

# THE Northwestern

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## Northwestern Middle School

Mr. Richardson and the Choir 6 students  
from the winter choir concert



## Northwestern Preschool

Our preschoolers enjoyed a visit from a local  
tow truck!



## Kindness Week

Deputy Chellis distributing donuts!!



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**District Twitter Account  
up and live!**

**Log onto @NW\_Schools**  
**Live broadcast of events**  
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**A note from our superintendent...**

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

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

This newsletter includes much information and insight into our schools and school operations. Please reach out to Treasurer Lesa Forbes or me if you would like additional information or explanation of anything herein or regarding any facet of our school operations.

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

Please contact me with suggestion, questions, concerns. I always make myself available and am a great listener! I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, employees, and anyone in our community! It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work and make the best decisions possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support.

Here is for Northwestern Huskies continuing to "lead the pack!" Let's continue full steam through the remainder of our 2021-2022 school year!

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Jeffrey N. Layton  
Superintendent  
Northwestern Local Schools

**The Northwestern is searching for a new printing vendor for our newsletter.**

We were informed in January that our prior vendor would not print our January edition. They are no longer printing newsletters. As a result, this edition is on-line.

In addition, printing costs and postage costs continue to increase. However, the district recognizes the importance of the accessibility, knowledge, communications, transparency that our print editions provide to everyone in our community.

Reducing the number of print issues while adding some on-line issues may be the best solution, which we are considering. This would reduce postage and printing costs, but still get the most important information out hard copy. It would also allow for more color, content, links, and other improvements.

We are considering making this situation into an opportunity to decrease costs and improve our newsletter by considering:

- \* Alternating 3 print editions and 3 electronic editions each year: possibly June (print), Aug. (print), Oct. (online), Dec. (print), Feb. (online), April (online)

- \* With the online editions we can expand content, increase color pictures and overall color, and improve lay-out options that may include links, when appropriate

Please remain patient as we work through these important decisions as well as secure a new printing vendor.

**Annual Notice of Student Wellness Meeting**

Northwestern will conduct our annual Wellness Committee Discussions by Friday, April 8th.

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

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

Student Wellness, continued .....

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

**Participants:**

Superintendent Jeffrey N. Layton (419-846-3151)  
High School Principal Randall Hafner  
Middle School Principal Rachel Beun  
Elementary Principal Doug Hopkins

**Other participants on our Wellness committee include:**

Curriculum Director  
Food Service Supervisor  
School Nurse  
MS/HS Health Teacher  
Physical Education Teachers (ES, MS/HS).

This past Nov. and Dec. the district also conducted a survey of 4-12 students and all staff regarding resiliency, emotional, and social issues and concerns. We are developing plans to improve socio-emotional interventions and supports for our students and our staff.

**The Superintendent Tidbits** are intended to share bits of information to support community awareness. These bits of information are by no means comprehensive – they are but snippets of information.

**Congratulate Our School Resource Officer Deputy Adam Chellis for his accomplishment of earning his “Professional Level” School Resource Officer Accreditation from the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA).**

Please join us in congratulating Deputy Chellis for four years of service in the SRO field and completion of the advanced school-based law enforcement training through OSROA!



**Open Enrollment applications** are being accepted for the **2022-2023 school year**, please get those turned into the Superintendent's office by June 1st. Any questions please contact Cathie Franks at [nrws\\_cfranks@tccsa.net](mailto:nrws_cfranks@tccsa.net).

**53rd ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB  
PANCAKE/SAUSAGE DAY**

**Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Northwestern High School,**  
7:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Dine In OR Drive Thru

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

Price: \$8.00 per meal

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

Sausage and Gortner's pure maple syrup will be available to take home!



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

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

This coincides with the Washington, D.C. auction (which will be held online this year)

The money raised support Ruritan student scholarships!

**HIGH SCHOOL REMINDERS**

All school fees are now past due! If you are an athlete or in any extra-curricular activities and these fees are not paid, you will not be able to continue participation, this also includes prom and graduation.

The district will be on a 2 hour delayed start for the following date:  
March 9

**Youth Spring Soccer Registration is Now Open**

(Forms are available on NES website)  
Sign up Dates @ Northwestern Elementary Cafeteria  
Wednesday, Mar. 2nd 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Monday, Mar. 7th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

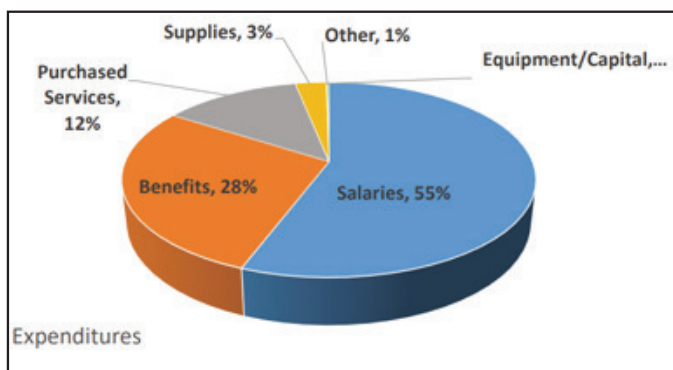




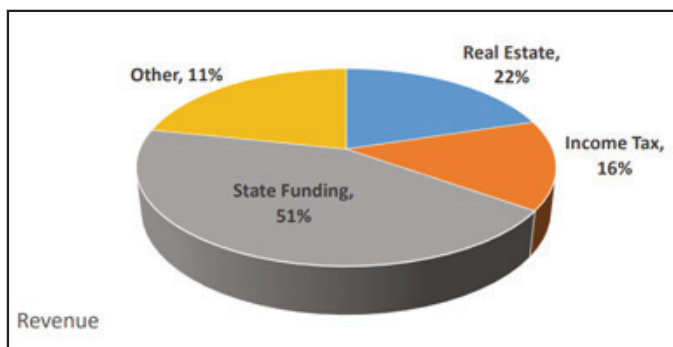


As we begin year #2 of COVID and all the new and unforeseen obstacles, we are forced to navigate, I'd like to share where the district money comes from and how it is spent. The expenditure budget for the district is over \$20 million dollars annually with each year having grant receipts totaling over \$1 million. This year is no exception with ESSER funds from the state to aid the district with additional challenges of COVID and other extraordinary needs of the district.

**Mrs. Lesa Forbes, Northwestern Treasurer**

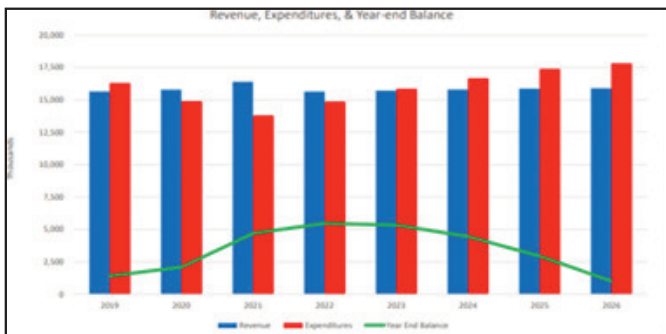


This graph depicts the breakdown of salaries, benefits, reimbursements, purchased services, supplies, equipment and building maintenance needs.



This graph shows how money is received by the district – state funding, real estate taxes, income tax, and other sources such as fees and donations.

The ongoing cash balance will sustain 3 months of the district's operating expenses.



A reputable way to gauge Northwestern's economic profile with other districts and the statewide average is the state Cupp report that can be found at the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) website

Cupp data from 2021 & 2022	Northwestern	Similar District	State Average
District Square Miles	92	104	68
Total Enrollment	1258	1218	2462
% of Disadvantaged Students	35%	33%	47%
% of Students with Disabilities	10%	15%	16%
Teacher's Average Salary	\$ 59,880	\$ 57,106	\$ 67,654
% of Teachers w/ 10+ yrs experience	66%	60%	62%
# of Administrators	10	12	20
Student Administrator Ratio	109	97	134
Total Property Tax per Student	\$ 4,372	\$ 5,009	\$ 6,914
District Income Tax per Student	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,337	\$ 1,585
Total Operating Expense per Student	\$ 9,631	\$ 12,147	\$ 13,387
State Funding per Student	\$ 6,678	\$ 7,300	\$ 6,579
Federal Funding per Student	\$ 1,016	\$ 1,352	\$ 1,474

Overall, this data shows Northwestern operates more efficiently with less money than that of similar districts and with that of the state average. Northwestern recently completed a performance audit conducted by the audit of state's office with only three recommendations, which according to the auditor, is completely unheard of. One of the recommendations is for the district to implement a forecasting software to enforce the integrity of the district's financial condition. Jerry Buccilla, the incoming treasurer, is bringing in that very element. I have great faith in Jerry's expertise, experience and knowledge that he will bring to the district.

This will likely be my last article, so as I close, I just wanted to share with you, my family has been part of the Northwestern community for over 5 generations, attending school starting with the one room school houses that have combined to grow into the campus of our beloved district. I want to thank you all -- the staff of Northwestern Schools, the community, and others that I have interacted with during my 9 years as the district treasurer; for the grace, challenges, lessons learned, discussions, but most of all the wonderful friendships I have gained. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

**Forever a Husky – GO BIG BLUE!! Lesa Forbes**



**Mrs. Julie  
McCumber**  
Associate  
Superintendent  
of Curriculum  
& Personnel

**A GOOD EDUCATION IS A  
FOUNDATION FOR A  
BETTER FUTURE.**

The staff at Northwestern have been working collectively on a few different initiatives throughout this school year. A number of our staff have gone through trainings in order to provide information to their colleagues. Professional development/trainings include: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, Ohio Improvement Process (OIP), and the Coaches Collaborative through High Schools That Work (HSTW) that has been working with Math and ELA teachers K-12.

#### **What is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)?**

Ohio adopted a strategic plan for education - Each Child, Our Future. Each Child, Our Future explicitly recognizes the need for a positive climate in every school to support student well-being, academic achievement, and future success. Most recently, Ohio enacted the Supporting Alternatives for Fair Education (SAFE) Act, House Bill 318. It is one of the strongest state laws in the country addressing multi-tiered behavioral supports in the interest of reducing disciplinary referrals, especially for prekindergarten through grade 3 students. This bill strengthens existing requirements for school districts to implement PBIS.

PBIS is a framework that guides school teams in the selection, integration, and implementation of evidence-based practices for improving academic, social, and behavior outcomes for all students. The PBIS process emphasizes four integrated elements: data for decision making, evidence based interventions and practices that support varying student needs (multi-tiered), systems that efficiently and effectively support implementation of these practices, and continual progress monitoring to ensure outcomes are met. PBIS is not a curriculum or a one-day training. PBIS is a systems change process that requires on-going commitment in order to create effective systems for teaching and addressing academic and social-emotional skills. For more information on PBIS in schools or PBIS for families go to <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Ohio-PBIS/Ohio-Positive-Behavior-Interventions-Network-3>.

#### **The Ohio Improvement Process (OIP)**

The Ohio Improvement Process (OIP) includes, but goes well beyond, the traditional Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycle. When viewed as an organizational strategy, rather than an exercise in compliance, the OIP gives districts a template through which focused and intentional action can take place. It brings educators together through collaborative team structures to learn from each other, and it facilitates communication and decision-making between and across levels of the system (district, central office, school, grade levels, content areas, classrooms). The team structures at the core of the OIP form peer-to-peer networks, giving more people a voice and allowing for the inclusion of multiple perspectives in guiding each district's journey toward organizational learning and continuous improvement. The District Leadership Team (DLT) that is comprised of teachers, staff, and administration have been working through this process that will create a District Action Plan. State Support Team 9 (SST9) has been facilitating Northwestern through the process. Goals are being discussed to support the curriculum and climate of the district. There is representation from each building in the district which will create a cohesive action plan. It is a continuous working document that guides the district.



#### **Coaches Collaborative through High Schools That Work (HSTW)**

Northwestern has also been participating in a year-long Coaches Collaborative through High Schools That Work that focuses on Literacy and Math. This is a team approach that includes administrator and teacher representatives from each building. Northwestern Literacy Coaches are leading the district and building literacy initiatives across the district. Each building has a literacy coach who has been and will continue to provide ongoing support for teachers through professional learning and modeling in the classroom. The team is building local capacity to lead Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement, which can be found at <https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Literacy/Ohios-Plan-to-Raise-Literacy-Achievement.pdf.aspx>. Our three incredible coaches include: Angie McCullough, Kim St. Clair, and Kristen Hudson. They have worked incredibly hard with creating a District Local Literacy Plan, working through assessment data and providing additional literacy strategies for teachers in all content areas. These ladies have been chosen to present at the SREB National Conference this summer. The district received a \$2,000 grant to present and showcase the development of a district-wide literacy team with promoting literacy across all content areas from K-12th grade.

# STAY INFORMED!!

COACHES COLLABERATIVE, continued .....

The goal is to provide attendees with insight on forming their own literacy teams, writing literacy plans, implementing literacy coaching, and enhancing literacy in their own districts and communities.

The Math Collaborative Team has worked together to build local capacity to lead a mastery Math approach that results in a student-centered instructional classroom. The teachers that have been participating in the Math training will be working on creating and implementing a Math plan that supports our district numeracy framework, identifying and delivering research-based instructional strategies and modeling effective Mathematical teaching practices through collaborative dialogue.

## Featured Student Programs

Michelle Morrow, 5th grade science teacher, was awarded a \$5,000 grant for a Hovercraft project for student participation. Northwestern Elementary is very excited to bring this project to the students. All 5th grade students will learn about infrastructure, design thinking, and 21st century skills in creating unique products - energy efficient vehicles. Teams will use the 10 tips for good product design. Student teams will participate in monthly Infrastructure Design Challenges. Students will use the feedback from mentors and peers to improve their design. Each month, the teams will demonstrate their product and receive whole class feedback. In May, the student teams will participate in their final challenge facilitated by an educational consultant to design a human supported Hovercraft. Student teams will use feedback from mentors, peers, the Hovercraft experiences, and a project rubric at the beginning and end of the project to assess their knowledge and skills attainment.



## ROBOHUSKIES

The Middle School Robotics Team competed at their first competition in December. Brecksvew-Broadview Heights hosted a great meet, and the students learned many things about competition as it relates to Robotics.



**\*TRI COUNTY PRESCHOOL\*  
ENROLLING FOR 2022-23**

**SCHOOL YEAR  
OPENINGS IN ALL WAYNE  
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
\* ages 3-5 \* possible transportation\*  
\* need not be toilet trained \*sliding  
scale fee\***

**PLEASE CONTACT US @  
330.262.2262, ASK FOR ROBIN**

**WE TEACH FOR  
ALL OF THE little REASONS!**



**High School Seniors are invited to  
apply for MEDCAMP**, which is held July  
7-9, 2022 at Northeast Ohio Medical Uni-  
versity. This is an amazing opportunity for  
anyone who would like to learn more  
about medicine and pharmacy, and have  
hands-on exposure to these fields. Learn  
more and register at  
<https://neomed.edu/medcamp>





## What Does the New Dyslexia House Bill 436 Mean for Northwestern Local Schools?

On January 9, 2021, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 436 into law, with a focus on implementing supports for all of Ohio's children. This law will apply to each local, city and exempted village school district in Ohio. The new law established an Ohio Dyslexia committee, screening measures, professional development requirements for teachers, guidelines on instructing students, and a multi-sensory structured approach to literacy certification process for teachers.

Currently the Ohio Dyslexia committee is working on the final draft of the Ohio's Dyslexia Guidance document that will outline the best practices and methods of screening, intervention and remediation for children through the use of a multisensory structured literacy program.

Students through screening that show risk for dyslexia do not necessarily have dyslexia. The overall goal of the H.B. 436 is for the early identification of risk for the provision of early intervention that can prevent or minimize the ramifications of reading difficulties such as dyslexia. At this time, according to the Ohio Department of Education, Dyslexia will not be added as a disability category for special education.

In the coming months, the Ohio Dyslexia Committee will develop a list of approved dyslexia screeners to help identify students at risk. The approved list will be communicated to the public and posted on the Ohio dyslexia supports website. Currently, there are no assessments approved to fulfill the requirements of the law. Northwestern will be required to implement the following components of H. B. 426 over a four-year period.

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Assessments	Identify: Tier 1, Tier 2 Screener Identify: Progress monitoring tool	Administer Tier 1 and Tier 2 Screeners K-3 as required	Administer Tier 1 to Kindergarten, Grades 1-6 by request, Tier 2 as required	Administer Tier 1 to Kindergarten, Grades 1-6 by request, Tier 2 as required
Professional Development (PD)	District identifies professional development	K-1st Grade teachers including intervention specialists complete PD (18 hrs.)	2nd-3rd Grade teachers including intervention specialists complete PD (18 hrs.)	Grade 4-12th Grade Intervention Specialist teachers complete PD (18 hrs.)
Certification	Develop and implement structured literacy certification process for K-3	Develop and implement structured literacy certification process for K-3	Implement structured literacy certification process for K-3 teachers	Implement structured literacy certification process for K-3 teachers

More information can be found at the Ohio Department of Education's website under dyslexia support.

**Important Information from:**  
**Christine Sykes**  
**Director of Special Education**

## Is Early Entrance to Kindergarten Right for My Child?

Children who are both academically ready as well as developmentally mature are often the exceptional children for which early entrance to kindergarten is designed for when compared to other children their chronological age. Early entrance to kindergarten is designed not only for students that have the ability, but can also achieve when given new tasks, information or material. There are several questions to consider when making a determination for early entrance to kindergarten: I

- \* Is my child capable of working in a classroom setting with children who are one year older than him or her?

- \* What is my child's emotional regulation level?

- \* Will my child become frustrated by this placement?

- \* What are the possible long-term impacts for my child as s/he progresses through elementary, middle, and high school (e.g. physical size for athletics, driving later, or beginning college at a younger age)?

- \* Do I want early entrance for my child as a replacement for childcare?

- \* Do I understand the expectations for students in kindergarten today?

What are the current expectation of current Kindergarten students? Today's kindergarten students are engaged in a rigorous instructional program. Ohio has adopted the Common CORE for the purpose of preparing Ohioans to meet the demands of the knowledge-based economy. Please take the time to review the following information prior to referring your child for early entrance.

- \* Early Learning Content Standards as well as the subject specific Academic Content Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies on the Ohio Department of Education website. <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio>

**Important Information from:**  
**Christine Sykes**  
**Director of Special Education**

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\* The Ohio Department of Education's website contains useful information about kindergarten, in particular, the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Kindergarten>

\* The Ohio Department of Education has on its website a checklist for kindergarten readiness. When looking at whether early entrance is appropriate for a child, the same readiness guidelines should be considered. <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Kindergarten/Kindergarten-Readiness-Checklist>

More detailed information regarding the application process can be found online at Northwestern's Elementary Website under the Kindergarten webpage <https://www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us/Kindergarten.aspx> or you may access the document directly at: <https://filecabinet5.eschoolview.com/3BF53BED-6FE6-4F93-A425-4432EA977247/36d22ef8-33b5-478e-a321-ff64a6001a92.pdf>

If a child is a good candidate after completion of an evaluation, all team members will need to be supportive of the decision of early entrance.

**IMPORTANT**

Very few children who are referred for Early Entrance actually meet entrance criteria. Please be sure to make appropriate child care arrangements in the event that your child is not admitted into kindergarten. It is recommended you register your child as you normally would, but let the preschool or other arrangement know that your child is being evaluated for early entrance to kindergarten.



**FAQ's Regarding Gifted Services at Northwestern Local Schools?**

**Q:** When are students screened for gifted identification?

**A:** Students are screened in 2nd, 4th, and 11th grade (ACT). Students are also tri-annually screened at each grade level through reading benchmarking assessment.

**Q:** If my child has been identified in gifted, how will I know what areas they will receive services in?

**A:** A written education plan is written for every student that receives services which details identified areas, subject area(s) served in, and document progress reporting twice a year.

**Q:** What are some ways that Northwestern serves gifted student?

**A:** Teachers differentiate curriculum within their classrooms for gifted students through tiered assignments, cluster grouping, independent studies, and curriculum compacting. Other services can include honors/advanced courses, College Credit Plus (CCP) courses, single, subject acceleration and/or whole grade acceleration.

**Q:** What are the required qualification for a Gifted Intervention Specialist?

**A:** A Gifted Intervention Specialist typically has to complete a set number of hours through an accredited college along with a practicum.

**Q:** I received a letter of no service pertaining to my identified gifted student. What does that letter mean?

**A:** That letter indicates that a written education plan will not be written for your student and gifted services will not be provided or monitored for them. This no service action could be due to student schedule conflict and or pre-determined agreement between parent and staff.

**Q:** Is it a requirement that all identified gifted students are served?

**A:** Gifted identification is required by law, but gifted services are not mandated. Northwestern chooses to provide services.

**Q:** How can I support my gifted student(s) and their education?

**A:** Encourage and motivate your student to take appropriate classes in their areas of identification, so they do not become bored or disengaged. Find opportunities to support their areas of interest with enrichment opportunities (summer camps, stem days, internships etc.).

Educate yourself on areas of asynchronous development that sometimes accompany students that are gifted.

**Q:** What are some good resources for learning more about gifted students?

**A:** Ohio Association of Gifted Children, Hoagie's Gifted Education Page



**Superintendent Tidbit**

Northwestern requested a state Performance Audit be conducted for multiple years. The state finally came through and began the Northwestern performance audit last spring, 2021. The tentative district performance audit results are confirming of our efficiency as a school district. This has included 11 months of a team from the state auditor's office combing through our costs and comparing these expenditures with that of 3 different groups: that of area schools, like schools, and the state average. Northwestern is unusually efficient and frugal in our operations and expenditures, which is a testament to creativity, fairness, as well as strong management and leadership. This Performance Audit Report will be finalized, approved by State Auditor Keith Faber, then become public record as of the February 21st Board or Education Meeting, when it will be presented by the audit team lead.





## **NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2nd Quarter**

### **1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER**

**Seniors:** Shayna Allshouse, Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Emily Gilman, Taylor Haley, Anna Hamilton-Topovski, Riley James, Caitlyn Leighty, Kara McKay, Sarah Miller, Jackalynn Mosher, Scarlett Nolletti, Tori Rogers, Alexis Sandy, Lynzi Smith, Cooper Stephens, Edward Stevens

**Juniors:** Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addison Bodager, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Audrey Franks, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Melanie Imhoff, Steven LaGoy, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Ava Stoller, Isabella Vacco, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Charles Westover, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson

**Sophomores:** Emma Adkison, Kirsten Boreman, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssa Fisher, Logan Garman, Josiah Gilman, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Benjamin Williamson

**Freshmen:** Harmony Blake, Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Mallory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Colton Mark, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Morgan Murphy, Gabriel Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Braydan Springer, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alysa Troyan, Taylor Wurst

### **2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)**

**Seniors:** Dominic Guidetti, Mariah Hill, Kyle Moser, Emma Nicholson, James Rowe, Rachel Smithberger, Troy Tope

**Juniors:** Brett Alberts, Madison Gray, A'Kia Hardin, Kayla Hummel, Madison Jester, Ava O'Loughlin, Thomas Tomechko, Andrew Tope, Samantha Yates

**Sophomores:** Leona Buettner, Kara Burgan, Virginia Hamers, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Mikalah Jones, Donna Peterson, Jennie Riffle, Cade St. Clair, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver

**Freshmen:** Taya Becerra, Isaac Beun, Sara Corn, Jamison Gilbert, Blake Good, Noah Lee, Emilie Ott, Joshua Weibel

### **3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)**

**Seniors:** Weston Arthur, Jadeyn Berry, Jagger Brown, Alexander Ciolek, Rylee Dawson, Addison DeSanto, Grant Dever, Hayley Franks, Ethan Gibbs, Gabe Hendricks, Chase Himes, Skyler Hines, Jameson Holtz, Faith Jackson, Dugan McLaughlin, Abigail Miller, Aubree Reed, Emily Reed, Grant Rhamy, Shayna Roder, Skylar Scott, Andrew Sims, Brennen Topp, Ryan Walter, Steven Widdows, Gavin Witucki

**Juniors:** Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Arianna Firebaugh, Harper Flores, Anna Gendron, Collin Good, Kelly Harper, Anthony Huber, Mark Ingraham, Logan Kolp, Lindsey Luther, Charleigh McMillan, Kendrick Meuer, Gabriel Noble, Grace Noble, Hayden Novak, Joshua Pinkley, Craig Reed, Daylie Rickard, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Lauren Vaughan

**Sophomores:** Caleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Grant Bond, Sarah Boston-Hunter, Haley Caldwell, Reece Chanay, Hayden Cline, Cayden Fiala, Aron Fry, Faith Maiher, Zoey Oldaker, Gabriella Ream, Olivia Richardson, Napatsawan Tangman, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Jonathon Widdows

**Freshmen:** Keira Beard, Mateo Dague, Kowen Donahue, Haylie Fisher, Nathaniel Fulton, Ashton Good, Caeden Graham, Jaidyn Kelly, Cole Loy, Lacey Mark, Eric Meeker, Austin Mooney, Kalyn Nelson, Alexa Riffel, Miranda Smith, Heidi Topp, JaiLynn Woodruff, Madalyn Yasch

## **Northwestern Middle School**

### **Honor Roll**

#### **2nd Nine weeks**

##### **6th Grade**

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Lillian Boreman, Courtney Cline, Jordan Cline, Grady Ellerbrock, Caleb Gilman, Cara Graham, Case Keener, Grant Koch, Keagan Kostohryz, Natalie Posta, Madilyn Smith, Brayden Swank

##### **7th Grade**

Victoria Aicone, Emma Altman, Ryleigh Farner, Riley Grier, Reed Hamey, Sophia Morris, Luann Mosher, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Nichole Troyan, Alivia Welch, Grace Wilson, Alexandra Yoder

##### **8th Grade**

Claire Buchholz, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Cheyenne Friend, Samantha Herman, Kate Johnson, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Kiera Whisman, Holly Widdows, Audriana Yeagley

#### **Merit Roll**

##### **6th Grade**

Emily Beeghley, Alexis Black, Deacon Boreman, Taylor Carpenter, Dakota Constance, McKenzie Cutter, Emma Doll, Aria Dumitrescu, Justin Ebert, Hayden Erf, Briella Fiala, Zander Goon, Bruce Grier, Colt Hall, Logan Hankins, Jesse Hanshaw, Maxx Herman, Cole Herrmann, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Michael Ivan, Wyatt James, Kellen Kimble, Noah Lightle, Colton Morris, Addison Moser, Miranda Pinkston, Gavin Polen, Jaycee Reed, Vanessa Rinkes, Bronson Rogers, Jaysen Royse, Katherine Scarbrough, Gracelynn Wigal, Kashmiere Woods

**7th Grade** Charles Carlin, Garrett Diehl, Emma Fricke, Brooke Hershey, Jacob Howman, Olivia Humphrey, Lucas Jenkins, Aiden Mausolf, Brookelyn Nolletti, Charlotte Radcliff, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Eliana Rosales-Martinez, Mason Salem, Daniel Shakan, Timothy Spencer, Autumn Stamp, Audrey Wilcox, Elijah Wilson

**8th Grade:** Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Mallory Bloom, James Cassidy, Jackson Evans, Hannah Frontz, Lorelai Garman, Wyatt Goon, Mason Gray, Coralyn Hall, Kace Hixson, Nevaeh Kirk, Taylor Leidigh, Eleanna Lightle, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Kolton McKinley, Chet McNeil, Ashton Moser, Hayden Sigler, Kelsey Smith, Payton White



**Mr. Randal  
Hafner  
Northwestern  
High School  
Principal**

#### **Greetings from Northwestern High School,**

The school year has been progressing at a rapid rate and the end of the school year will be here before we realize it! It has been a very productive and successful academic school year thus far. In the first semester, 71% of the grades earned at the high school were A's and B's, and our high school students earned a total of 749.5 college credits through the College Credit Plus Program. These are amazing feats that represent the great efforts our students and staff well.

Spring state testing is right around the corner. We will be offering the state funded ACT test to all of our Juniors on Tuesday, March 15. This is a great opportunity for all of our juniors to take the ACT free of charge. The Ohio State End-of-Course Testing will begin on March 30 and run through May 3. During the testing window, the high school will test on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This year's tested subjects are: English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History and Government. If a student misses taking a test, then retest days will be made available through May 3. On Wednesdays and Thursdays of state testing, the high school will operate on a 2-hour delay bell schedule. Students not needing to test on a specific test date may arrive to school as if we were on a 2-hour delay. However, school transportation will run at the normal time on testing dates. Students needing to ride school transportation, and not needing to test, will have a monitored study hall until testing has been completed.

Scheduling for next school year begins in mid-February. We will be meeting with students by grade level to discuss the basics of our scheduling process. Then, each student will be met with individually to discuss their future goals and graduation plan to make the scheduling process more catered to each individual student's needs.

## **Northwestern High School**

Students are encouraged to stop by student services to discuss their future plans. Stay informed by checking the Student Services tab on the high school webpage.

The graduating class of 2022 has been working hard to uphold the tradition of academic success at Northwestern High School. We are committed to making the senior year meaningful and a cornerstone in the preparation for all of our students' future successes. Each senior has the opportunity to work on open-ended, real-world application projects and present their work through our Senior Seminar Program, Internship Program, and Capstone classes (available in Biomed, Clean Energy, Computer Science, Engineering, and Construction pathways). It is always exciting to see the projects that our senior students produce in their senior year. I want to extend a thank you to all of the community members serving as mentors and/or sitting on the panel of judges for these seniors. The stress may be a real struggle for many of our seniors; however, they always rise to the occasion and take their developed skills with them to the next phase of their journey.

Over the years, the Northwestern learning community has found a way to continually progress the educational needs of our students. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful staff and our community support for making this possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [nrws\\_hafner@tccsa.net](mailto:nrws_hafner@tccsa.net). Have a great day and Go Huskies!!

#### **Superintendent Tidbit**

The Mike Burkholder Memorial and Athletic Wall of Fame is completed. We expect the initial inductions to occur in fall of 2022. We have an active community now planning the induction process, selections, and program. Another very positive thing to recognize Mike's incredible leadership and legacy as well as our strong traditions of Husky Athletic Success!

#### **Dear Parents/Family Members of the Class of 2022:**

Now is the time to submit a message, a memory, and/or a photo for your senior's yearbook! Parental Displays of Affection (PDAs) will be published in the senior section of the 2021-2022 yearbook. All ads will be in color. You may purchase a senior ad from now until April 29th. Please see below for ad sizes and ad prices. Please make all checks for senior ads payable to Northwestern High School and write "Yearbook Senior Ad" in the check memo. Please email messages and photos (jpg. format please) to [NHSHuskiesYrbk@gmail.com](mailto:NHSHuskiesYrbk@gmail.com). You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your messages and photos have not been received.

#### **Senior Ads/PDA Prices**

- **1/8-page ad with one photo and a message (40 words maximum) =\$25.00**
- **1/4-page ad with up to two photos and a message (90 words maximum) =\$50.00**
- **1/2-page ad with up to three photos and message (120 words maximum) =\$75.00**

Thank you,  
Stephanie Litten

Northern Lights NHS Yearbook  
Advisor  
[NHSHuskiesYrbk@gmail.com](mailto:NHSHuskiesYrbk@gmail.com)

# NHS NEWS!!

**Northwestern is extremely excited to welcome Joe Cardinal as our new head varsity football coach.** Coach Cardinal is excited to join Husky Nation. He can't wait to take on the challenge of leading the program after Coach Thut.

Coach Cardinal plans to continual development and growth of the Northwestern football program from the youth level up to the varsity level through building positive relationships between players, coaches, and the community.

Coach Cardinal has pointed out that community support of our academic, and athletic, programs at Northwestern are special and that is part of the reason that those who move here stay here. Please make sure you give Coach Cardinal a warm Husky welcome when he arrives on campus.



**Northwestern All Sports** would like to once again thank everyone who has been helping with concession stands during this winter sports season. The countless hours in the concession stand is a significant source of our revenue which in turn directly benefits our student athletes. Recent purchase approvals include: middle school football helmet reconditioning, and contribution to purchase of boys soccer uniforms. Future purchases are planned for various teams and facilities. Anyone wishing to get involved in All Sports should come to the meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 in the high school library.

## Community Pantry Box

**Northwestern Local Schools, Wooster Community Kitchen, and the Wooster Hope Center are proud to offer items to anyone in our community who needs them.** No forms, no questions. Take what you need. Located at the south side of Northwestern Elementary in the drive that goes to the ball fields. Items restocked by the NHS National Honor Society every Monday and Friday (or as needed, including holiday breaks)



**Attention athletes: Football lifting continues from 3-5pm on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday and all are welcome if they're interested in playing football.**



**The high school academic challenge team** had an outstanding day at the Tri-County Tournament on Saturday January 8th. Northwestern won the trophy for the combined scores for varsity and JV. The top three varsity teams all went 8-1. The tie breaker was points so Northwestern placed 3rd. The top two JV teams went 6-3 and Northwestern placed 2nd.

**Varsity team members include Gabe Chupp, Jesse Evans, Steven LaGoy, Jacob Wakefield.**

**JV team members include Jake Farner, Gavin Hines, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal.**





# HS Happenings



## Northwestern Robotics Team Compete at Triway High School

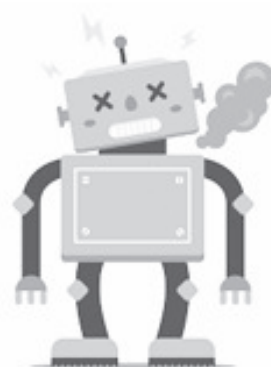
Northwestern Robotics Teams had a successful day at the Triway VEX Qualifier on December 11. All Northwestern teams competed well. All three teams qualified for the final tournament after the qualification rounds. The team consisting of Drake Crumley, Tristan Miller, Steven Lagoy, Luke Walton and Kylee Purdy were ranked 7th headed into the finals. All of our robotics teams that competed at Triway have been working extremely hard throughout the season and have made huge strides in their robotic design and execution at competitions. The Northwestern Robotics season continues as we will be headed to Wooster High School on February 19. We look forward to seeing our robots continue to improve throughout the remainder of the robotics season.



Hunter Sciortino, Gavin Hines, Virginia Hamers competing in one of the qualification matches



Steven Lagoy, Drake Crumley, and Luke Walton competing in one of the qualification matches



Blake Good, Gino Guidetti and Morgan Murphy competing in one of the qualification matches

## Northwestern Hires a NEW Treasurer!

We welcome our new treasurer, Jerry Buccilla, to take over our district finances this summer. We are getting an extremely knowledgeable and experienced school treasurer with an extremely strong finance background. Jerry Buccilla and his wife Lesley anticipate relocating to Northwestern and becoming a part of our community!

Past positions include:

- Vice President of Financial Affairs and Budgets and Head Men's Basketball Coach
- Owner of a School municipal consulting financial firm GHB Financial Solutions
- Has worked as a Facilities and energy savings consultant
- Treasurer, Columbus City Schools for 6 years
- Treasurer, Gahanna-Jefferson 1995-1999
- Treasurer, Whitehall 1994-1995
- Treasurer, Logan Elm 1993-1994
- Asst. to the state auditor 2 years before these positions





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



Mrs. Cutter's World Studies class testing the catapults that they constructed.



It is both exciting and surprising that we are over halfway through the school-year. Our students and staff have been working very hard to make this year a success. We have had a lot of fun bringing back some aspects of school that we lost at the height of the pandemic- assemblies, a school dance, and all of our fans in the stands at sporting events.

As February ends and March begins, students will begin planning for next school-year as we start the scheduling process. Students in eighth grade will begin learning about the class options available to them at the high school and what is needed to graduate. There will be an incoming freshmen and parents meeting on Monday, March 7 at 6:00pm in the HS Theater. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the great things the High School offers to our Northwestern students. Our students in grades in 6 and 7 will be hearing from Mrs. Donohoe and myself to discuss their course options for next year. This is always an exciting time for all students!

As the year continues, we will be preparing for spring state testing with all of our students in grades 6-8. Each of the grade-levels will take tests in the areas of Language Arts and Math. Our eighth grade students will also be taking a Science test. We are hopeful students will be able to show the knowledge and skills they learned this school-year. We ask that, whenever possible, parents and students avoid scheduling any appointments in the mornings of these school-days. The dates for testing are listed below.

\* ELA- March 30 and March 31

\* Science (8th grade only) April 20 and April 21

\* Math- April 27 and April 28

In a previous article, I mentioned our PRIDE Card incentive program. With this program, students are given a card. When teachers recognize a positive behavior, they can sign the students' cards. Once the card has been filled (10 positive behaviors), students can turn their cards in for a reward to thank them for showing great behavior. As of the end of January, we have given 208 rewards. This means that, as a staff, we have acknowledged at least 2,430 positive student behaviors. Of course, this number only encompasses the number of cards turned in thus far, with many other cards still out there in the hands of our students. We are very proud of this number and hope to see those numbers continue to rise.

Our eighth grade class are looking forward to several events. In May, the class of 2026 will finally be able to travel to Washington D.C. With their class trip being cancelled when they were in sixth grade, we are very excited for them to still have the opportunity to go. We are hopeful that the students will enjoy their trip like so many Northwestern students have before them. We will then celebrate this eighth grade class at their 8th grade Promotion on the last day of school.

As we near the end of the school-year, please take part in any of the upcoming great events we will have this spring. From band and choir concerts, to drama club productions, and spring sports, we are truly blessed with amazing and talented students who always appreciate your support at their performances. Take time to come out and support our Huskies!

We certainly thank you for your ongoing support of our schools through the 21-22 school-year. Please let us know if you have any questions.





# HUSKY HAPPENINGS

Medical Detectives class with Mrs. Hagans.



Northwestern Middle School winter band concert.



Middle School Career Day



Middle School boys and girls basketball







**Mr. Douglas  
Hopkins  
Northwestern  
Elementary  
Principal**

We are near the end of our second trimester, which ends on February 18. Our students are working very hard to finish the trimester strong. You should expect grades to be sent home on February 25 in your child's folder.

We are excited about promoting reading called "Tucked in Tuesday." After a hiatus of a year we are bringing the second season back. We have some help with Mr. Martin's high school students. Our high school students will film, edit and put the book on a green screen so everyone can follow along. Each Tuesday a video will post of a Northwestern staff member reading a story. I will also email a link each Tuesday to the YouTube channel. We hope you enjoy them and look to continue "Tucked in Tuesdays" for years to come! We are looking to do more events for reading and have an idea to do a "Reading under the lights" on the football field later this year. We are teaming up with United Way and are looking at having this at the end of May. As time gets closer more details are to come, as we continue to meet monthly.

NES had a lot of success in the first trimester and we are very proud of our staff and students for the progress we are seeing. We want to congratulate and recognize the hard work and effort by our third grade students. Our 3rd grade students have taken the fall AIR Assessment and received their results. If you have a student in 3rd grade, this is a great time to sit down and speak with them about their results. State testing is right around the corner for grades 3-5. State testing will begin in late March and finish in late April.

As always, NES values community input, support and communication with our staff and administrators about education.



We want to continue to challenge and set high expectations for our students in order to keep preparing them for the future. NES prides itself on a "team" approach to provide the best opportunity for our students to be successful.



Today we are announcing our **Employee Superstar series**. We wanted to take a moment to recognize our employees to you and learn a little more about them. This Newsletter's employee superstar is **Donya Orr**. All our teachers at the Elementary Are Superstars, however we thought we would like to share one by one. Mrs. Orr is our Elementary Art Teacher. She is a hardworking and kind teacher. Every day she helps with handing out breakfast to our kiddos. She is a quiet leader and always volunteers to help in any situation for our district. Earlier in the school year she found a Wayne County art contest that promote our students with one being recognized county wide. Mrs. Orr does wonderful projects with our students and loves putting them on display. I had the honor to observe Mrs. Orr and my first thought after her lesson was "I wish I had her as my Art teacher when I was in elementary school." Thank you Mrs. Orr for making a difference



Third Graders enjoying recess!



Mrs. Hartzler's kindergarten class celebrating 101 days of school.



Mrs. Hershey's class celebrating the 100th day of school.



# Northwestern Elementary

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-23 school year kindergarten class will be held **March 15th & March 16th at Northwestern Elementary School, 7334 N. Elyria Rd, West Salem.** If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1st, 2022, please call the school to schedule an appointment. Please call 419-846-3519, ext. 3101 to schedule your child's screening time.



## Registration Day

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

TWINS Day at NES



## NES Grades 3-5 First Trimester HONOR ROLL

**3RD GRADE HONOR ROLL:** AVERY WOODRING, SARAH SMAIL, ERYNN IMHOFF, BENJAMIN HUMPHREY, LANE HORY, IBRAHEEM AL-JAMAL, CASSIDY GRAHAM, SOPHIA STUTZMAN, KELLEN BUZZARD, SOFI KINSLEY, HARPER MARTINEZ, COLSTYN NOLLETTI, ARIANA SMITH, AJ WELCH, KAYSON KLINE, AUBRI LINGLE, REAGAN MILLER, AUSTIN RAMSIER, DANNER WHITE

**3RD GRADE MERIT ROLL:** HENRY ULRICH, ADDALYN PALKER, JAKE LOVE, JENSEN MORRIS, PEYTON RETTIG, SAWYER SHAKAN, RYAN WELLERT, JAYCYLN WOOD, KEELY DUNCAN, JORI ELSE, SARA JOHNSON, EMMA KORNACKER, ZAK KOSTOHRYZ, COOPER MALCOMB, ADDISON MILLER, DRAKE MOBLEY, TYLER MOSHER, BRANDON SIGLER, RYLAN TAGGART, MICHAEL BAKER, KAYLYNN CUTTER, CADENCE DEAL, ADDIE GILLES, VINNIE GUIDETTI, AXEL KNAPP, MELANEE GORDON, BRANTLEY HOLMES, PHOENIX MARTIN, CHALISSA RATLIFF, OWEN SCHROCK, RUSSELL RAINES

**4TH GRADE HONOR ROLL:** ADLEY HARBAUGH, EMILY JACKSON, RUGER WHITE, KADE HAMEY, NATALIE KOCH, CARMELLA RUGGERI, CARMEN GUIDETTI, MALEAH MILLER, EMILY POSTA, JD YARWOOD, EMILY WEST

**4TH GRADE MERIT ROLL:** ALLIE CHANEY, LUKE HAMEY, SOPHIA JOHNSON, HARPER KEENER, ARIANNA MILLER, JAYLYNN NIXON, PIERCE REYNOLDS, KATIE SAAL, MADISON SNOW, WILLIAM SWORD, BRANTLEY ARNETTE, MAX MENDEZ, LORELAI NELSON, EMILY SMITH, MICHAEL SMITH, CHASE WHARTON, TAYAH WILSON, BRENDAN WOOSMA, MYRACLE WURM-WEST, BRODY LINDEMAN, MADELYN WEYGANDT, KELSEY BADGER, BRENNAN FLINN, CHARLIE GORTNER, BLAKE HARRIS, SAVANNA LEMON, JETT MILLER, EMMA MORRIS, BRITTNEY NOLLETTI, KRISTA ORR, LILY RESER, CASH RUSSELL, ETHAN YODER, NATALIE BAISDEN, JOURNEY CARTER, KEEGAN DUONG, WESTIN FRAZIER, ANNALISE METZGER, DONNIE MICHALAK, KADEN ROBERTS, PETER SPENCER

**5TH GRADE HONOR ROLL:** JACELYN CHERRY, AUBREIGH FLACK, KEEGAN SCHAEFER, HANNAH SHRIVER, LYNNLEY STUTZ, MILES TERWILLIGER, GRACE HAWKINS, LEAH ALTMAN, QUINN CONLEYJENNY PEREZ SICA, BRAYDEN TURNAGE, EMERSON ULRICH, NORA WAKEFIELD, HANK MORRIS, MADELYN MORRIS, MARISSA SMITH, AUBREY DOBBINS, AUSTIN DUDTE, KARSTEN KLINE, ELLIANA MURPHY, ISABELLA VIRGILI, LEONORA ZEMANCIK

**5TH GRADE MERIT ROLL:** PORTER BOREMAN, ROWAN COTTRELL, LILY FARNSWORTH, CARLIE LANDIS, LYRIC OGDEN, AUSTIN PIERSON, LANDEN ROUSE, TAYLOR NUTTER, TESSA BUZZARD, EMALYNN DELONG, LONDON ELLERBROCK, KOLE KINSLEY, CASH LINDEMANN, AUNA MILER, KEATON PENTHENY, ANABELLA SMITH, OLIVIA ELLIS, WALIYAH FASIHI, ALEXIS MORRIS, KAIDIS PORTER, KAYLEE ROBERSON, AVA SANTOS, BLAKE SIGLER, RAY SLOAN, JENNA WORKMAN, MASON HALL, FRED HAROWISKI, ANTHONY KEATS, SADIE LORENZ, MIYA LOY, CHLOE SMITH, SKYLAR STARK, BOSTON WILSON, LAURIE BAUMAN, MCKENNA BOYD, MJ COMAN, QUINN FIREBAUGH, ASHLYNN HAVEN, JOURNEY HAVEN, BAILEY HOWMAN, JASON MCCLURE, EVELYN MCQUERRY, MASON MOBLEY, OWEN RATTINI



**NES Brag Tag  
Recipients**

# HUSKY ACTIVITIES!!



**Students in 7th Grade Science** were challenged to create "Insane Insulators" that would reduce heat energy transfers. They had to design, build and test a prototype using the materials supplied, a \$30 budget, and a restricted building timeframe. Taryn Stoller, Victoria Aicone, and Clara Saal are shown with their Insane Insulator prototype. These students won the class challenge by losing the smallest amount of heat and spending the least amount of money. Great job!

## 7th Grade Science

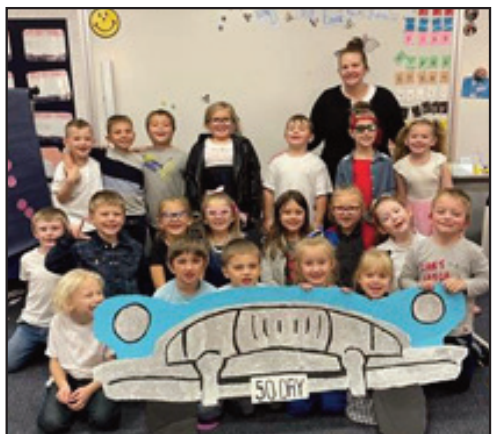
Keith Pierson and Aveon Gray create the eight phases of the moon using Oreo cookies.



Mrs. Tiano's kindergarten friends celebrated 50 days in kindergarten with learning how to blow bubblegum bubbles, root beer floats, and learning all about our numbers 1 to 50!



Our eighth grade girls enjoyed a planned lunch time carry-in at their table.



**Summer Softball Registration is Now Open**  
(Forms are available are on the NES website)  
**Sign up Dates:**  
Saturday, Feb. 26th 8:30 AM - Noon in our Elementary Cafeteria  
Tuesday, Mar. 1st 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in our Elementary Gym



## **\*\* Stay Informed \*\***

**Mr. St. Clair's high school Physical Education classes participated in the "National Archery in the Schools" program.**



### **SUPERINTENDENT TIDBITS**

- The district is researching and working for reduced consortium pricing through The Ohio Schools Council in pursuit of possible savings in a variety of areas. Possible areas of savings incl.: food commodities, school bus purchasing (in which we have already saved), office supplies, equipment, as well as other vendors and contractors.
- These grants are helping with costs such as purchasing equipment and supplies, professional development, sanitizing and cleaning supplies & equipment, teacher supports, student tutoring, learning software, preschool, student wellness, prevention, and much more!
- The district has secured less than anticipated cost for our final phase of the Middle School roof work. Through bidding, discussions, and negotiations we will spend far less than originally anticipated and set-aside for this project. The district is pursuing similar means in obtaining a track resurfacing cost for late fall 2022 or early spring 2023 track resurfacing work
- Northwestern strives to stretch our taxpayer dollars through reducing costs, negotiating purchased services contracts, shared services, and securing additional revenue through grant dollars. See below for current 2021-2022 grant information.

### **2021-2022 School Year grant award status:**

#### **Entitlement Grants Awarded:**

\$596,623.22 Federal Entitlement Grants (IDEA-B, Title I, Title IIA, Title IVA)  
\$ 7,377.46 Handicapped Early Childhood - Handicapped Preschool Consortium

#### **Other Grants Awarded:**

\$ 5,684.86 Homeless Grant  
\$ 70,073.64 Special Education Excess Cost Grant

### **SUPERINTENDENT TIDBITS, continued**

\$ 8,056.91 Perkins - OEC Expanding Opportunities  
\$ 6,091.36 Ag Science 5th Quarter  
\$ 9,000.00 High Schools that Work professional development (HSTW, MMGW, MESW)  
\$ 2,000.00 AEOP/Battelle Grant e-Cybermission project (our share of \$31,500 award)  
\$180,000.00 School Bus Replacement Grant (\$90,000 summer 2022 & \$90,000 summer 2023)  
**Great News!** AEOP/Battelle is funding NORSC (Northeast Ohio Rural STEM Collaborative) for \$31,500 which includes \$2,000 for our 10 schools or (\$20,000) to engage 6th - 8th grade students who have participated in JSS to now participate in eCybermission and use the funds to pay a teacher advisor to lead eCybermission. Each school will also be eligible to apply for an eCybermission Mini-Grant. The grant includes \$10,000 for grant administration and teacher training/support. The indirect of 1,500 or 5% will be paid to HSTW Ohio Network for fiscal management. Northwestern is the founding member of NORSC. We partner with 9 other school districts and High Schools that Work.

#### Pending (applications submitted)

\$100,000.00 OSFC Safety Grant Northwestern ES  
\$100,000.00 OSFC Safety Grant Northwestern MS  
\$100,000.00 OSFC Safety Grant Northwestern HS  
\$ 7,300.00 State Attorney General Safety Grant

#### Anticipating word late winter - In Process:

\$28,000 est. After School and Summer School Learning Grant (districts could not apply -working with two agencies for after school and summer school grants through this opportunity)  
\$40,000 est. NORCC collaborative total grant through Battelle & US Army for Jr. Solar Sprint  
\$10,000 Transportation Restructuring/Efficiency Grant  
We are hopeful that we may receive more than \$600,000.00 and even possibly surpassing \$700,000.00 in grant awards this school year!

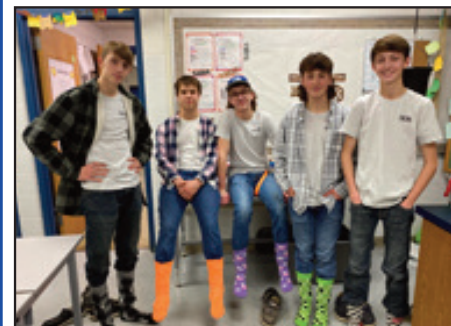
These grants are above the \$1,846,609.34 in multi-year funds we are receiving through the federal ESSER and ARP-ESSER programs.

These grants are also above the \$604,000.00 in combined CCIP Federal Entitlement Funds & Handicapped Preschool Funds.

# NORTHWESTERN FFA

## Northwestern FFA has a Successful Sausage Sale this Year

The Northwestern FFA Chapter has had another successful year selling sausage. On Saturday, January 29th, members gathered at Heffelfinger Meats Inc. to make the sausage. Along with several community members Dan Fulk, Brain Bowers, Tyler Bowers, Brad Stull, Lynn Bridenstine, Randy Tegtmeier, Zane Dilyard, and Bill Yoho. Alumni Becca Harbaugh, Debbie Eberly, Valerie Imhoff, and Kyle Wharton and teachers Mrs. Tegtmeier and Miss Stull. Members who participated were Melanie Imhoff, Ava Stoller, Hanna Wilson, Miranda Smith, Maddy Yasch, Kirsten Boreman, Haley Caldwell, and Lauren Vaughan. The chapter would like to extend their gratitude to Rick Heffelfinger and HMI for supporting the chapter with this fundraiser. This year the chapter sold 4,080 pounds of sausage. Northwestern FFA would like to thank the community for their support during this fundraiser, as well as those who came and helped with making the sausage.



## Northwestern FFA Holds Winter Meeting

On December 13, 2021 the members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter gathered in the auditorium at Northwestern High School for the annual winter FFA meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Jadeyn Berry. Then, the officers performed opening ceremonies and minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Ava Stoller. Treasurer's Report was given by Zoey Dudte and the Reporter's Report was given by Hanna Wilson. Kaleb Badger moved to accept all officer reports. Officers then reported on committees. Kirsten Boreman reported on the Ag in the Classroom committee, Kade Tegtmeier reported on the Earnings and Savings committee, and Rylee Dawson reported on the recreation committee. All committee reports were moved to be accepted by Dugan McLaughlin.

Officers then reported on events that have taken place so far this year. These events were AET State Degrees/Proficiencies, Senior Scholarships, Parliamentary Procedure, Job Interview, Fruit Sales, Dues, Bell Ringing, and Poinsettias. Officers shared a brief description of all of these events and informed the chapter of events going on. Members then discussed and voted on upcoming events. These items included increasing dues to \$25, FFA Week, Share a Christmas Tree, fruit incentive/bowling party, agriscience fair, sausage sales, strawberry sales, public speaking CDE, sausage incentive/tubing, and participating in the ag sales and grain merch CDE's. Following the discussions and voting of these items, Dugan McLaughlin adjourned the meeting and Hanna Wilson seconded it.

Following the meeting members were able to enjoy dinner from Cane's and then competed in the annual gingerbread house making contest.



# NORTHWESTERN FFA

## Northwestern FFA hosts Christmas on the Equator Event

On Monday, December 20, 2021 Northwestern FFA hosted the first "Christmas on the Equator" event. Norwayne FFA, Smithville FFA, West Holmes FFA, and Triway FFA all attended this event. Members of these chapters were able to enjoy an evening together while dressing up in their Hawaiian outfits while it being Christmas time. The evening started off with dinner in the Ag shop and led to line and square dancing in the cafeteria led by a caller. The FFA members had a lot of fun learning new dances while meeting new people. Following the dancing, there was a dodgeball tournament to wrap up the evening. Thank you to everyone who made this successful event possible!



## Northwestern FFA Members Compete in State Job Interview

On Saturday, December 4th, Ella S and Kayla Cutter competed in the State Job Interview contest in Columbus, Ohio. Ella placed 1st in the sophomore division and 4th overall in the finals and Cutter placed 5th in the freshman division. This career development event is designed to give FFA members the opportunity to learn about the interviewing process, as well as practice interviewing for a job. Members are required to fill out a job application, complete a cover letter, create a resume, participate in a mock interview, and complete a follow up letter.

## Northwestern FFA Competes in State Parliamentary Procedure Contest

On Saturday, December 11, 2021 members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the State Novice Parliamentary Procedure contest held at the Delaware Career Center. The novice team was made up of Kayla Cutter (Chair), Kaylee Cherry (Chair), Kate Johnson, Mallory Gilbert, Chloe Starcher, Addy Connelly, McKenna Connelly, and Emmalee Connelly. The team placed 4th in their room.

The Advanced Parliamentary Procedure team competed at the state level on Saturday, December 18, 2021 held at the Delaware Career Center. The team consisted of Hanna Wilson (Chair), Dugan McLaughlin, Kade Tegtmeier, Kirsten Boreman, Preston Wilcox, Logan Garman, and Ava Stoller. The team placed 3rd in their room.

Both teams greatly improved from the first contest! Congratulations to both teams and thank you for all your hard work!





# FFA NEWS

## Northwestern FFA Competes at the District Parliamentary Procedure Contest

On Thursday, December 2nd, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the District 3 Parliamentary Procedure contest held at Northwestern High School. Parliamentary Procedure is an assessment of students' abilities to participate effectively in a business meeting or other group decision making situation. The team conducts a mock meeting and a written test based on Roberts Rules of Order and are evaluated by FFA Advisors from other districts.

The advanced team consisted of Hanna Wilson (Chair), Dugan McLaughlin, Kade Tegtmeier, Preston Wilcox, Kirsten Boreman, Logan Garman, and Ava Stoller.

The novice team consisted of Kayla Cutter (Chair), Kaylee Cherry (Chair), Kate Johnson, Mallory Gilbert, Chloe Starcher, Addy Connelly, McKenna Connelly, and Emmalee Connelly.

The advanced and novice teams both placed 1st in the District 3 contest and will advance to the state contest. The Novice will compete on December 11th and the Advanced team will compete on December 18th at the Delaware Area Career Center. Good luck to both teams!



## Northwestern FFA Participates in Operation Christmas Child

At the beginning of November, the Northwestern FFA Chapter began a community service project with Samaritan's Purse. This group is a nationwide, non-denominational Christian, non-profit organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. As this project took place, the chapter welcomed donations from its members. By the collection date, November 19th, the chapter was able to collect and box a total of 84 boxes to donate to this charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



## Northwestern FFA Attends Leadership Night

On Thursday, November 18th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to Shelby High School to attend a Leadership Night. This was the first leadership night in three years, due to COVID-19.

The chapter had 16 members attend this event. These members were Zoey Dudte, Jadelyn Berry, Rylee Dawson, Hanna Wilson, Kirsten Boreman, Ava Stoller, Melanie Imhoff, Maddy Yasch, Miranda Smith, Kade Tegtmeier, Kaleb Badger, Mallory Gilbert, Gabby Riedel, Audrey Franks, Logan Garmen, Emma Connelly. All of these members participated in group sessions with the State President, Jake Zajkowski and the State Sentinel, Faith Galavich. The State President and State Sentinel hosted the event and incorporated members to get involved. There were various activities such as building paper statues, finishing the lyrics to a song, and filling in papers with definitions of words and motivation that will help members along their journey.

This event ended with a dodgeball tournament and a taco dinner. Members were able to have dinner and bond with members from other chapters. Our members learned a lot from this event and will take the skills that they learned and incorporate them into our chapter. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

## Northwestern FFA Competes in Job Interview CDE

On Tuesday, November 9th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the district Job Interview contest held at Smithville High School.

The chapter had four members compete in the district job interview contest, Jadeyn Berry, Ava Stoller, Ella S, and Kayla Cutter. This career development event is designed to give FFA members the opportunity to learn about the interviewing process, as well as simulating a mock interview for a job in the agricultural industry. Members are required to fill out a job application, complete a cover letter, participate in an interview, and complete a follow up letter. Berry placed 3rd and Stoller placed 2nd in their respective divisions. Ella S. and Cutter placed 1st in their divisions and will advance to the state contest on Saturday, December 4th. Congratulations and good luck!



## NW FFA News

### FFA Competes in Parliamentary Procedure

On Tuesday, November 16th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the Sub-District parliamentary procedure held at Black River High School. Northwestern had a novice and an advanced team compete in the parliamentary procedure contest.

The novice team was made up of Kayla Cutter (Chair), Kaylee Cherry (Chair), Kate Johnson, Mallory Gilbert, Chloe Starcher, Addy Connelly, McKenna Connelly, and Emmalee Connelly. The team placed 1st in the sub-district and will advance to Districts on December 2nd, 2021 at Northwestern High School.

The advanced team consisted of Hanna Wilson (Chair), Dugan McLaughlin, Kade Tegtmeyer, Kirsten Boreman, Preston Wilcox, Logan Garman, and Ava Stoller. The team placed 1st overall and will compete in the district contest on December 2nd held at Northwestern High School.

Both contests are designed to test FFA members' abilities in properly running a business meeting. Teams are scored on different abilities of parliamentary procedure, debates on main motions, the secretary's minutes, and the chairpersons' ability to run the meeting, a written test, and the overall look of professionalism throughout the team. Congratulations to both teams!



## Northwestern FFA Earns 2 Star Chapter

During the National Convention, on October 28, 2021 Northwestern FFA was awarded a 2 Star National Chapter Award. This application was filled out last year by Valerie Imhoff and Riley Stull, who were the Chapter's President and Vice President. During the spring, the application was submitted to the state to be judged. The application scored high enough to go on to be judged at the National Level. During the summer, the application is judged at the National Level where it is given its final placing that is announced at convention.

The National Chapter Award has three categories that chapter lists our events under. These categories are Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture. The Chapter events that were highlighted in the Growing Leaders category were hosting our summer officer retreat, having members participate in at least one Career Development Event a year, and attending the National Convention Viewing Party. The events in the Building Communities category were participating in the Wayne County Fair Recycling, participating in Operation Chir-sitmas Child, and organizing a Feed a Farmer event. The events in the Strengthening Agriculture category were having members volunteer in the Wayne County Truck and Tractor Pull two times a year, hosting a recruitment day for 7th and 8th graders, and selling sausage as a chapter fundraiser. These are just a few of the numerous events our chapter included in the National Chapter Award.

Winning a National Chapter Award is a lot of hard work and dedication, thank you to all of our members and officers for all their hard work! Congratulations to Valerie Imhoff and Riley Stull for all their hard work on writing this application!

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## Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2021-22

### 2021

Tuesday, August 17-19	Teacher Work Days
Friday, August 20	Professional Development
Monday, August 23	Staff Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 24	First day for Students

Monday, September 6	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 13	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 14	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wednesday, September 29	Parent Teacher Conferences MS and HS

Tues., & Thurs., Oct. 12 & 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Wednesday, Oct. 13	2-hour delay
Friday, Oct. 22	End of First Nine Weeks (41 days) MS & HS

Wednesday, Nov. 10	2-hour delay
Friday, Nov. 12	End of 1st trimester ES ( 56 days)
Thurs., & Fri., Nov. 25, 26	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Monday, Nov. 29	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Day
Tuesday, Nov. 30	Parent Teacher Conferences MS and HS

Tuesday, Dec. 21	End of Second Nine Weeks ( 40 days) MS & HS
Wedn., Dec. 22 thru Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation

### 2022

Wednesday, January 5	School Reconvenes
Wednesday, January 12	2-hour delay
Thursday, January 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Monday, January 17	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday, February 9	2-hour delay
Thursday, February 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS and MS
Friday, February 18	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Friday, February 18	End of 2nd trimester ES ( 55 days)
Monday, February 21	NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Thursday, March 3	Parent/Teacher Conference Elementary
Wednesday, March 9	2-hour delay
Friday, March 11	End of Third Nine Weeks ( 46 Pupil Days) Ms & HS

Monday, April 11 thru 15	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Friday, May 27	Student's Last Day, End of 4th ninth weeks MS&HS (50 Pupil Days)

	End of 3rd trimester ES (64 days)
Sunday, May 29	Graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31	Staff Work Day

## DON'T MISS OUT !!

### Board of Education Meeting

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

### All Sports Association

President Bill Arthur  
1st Monday each month 7:30 p.m.  
HS Commons

### Music Boosters

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

### Ruritans

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

### Football Club

Co-Presidents Craig Wellert & Tommy Guidetti  
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.  
HS Commons

### Soccer Club

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

### Elementary PTO

President Alison Fiala  
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



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NES Brag Tag Recipients

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