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Northwestern Middle School Career Fair



Northwestern Middle School 6th Grade Sharing Christmas Joy at Nursing Homes



Northwestern High School delegates from Buckeye Girls State Emily Bouffard and Alyssa Toppins, and delegates from Buckeye Boys State Steven Cozzuli and Garret Dever attended and spoke at a local Veterans Banquet. (see page 4)

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Live broadcast of events
[http://www.ustream.tv/
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Friends,

The warm spring is on the horizon. This has been an especially frigid winter thus far.

Northwestern continues to be the school district to follow, the district others desire to emulate and partner with. The success of our students is so very evident. Through their accomplishments and feedback the fine education and quality of our students is evident.

The accomplishments of our students has been fantastic. The accolades received for our educational excellence and leadership by the educational community has been astounding. The articles within this newsletter provide evidence of our schools doing the great work for our students. Whether it be fine arts, STEM programs, core foundational courses, or extracurricular activities we do prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities. More-so, we have used collaboration, grant writing, and striving for efficiencies to pursue our mission within our financial constraints. We are driven by goals for continuous improvement. Our strategic plan is our road map and promotes a vision that includes suggestions for the future that include:

- Expanded, Universal Preschool is our goal. Our STEM Preschool is EXCELLENT and we are striving to have two STEM Preschool classes for the 2018-2019SY.
- Pursuit of the new Ohio STEM Learning Network's "STEAM Designation" for each of our buildings in recognition of our extraordinary fine arts programs.
- Continuing to provide needed supports for our students with disabilities and at-risk students.
- Expanding gifted and talented opportunities and extended learning.

- Operating under a balanced budget.
- Continue refining and expanding authentic learning through Project-based learning and STEM, as well as our Career Pathways and Career Planning.
- Expanded and improved Science and career pathway lab spaces – most especially at the high school
- Updating our current Library-Media Centers to high tech Makerspace Innovation Lab Media Centers (in line with our career and collaborative project-based learning instructional philosophy). Our MS is completed with HS and ES anticipated being converted over the next 1½ years.
- Continue and complete the recommissioning and updates of our HVAC systems over the next two years.
- Completion of the HS fire suppression system this summer.
- Theatre lighting replacement.
- Studying flexible hours, days, year scheduling.
- Adjacent land acquisition as opportunities arise down the road and funds might allow.

As far as our budget, we are currently in "Fiscal Watch" status as are many, many school districts in Ohio - due to inadequate state funding that was reduced significantly, then has essentially been flat-lined for the past 7 years in spite of many additional state and federal mandates. This "Fiscal Watch" means we are projected to spend more than we bring in this year and in ensuing years and that we have sufficient carry-over revenue to remain in the black less than 3 years. We have created a budgeted revision and plan of action to balance our revenue and expenditures. The reasons for the deficit spending stems from the major costs in updating and recommissioning our HVAC systems the past few years and planned for the next two years, the timing of the emergency levy that we just started collecting this past July, major increases in health insurance costs, in addition to inadequate state funding, as well as bleeding from online charter schools (which the state allows to not only take our state funds, but also take local funds from us).

We will continue to pursue grants and contributions, as well as consider reductions to

live within our means to ensure that these are affordable as we move forward with our mission in preparing our students today for tomorrow's opportunities, as has been our practice.

Our community has so much to be grateful for - our families, friends, and wonderful school system. In our schools we have extraordinary teachers and support staff, wonderful administrators, and wise board members. We also have numerous support organizations which help our mission such as Ruritans, All Sports, PTOs, Music Boosters, Alumni & Friends, FFA Alumni, etc. Without our community of leaders working collaboratively and exhibiting transparency we would not be serving our students to the fantastic degree that we are. This being "School Board Recognition Month" I want to thank our 5 outstanding School Board Members for their leadership and support – Phil Keener, Kim Wellert, Laura Woodring, Chuck Beck, Paula Abrecht. We are blessed with the 5 amazing leaders!

I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools. 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 community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations.

We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. 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.

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STAY INFORMED

Annual notice of Student Wellness Meeting

Northwestern will conduct our Wellness Committee Meeting on Friday, April 6th.

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
- 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. Please contact any member of our Wellness Committee below for information on how to participate.

Contacts for additional information and services include:

Superintendent Jeffrey N. Layton (419-846-3151)
High School Principal Mike Burkholder
Middle School Principal Joey Brightbill
Elementary Principal Julie McCumber

Other participants on our Wellness committee include:

Curriculum Director, Food Service Supervisor, School Nurse, MS Health teacher, HS Health Teacher, Physical Education Teachers (3-ES, MS, HS), an at large community member.

Higher Education for Older Adults

Ohio State University graduate-level Program 60 allows Ohio residents age 60 and older to take Ohio State University classes tuition-free on a non-credit, non-degree basis. In most cases, all they need to do is sign up for Program 60 and get permission from the instructor of each class they want to take. Courses can be taken at the OSU Wooster Campus as well as main campus or any OSU satellite campus.

This semester, Program 60 had 336 students enrolled in courses at Ohio State and 792 registered participants.

What Program 60 provides older adults is not only an opportunity for learning, but also an opportunity for building relationships and emotional satisfaction in life," said Holly Dabelko-Schoeny, professor of social work at Ohio State..

If there is anything that unites people who take Program 60 classes, it is a life-long interest in learning.

Taking classes on art, medieval history, women in cinema, astronomy, renewable energy, technology, or just about any content is available.

Many participants do not take the exams or write the papers assigned in class. But that doesn't mean that students aren't interested in learning the material in their classes. The social work study found that 86 percent of Program 60 students were motivated to participate in order to develop their knowledge.

What Program 60 participants get from taking classes goes beyond the usual advice for older people to keep their mind active.

"They are able to pursue areas of interest from a huge catalog of classes at Ohio State," says Dabelko-Schoeny. "It is not just exercising your brain with crossword puzzles or Sudoku. It is about growth and development as a person."

Many participants share how much they enjoyed interacting not only with their instructors, but especially with the younger students in their classes. This inter-generational interaction is a key part of what makes Program 60 successful. In fact, a study found that Program 60 participants thought the program contributed more to expanding their social network with younger generations than with other older participants in the program. What Program 60 does is provide a unique opportunity for cross-generational relationship building.

And it is not only the older students who benefit. Younger students ask for advice about a variety of experiences from participants, including about finding jobs, interviewing, life lessons, and improving their resume.

"Program 60 counters some of our societal stereotypes about how we stop learning and growing and developing intellectually and socially as we get older," Dabelko-Schoeny says. Contact Ohio State University for more information about enrolling in this unique program!

PROGRAM 60





Title I & Special Education (IDEA) Annual Notifications

The elementary and middle school are designated as Title I buildings and participate in the Title I with “school-wide” service status. Northwestern encourages active, ongoing parent involvement with their child’s education, which is a parental right under Title I. Collaboration between student, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators are strongly correlated with student achievement and success.

A special Title I and IDEA (Special Education) parental planning and involvement meeting is held annually at the March Board of Education regular meeting. These meetings are held the 3rd Monday in March at 7:00PM in the High School library. This is our annual parent involvement & collaborative planning meeting for our Special Education (IDEA) and Title I programs. We discuss current programs and collaboratively plan for utilization of these funds for the upcoming school year. Last March parents, community members, administrators and the Board of Education discussed and planned for this year’s programs. Our Special Education, Title I, as well as Gifted Services were also an important part of our recently completed Strategic Plan Meeting discussions.

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

- Parents are encouraged to request information regarding professional qualifications of their student’s classroom teachers, including teacher state qualifications & licensing appropriate to grade level and subject area taught,

as well as if the teacher is teaching under a temporary license in which state qualifications or licensing qualifications might be temporarily waived. In addition, parents have a right to request information regarding baccalaureate degree major, graduate school certification, field of discipline, and whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

- Note: 100% of Northwestern District teachers are HQT (Highly Qualified Teachers), and 100% of paraprofessionals are HQ (Highly Qualified). Highly Qualified Paraprofessionals must hold an Associate’s Degree, 2+ years of college, or passed the rigorous state academic assessment.

- Northwestern school district consistently strives to utilize all federal, state, and local dollars wisely with the optimal impact on student achievement. We encourage parental participation and input into possible improvements of the fund utilization – especially with Title I funds.

- Northwestern has zero “targeted assistance” schools for the current school year. In addition, no buildings are in “continuous improvement” status or lower as determined by the state of Ohio.

- All current and former migratory, transient, and homeless students enrolling at Northwestern receive the same Title I and Special Education Services as other children in Northwestern Schools as determined by school-wide programs, specialized programs, and IEPs. Northwestern serves all students and does not discriminate services based upon gender, race, or disability.

- Northwestern participates in the Tri-County ESC Preschool Consortium for both handicapped and traditional preschool children. Title I-A and school district funds are used to support these programs.

- Northwestern has LEP (Limited English Proficient) support for LEP students. LEP students and their parents are encouraged to discuss additional needs relative to their language barrier and beyond current LEP and Title I support.

- Northwestern coordinates and integrates federal, state, and local funds that include programs required under NCLB (No Child Left Behind), bullying, violence prevention, nutrition,

head start, job training, and vocational & technical education.

- Northwestern consults with nonpublic and private schools regarding available title I services for schools located within the Northwestern School District and those schools outside on the Northwestern School District having Northwestern school district resident students attending.

Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC)

Northwestern supports the Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center

Ohio PIRC website <http://www.ohiopirc.org/>

PIRC Mission: Knowing that parent involvement in schools is critical to success, the Ohio PIRC provides opportunities for families to learn, share, and lead in their homes, schools, and communities.

Supporting parents and professionals to:

- * learn about "No Child Left Behind" legislation
- * understand Academic Standards
- * understand the importance of family involvement in schools
- * increase parent knowledge of child development and educational practices and to ultimately -
- * increase student success!

Ruritan Sausage-Pancake Breakfast

The annual Ruritan Sausage-Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, **March 10th this spring!**

As is the norm:

- It will run all day
- It coincides with the Washington, D.C. auction
- We will have fresh sausage, thick pancakes, and real 100% maple syrup!
- Money raised funds student scholarships



FOOD SERVICE NEWS

Winter is REALLY here this year. We have already experienced several delay days, but as a reminder to all there is NO breakfast served at any of the schools if we have a delay. We also have started selling frozen yogurt from Eva's Yogurt in Ashland. The cost is \$2.00 per cup and comes in a variety of flavors. The yogurt will meet the USDA standard for healthy snacks so be sure to ask you kids if they have tried it and if they like it! Please also remember that you can apply for free or reduced price meals any time throughout the school year. If you are approved at any time of the year it will extend to all meals we serve, breakfast and lunch.

This school year we partnered with A Whole Community to pilot a program of farm to school and fresh local produce. Through the efforts of Karen Potter from A Whole Community we were able to partner with Local Roots out of Wooster and had some fresh produce items delivered to the district. Most of the produce was used in some kind of dish and available to all students for taste testing if they wanted. Our goal was to expose students to a variety of vegetables that they might not get to see or taste in their own homes. Eventually we would like to incorporate those and more vegetables into our daily breakfast and lunch offerings and menus. As a final meeting for the year we were treated to a visit from a chef for an informal training session and a taste testing experience for a few 4th graders. Chef Ben the executive chef at "Brio Tuscan Restaurant" in Columbus at the Polaris Mall came and demonstrated how to cook fresh broccoli and then saute it with butter and garlic. The other vegetable he showed us how to cook was sweet potatoes. We baked them in the oven and then removed the skins and mashed them. He just added a bit of butter but we decided the kids would like it better with some cinnamon and maybe some brown sugar! After our cooking demo the 4th graders joined us in the cafeteria for a taste testing. Each group was given a paper to answer a few basic questions and a small cup and spoon of the food. When the results were tallied it was decided that the students really liked both vegetables and would eat them if they were cooked and served in that way.

Northwestern Schools "Home of the Huskies"

Karen Potter then gave the pans and basket that Chef Ben used as a gift to the school district. We have not fixed the vegetables for the lunch program as of yet but we are looking ahead to future menus where broccoli and sweet potatoes will be served using our new skills and equipment. We had a great first year experience.



HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS

The American Legion Post 499 hosted their annual Veterans Banquet to honor the local Veterans of our community. "Our service organization represents those who have honorably served our country and are still serving the community, state and nation as volunteers." The dinner was opened by Vice Commander Donald Prochazka, Jr and lead in prayer by Chaplin Jon Shadley. The Veterans and their guest were served by members of the Legion and the Auxiliary.

During the meal the **Northwestern High School delegates from Buckeye Girls State (hosted at the University of Mount Union, June 11-17, 2017) Emily Bouffard and Alyssa Toppins,**

and delegates from Buckeye Boys State (hosted at Miami University June 11-18, 2017) Steven Cozzuli and Garret Dever were introduced. They each spoke about their experiences of what leadership positions they held, what they learned about the government, how they related to other delegates, and that they continue to communicate with other delegates today. They were each thankful to the Legion and the Auxiliary for allowing them to have this opportunity.

The guest speaker of the night was Colonel Walter M. Duzzny who gave a very entertaining, emotional, and meaningful speech about the military. He spoke of all the great free things the military does for you. Some of his examples where they all received the same free haircut, same outfits (uniforms), the free destinations like Normandy, Korea, Quait, Afghanistan, Iraq, and so on. He also explained how one could have become a member of the military (volunteer or drafted in this case), to the time one learns (free education and training) that they were walking incorrectly because at boot camp they now march, and that the drill sergeant has two voices loud and louder. He spoke of how soldiers had to leave behind those they loved parents, wives, and children. When a deployed soldier received mail everyone who was around would get to hear the news about the new baby on its way, the soldier going to be a daddy, and they got to view all of pictures too. Unfortunately, not all of our soldiers got to return home. For in this story the wife and child had to continue their lives without their soldier. Years went by and they were sitting at a table in a restaurant. A man kept staring at them, and they had become very uncomfortable. The man had the courage to address them at their table, apologized, and introduced himself. Once information had been shared, this man had served in the same unit as her husband and the child's father. Thus beginning a conversation of memories and the child got to hear stories of the father never known. In closing Col. Duzzny ended with the words God Bless the USA!! Thank you to all of our veterans who served and are still serving. You are not forgotten and we the Legion support you now and forevermore. Have a safe and blessed Veterans Day. God Bless America!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Smith-Bowers American Legion Auxiliary Post 499
Buckeye Girls State, Committee Chair*

Middle School

Tech Team

The role of the Tech Team is to help in any way we are needed. Each student has a workday during their extra help period and the eighth grade members teach the seventh and sixth graders during this time. The eighth graders are a dedicated and helpful group. Each class acts as mentors to their younger counterparts. A service we provide for the school is setting up microphones and monitor the sound system for assemblies and the talent show. The Tech Team videos assemblies and works the sound and light board for eighth grade promotion. Members also assist teachers with technology problems, support staff with computer set-up for standardized tests, and lend a hand to students with software problems. Sixth grade Tech Team members are in charge of putting the day's announcements on the TV system in the cafeteria, which provides students the opportunity read the announcements. Eighth grade Tech Team member, Dominic Wallace is the voice of Northwestern Middle School. Dom faithfully reads the daily announcements to the school over the public address system.

Along with our daily activities, we have been fortunate to help this year by setting-up and providing video recording services during our school's Veteran's Day assembly, and finally, editing the video of the assembly and making DVDs of the footage.



This year's Northwestern Middle School Tech Team members are front row from left: Steven Widdows, Sofi Linder, Brennen Topp, Brooke McNeil, Maddy Hunt, and Ethan Miller. Second Row: Dominic Wallace, Margaret McCullough, Hayden Novak, Gabriel Chupp, Joshua Spencer, and Peyton Hostetler. Third Row: Mary Wellert, Jesse Evans, Jacob Wakefield, and Alyssah Fisher. Back Row: Jennie Riffle, Kylee Purdy, Virginia Hamers, Drake Crumley, Tristan Miller, and Troy Rock.



Northwestern HS National Honor Society following their group service project at the West Salem Town Hall on 11/29/17.

**Northwestern Elementary
ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Stay
Informed!!**

Yearbooks can now be ordered online
ybpay.lifetouch.com
yearbook ID code: 2304718
Order deadline online is March 3

If you haven't already done so,
please pay your child's workbook fees
2017-18 - \$25.00

If you are new to the district and would like to register a new student, please bring with you the following documents: Birth Certificate, Social Security card, Immunization record, proof of residency, & custody papers if applicable to your family. If your child has an IEP/ETR, please bring the most recent copies of those documents. You may bring originals, and we will make copies of your documents.

If you are open-enrolling to Northwestern, please make sure you first enroll your child in the school district where you are residing. Then come into our office and fill out the appropriate forms for Northwestern.

School hours - 9:05 AM - 3:35 PM

Students may enter the building at 8:50 AM.

Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 8:45 AM and go directly to the cafeteria.

Lunch/Breakfast

Lunch price - \$2.00

Reduced lunch price - \$.40

Breakfast price - \$1.00

Pick up Free/Reduced Lunch forms in the office. A new form has to be filled out each school year.

**Northwestern Middle School
ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Stay
Informed!!**

A reminder to all students: All school fees are now considered past due. Anyone with outstanding fees could be restricted from athletics and other school activities.

The West Salem branch of the Wayne County Public Library has some exciting programs coming up in February. There are flyers in the Information Rack with more details. You can also find out about these programs on their website!

The Jr. Class Post Prom parents are sponsoring a Fair Chicken Dinner on Saturday, February 17 from 4-6 here in the Middle School cafeteria. Paid orders must be turned in no later than February 9. Order forms are available in the Information Rack.

It's time to order 2017/18 yearbooks! Order forms are available in the office. Orders can be placed online at <http://www.ybpay.lifetouch.com/> using Yearbook ID Code: 2089218. No personalized cover orders will be accepted after January 26.

Reminder: NO SCHOOL on February 16 and 19th!!

Spring Sports Meeting on February 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School

Ski Club Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

**Northwestern FFA Picks Up
Christmas Trees**

On January 4th several members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in a Christmas Tree pick-up for the community. Members Kyle Piscione, Cody Morrow, Brock Tegtmeier and Cody Tegtmeier all helped out with this project. Members went to areas around the Northwestern School District to pick up the trees. The trees were then donated to the West Salem Beagle Club for "recycling." The trees will be used for wildlife habitats. This is the 31st annual event the Chapter participates in and is looking forward to participate in years to come.



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL
THE WINTER SPORT ATH-
LETES AS THE BASKET-
BALL AND WRESTLING
REGULAR SEASONS
COME TO AN END SOON
AND THE TOURNAMENT
TRAILS BEGIN!!**



Northwestern Staff Spotlight
*****New Employees*****

Cathie Franks

Family: Husband Donny, Daughter Audrey
 Name of parents: David (deceased) and Charlene Cornish
 Pets: 2 German Shepherds: Scooby and Elfie; 1 cat: Rascal
 High School Graduated from: Mapleton
 College Graduated From: North Central State College
 Hobbies: hiking, gardening, crafts
 Favorite Movie: Open Season
 Favorite Restaurant: Longhorn
 Favorite Sports Team: College: OSU Professional: Indians



The best thing about Northwestern is... the staff.
 Who inspired me to choose this career path: my husband
 Few people know that I... am one of five children
 My greatest hero is... my younger brother Danny
 My greatest phobia is... MICE!!!
 My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... It's a small world
 My greatest accomplishment is...being a mom. My husband and I are blessed with our wonderful family.

Kaitlyn Auckerman

Family: Brothers Nathan and Josh
 Name of parents: Rod and Kim Auckerman
 Pets: 2 cats that live in a window pane house outside, Mia and Chase
 High School Graduated from: Wooster
 College Graduated From: Ashland University
 Hobbies: book folding, volleyball, hiking
 Favorite Movie: The Green Mile
 Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden
 Favorite Sports Team: College: OSU Professional: Indians
 The best thing about Northwestern is... how well the staff comes together to build such a great community themselves, students and parents.
 Who inspired me to choose this career path: my aunt who teaches first grade at Wooster.
 Few people know that I am secretly a goat whisperer
 My greatest phobia is... spiders!
 My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... It's not going to happen in one day, but one day, it's going to happen.
 My greatest accomplishment is getting through college debt free!
 Words of wisdom ... Difficult doesn't mean impossible, it just means you have to work hard.

Mr. Chris Herold

Family: Irene (wife), Henry (son)
 High School Graduated from: Queen Anne HS, Seattle WA
 College Graduated From: University of Washington
 Hobbies: music, travel, baseball
 Favorite Movie: Casablanca
 Favorite Restaurant: Basil
 Favorite Sports Team: College: UW Huskies Professional: Seattle Mariners
 The best thing about Northwestern is... friendly staff and students
 Who inspired me to choose this career path: a college professor
 Few people know that I... met quarterback Phil Simms
 My greatest hero is... Franklin D. Roosevelt
 My greatest phobia is... a curveball
 My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... The only people who never fail are those that do not try.
 My greatest accomplishment is...surviving grad school.
 Words of Wisdom .. you can accomplish more than you think

Miss Julianna Huckriede

Family: Mom Julie, Dad Randy, brother Alex and sister in law Katie
 Pet: black cat named Batman
 High School Graduated from: Barberton HS
 College Graduated From: University of Akron
 Hobbies: listening, playing, singing music, painting, working out, reading, watching TV shows and movies with family, spending time with family and friends
 Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight and Beauty and the Beast
 Favorite Restaurant: Casa Del Rio or Angies Pizza
 Favorite Sports Team: College: Univ. of Akron Professional: Cavs and Indians
 Who inspired me to choose this career path: A teacher how inspired me the most would be my 1st-3rd grade teacher who I absolutely adored and always wanted to be like when I was little. She passed away when I was in middle school so that was really hard. I know that she is still with me and is on my side as I start my career. The impact that she made on me is amazing and now that is what I hope to be to my students one day!
 Few people know that I... am in a handbell choir
 My greatest hero is... my mom. She is so strong and she does everything with love and positivity! She is the best!
 My greatest phobia is... spiders and creepy crawling bugs!
 My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... When you see only one set of footprints in the sand, it was then that I carried you.
 My greatest accomplishment is...graduating from the Univ. of Akron and getting my teaching license.
 Words of Wisdom .. Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.



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

Hello from Northwestern High School,

As time rolls on, we can be assured that winter will give way to spring – bringing with it the spring assessment season. We have now phased out the Ohio Graduation Test. Our seniors are the first class to utilize End of Course tests as their graduation standard. Our students will be taking End of Course tests if they are enrolled in any of the following classes: English 9, English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History and Government. The end of course tests will be in April. Students will take these assessments and need to accumulate at least 18 points across these tests, as a graduation requirement. There will be retest opportunities, where necessary. We are looking at our options and we will release a test schedule once we have finalized the plans. We will meet the requirements, but keep our focus on educating our children to the very best of our ability rather than focus on the assessment.

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

We have many students who are participating in the College Credit Plus program. For the 2017-18 school year we had an increase in the number of students that are taking all of their coursework on the college campuses. While we respect each student's right to make decisions on their educational opportunities we would like to put in a plug for accumulating college credits without leaving the Northwestern campus. We are shifting to allow the majority of our CCP classes to mimic the college offerings and format.

Northwestern High School News

We will have offerings in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Business, Music and Agricultural Science. Please contact me or our guidance office to learn more about these opportunities. We are trying to create a scenario where our students can have the best of both worlds and not have to sacrifice time and money traveling to the campuses or sacrifice the social experience of the final years in high school.

It is the time of year that we begin planning for the coming year and will be starting the scheduling process for returning students. We have scheduled a meeting to help with this process on Tuesday March 6th at 6:00 p.m. The 2017 – 2018 course selection books will be available on-line. As expected, our curriculum is always evolving. We have some new course offerings in our Math, English, and Social Studies. A capstone course in the clean energy pathway will be added and we will be releasing the third class in the computer science pathway. We will also be working to launch a teacher education pathway. Please contact us with any questions you may have, relative to your child's academic selections.

We have had many exciting things going on at the high school. . The music and visual arts programs have continued to perform well. Many community members have had the pleasure of listening to their concert performances and seeing their displayed work. We have participated in the One Act Play Festival. Our winter sports teams have worked hard and have given their best efforts.

A reminder to all community members; thanks to the generosity of the Northwestern All-Sports Association and Northwestern High School Physical Education classes now has a well-equipped fitness room. The fitness room is equipped with 2 treadmills, 2 ellipticals, upright bikes & recumbent bikes. The fitness room is located on the Northwest Corner of the High School in Room 400. The room is available to members of the Northwestern Community from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on days that the high school is in session. Northwestern Middle School students may use the equipment if accompanied by an adult. For safety reasons, we cannot allow children 11 or younger to use the equipment. Access to the fitness room may vary with the season, and the school calendar. Community members have access to the track during daylight hours. Please restrict your use to the outside four lanes to reduce the wear on the inner lanes, which have more use during athletic events. The free weight facility in the community building is also available to community members, with restrictions. During the school day it can be accessed by signing in and getting a key from the board office. If we have a physical education class using the facility, they have priority. These classes are typically scheduled from 7:20 to 9:32. After school hours the weight room is generally utilized by athletic teams, making the facility unavailable. If the board office is closed and the athletic teams have finished their practices, access to the weight room may be achieved through a coach or Northwestern staff member who has a key, but they must be on the premises with you as a supervisor. These tightened restrictions are a result of trying to be good members of the community while balancing issues related to safety and liability.

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

NHS Yearbook

LAST CALL! Class of 2018 - This is your last chance to be featured in the yearbook and in the special senior edition of the local newspapers. If you have not yet submitted a senior portrait, please email a photo to Mrs. Hudson ASAP at nrws_khudson@tccsa.net. You will receive a confirmation email upon receipt; if you do not, please contact the school for further information.

Baby photos are also past due. Your baby photos and senior portraits will be used in the yearbook AND in the graduation slideshow. Please submit your photos NOW.

Order your 2017-2018 NHS Yearbook now by visiting jostens.com! You are guaranteed the pre-order cost until May.

Limited quantities of 2016-2017 yearbooks are still available. See Mrs. Hudson to obtain yours today!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The NHS National Honor Society completed a group service project on November 29th. The group visited the West Salem Town Hall and helped to clean the old opera house/auditorium space. It was a fun day, and this service allowed a holiday event to be held in the space only a week later! Later that evening, the honor society celebrated returning members and inducted new members during the formal induction ceremony in the NHS auditorium.

Junior Post Prom Fundraisers

The junior class wants your scrap metal! Do you have old household items you want gone? There is a dumpster located behind the elementary school for scrap metal. If you have something that you need hauled away or have questions, please contact Shelli Kanzeg at 440-213-6561.

Gift Card Raffle - Over \$585 in gift cards to restaurants and other businesses! ONE lucky winner takes all! Winner will be drawn at during the

February 17th boys basketball game. Winner need not be present. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and an arm's length (approximately 14 tickets) for \$10. Contact Shelli Kanzeg at 440-213-6561 or Norma Guidetti at 330-465-8292 to get your tickets. All proceeds go to the junior class post prom.

✧ ✧ *Stay Informed* ✧ ✧

**Saturday
February 17th**

FAIR CHICKEN DINNER

\$10 (PREPAID)

Includes: 1/2 Chicken, Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Drink

Sponsored by NHS Post Prom Committee

Checks payable to: Northwestern Post Prom Class of 2019

Paid orders due NO LATER THAN February 9th to any school office or mail to Norma Guidetti, 1218 Township Road, 13, West Salem.

Questions—call or text Norma @ 330-465-8292.

WHEN: Saturday, February 17. . . .Serving 4:00 to 6:00 pm

WHERE: Northwestern Middle School Cafeteria

The girls' basketball games begin at 1 pm and the boys' basketball games begin at 6 pm. Come, enjoy a fair style chicken dinner between games!
Car side delivery available!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Texting: Y or N

Number of Meals: _____ Eat In or Take Out (circle one)



(Keep bottom portion of form as a reminder.)

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Saturday, February 17

Serving 4:00—6:00 pm @ Northwestern Middle School Cafeteria

*** You will receive a reminder call or text by February 15th. ***

Northwestern High School
Honor and Merit Roll
2nd Nine Weeks
2017-18



1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Jared Alberts, Emily Bouffard, Garrett Dever, Derik DuVall, Jr., Justin Ebert, Emily Finley, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Isabella Gill, Nicolas Grassman, Caleb Groves, Hannah Kardoheley, Margaret Linder, Nicole Russell, Mykenzie Snyder, Hunter Stidham, Cody Tegmeier, Devin Whisman, Amaya White, Austen Wood

Juniors: Weslea Arthur, Mikayla Beegle, Grace Chupp, Jaimie Critzer, Skylar Dawson, Kaylie Dye, Isabella Flickinger, Hannah Fricke, Mackenzi Gray, Cortney Hoff, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Nikolas King, Elise Krajcik, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Cael Rowland, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Brianna Shearer, Jadah Smith, Allison St. Clair, Olivia Wakefield

Sophomores: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Austin Beegle, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, James Evans, Zaine Garver, Taylor Howman, Jordan Melegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Mehli Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Aidan Spittler, Lindsey Sykes, Brianna Teal, Brock Tegmeier, Rachel Winkler

Freshmen: Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Sara Cassady, Zane Fast, Mitchell Gray, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Halie O'Loughlin, Lariah Severs, Allison Spencer, Hayden Stoller, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Taylor Dawson, Aaron Eicher, Jordan Gilbert, Peyton Hendricks, Hunter Kanzeg, Rae Rempher, Hayden Tiliske, Alyssa Toppins, Nicole Winkler

Juniors: Trenton Boatner, Tanner Carlson, Avery Crumley, Peyton Edwards, Isaac Franks, Alexis Hall, James McLaurin, Caleb Purdy, Alexandra Rowe

Sophomores: Elliot Coffman, Jordyn Ference, Logan Haven, Phillip Howman, Savannah Hunt, Natalie Mareno, Robert Martin, Makenzie Nowell, Cal Rhamy, Sarah Roder

Freshmen: Brandon Casto, Mary Nixon, Noah Pack, Robert Soueid, Betty Stevens, Hailie Tomsik, Tamar Walton, Kylie Wellert

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Jessica Bair, Bryce Beery, Madison Cook, Maverick Duncan, Brandon Feist, Skyla Harp, Jacob Hudson, Chianne Neider, Michael Nutter, April Strait

Juniors: Danielle Ballinger, Aubrey Bodager, Nicholas Burns, London Chaffee, Lindsey Ciolek, Daniel Dietrich, Gabriela Fabris Cordeiro, Raini Hershey, Nicholas Howman, Alora Hughes, Kolton Kliner, Christopher Kovacs, Tori McConnell, Carter Melicant, Jessica Moats, Cody Morrow, Camilo Rogers, Bethanie Schaefer, Shane Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Mason Taylor, Claire Vaughan

Sophomores: Shelby Anderson, Jayla Berry, Lindsay Boak, Jett Conley, Jordan Deming, Skylar Edington, Avery Garver, Rebecca Hall, Brooke Hinton, Nathaniel Hudson, Isabella Ingraham, Treyton Jester, Allison Kandel, Matthew Kobak, Chase Leighty, Riley Massengill, Sasha McConahay, Grace McCullough, Lawrence Noble, Tucker Ott, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Ceili Smith, Lydia Smith, Montana Stidham, Makayla Stormer, Kenneth Strait, Haley Webb, Matthew Yates

Freshmen: Rilee Ammon, Joseph Ballinger, Cassidy Brown, Max Carlson, Braden Colter, James Cooke, Coleston Cutter, Tyler Farner, Gerald Fricke, Mercedes Gecking, Ryan Kuhn, Jason Markley, Cole McClure, Tanner Meininger, Dakota Rainsberger, Breanna Slanczka, Nathan Stoltz, Cole Wharton

**Spaghetti Supper and
Pops Concert
March 3rd**

The Northwestern Music Boosters will be holding its annual all you can eat spaghetti dinner and pops concert March 3rd at Northwestern High School, 7473 N. Elyria road, West Salem, 5-7:30p.m.

The menu includes spaghetti, homemade meat balls and sausage, garlic bread, toss salad or apple sauce, sherbet and beverage. Prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, preschoolers are free. Carry out available.

The fifth grade band will play at 5:30p.m. and the sixth grade band will play at 6:15p.m. Seventh and eight grade students will perform at 7p.m. The high School band will play at 7:45p.m. A raffle drawing will be held at 7:30 prizes including hind quarter of beef, half hog, multiple gift card array of local restaurants, and much more. Need not be present to win.

Band members in grades five – 12 and choir members grades seven – 12 will be selling tickets for the raffle at \$1 each or six for \$5.



**March 3
5:00-7:30
pm
Don't
Miss
Out!!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Mr. Joey Brightbill
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal

Message from Mr. Brightbill:

I hope this message finds everyone warm, safe and off to a great start to 2018! Our staff and students have been working extremely hard to finish up the second quarter and begin the new academic semester.

To enhance our student's skills to become more college and career ready, our 8th grade students participated in a "Career Day" on January 11, 2018. Area professionals came to Northwestern Middle School to conduct mock interviews and listen to student presentations about their "Job Shadow Internship" students completed this year. It is much appreciated that so many local professionals came in to work and share their knowledge with our students.

The NMS library is currently getting updated as we continue to enhance our building to implement more 21st Century Skills. The library will be complete with new furniture and chairs that have the ability to move and fit together in "Pods" so that students can work independently or in groups. Along with furniture, we have installed new carpet and changed the color scheme with paint and fabric. There will be a "MakerSpace" area designated in the library so staff and students can utilize STEM related projects and resources for more hands on learning. I have added a few pictures to the article to capture the look of the library. I want to make sure to thank our custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work putting the library together over Christmas Break.

We have begun the process of looking at our master schedule for next school year. Each year we gather input from staff and students to review courses, curriculum and schedules to implement or change for the next year. Academic scheduling for 2018-2019 for students will begin sometime in February.

Students will learn about courses from the middle school and high school staff and have the opportunity to view course selection books before selecting their classes. We are proud of our career and academic pathway courses we offer here at Northwestern Middle School and we continue to review to enhance our current course options. State testing will begin at the end of March and finish early May. As the dates get closer, more testing information will be communicated with students and parents. You can view and help prepare your son or daughter for the tests at <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>.

As always, we value community input, thoughts and ideas. Thank you for your continued support for Northwestern Middle School.

Best Wishes
Mr. Joey Brightbill
NMS Principal

Reminder: Parent/Guardian Drop off and Pick-Up

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



Mr. Kimmich's Design and Modeling
8th grade students work with Mrs. Lee's Kindergarten students on a Christmas ornament project. While in the STEM lab, the students were visited by a special guest, Santa Claus (Mr. Layton). Santa read all the students a Christmas story and passed out gifts that were STEM related.



Northwestern Middle School students participate in their "Mock Interviews" during the Career Fairy Day.

NMS UPCOMING DATES

January 24- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
 January 30- Wayne County Spelling Bee 7:00pm
 February 1- Early Release for Professional Development
 February 15 - Science Fair Judging
 Early Release for Professional Development
 February 16 & 19- No School
 February 23- End of the 3rd quarter
 March 1- Early Release for Professional Development
 March 15- Early Release for Professional Development
 March 26-30- Spring Break

Middle School News

Academic Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks 2017-18

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Shayna Allshouse, Jacqueline Barington, Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Sarah Miller, Emma Nicholson, Alexus Sandy, Clara Zemancik

7TH GRADE: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Karissa Groves, Melanie Imhoff, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Daylie Rickard, Morgan Sexten, Lauren Vaughan, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter Samantha Yates

6TH GRADE: Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Logan Garman, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Jacob Heubner, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Caydence Scale, Hunter Sciortino, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeyer, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Joshua Webel, Jonathon Widdows

All "A" and "B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Weston Arthur, Rylee Dawson, Addison DeSanto, Grant Dever, Zoey Dudte, Stefanie Ecker, Laurissa Fulton, Taylor Haley, Gabe Hendricks, Cassandra Hiner, Jameson Holtz, Ariel Hughes, Nathaniel Jackson, Riley James, Kathleen Kindall, Margaret McCullough, Ethan Miller, Gunnar Mullet, Jake Newcombe, Emily Reed, Tori Rogers, Allison Rowland, Kaylyn Smith, Rachel Smithberger, Ryan Walter

7TH GRADE: Jozielynn Brenner, Carissa Brinker Brooklyn Buzzard, Gabriel Chupp, Arianna Firebaugh, Harper Flores, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Alexa Hively, Cole Hoffer, Anthony Huber, Lindsey Luther, Jacquelyn McLaurin, Charleigh McMillan, Louisa Morris, Ava O'Loughlin, Julia Ours, Trenton Sigler, Ava Stoller, Shelby Thorpe, Isabella Vacco, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson

6TH GRADE: Emma Adkison, Brandon Barnette Leona Buettner, Kara Burgan, Hayden Cline, Rylie Dugan, Jacob Farner, Owen Ferriman, Cayden Fiala, Kendra Flickinger

Jacoby Gilbert, Gavin Hines, Madalyne Hunt, Mikalah Jones, Jocelyn Lucas, Benjamin MacFarland, Faith Maiher, Alexzander Maxwell, Julia Norby, Zoey Oldaker, Bradley Randall, Gabriella Ream, Hattie Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Aiden Sklenicka, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Ivy Wintrow, McKenna Witucki, Josie Wright



Northwestern High School's ONE ACT PLAY participants.



Pictured below are the crafts that the sixth graders made and gave to the residents at the nursing homes. They loved them!



NMS 6th Grade Visit Nursing Homes

The 6th graders' Caroling day in December was postponed due to the weather. We were able to visit 3 nursing homes on January 11th, sharing the Christmas JOY with singing, the band playing, stories, conversation, and witnessing the relationship bonding with children and the elderly. We are very proud of our students and the joy that they brought to all that they encountered.



Mrs. Rachel Beun
Northwestern
Middle School
Assistant Principal



NMS CAREER FAIR

On Thursday, January 11, students in Mrs. St. Clair's English classes participated in their very first Career Fair. Unlike other career fairs where area professionals come to the school to share their expertise with students, the students, in this case, were the ones presenting the career information. Each student participated in two separate events during the morning, which involved Job Shadow presentations and Student Mock Interviews.

The Career Fair was developed to allow students the opportunity to share their career expertise with area professionals. The presentation segment of the morning involved students presenting their Job Shadow project to their peers, a teacher, and a professional who had experience in that area/field. Student presentations were designed to share both research information, as well as, their observations during their job shadow experience, where students are given a day from school to work within their field or to go on a field trip. Students were required to have a prepared presentation to share with the group that accurately described the career that they chose. Students also fielded questions from the adults at the end of their presentation.

"I would hire you tomorrow," was among the comments students heard during the mock interview process, which was the second part of the morning. Participating in this segment, students were interviewed individually by one of multiple area professionals who volunteered.

Students rotated through the gym in the morning, visiting different tables and professionals. Throughout their session, students received both verbal and written feedback on their performance. Each volunteer was instructed to coach students on their interview skills, allowing for students to practice and understand the skills necessary for a successful interview.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS!!

The comments about the Career Fair was overwhelmingly positive from students, staff, and the professionals who volunteered to help. By the end of the morning, most students were able to speak with multiple adults and professionals, which allowed for both student practice and valuable feedback. By allowing students to practice both their presentation and interview skills, students were able to learn from professionals about the expectations in today's job market, helping them to better prepare for future opportunities. The Career Fair is one of the many ways that NMS continues to strive to meet our district mission statement- "preparing students today for tomorrow's opportunities!"

Cookies and Canvas Night...A FUNdraiser!

The first cookies and canvas night was a huge success! The Northwestern art teachers would like to give their thanks to the talented community for participating, volunteers who helped out during the event, and all of FCS for baking the cookies! All of the money raised will be going towards the art clubs and the art programs as a whole. We plan on holding more Cookies and Canvas events in the fall, winter, and spring of next school year!



NW ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Julie McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal

Northwestern Elementary has been off and running with the New Year. The first semester of the 2017-2018 school year was very busy! Teachers and students are enjoying the new technology in the classrooms and library. The Makerspace projects have been amazing and the students have been extremely excited to participate in them. The students are starting to gear up for Science Fair. Please join us for Family Science Fair Night on February 21st from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The Science Fair projects will be displayed in the hallway.

Parents continued support of our fundraisers has been so gracious. Our PTO is thriving again which allows for added resources in the classrooms, and wonderful assemblies that our students enjoy so much and that have enriched our school. One assembly that we will be able to bring back is COSI on Wheels. This was discussed at the PTO meeting that was held on January 16. Please feel free to join us the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm in the Library. We are always looking for feedback, new programs and volunteers to help with the events we have at our school. These events include Book Fair, Santa Shop, Grandparents Day and FUN FAIR which will be taking place April 20th.

Northwestern Elementary and Northwestern High School are teaming together with ANAZAO Community partners to create a Youth-led Mentoring Program called "Husky Buddies". Husky Buddies uses a peer mentoring approach with high school student leaders being trained to work with elementary students.

The high school students provide encouragement, friendship and role modeling.

Participation in the Husky Buddy program is voluntary for the elementary and high school students. It is overseen by school student services staff and building principals. A big Thank You to Dawn Wiles, Steve McCumber, Mike Burkholder and Anazao for helping develop the program.

Working Together Corner

Student Success depends heavily on school and home working together. The word "MINDSET" and "DETERMINATION" are words used often at NES. Students need to hear these words from parents and staff in relation to making an effort, working hard, never giving up, and planning ahead are all important. We need to encourage students to set reasonable expectations, and celebrate with them when they make progress toward their goal. In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and 'smartness' can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math for example, that translates into "some people are good at math and some are not." Did you know that praising efforts, rather than intelligence or results, can impact a child's ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. That is where "The Power of YET" comes into play! For example, "I may not understand this math problem yet!" Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain. When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. How can we all help? Here are some simple ways through conversations that take place at home and the school environment.

- Adding "yet" when they claim they are "not good at this"
- Respond: You are not good at it "yet."

- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (What did you learn today? What mistakes did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?)

Thomas Edison said that he did not fail at making the light bulb one thousand times, but rather that "the light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps."

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot... and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed." (Michael Jordan)



Mrs. Tiano's kindergarten class. They discussed the process of how to make a life-size gingerbread man. They had to problem solve and come up with what they needed to complete this gingerbread man.



Northwestern Elementary

Grinch Day fruit snacks created by second grade students

Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks
2017-18

3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Altman, Ryleigh Farnar, Madison Frazier, Reed Hamey, Aiden Mausolf, Jace Rickard, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Kezia Weaver, Luke Wilkinson, Grace Wilson

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Kaylee Cherry, Hayden Sigler, Audrina Smith, Josey Thomas

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jack Belding, Harmony Blake, Sara Corn, Bladen Friend, Mallory Gilbert, Ashton Good, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Kelli Kearney, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Gabriel Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Chloe Starcher, Jule Stoller, Bella Stutz, Taylor Wurst

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Cameron Beck, Laci Butler, Jacob Cerklefskie, Jasmine Clark, Riley Damon, Garrett Diehl, Landon Dominguez, Elaina Donnelly, Emma Fricke, Riley Graham, Riley Grier, Kenzie Hastings, Chloe Heater, Jake Howman, Lucas Jenkins, Brice Kick, Austin Kovacs, Carter Maxwell, Lucas Mooney, Sophia Morris, Owen Murphy, Brooke Nolletti, Bryce Nussbaum, Charlotte Radcliff, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Abner Rodriguez, Mason Salem, Daniel Shakan, Bricen Snow, Tim Spencer, Autumn Stamp, Makenna Stansfield, Nichole Troyan, Selena Velez, Abby Webel, Alivia Welch, Allie Wellert, Veda Wickens, Elijah Wilson, Alexandra Yoder

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Sophia Ahrendt, Camryn Boak, Claire Buchholz, James Cassady, Adelynn Cassidy, Corbin Chanay, Addy Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Jason Diehl, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Logan Fiala, Adam Franks, C.J. Frybarger, Mason Gray, Caden Grier, Coralyn Hall, Jenna Hjerpe, Gabi Klinect, Kolten McKinley, Chet McNeil, Lexie Palker, Mia Rosales, Collin Rouse, Millie Sexten, Alaric Trimble, Austin Webb, Holly Widdows, Cy Witmer, Audri Yeagley, Mackenzie Zahradnick

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Keira Beard, Isaac Beun, Philip Boehm, Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Gabby Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Natalie Dobbins, Morgan Ervin, Braiden Franks, Nathaniel Fulton, Caeden Graham, Aaron Hales, Jacob Haley, Will Hamey, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Taya Kaufman, Jesse Kimble, Noah Lee, Cole Loy, Colton Mark, Lacey Mark, Lilly May, Dani, McClure, Mason Meininger, Colton Miller, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Kalyn Nelson, Emilie, Ott, Jenifer Rodriguez Alonzo, Cheyenne Sadler, Logan Shriver, Beth Siedlack, Benjamin Spencer, Braydan Springer, Rylee Stafford, Alexandra Stoltz, Heidi Topp, Alysa Troyan, Josh Webel, Jailynn Woodruff



Kindergarten Christmas Concert



WINTER IS COLD
THERE IS SNOW IN THE SKY
THE SQUIRREL GATHER NUTS
AND THE WILD GEESE FLY
THE FLUFFY RED FOX
HAS HIS FUR TO KEEP WARM
THE BEAR'S IN HER CAVE
SLEEPING ALL THRU THE STORM

Elementary Highlights



STEM Preschool was working hard on their elf tool belts! They also shared their pet reindeer stories!



STEM CHALLENGE

Build the tallest tree

We did a STEM challenge to see who could build the tallest Christmas tree. The class all had 25 cups and they worked in groups of 3. They had 30 minutes to try to build the tallest tree. Two teams tied in the challenge with their trees both measuring at 48 inches!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-19 school year kindergarten class will be held March 20th & March 21st at the Mohican Church of the Brethren. The church is located at 7759 North Elyria Road, West Salem. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1st, 2018, please call the school to schedule an appointment for the screening.

Stem Preschool Students working on their cinnamon ornaments. They had to knead, roll, and flatten the dough.



STEM PRESCHOOL

Students learning about jobs within a school building. Mr. Phelps showing them his floor cleaning machine. He demonstrated the machine and explained it to the students. He uses this machine to keep our school clean.



Appointment times will be available starting Feb. 1st

Please call 419-846-3519, ext. 3101 to schedule your child's screening time.

Registration Day

Please bring your child, birth certificate, immunization records, any custody papers that may apply, driver's license (w current address), and proof of residency (it can be a utility bill or junk mail with your name and address on it). You will also need to know your child's social security number for some of the paperwork.

Northwestern STEM Preschool

Everything you **IMAGINE**, you can do...and whatever you **DREAM** will come true!



Simply **THE BEST** start for your child!

A wise Investment & Value for your child's future!

Northwestern is the **ONLY K-12 STEM** School District in Ohio - as designed by **OSLN!**

About

Northwestern Preschool is an inquiry based/STEM support approach to early learning. It is our objective to meet the needs of young learners through creative thinking, problem solving, and using their critical thinking skills in all curricular areas. The classroom environment stimulates self-motivated learning along with fostering responsibility, self-discipline, and confidence.

Applying

A \$20.00 application fee is required for the 2018-2019 school year registration! Applications available on our website and may be picked up at Northwestern Elementary Office or Northwestern Local Schools Board of Education Office.

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS April 30, 2018
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Tuition

Tuition is \$198.00 per month. If you have already paid a current preschool registration fee from another school, it will be reimbursed upon acceptance (with receipt).

Northwestern Elementary School
7334 N. Elyria Rd.
West Salem, OH 44287
419-846-3519

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

Mrs. Hartzler's Kindergarten Class.

We finished our unit on Martin Luther King with a STEM Project. The children learned that Martin Luther King is a famous American. They first drew a plan and then they were to build a Monument in his honor.



Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association has been busy preparing for this year's induction ceremony. A selection committee of Northwestern alumni and friends was assembled and given the task of determining the most worthy to be included in the 2018 HOF/HOH class of inductees from the nomination forms submitted by members of the community. A total of six individuals will be recognized at the ceremony on June 23, 2018. Their names will be published when all inductees have received their congratulatory packets!

The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association welcome more involvement by the area and not in area graduates and/or attendees of Northwestern High School, Chester High or Elementary, West Salem Elementary, or Congress School/Junior High. As a group, we encourage nominations for any graduate/attendee and any 'friend' who have or is felt to have contributed to the community and beyond our local area such as Iowa, Africa, Middle East, etc. in any capacity. These forms can be downloaded from www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us or picked up at the high school administrative office.

After the induction ceremony on June 23, 2018, the NWAFA will host a banquet. This annual event brings together reunion year classmates with designated years being honored by the NWAFA. A reservation form are available in the next two editions of this newsletter, may be picked up in each of the school offices and board offices, and from www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us. Reservations must be received by May 31, 2018 with payment enclosed to the banquet treasurer, Helen Raudebaugh.

The next meeting of the Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association will be held on February 8, 2018 at 7 pm in the high school library. Any questions or concerns please bring to the meeting or e-mail af46@zips.uakron.edu.



**NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Fifteenth Annual NW Reunion & Community Banquet
Seventh Biennial Alumni Hall of Fame/Community Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony**

Saturday June 23, 2018 at Northwestern High School

Induction ceremony is free & open to the public in the School Auditorium at 3:30. p.m.

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

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

Children 6 thru 11 - \$9.50, Children 12 thru Adult \$19.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE May 31, 2018; Reservations not confirmed without payment.

The 50 year class of 1968, and 60 Year class of 1958 will be recognized.

For a downloadable on-line printable reservation form visit:

www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us

Click on Alumni link then on reservation

For further information contact any of the following;

Richard & Jo-An Young: 330-264-6847; e-mail, oldload2@juno.com

Helen Raudebaugh: 330-264-0253; e-mail, raudebaugh1@outlook.com

Dwight & Judy Wasson: 330-465-5943; email, dwightwasson@yahoo.com

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Dinner Reservation Form
RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2017; non-refundable, not confirmed without payment.

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

Children under 5 __, 6 thru 11 __, 12 thru Adult __.

TOTAL # attending _____

Mail To; Helen Raudebaugh, 1579 Avalon, Wooster, OH 44691

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION & NAMES as you want them to appear on NAME TAGS

NAME _____ NW grad __ Yes __ No NW Class of _____

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Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with 2018 HOF/HOH Ceremonies

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

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

The Association is tax exempt. Donations of \$25.00 or more will receive a receipt.

Northwestern FFA



FFA Members Ring Bells for the Salvation Army

On December 21st, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in bell ringing at Walmart in Wooster. The Chapter volunteered to ring bells from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to help the Salvation Army raise money for those in need. Members signed up in 1 hour shifts with one or 2 other people. Rae Rempfer, Emily Finley, Travis Cochran, Dylan Martin, Brock Tegtmeier, Austin Beegle, McKenzi Snyder, Cole Marley, Silas Smith, Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson, Jordan Melegari, Claire Vaughan, Leeanna Ruegg, Allison Ruegg, Desiree Smith, Cassidy Brown, Briana Troyan, Riley Stull, Mercedes Gerking, Sara Cassady, Devon Malcomb, Cody Morrow, Kyle Badger, Abby Ramseyer, Savanna Hunt, Maddy Cherry, Dylan Martin, Spencer Garrison, Jeff Guidetti, Kaitlyn Praisler, Avery Garver, Jazon LeMaster, Jayla Berry, Malibu Hess, Jessie Bair, Tori McConnell, Austen Wood, and Cody Tegtmeier all volunteered their time and rang bells.

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is thankful for the opportunity to ring bells and is looking forward to participating in this project in future years



Northwestern FFA Parliamentary Procedure Teams Compete at State

On Saturday, December 16th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to The Ohio State University for the state parliamentary procedure contest. Both teams qualified to compete at the state contest by placing 1st at the district level.

The varsity parliamentary procedure team consisted of Brock Tegtmeier (Chair), Austen Wood, Cody Tegtmeier, Kyle Piscione (Secretary), Cody Morrow, and David Miley. Zach Smith and Jessie Bair were the team's alternates. The team placed 3rd in the semi-finals.

The novice parliamentary procedure team was made up of The novice team consisted of, Sara Cassady (Chair), Riley Stull (Chair), Craig Wellert, Desiree Smith, Haley Wilson, Valerie Imhoff, Cole Wharton, and Lizzy Howman. The team placed 5th overall in the state.

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



The Novice Parliamentary Procedure Team (from left to right): Craig Wellert, Desiree Smith, Riley Stull, Haley Wilson, Sara Cassady, Valerie Imhoff, Lizzy Howman, and Cole Wharton.



The Advance Parliamentary Procedure Team (from left to right): Zach Smith, Brock Tegtmeier, Jessie Bair, Austen Wood, David Miley, Kyle Piscione, Cody Morrow, and Cody Tegtmeier.



FFA articles written and submitted by Emily Finley Reporter Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter Northwestern High School



Northwestern FFA Member Competes in State Job Interview

On Saturday, December 2nd, Emily Finley, daughter of Chuck and Jean Finley, competed in the State Job Interview contest in Columbus, where she placed 9th in her division consisting of 4th year FFA members.

This career development event is designed to give FFA members the opportunity to learn about the interviewing process, as well as practice interviewing for a job. Members are required to fill out a job application, complete a cover letter, create a resume participate in a mock interview, and complete a follow up letter.



Northwestern 6th Grade Washington DC Trip Auction

When: March 9, 2018 starting at 5:00 p.m. - Purchasing of Gift Certificates

March 10, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. Auction

Where: Northwestern Middle School
Weekly updates are made to our auction website:

<http://nms6thevents.weebly.com/auction-items.html>

**** Northwestern High School GUIDANCE NOTES****

It's always hard to believe when we're midway through the year and already gearing up for next year. Scheduling presentations to students to receive information about selecting classes for next year will take place in February. I hope you'll be able to attend the annual parent scheduling meeting to hear about course options for next year and all the options we are able to offer our students; details on the meeting will coming on daily announcements. I am proud of the work our seniors have been doing on college applications and career planning through the Naviance system. Almost 50% of our seniors have submitted college applications to 2-year and 4-year schools, with most students applying to at least 3 colleges. Scholarship announcements are added on Naviance as information is received. Through Senior Seminar, Internships, Apprenticeships, and our Senior Capstone classes, seniors are also receiving practical, hands-on career training and learning valuable real-world skills that employers are seeking.

Please be sure to check out the Guidance site for exciting Summer Opportunities for students including internships, camps, etc.

Congratulations to our 8 sophomores and juniors who self-selected to take the PSAT in October. All 8 students performed above the 50th percentile compared to all other students nationwide who tested. We also have four students who scored at 90th percentile or above: Claire Bond, Cortney Hoff, Katie Koontz, and Olivia Wakefield. Katie and Olivia scored in the top 1% of all juniors in the country, and we are looking forward to see if they advance in the National Merit Scholarship selection process.

A few reminders for upcoming dates/events of things happening at the high school:

- February 27: Juniors will take the state ACT at the high school. This is offered at no cost to families and students do NOT register online for this particular test only.
- March 9: Regular deadline to register for the national April 14th ACT. Students must register themselves online at www.act.org. This is an important test for any student interested in College Credit Plus (CCP) next year if they have not already taken the ACT and received a qualifying score.
- April 1: Any student interested in CCP for next year must have returned a completed "CCP Intent Form" to the Guidance Office. See guidance or download the form from the Guidance website.





The Northwestern Middle School library updates! Along with Husky colors, there are colors of “Lime Green” and “Teal” accents throughout the room. NMS students pictured here are enjoying the new lounge chairs and rolling desks in the library.



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