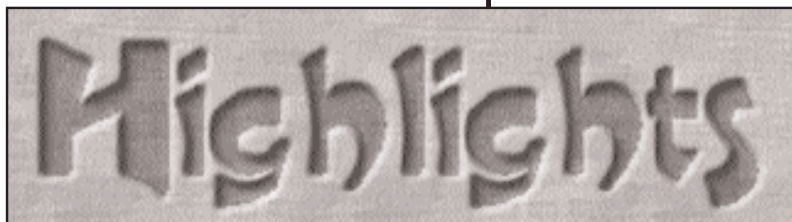
lamb, pair of yearling ewes, ewe lamb, pair of ewe lambs, outstanding exhibitors young flock, pen of 4 lambs all of the Shropshire Breed.

Taylor Dawson and Skylar Dawson exhibited a Market Steer, Market Hog, Baby Beef, and Taylor Dawson also exhibited a Feeder calf. Taylor was first in showmanship for market hog, market steer, and baby beef she was also Supreme Showman runner-up for beef.

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is proud of all of the members that exhibited at the Wayne and Ashland County Fairs this year. The Chapter looking forward to next year's participation.

*FFA articles written and submitted by
Katie Stull
Reporter
Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter
Northwestern High School*

2015 Fair Pics!!



Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

At the annual Alumni & Community Banquet on June 20, 2015, the Association was excited to announce the first recipients of the scholarship fund that had been set up by the Association. The first two recipients are Andres Almeyraya and Rebekah Forbes.



Andres is in his senior year at Ohio State and is majoring in "Athletic Training." He plans on doing graduate work after graduating from Ohio State. Rebekah is in her junior year at Indiana Wesleyan University studying "Pre-Physical Therapy."

The scholarship fund has been made possible by the many contributions and donations from



Northwestern graduates and Community Friends over the past several years. The Association plans that this scholarship will be able to continue for many years, as the funds for each scholarship is provided by the interest from the fund and not the principle. The Association has been well aware of the many scholarships earned by our senior graduates each year. We were also aware that the costs did not end with just the first year, so that is why we have looked at those who may need assistance in the ensuing years of their education.

Northwestern High School graduates that have gone on to higher education are eligible to apply for this scholarship in their junior and senior years at the college/university of their choice. Those persons who are eligible candidates should contact 'The Wayne County Community Foundation' or visit their web site, www.waynecountycommunityfoundation.org for application forms.

The Association is also looking for the following year books: 1993, 1994, 2006 & 2015. If you may have any of these books and would like to donate them to the Association, call 330-264-6847 and we will make arrangements to pick them up. If you would like to make a donation to the 'Scholarship Fund' you may do so by making out a check to "Northwestern Alumni & Friends Scholarship Fund" and mail it to: Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association, 7571 North Elyria Rd., West Salem, OH 44287 'Attn. Alumni Treasurer'.



Class of 1965

The Northwestern High School Class of 1965 were honored at the recent Northwestern Alumni and Friends Banquet held at the Northwestern High School.

Below is a picture:

Front row L-R Diane Moore Horn, Mary Ann Kolarovsky Knowlton, Scott Mendenhall, Lakalynn Bridenstine Arnold, Jane Camp Ewing.

2nd Row L-R Carol Spotts Isaacs, Diane Hartzler McLaughlin, Cheryl Garver Blosser, Linda Young Mowrer, Cheryl Grissinger Dunn, Pat Garver Myers.

3rd Row L-R Barry Pickering, John Billman, Shirley Taylor Boreman, Gene Weiser, Connie Dennis Garn.

4th Row L-R Joe Franks, Lee Martin, Ken Kinney, Larry Weckesser, Don Reichert.

DON'T MISS OUT

**MEETING -
WHEN?
WHERE?
HOW OFTEN?**

Board of Education Meeting

Board President: Kim Wellert
3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
H.S. Library

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: Audrey Pollizi
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: Mike Burkholder
2nd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
High School commons

Football Club

President: Craig Wellert
3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
High School Commons

Like us on facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/HuskyFootballClub>

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 6/15/15

NORTHWESTERN LOCAL SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2015-16 School Year

2015

Tuesday, August 18	Convocation Day	
Wednesday, August 19	First Day for Students	
Monday, September 7	No School - Labor Day	
Monday, September 14	No School - Fair Day	
Tuesday, September 15	No School - Professional Development	
Wednesday, Sept. 16	No School - Professional Development	
Friday, October 16	No School - Professional Development	
Friday, October 23	End of First Nine Weeks	45 Pupil Days

Thursday, October 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS & MS	
Tues./Thurs. Nov. 3 & 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary	
Thursday, Nov. 26 and	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation	
Friday, November 27	No School - Thanksgiving Vacation	
Monday, December 21	No School - Christmas Vacation	
Monday, January 4, 2016	School Reconvenes	
Friday, January 15	End of Second Nine Weeks	47 Pupil Days

Monday, January 18	No School - Martin Luther King Day	
Thursday, January 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS & MS	
Mon./Wedn. Feb. 8&10	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elem. Only	
Friday, February 12	No School - Compensatory Time	
Monday, February 15	No School - President's Day	
Friday, March 18	End of Third Nine Weeks	42 Pupil Days

Monday, March 21 thru	No School - Easter vacation	
March 25		
Thursday, March 31	Parent/Teacher Conference: HS & MS	
Thursday, May 26	Students' Last Day	44 Pupil Days

Friday, May 27	Teachers' Last Day	
----------------	--------------------	--

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 27

MAKE-UP DAYS

First	Feb. 15	Sixth	June 1
Second	March 21	Seventh	June 2
Third	March 22	Eighth	June 3
Fourth	May 27	Ninth	June 6
Fifth	May 31	Tenth	June 7

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

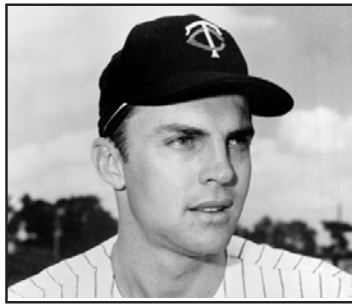


NHS 2015 Homecoming Court!!

From left to right Kayla Cutter, Jacelyn Alberts, Storm Nelson, Vivian Franks, Kayleigh Buchholz, Philip Eberly, Harmony Miller, Queen Jessica Bodager, Anthony Brown, Danni Ballinger, Trent Boatner, Katelyn White, Kyle Wharton, Kennedy Hoffer, Jared Leasure.

Picture attached compliments of Northwestern High School Yearbook Staff.

“Rest in
Peace”
WILMER
DEAN
CHANCE



Northwestern
graduate, Cy Young
Award
winner, supporter
and true friend --
will be missed my
many.



**** THE Northwestern ****

Editor, Diane J. Hannah

If you have information that you would like in this newsletter, please contact Diane Hannah by calling the high school at 419-846-3833 ext. 1137 or through email: nrws_editor@tccsa.net



Northwestern 2015 School fair display!

Northwestern Local Schools
7571 North Elyria Rd.
West Salem, OH 44287-9707



Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
West Salem, OH

Permit No. 115

**CAR-RT SORT
BOXHOLDER**