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A Note From Our Superintendent...November Levy Information!

Northwestern will be on the ballot in November, 2015 for an Emergency Levy that will be proposed to replace the expiring HS Bond Property Tax with operating property tax of the same amount. As gatekeepers our Board of Education and administrators have continued managing our funds efficiently while continually improving our quality educational programs. Being a premier, innovative school district while remaining financially prudent is challenging – especially in the face of the unrelenting state and federal funding cuts. Our Northwestern community cannot allow ourselves to follow the downward spiral of several nearby districts struggling with both budget deficits and struggling educational programs. It takes stable and sufficient funding to ensure that we remain a premier and excellent school district for the future of our children and the future of our community. As Northwestern superintendent for the past 10 years and hopefully superintendent for the next 10 years these are my words of wisdom this issue.

Here are some details regarding the proposed Levy:

1. Our schools have a definite NEED for these funds. In fact, without these additional funds we will be forced to cut programs and staff.
2. Our schools have done everything imaginable to increase revenue and decrease costs, yet are deficit spending and are basically at the bottom of the barrel with a dwindling carry-over account balance that will soon be gone.
3. Northwestern does not receive the additional taxes paid by the large State CAUV tax increase for Agricultural Business. The state benefits directly, the district only receives some slight residual funding as a result of the complicated state funding formula because we are at the 20 mil

property tax floor.

4. This Levy will not increase what our taxpayers are currently paying in property taxes. In fact, there will be no change in property taxes if the levy is passed.

5. This Levy will provide sufficient funds to operate our schools and continue our outstanding academic programs through the payoff of our OSFC school building projects which expire in 2024!

NEED - STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS:

State. The Governor's recommended budget for the next two years again reduces funding for low wealth rural schools as the last two-year budget did, while increasing funding for city schools, wealthy suburban schools, and 100% of charter schools. I will address this in a separate article. However, it is important to note that Northwestern is projected to be cut \$118,905 in state funding in SY 2015-2016, then receive some of that back - \$109,000 in 2016-2017. In essence, Northwestern is expected to see a state funding cut of nearly \$129,000 over the next two years. In the meantime the state is expected to again cut ESC (Tri-County Educational Service Center would be affected) by 25%, which means they will have to pass on more of their costs to us and other area schools. Cuts to the ESC are not all that this budget is cutting. Cuts to other agencies we work with will also result in increasing costs to us as a result of their billing more costs onto local schools.

By-The-Way. Lottery funds, which had been used by legislators to displace other school funding for years, now has also been taken away from schools – these funds are now being used by the state to pay the select few districts through politically awarded “Straight A Fund Grants” and urban “Community Grants”.

Federal. We received word recently that we can anticipate continuing federal funding cuts in Title IIA (for reducing class sizes) of roughly \$5,000 over the next several years with a continuing downward trend. Also, that cuts in Title I (low wealth), IDEA (special education), and other federally funded programs will follow. The reason stated is that they have sequester limits and are required to share these available public tax dollars to private charter schools for those students as well.

Lesa Forbes and I met with Bond Council Rick Manoloff regarding a 10-year Emergency Levy for Nov. He will be providing required language/resolutions & official ballot language that the Northwestern Board of Education is expected to approve at the April & a summer Board of Education meetings. This levy is times to replace the current HS bond issue at its expiration so there will be **NO INCREASE IN CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES!** We have been striving to stretch our dollars to get to this January 2017 date to hold the line on property taxes and avoid any increase. I anticipate this levy to carry us financially beyond our 2024 payoff of the OSFC buildings project, at which point the district will be debt-free!

HEATING & COOLING, MECHANICAL, FACILITY NEEDS:

Our newest building is now 12 years old. Our MS and HS are much older. In some situations there have been mechanical and HVAC issues since their construction, in others motors and systems have simply worn-out and need updated or replaced. In addition, parking lots cost much more to maintain than in the past. Asphalt and sealcoating alone requires significant funding annually. Add replacing carpet, tile, and other infrastructure updates and replacement items, the increasing costs for these repairs, and one can easily see that eventually we need to increase revenue to pay for these needs to ensure our facilities remain safe, clean, usable, and efficient.

EFFICIENT OPERATIONS:

Northwestern has worked both harder and smarter to reduce costs while at the same time increasing revenue and improving programs. It has been over 25 years since an operating levy was last requested and received here in Northwestern (I shared this with the BASA organization recently and was told that there are fewer Ohio schools than there are fingers on one hand who have gone over 25 years without additional property taxes for operating – so we have done exceedingly well at being frugal). Purposeful, careful spending and seeking better ways to operate have stretched our dollars to this point. Our successfully operating on a lean budget has been accomplished through:

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From the Superintendent

Efficient Operations, continued

- Reorganizing Personnel (We have reduced staffing through reducing staff through attrition, combining positions and/or responsibilities, and aligning for greater cost efficiency. We have reduced bus routes, reduces support staff, subcontracting when it makes sense to, and reduced teachers while improving programs and education for students – effectively reducing our budget by hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.)

- Sharing Services and Personnel (Shared agreements with Tri-County ESC, Ida Sue MRDD, Head Start, Hillsdale, Loudonville-Perrysville, West Salem Village, etc. – these agreements save Northwestern more than \$200,000 each year).

- Pursuing Grants & Donations (We have received more than \$125,000 in grant awards, foundation contributions, and business contributions over the past two school years. More than \$100,000 in grants have been written this spring already with additional proposals being written throughout this spring, summer, and fall).

- Pursuing Additional Funding (Northwestern was the first public school in Ohio three years ago to pursue Peterson Scholarship Funding. We anticipate receiving more than \$150,000 this year through this additional funding source, which supports costs for our students with disabilities. We also will receive over \$1,000,000 in funding for incoming open enrolled students this school year. Finally, we anticipate over \$100,000 in weighted funds next year as a result of our strong Agricultural Science, Family & Consumer Science, and numerous STEM Courses. The reasons these particular courses cost us little to sustain include our faculty restructuring, weighted funds received for supplies and equipment, and teacher creativity in minimizing purchases through creative methods and equipment use. In spite of the additional funding, which has allowed us to stretch our dollars this far, the additional state and federal mandates, budget cuts, and simple inflation have resulted in the well

running dry and the need to seek additional funds locally through a levy).

- Dedicated Faculty, Staff, Administrators, and Board Members (Our people give their ALL – extra effort, extra time, extra stress, and extra attention to students who need this – with salaries that are marginal and in the middle average range. The Teacher and Classified Employee Unions have worked well with our Board of Education for the good of our students and maintaining a fair wage. Our teachers, staff, and administrators sacrifice time in the summers for professional development willingly – with very little or in most cases no additional compensation. Many teachers essentially have less than 4 weeks off in the summers).

We anticipate formation of a levy support committee in the near future. We will share this information once we are made aware of formation of a committee. Please check our website for levy committee information or call me for more information or if interested in forming or chairing the committee – 419-846-3151.

There will be levy information sharing & discussion meetings that will be scheduled Aug. through Nov. Lesa Forbes and I are pleased to answer any questions outside of these meetings through summer & fall community coffee cluster meetings (TBA), and we will make additional information available on our website. We welcome visitors to the district office to discuss our finances, needs, numerous unfunded mandates, our amazing school programs, as well as excellent performance data. We are proud of the excellent education we provide our students through a common sense and frugal school operation. Our dedicated teachers, strong leadership, and supportive community support our continued excellence, innovation, and mission 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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STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) Showcase

Northwestern has a history of holding a “Night with the Arts” where we celebrate the arts the evening of our spring concert. As a result of numerous questions and conversations from community members about our STEM programs we featured STEM programs in the HS library the day of our annual Washington, D.C. Auction and Ruritans annual Sausage and Pancake Day. This will become an annual showcase.

Thank you to our community, for supporting the great works of our Northwestern Ruritans, supporting our 6th Grade Washington, D.C. trip, and for taking note of the following:

- our traditional Wood Technology Furniture & Art set-up in the HS Commons

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

STEM Program and Robotics displays were viewable in the HS Library:

- Elementary School STEM program pilot

- Numerous Middle School STEM courses and projects

- High School STEM courses and projects

- Science Fair Projects. Northwestern has dominated our regional Science Fair held in Ashland and more Northwestern students have earned awards and trips to the state science fair than any other district by far the past four years!

- Pictures, display, and information of our Northwestern District “Innovation Station STEM Lab”

- Robotics Course, Renewable-Clean Energy, Digital Electronics, and Robots!



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

July 22nd

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

District NEWS!

5-Year Northwestern Strategic Plan Revision Committee

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

EVENT: Strategic Plan Meeting

TENTATIVE DATES AND TIMES: Meeting #1 June 8th, 5-6:30PM

Meeting #2 Aug. 10th 5-6:30PM

PLACE: Northwestern High School Library

TIME COMMITMENT: Both meetings listed above and one or two subcommittee meetings as determined by subcommittees

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

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

We are in need of renewing our current 2010-2015 5-Year School District Strategic Plan, then approving this revised plan for 5 additional years in the future – 2015-2020. This helps us to base our goals and objectives on the most recent data and allows us to refocus our efforts on relevant continuous improvement needs so we can best serve our students and our community. It is an important time to review and recalibrate in an effort to clarify our direction as a school district. Common Core Curriculum, financial challenges, technology integration, new generation of state assessments, collaborations are some of the many important topics for consideration. Northwestern has seen fantastic success as we have adapted to the changes and mandates in these and other areas in the current turbulent environment.

The strategic plan focuses on the vision of our school district and has guided us in our current positive direction. It will likely include the following 7 general areas:

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

These are the steps of the revision process:

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

5. Individual group meetings scheduled by subcommittees.

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

7. October, 2015: Tentative Strategic Plan Completed.

CONTACT: I have a short list of individuals who have expressed interest over the past year. Others please contact Superintendent Jeffrey Layton to be an involved participant. If interested please contact me and leave the following information: Name, E-mail address and best telephone number to reach you.

You can contact Jeff Layton by telephone or e-mail

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These meetings are for the collaboration of any past participants of the Strategic Plan Committee, as well as any staff-member, interested student, parent or community member wanting to be a positive participant in this process. Communications, structure clarifications, and dates of meetings will be communicated via e-mail or telephone as the process moves forward and dates are set.

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

Some of the information discussed will include:

Survey data
Elementary School Data
Middle School Data
High School Data
Current Curriculum and Course Offerings
State Common CORE Curriculum Requirements
Budget and Financial Information
Dual college credit options
State Grade Card Performance Data
Adequate Yearly Progress Data
General Value-Added Data
Attendance Data
Graduation Data
Subgroup data (students with disabilities, at risk students, gifted students)

COME BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!

Home of the Huskies

FOLLOW US ON NORTHWESTERN TWITTER!

Please register for our Northwestern "Twitter" account!

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

We initiated this account last October and have sent hundreds of tweets since!

We generally send 1 to 2 tweets per building per week.

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

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

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

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Delivering a "World Class" Education! 21st Century Skills! Student Engagement!
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Character Education! Individualized Instruction! French! Fine Arts!
Extra Help Sessions! Senior Seminar Capstone Project Flexible Credit Options!
K-12 STEM School! "Husky Huddle" Student-Staff Mentorship Programs !
High School Associate's Degree Program! Enrichment/Acceleration/Gifted/Post-Secondary Courses!

Caring, hard-working, dedicated people employed throughout Northwestern!
Small, individualized classrooms!

Extraordinary community support!

Numerous extra-curricular programs, athletics, arts, drama, and many clubs and activities!

High Expectations: Did you know that over the past 4 years more than 75% of Northwestern 8th Gr. Students have completed Algebra I before entering High School?

- * Over \$5 million in scholarships received over the past 4 graduating classes!
- * "Excellent" Ohio Dept. of Education rating – eight consecutive years!
- * HS-State Superintendent "School of Honor" (2013-2014)
- * HS-National SREB Gold Award! (2013-2014)
- * HS – State Superintendent "School of Promise" (2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2012-2013)
- * MS-National SREB Math Achievement Award! (2013-2014)
- * MS – State Superintendent "School of Promise" (2007-2008, 2009-2010)
- * ES – State Superintendent School of Promise" (2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009)
- * Lighthouse district – innovative, teachers present regionally, state-wide, and nationally
- * Before-After School Programs.
- * Outstanding, state-of-the art facilities, libraries, and labs!
- * Applied & Advanced use of Technology in all classrooms!

Sign-up for Twitter – Follow Northwestern On Your Mobile Device!

We are hearing from numerous parents and community members who are following district tweets on our twitter account! We have over 150 followers and would like to increase our following! This is a great way to get quick pics and information about our great activities in and out of the classroom. Hopefully we can get over 500 followers by the summer!

Stay Informed



Northwestern School District – a 10-years of Excellence & Innovation!!

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

We are especially proud of our innovative project-based learning environment, required Senior and 8th Grade Career Capstone courses, STEM programs, Husky Huddle Advisor-Advisee, Career Pathways and Exploration programs, job-shadowing, internships, as well as “Innovation Station” District STEM Lab.

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

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

Summary continued

- 2007 4-course biomedical PLTW STEM program initiated
- 2007 middle school Gateway to Technology PLTW STEM courses added (Engineering Design, Flight & Space)
- Attainment of 50 credit hours of dual college coursework available on Northwestern campus
- 2008 Membership in Northeast Ohio BioScience Consortium - ongoing
- 2006 introduction of middle school “Husky Huddle” student-teacher mentor program
- 2009 Membership in BioOhio – ongoing
- 2009 Awarded K-8 “Program of Excellence” STEM Grant
- 2010 Goal Benchmark: First year of more than 75% of 8th grade students completing Algebra I prior to entering high school (we have attained this for the past 5 consecutive years!)
- 2010 Competitive after school Robotics Club formed
- 2010 High School 4-year Biomedical program earns national accreditation
- 2010 High School 4-year Engineering program earns national accreditation
- 2011 Pilot and initial year of our Middle School Medical Detectives Biomedical course
- 2012 Introduction of 8th Grade Career Capstone course requirement
- 2013 inclusion of smart phone “App Design” within computer networking class
- 2013-2015 transitioning our Tech I course from high school to middle school
- 2014 (spring) Northwestern Middle School named by OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network) “Ohio STEM Designated School” (1 of 25 schools in Ohio)
- 2014 (spring) Northwestern High School named OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network) “Ohio STEM Designated School” (1 of 25 schools in Ohio)
- 2014 Sitting member of the Wayne County Economic Development WIN (Regional

Workforce Innovations Network) Committee and active in Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce

- 2014 75% ratio of student to device (Chrome Book, Ipad, laptop, and few remaining desktops)
- 2014 \$10,000 Martha Holden Jennings Award
- (fall) “Inspiration Station District/Community STEM Lab” dedication (includes 4 helicopter drones, 2 3-D printers, more than \$10,000 in robotics equipment, laser engraver, ShopBot tabletop CNC router, and full sized industrial CNC machine, desktops, laptops, several action cameras, etc.)
- 2014 (fall) Full Time middle school STEM Teacher employed (quadrupling our Gateway to Technology PLTW STEM and general STEM courses – we now offer 10 Middle School STEM courses: Design & Modeling, Environmental Design, Smart Historians & Architecture, Science in Technology, Electricity, Scientific Inventions, Agricultural Science, Green architecture, Agri-STEM, as well as Automation & Robotics). Northwestern Middle School offers more than 30 electives for students to explore and pursue potential careers!
- 2014 (fall) Robotics becomes a high school course
- 2014 (winter) Membership in Ohio ILN (Innovation Lab Network) 1 of only 16 member districts
- 2014-2015 SY Project-Based Learning teacher professional development throughout year
- 2015 (fall) Full implementation of K-5 PLTW STEM programs
- 2015 (fall) establishing high school Clean/Renewable Energy SREB (Southern Regional Education Board) STEM program (4-year phase-in of 4 program course)
- 2015 (fall) Anticipated Dual Associates Degree/High School Diploma in BioScience articulation agreement with North Central State College



EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Continued

- 2015-2016 SY Planned hosting Intensive Project-Based Learning teacher professional development regionally
- 2015 (fall) implementation of K-5 PLTW STEM programs
- 2016 (fall) establishing high school Computer Sciences PLTW STEM program (4-year phase-in of 6 program 9-12 grade course)
- Proposing establishing high school Computer Sciences PLTW STEM program (4-year phase-in of 6 program 9-12 grade course)

Awards/Accomplishments:

* Northwestern MS and Northwestern HS each approved "OSLN Ohio STEM School Designation"

* Over 5 million in scholarships over the past four graduating classes (doubling the prior four years)

* "Excellent" Ohio Dept. of Education rating – eight consecutive years and 9 of last 10 years

* HS – State Superintendent "School of Honor" (2013-2014)

* HS – National SREB "Gold High School Award" (2013-2014)

* HS – State Superintendent "School of Promise" (2009-2010, 10-11, 11-12, 12-13, 13-14)

* MS – SREB National Math Rigor and Improvement Award (2013-2014)

* SREB National Depth of Implementation Award (2012-2013)

* MS – State Superintendent "School of Promise" (2007-2008, 2009-2010)

* ES – State Superintendent "School of Promise" (2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009)

* Lighthouse district – innovative, teachers present regionally, state-wide, and nationally

* Prestigious Thomas Edison Science Award winner (2012-2013)

INFORMATION TIDBITS

Still Leading the Pack:

Northwestern continues leading the pack through engaging, relevant professional development and presenting at regional, state, and national venues. Our Project-Based Professional Development held throughout this school year locally will intensify and expand next year. We have applied for grant funding to support a core group of Northwestern teachers to undergo intensive Project-Based Learning professional development and bring it home – a "train the trainer" model where these resident expert teachers would train our entire faculty throughout the 2015-2016 school year as well as teachers throughout the area.

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

A group of Northwestern Teachers and Administrators anticipate grant funding to allow a group presentation of "The Northwestern STEM Journey" sharing capacity-building, STEM programs, Project-Based learning, and sustainability of a STEM K-12 District. This will be held in Atlanta, Georgia at the national SREB Conference in July.

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

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

Upcoming Senator LaRose Visit:

We are trying to reschedule the cancelled visit from Senator LaRose for a date in April. The CEO of Quasar Energy Group, Mel Kurtz, is possibly coming to visit as well. We hope to continue working with Quasar as we continue developing our renewable/clean energy pathway.

Recent Representative Amstutz Visit:

Representative Ron Amstutz visited our MS STEM classes and Inspiration Station STEM Lab recently. Administrators and Board Members met with Ron to discuss the STEM courses and Project-Based Learning in addition to numerous additional topics.

Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce:

Northwestern was featured in the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner program held in January. Northwestern graduate Justin Starlin, Director of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, made sure we were at a front table – front and center! Northwestern and Wooster were featured on the video on the big screen at the event. We had a lot of kudos from big businesses and bankers and other people - making more connections than ever - so it was a well-spent evening.



HUSKY PRIDE AND TRADITION



**Husky
Pride
and
Tradition!**

Renewable-Clean Energy College Credit Right Here, On Our Campus!

Stark State College has approved an articulation agreement with Northwestern for our Renewable-Clean Energy Program and Career Pathway. ATI is in process and anticipated to approve an articulation agreement by May!

3-D Printers & Drones:

With the help of an MTBusiness Technologies donation and a Wayne County Foundation Grant we have purchased a third Helicopter Drone! This one is larger, with a high Definition zoom camera, and oddly resembles R2D2 with propellers. Northwestern now has (4) 3-D printers and will have two or more in each building starting in August, 2015. We are also creating a mini-STEM Lab at the Elementary for our Elementary STEM expansion. This will include engineering and science supplies and equipment for labs, 3-D Printers, new furniture, and we are working to organize our advanced High School STEM students to oversee it in order to assist teachers and students in this Elementary Lab. Thank you to the Northwestern Elementary PTO and "Project Lead the Way" for making this STEM Lab a possibility!

Solar Panel Donation:

Solar Panels: Brandon Miller of Carbon Vision has donated solar panels valued at \$5,000 and has pledged technical support, as well as dual college credit partnership for our new Renewable-Clean Energy Program. We are working with Thom Janini, Drew Wang, Russell Yoder from OSU/ATI.

Many Visitors...

We have had 12+ schools and organizations visit our STEM programs this year, the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, one United States Senator, one State Legislator, and another State Legislator is scheduled.

High Schools That Work (HSTW) Meeting:

At the recent HSTW Ohio Network meeting in February it was announced that HSTW is celebrating the organization's 15-year anniversary in April and will be recognizing their 15 most successful schools at the event. State Superintendent Richard Ross, Steve Gratz (Asst. Superintendent of Career and Technical Education), Dan Stacey (Career Education), other state officials, as well as a national speaker will be present. As Board of Trustees Chair I, Superintendent Jeff Layton, will be handling introductions and presenting the awards. Both Northwestern MS and Northwestern HS will be recognized. We are the only school district to have two school buildings being recognized in these top 15 schools!

In addition, HSTW is creating a brochure acknowledging the success of these 15 schools - featuring Jeff Layton as the HSTW Board of Trustees Chair the past 5 years as well as the 2014 Martha Holden Jennings "Ohio Superintendent of the Year" recipient. Northwestern Middle School and Northwestern High School, and the other 13 other schools will be recognized as well. We will grab several copies of this brochure and have available to distribute throughout our community!

Oh, the Drama...

Northwestern hosted the Wayne County One Act Play January 27th and again had an outstanding performance. We also put on Godspell, Jr., our first musical in 25 years, in March and are expanding our outstanding choir and drama programs!

More Unfunded Mandate Costs:

As a result of the mandated online assessments by Ohio legislators, we ordered more than 240 computer mice and numerous headphones for online testing.

Several of the questions require drag and drop or manipulation of test questions that is far easier for students with a mouse. The district was forced to spend in excess of \$160,000 to prepare for these online assessments without any financial help from our state government. We updated the wireless computer network equipment and purchased 240 Chrome Books this year to accommodate the testing and minimize interruptions to instruction. Also, there are audio portions of the tests.

Increasing Costs Due to Ida Sue Reduced Services:

Ida Sue and DD have been reducing services and classrooms for students with a variety of significant special needs. By reducing their services and classroom seats, numerous students are not served by them and must be served by the home district. In our case this means several students with severe medical needs and supports and students with significant developmental and behavioral disabilities that we must serve in our regular buildings. While we certainly appreciate the collaborative Ida Sue Classroom we house and we want to serve all of our students as we are able, we will see significant increased costs. The district is realizing huge cost increases as a result of educating several students with severe needs, which we had not served in our buildings previously. These costs will undoubtedly exceed \$100,000 this year and continue increasing as need arises.

Parent Refusal to Test:

Due to the increased time and stress regarding state-imposed mandated testing and an awareness of parents in some other districts refusing to permit their students to be tested, Northwestern has created procedures for this. The district is caught in the middle on this. On one hand, parents have the parental right to refuse testing, parents are correct that the testing is excessive, and legitimate concerns have been shared. However, on the other hand, the assessments have some value in gauging student performance and

**PARENT REFUSAL TO TEST ...
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and needed interventions, the state consequences teachers' performance evaluations, and in addition, the district suffers in test scores and can be cut in funding if students do not take the assessments. Finally, we will not allow parents to refuse testing the day of a test, since it would be disruptive and confusing allowing this to occur at the last minute. As a result, we have shared information on our website and we have created the procedures for refusal to test. We do not encourage parents' refusal to test by any means. The best way to bring about a reduction in the amount of testing to a reasonable amount is to contact state legislators and Ohio State Board of Education Members; not refusing testing.



Don't Miss Out!!
5K Spring Balloon Run
April 24, 2015
at Northwestern High School
5:30 p.m. Checkin
6:30 p.m. Race Time
Awards for top 2 runners
in each division - male and female.
Award for FASTEST runner!
Prizes along the run path!!
Snacks and drinks provided for all runners!
Sponsored by the
Registration forms are on the Northwestern School District website
Sponsored by Northwestern girls basketball program

STAY INFORMED!!

Wayne County Public Library 2015 Summer Reading Club

Have you been to the West Salem Library lately? Come in to see what's up. In April, we will be celebrating National Volunteer Week and National Library Week both from the 12th through the 18th. Make sure to stop in to the West Salem Branch (of WCPL), since we are run almost completely by volunteers, and we would love to see you – any time!

Visit the West Salem Library over the summer to join our Summer Reading Club and earn some great prizes! At the end of May, we will kick off our Summer Reading Club with cookies and punch; then stick with us through the summer as we have Superhero Training Camp; cartoon drawing; historical programs; jewelry making; a petting zoo; and an end of SRC party! Relax in the month of August as you watch "Oddball Ohio", and get your prettiest nails at the Junior Nail clinic.

Watch the Messenger for dates and times, go to wcpl.info to see what is going on; or, better yet, come in to see us! You can pick up a calendar with all of the events when you grab a book, movie, or CD to enjoy!



ALL STATE CHOIR 2015

Last May, three Northwestern students auditioned for the prestigious All- State Choir. One student, Savannah Chaffee, was accepted. She is the only student in Tri-county that was accepted to this elite ensemble. Only the top 4% of singers in the state get accepted into this choir. Obviously, this is a credit to

Northwestern! Through Mrs. Crabtree's instruction, the strength of her program and the inspiration and passion that she brings about in her students is what inspired and prepared Savannah to reach this level. THANK YOU to Mrs. Crabree and to Savannah Chaffee for her great performance and success! We are all very "Husky Proud" !!

**Mr.
Burkholder
Northwestern
High School
Principal**



Hello from Northwestern High School,

This school year has really flown by! We have concluded our Performance Based Assessments. We have concluded our OGT testing. In early May we will be conducting End of Course Tests in Algebra I, Geometry, Physical Science, English 9, American History and Government. We are doing the best we can to find ways to deal with the impact of assessment delivery, while maintaining a structure that delivers the best education that we can provide to our students. It is a reality that assessments of this nature are here to stay and they do have some redeeming value. That being said, I am of the opinion that the impact on the delivery of instruction, in the name of assessment, is significant and needs to be adjusted. I hope that the future finds further refinement to the system to allow us to be able to assess with minimal disruption.

I appreciate Mr. Layton and the Northwestern School Board allowing us the opportunity to follow an early timeline, relative to our open teaching positions. We have concluded the interview process for an Intervention Specialist and for a Family Consumer Science Teacher. This early timeline put us in a strong position when working through the interview process. We had the opportunity to interview many exceptional candidates.

I wish Beth Freed the best as she works toward retirement. She has been a one teacher department for many years, delivering curriculum from Foods and Nutrition, to Child Development, to Financial Management. The lessons that she teaches are embedded in real world scenarios and she has done a great job preparing our students for life after high school. Replacing her will be Rachel Wooding.

We are also excited to have the opportunity to have one of our alumni return as an Intervention Specialist. Mat Schaefer has been hired into this position.

The majority of his day will be at the high school, working with our staff and students to deliver differentiated instruction and meet the needs of our students with disabilities.

Our students did an exceptional job with their science fair projects at the local and district level. Many of our students received recognition and honors at the district level and will advance to the State Science Day in May. Congratulations and thank you to our students, families and staff that made this possible.

Schedule requests have been submitted and we will be looking to create next year's master schedule. We are very proud of the fact that we have been able to maintain an impressive array of curricular offerings. Dual credit offerings for next year include US History to 1877, Music History (if we have enough students), English 12 DC (one class each semester for a total of six hours), Calculus and Animal Science. We are continuing to offer the capstone class in both the engineering and biomedicine curriculums – Engineering Design and Development and Biomedical Innovation. If a student has completed the pre-requisite courses, these classes may be chosen as a yearlong alternative to their senior seminar class. We will continue to look for ways to expand our offerings and provide our students with quality and innovative course offerings. New course offerings at the High School for 2015-2016 include semester offerings in Math: Statistics, Probability & Trigonometry, In Fine Arts we are adding a Theater Arts Class. In Agricultural Science we are adding a Food Science course. We also will be adding the entry class in a Clean Energy STEM pathway.

At present, we are planning to offer at least one summer course: Physical Education. Technology I has been shifted to the middle school and is not a graduation requirement for students, starting with the class of 2019. We may offer a summer Technology One class if we have enough students in grades 10-12 that still need to take the class. We are also looking at providing some summer on-line course, with required seat time, to address credit recovery needs. Further information will soon be available in our guidance office.

As we move toward May we are looking toward many significant events. The largest of these events is the High School Graduation. On May 31st at 2:00, in the Northwestern High School gym, the class of 2015 will be receiving their diplomas.

The Class of 2015 has lived up to the strong traditions of our school and community. I always look forward to the Senior Awards Assembly, as this is a time when we get to celebrate their successes and learn more about the recognitions and scholarships they have accumulated, as well as what their future plans are. Senior Awards will be Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the high school gym. Please join us for this celebration, if your schedule allows. Underclassman Awards will be held on Monday, May 4th at 7:30 a.m. This will also be held in the gym. All parents and community members are invited to attend this event!

Important dates to note as we move toward the end of the school year:

5/4	Underclassman Awards @ 7:30 a.m.
5/11	Northwestern Ruritan Student Recognition Program
5/12	Spring Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
5/18	Spring Choir Concert @ 7:30 p.m.
5/26	Senior Awards Assembly @ 7:00 p.m.
5/20 & 5/21	Senior Exams
5/28	Senior Graduation Practice @ 9:00 a.m.
5/29	Senior Graduation Practice @ 9:00 a.m.
5/27-5/29	Underclassman Final Exams
5/31	Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. – High School Gym

Note on exams:

Senior exams are scheduled by their teacher during the final two days. We will not be on an adjusted schedule.

Underclassmen exams will be as follows:

5/27	-Periods 1, 8, 6
5/28	- Periods 2,5,7
5/29	- Periods 3,4
The exam schedule will be:	
Exam Period One : 7:25-8:45	
Exam Period Two: 8:55 – 10:15	
Exam Period Three: 10:25 – 11:45	
Lunch: 11:55	
Make Up or Rescheduled Exams: 12:40	

NHS HIGHLIGHTS!

The format for exams will be open. Students do not need to come in until their first exam each day and may leave after their final test each day. All classes, excluding study hall, will be having a final exam or culminating activity. If a student has an exam, study hall and then an additional exam they must stay the entire time.

If your child must be here the entire day, we will have supervised areas for study or for recreation. The buses will be running on their normal schedules. For the safety of your children, we ask that arrangements be made to pick up your child when his/her academic day is complete. Please do not have your child walk or ride a bicycle on State Route 301.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the high school at 419 846-3833 or you may contact me at nrws_burkhol@tccsa.net.

We are very proud of our students and of our community. We appreciate your continued support of our school!



Science Fair State Qualifiers!!



Science Fair Results!!

Thirty-nine students from Northwestern High School attended the Mohican District Science Day on Saturday March 21, 2015 at Ashland University. Seniors Rachael Mahr, Ethan Beegle, Eric Winkler, Joshua Burns, Spencer Sloan, Trenton Kline, Donnie Martin, Andrew Orosz, Daniel Proben, Victoria Devore, Taylor Starling, Shannon Garrison, Allison Jackson, Cortney Howman, Hannah Hottel, Juniors Brevin Shearer, Kaci Way, Josh Melegari, James Volcansek, Katie Bing, Audra Gill, Sophomores Erin Gordon, Bailey Adler, Mary Baker, Micah Boggs, Jeshua Boggs, Libby Hartman, Brittany Brown, Gabbrielle Cecil, Will Arthur, Vinicius Kavinski, and Freshman Emily Bouffard, Maggie Linder, Christopher Orosz, Hannah Kardohely, Blair Colter, Amaya White, and Mykenzie Snyder all attended Saturday's event. Of those 40, Emily Bouffard, Maggie Linder, Hannah Kardohely, Amaya White, Mykenzie Snyder, Bailey Adler, Mary Baker, Kaci Way, Josh Melegari, James Volcansek, Audra Gill, Erin Gordon, Rachael Mahr, Ethan Beegle, Eric Winkler, Trenton Kline, Donnie Martin, Andrew Orosz, Daniel Proben, Victoria Devore, Taylor Starling, Shannon Garrison, Allison Jackson, Cortney Howman, Hannah Hottel, and Brevin Shearer will all be advancing to the State Science Day May 16, 2015 at Ohio State University.. In addition to the 26 state qualifiers, several special awards were also received by Northwestern High School students. The High School won the award for the highest number of superiors at the Senior High level. Rachael Mahr won an outstanding student with a paid entry to the State Science Day and a chance to attend the Buckeye Science and Engineering Fair held on Saturday April 4, 2015. Emily Bouffard won the Cornerstone Counseling of Ashland award in Behavioral Science. The Governor's Thomas Edison Awards for Excellence in STEM Education went to Trenton Kline and Donnie Martin for Advanced Materials Science and to Rachael Mahr for Agriculture and Food . Wil Research cash awards went to Maggie Linder, Gabbrielle Cecil and Allison Jackson. The Cleveland Metroparks zoo award went to Hannah Hottel. Students that were chosen to attend

the Buckeye Science and Enginneering Fair on Saturday April 4, 2015 are Josh Melegari, James Volcansek, Emily Bouffard, Bailey Adler, and Brevin Shearer. Congratulations to all Northwestern district qualifiers on a job well done.

Northwestern Students Excel!!!

- * 250 students from 37 school districts and 8 counties participated
- * of these 250 participants were 70 Northwestern students who participated
- * 113 total projects received a "superior" rating and qualified for the State Science Fair
- * of these 113 "superior" projects 28 of these were from just one school district - Northwestern
- * Northwestern students cleaned-up the bulk of the special awards as well!

Home of the Huskies

Northwestern High School Yearbook Updates!

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Order your 2014-15 yearbook now to lock in the pre-order price! If you have not received correspondence form Jostens for ordering, please visit Jostens.com and select Northwestern High School to order.

SENIOR YEARBOOK UPDATES

-Seniors, we are looking for your K-8 memories! Bring in photos and yearbooks from grade school and middle school. The yearbook staff will scan your images and give your photos and yearbooks back to you immediately. We need these memories for the senior section of YOUR yearbook!

-We are also looking for newspaper clippings of your best moments from high school. So if you were ever in the paper, please bring in the clipping for us to scan and return immediately!

-If you want your baby photo included in the yearbook, please bring a photo or email a photo to Mrs. Hudson as soon as possible!

-Senior photos will be sent by March 27th to area newspapers for their graduation sections. If you have not submitted a senior photo for inclusion in the yearbook, you will not be featured in the newspapers. Please submit a photo if you have not done so already.

PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015

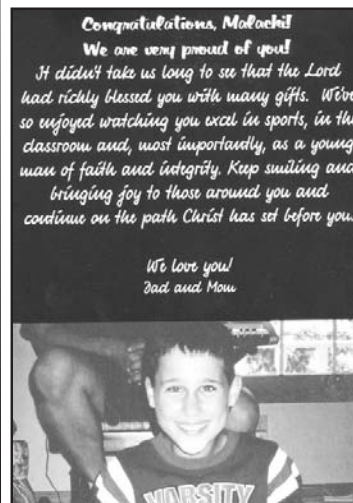
Now is your chance to submit a message, a memory, a photo, or all of these things to be included in your senior's yearbook! Parental Displays of Affection (PDAs) will be published in the senior section of the 2014-15 yearbook. All ads will be in color. You may purchase a senior ad from now until April 30th. Please see below for sample ads, 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.

Senior Ads/PDA Prices

-1/8 page ad with one photo and a message=\$25.00

-1/4 page ad with up to two photos and a message=\$50.00

-1/2 page ad with up to three photos and message=\$75.00



Sample
Senior Ad



Northwestern ALL SPORTS News!!

All Sports has currently purchased new scoreboards for the MS gym and the HS gym. We are planning another fundraiser to help with the remaining scoreboards.

Winter concessions finished; and a huge thank you to Chris and Julie Ulrich, Jenny Leighty and Kim Witucki for all their help this winter season.

Summer ball sign-ups are underway. Please see Brett Ward for baseball or Molly Stull for softball.

We will kick off our annual membership drive in July.



JUNIOR POST PROM COMMITTEE Invites you to come to..... THE QUARTER AUCTION

WHEN: Sunday April 19th

Doors open at 1:00pm and Auction begins at 2:00pm

WHERE: Northwestern High School Commons

**Bring ALL your Quarters and COME
JOIN THE FUN!**

Presale tickets for paddles will be sold in the High School Office Monday April 6th – Friday April 17th.

Presale paddles are \$2.00 each

Paddles may also be purchased the day of auction for \$3.00 each.

Lots of great vendors and items will be there for you to come make a bid!!

~ HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ~



Northwestern High School Honor Roll

3rd Nine Weeks 2014-15

1st Honors ** 4.01 and over **

Seniors: Will Bell, Ashley Besancon, Tristan Campbell, Kaitlyn Dailey, Victoria Devore, Courtney Dunn, Rebecca Ebert, Bethany Forbes, Mikaela Franks, Shannon Garrison, Johna Gordon, Lucas Hartman, Hannah Hottel, Rachelle Howman, Allison Jackson, Rachael Mahr, Elizabeth Marti, Sarah Maximovich, Amber Pope, Brennan Rush, Adam Schuller, Zoe Siders, Lainy Spies, Taylor Starling, Jake Wiandt, Eric Winkler

Juniors:: Jacelyn Alberts, Jessica Bodager, Stephany Boutell, Malory Bowman, Chance Carr, Kyle Cayse, Chandler Dudte, Deborah Eberly, Philip Eberly, Hunter Edwards, Noah Ferriman, Marshall Geiger, Audra Gill, Rachel Guidetti, Chloe Hagans, Courtney Hagans, Victoria Hall, Emily Herbst, Gabrielle Hiller, Kyle Hinton, Alexis Horst, Austin Howman, Caitlin Kline-Stough, Joshua Melegari, Shelby Miller, Jewelia Mowrer, Brevin Shearer, Jordan Sims, Kayla Strunk, Rachel Sykes, James Volcansek, Kaci Way, Taliyah White, Kierstyn Wood

Sophomores: : Bailey Adler, Shelby Aulger, Mary Baker, Jacob Besancon, Jeshua Boggs, Micah Boggs, Travis Bower, Kyle Burgan, Gabbrielle Cecil, Erin Gordon, Lindsey Gortner, Elizabeth Hartman, Sierra Kamps, Vinicius Kavinski, Trevor Kline, Briana Lindeman, Shelby McKay, Tyler Morr, Reiley Murphy, Savannah Pritt, Isaac Rivera, Brooke Rush, John Schuller, Ryan Schwartz, Katie Stull, Sierra Vants

Freshmen: Emily Bouffard, Steven Cozzuli, Sierra Duvall, Justin Ebert, Emily Finley, Tatum Franczek, Christie Franks, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Quinten Garver, Nicholas Hinton, Kennedy Hoffer, Hannah Kardohely, Chase Lambert, Margaret Linder, Christopher Orosz, Jessica Preston, Nicole Russell, Devin Smith, Parker Smith, Mykenzie Snyder, Hunter Stidham, Cody Tegtmeier, Mia Tope, Amaya White

2nd Honors ** 3.75 - 4.00 **

Seniors: Bradley Aulger, Zachary Berry, Ryan Morr, Megan Murphy, Ashley Shearer Frierson

Juniors: Brent Bejcek, Katlyn Bing, Kayleigh Buchholz

Sophomores: David Agnes, Macie Buzzard, Riley Carlson, Tyler Devore, , Sydney Harmon, Carley Kandel, Mackenzie Smith, Charles Walker, Carrie Winchell

Freshmen: Blair Colter, Garrett Dever, Abigail Ford, Sera Martin, Hannah Osborn, Joel Proben, Mason Wilhelmy

3rd Honors: ** 3.000-3.740**

Seniors: Nekoda Boggs,,Broud Butler-Root, Justin Walker

Juniors: Brandon Edgell, Logan Ickes, Isaac Sadzewicz

Sophomores: : Brittany Brown, Joshua Hagans, Alexis Hartman, Hannah Hockenbery, Kourtney Kliner, Derek Koch, Jesse McCullough, Summer Nairn, Faith Phillips, Nicholas Praisler, Brock Thut, Kyle Wharton

Freshmen: Jared Alberts, Holli Asbury, Lindsey Asbury, Tylar Coen, Daniel Critzer, Taylor Dawson, Derick Duvall, Jr., Dylan Frybarger, Kaitlyn Gifford, Jordan Gilbert, Isabella Gill, Caleb Groves, Chianne Neider, Bryce Rush, Cortney Shelton, Hayden Tiliske, Megan Winkler, Nicole Winkler

Middle School Academic Honor Roll

3rd Nine Weeks 2014-15

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Weslea Arthur, Mikayla Beegle, Carrie Boak, Tyler Carlson, Jaimie Critzer, Skylar Dawson, Daniel Dietrich, Trevor Ferriman, Hannah Fricke, Mackenzi Gray, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Katherine Koontz, Elise Krajcik, Cody Morrow, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Kaylee Reed, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Brianna Shearer, Elizabeth Siders, Allison St. Clair, Olivia Wakefield

7TH GRADE: Jordan Allshouse, Avery Becker, Austin Beegle, Claire Bond, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, Avery Garver, Taylor Howman, Savannah Hunt, Jordan Melegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Makenzie Nowell, Cal Rhamy, Leeanna Reugg, Katherine Shambaugh, Lindsey Sykes, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

6TH GRADE: Maxwell Albright, Wyatt Arthur, Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Lillian Bower, Cassidy Brown,

Gabriel Buchholz, Sara Cassady, James Cooke, Zane Fast, Kyli Gostlin, Mitchell Gray, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Tanner Meininger, Halie O'Loughlin, Dakota Rainsberger, Amy Rempher, Will Schaad, Lariah Severs, Robert Soueid, Allison Spencer, Hayden Stoller, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

All "A/B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Alexis Arnettem, Nicholas Burns, Tanner Carlson, Grace Chupp, Kaylie Dye, Peyton Edwards, Isabella Flickinger, Isaac Franks, Alexis Hall, Raini Hershey, Kolton Kliner, Annabelle Martin, McKenna Perry, Richard Rasschaert, Joren Rickard, Jadah Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Sophie Soueid, Claire Vaughan, Mallory Witucki

7TH GRADE: Colin Agnes, Shelby Anderson, Alexander Borton, Elliot Coffman, Jett Conley, Jordan Deming, Skylar Edington, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Rebecca Hall, Ronald Hamrick, Brooke Hinton, Phillip Howman, Nathaniel Hudson, Hailey Jaquet, Treyton Jester,



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill
Middle School
Principal**

Education Message from Mr. Brightbill

As the third quarter approaches to an end and spring has finally arrived, we need to take a moment to celebrate our successes thus far this school year. One thing is for certain, we have a lot to be proud of as "Huskies." We have completed the first round of Next Generation Assessments, began scheduling for the next school year and added a few new faces to our staff at NMS.

This quarter, we have completed the first round of PARCC and AIR Assessments, known as the PBA. The PBA measures the student's academic growth over certain standards that need to be covered in the first semester of the academic year. We have a 3-4 week window before we start the second and final round of tests, known as the EOY. The EOY will focus on a different set of standards that students will be assessed on. This assessment will begin on April 13, and end around the second week of May. We want to encourage our parents to practice with their son or daughter for these assessments at home by visiting <http://www.parcconline.org/> for Math and ELA or <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/> for Science and Social Studies.

Students have begun their scheduling course requests for next school year. We will be finalizing scheduling requests this week, and begin working on the master schedule. Our goal is to have the master schedule completed before we break for summer. Listed below are all of the 45 course electives we will be offering next year. The courses in bold are new courses or to the grade levels that will be offered.

* Grade 6: Intro to STEAM, SMART Historians, Computer 6, Art 6, Exploring French, Band, Choir, Health and PE.

Northwestern Middle School NEWS!!

* Grade 7: Tech 1, Inventions 7, Flight and Space, Creative Writing, Sports and Medicine, Science and Society, Band, Choir, Financial Literacy, Art 7, Health, PE, AG 7, Science of Technology, Exploring Spanish, Reading 7

* Grade 8: Agri-Stem, Exercise Science, Dramatic Paws, Band, Choir, Art 8, Wood Tech, Design & Modeling, Journalism, Medical Detectives, Exploring Electricity, Tech 1, Robotics, Energy and the Environment.

We would like to extend a big welcome to our newest members of the "Huskies" Megan Smith, Mathew Schaefer, and Gwen Geitgey. Megan will be our full time intervention specialists at the middle school, Gwen will be taking over as our middle school librarian and Mat will be doing a split intervention specialist position between the high school and middle school. We are excited to have them on the team next year!

It is important to our students and staff that we do not lose focus in this final grading period. Often times we get "spring fever" and forget to focus on the process at hand. We need your help continuing to support our education, as we close in on what we feel has been a successful year at NMS.

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

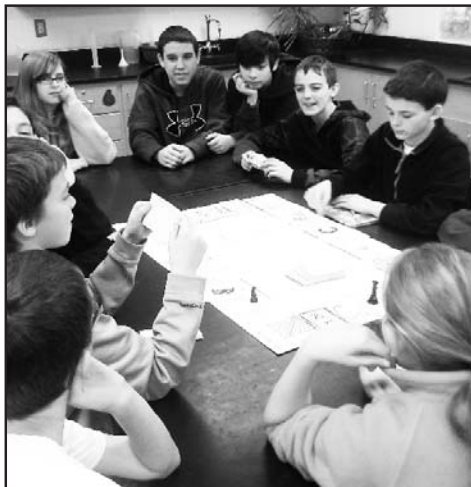
**"Education
is the mOsT
POWErful Weapon
WHiCH you can
use to CHAnGE
the World."**

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Mrs. McQuate's, 7th Grade World Studies Class. The students are working on a project based learning assignment.

Middle School Highlights



6th Grade Science students playing a board game that helps them learn the periodic table.



Mr. Kimmich showing students how to clean the 3D printer properly.



NMS Students enjoying some fun at the FCA Night.



Mrs. Buchholz's 8th grade science class using Play-Doh and iPads to examine cellular division.



NMS students making a human cross at the FCA event.



The 6th Grade Easter Seal Collection was a huge success!!



Mrs. Cutter was the controversial winner of the second annual NMS Chili Cook-Off. Some say that her chili was very similar to Wendy's.

Continued

Middle School Academic Honor Roll

7th GRADE A/B MERIT Roll continued

Paige Kaiser, Chase Leighty, Robert Martin, Sasha McConahay, Grace McCullough, Justin McElfresh, Kaden Mellott, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Bethany Rickey, Sarah Roder, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Ceili Smith, Lydia Smith, Zachary Smith, Walter Stawicki, Morgan Stephenson, Montana Stidham, Coby Stough, Kenneth Strait, Brianna Teal, Haley Webb, Matthew Yates, Matthew Yoder

6TH GRADE: Rilee Ammon, Alexis Apple, Joseph Ballinger, Autumn Browning, Macey Carlson, Max Carlson, Keeton Cassidy, Brandon Casto, Braden Colter, Colston Cutter, Blaze Day, Braydon Duvall, Tyler Farmer, Gerald Fricke, Chase Fry, Brooke Frybarger, Mercedes Gecking, Wayne Gerrick, Gwendolyn Harland, Tressa Karper, Ryan Leasure, Ashton Mackey, Hannah Salmons, Matthew Savage, Jordan Skufca, Desiree Smith, Betty Stevens, Nathan Stoltz, Jacob Teal, Megan Tomechko, Hailie Tomsik, Cameron Troyer, Tyler Vance, Kylie Wellert, Cole Wharton

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Northwestern Middle School 2014 *MMGW* Mathematics Improvement Award

Presented by
HSTW Ohio Network &
HSTW NE Ohio Region



** REMINDERS**

- 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.

All winter athletes need to turn in a drug testing permission form and have a current physical packet on file. This all needs turned in to the office before they can start practicing. All paperwork is available in the office.

- Sign Up for the latest NMS closings, delays or cancellations by registering at www.ohioalerts.org

NMS Upcoming Events:

March 16- Track practice begins
March 20 End of 3rd nine weeks
March 21- Band Spaghetti Supper
March 26- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 p.m.
March 31-April 5- Easter Vac./Spring Break
April 13- EOY Assessments Begin
April 16- Early Release TBT
May 7- WCAL Track Meet @ Northwestern
May 18- Choir Concert 7:30 p.m.
May 25- No School Memorial Day
May 29- Students last day of school

"Bad Dog Boarders, Skiers and Tubers**

It was a great year for the Northwestern Bad Dog Boarders, Skiers, & Tubers. On the slopes we had a few "Fun Theme Nights". A few were: Neon Night with everyone wearing bright neon colors, Crazy Hat & Hair Night which many members wore crazy wigs and/or wild hats, Camo Night and they were no where to be found!

One evening we had a PIZZA Party and a DESSERT Contest. There were so many desserts that all the employees at Snow Trails were full of sweets, too.

This was a great group of over 70 members consisting of Northwestern students and community members with a majority of the members traveling by charter bus 8 times enjoying the awesome snow conditions at Snow Trails. overall, the club represented Northwestern with INTEGRITY and PRIDE!



Great News: The 6th grade collected over 9700 pounds of clothing for the Easter Seals on March 13th and 14th. The class will receive \$1,900 towards their Washington, D.C. trip. The plan is to continue this win-win fundraiser each year during the 6th Grade Auction and the Ruritan Pancake Meal.



Northwestern Middle School



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



History Essay WINNER!

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

Leadership Ladies

Members of the Leadership Ladies in grades 6-8 were able to participate in a full day workshop called C-Me! Over thirty young ladies took part in the day's events. The C-me workshop was focused on learning about the characteristics of leaders, such as courage and commitment. The girls learned about qualities that make a successful leader, while given multiple opportunities to self-reflect and learn about themselves! The group was joined by fantastic guest speakers Lynette Decker and Donna Fetzer, who led the girls in conversations and activities.

Leadership Ladies is open to all girls in grades 6-8 and is lead by Mrs. Nicole McQuate.



“Future Fridays”

We are so proud of our 8th grade students for completing another great year of career projects, involving career research, job shadow experiences, and a class presentation! In order to showcase their good work, a group of 8th graders presented their Job Shadow experiences at Future Fridays on January 23. Presenters included Mikayla Beegle, Nick Burns, Kenzi Gray, Jeff Guidetti, Tate Hixson, Beth Kanzeg, Cody Morrow, and Ally St Clair. Each student shared their job shadow experiences with students at the Middle School. Their career choices and experiences ranged from a day with the Coast Guard to working as a sports broadcaster to spending time with a probation officer to participating in interviews as a journalist! We are so proud of our 8th graders for all their hard work with this project and experience!

Anyone interested in more information about the career project or job shadow experiences should contact Rachel Beun at the Middle School.

Wayne County Junior Art Exhibit

The Wayne County Junior High Art Exhibit was held February 28 through March 12 at the Wayne Center for the Arts. This is a competition for all Wayne County 7th and 8th graders enrolled in an art class at their school. Each school is limited to submitting 25 works of art and works are judged by current and former art teachers from around the state. Northwestern had two first place winners, two third place winners and an Honorable Mention winner. Isaac Franks, an 8th grader, was one of the first place winners. He drew a black and white portrait of a man and Mrs. Dailey and Mr. Kimmich used the STEA2M laser engraver to etch the portrait onto Plexiglas and poster board. This technique gave the drawing an “other world” feel and was unique in the Crafts division of the exhibit.

Eighth grader, Chris Takacs also won first place with his printmaking work. Chris's subject was something near and dear to most 8th graders...his smart phone with his thumbs showing he was in the process of texting. Takacs created his work by doing what is call a reduction method. Chris and classmates carved their plate, made several prints then carved more away from their plate and inked over top their original prints. Chris had a total of 3 vibrant colors in his print. In the same printmaking category, Isabella Flickinger earned third place. Izzy used the same method as Chris but she cut and fitted various prints to make a collage which she dubbed Scattered Days. The subject of Scattered Days was an outside fountain flowing into a pool in the middle of a city.

Jaydan McMillen, also an eighth grader, took third place in the highly competitive category of Two-Dimensional Design. Jaydan drew hundreds of triangles which she manipulated into a rotating design using a red pen on white paper. One can see the triangles rotating in and around themselves on their cloud of white.

Honorable Mention winner in the Color Drawing category was 8th grader Aubrey Bodager. There were over 35 submissions in this category with many outstanding works created by talented Wayne County artists. Aubrey's submission was a self-portrait using hard pastels on newspaper. The finished product measured 45"x60" which means Bodager greatly enlarged her image to make it appear as if her image was magnified.

Other participants in the Color Drawing category were 8th graders Hailey Yarbour and Isaac Franks and 7th grade student, Lindsey Sykes. Two-Dimensional Drawing entrants were 8th grade students Chris Apple and Jaimie Critzer. Eighth grade student Beth Kanzeg submitted a picture of an art gallery in the Black and White category while 7th grader, Taylor Howman submitted 9 origami paper cranes in the Crafts category.

Middle School News!

Junior High Artcontinued

Seventh grader Aaron Kline added a Mixed Media work of art with the inspiring subject of Three Crosses on a hill. Other Printmaking entrants were 8th grade students, Aubrey Bodager and Erica Leiby. Eighth graders entering their plaster sculptures were Isabella Flickinger, Lexi Hall, Beth Kanzeg, and Emily Cromer

The Exhibit was capped off with a reception on March 12th, which was open to the students, family members, art teachers, and the general public. Exhibitors Isabella Flickinger and Taylor Howman received their participant certificates were able to overhear adults and peers comment on the wonderful attributes of their works of art. Middle School art teacher is Mrs. Shelly Dailey.

If you missed the art show, you can still see Isaac Franks's and Chris Takacs's first place entries in the window display of Everything Rubbermaid in downtown Wooster from May 8 through May 18.



Participating in the Wayne County Junior High Art Exhibit Awards Reception are eighth grader, Isabella Flickinger on the left and seventh grader, Taylor Howman on the right



Participants in the 2015 Art Exhibit are front row: Lindsey Sykes, Taylor Howman, and Erica Leiby. Second Row: Jaimie Critzer, Hailey Yarbourn, Izzy Flickinger, Jaydan McMillan, and Beth Kanzeg. Back Row: Isaac Franks, Aaron Kline, Emily Cromer, Chris Takacs, and Aubrey Bodager. Missing from picture are Chris Apple and Lexi Hall.



Read the Most Coast to Coast

Northwestern Middle School participated in Read the Most Coast to Coast, a program sponsored by Renaissance Learning and Accelerated Reader. The goal of the program was for students across the nation to take 5 million AR tests in one day, Friday February 27th. While the national goal was not quite met (4, 173, 153 tests), our students still did their part. With support from the Middle School PTO, NMS awarded gift certificates to 9 students who either earned the most points on that particular day or passed the most tests. Our local winners were 8th graders - Ally St.Clair and Tate Hixson; 7th graders - Ceili Smith, and Savannah Hunt; and 6th graders Haile O'Loughlin, Morgan McCoy, Sara Cassidy, and Wyatt Arthur.



MJ Journalism

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

Do you agree with the code?

by Beth Kanzeg

We all know not everyone agrees with Northwestern's dress code, especially girls. Many girls wish they could wear leggings and yoga pants to school. With leggings being such a problem with some people, one would think our student handbook would talk about leggings and clarify that they are not allowed to be worn. However, it is not very clear that students are not allowed to wear them. The handbook does say: "Warm-ups and sweatpants may be worn, but must be neat, clean and not be made of clinging or skin-fitting material (this includes "yoga" pants)."

It does state that yoga pants should not be worn, but it doesn't talk about the 6 1/4" rule until you get down to the section under skirts. The handbook does not specifically tell us that we are not allowed to wear leggings. You may think this is unfair since dress code is specified by all our staff, but all students do need to follow staff's directions.

Mrs. Beun understands a lot of girls are unhappy with the school's dress code. Mrs. Beun says fashion doesn't always follow dress code. What's in style may not follow the dress code, so you have to wear what's appropriate and not what's in style. Mrs. Beun said that form-fitting and tight is just not appropriate.

There are many things that need to be taken into consideration when talking about what is appropriate for students and what is not. It's probably very tough to make rules that seem fair and right for all students.

There are many girls who want to be able to wear leggings without the 6 1/4" rule. Rebecca Hall, a seventh grader, says she thinks girls should be allowed to wear leggings. She says that leggings are comfortable.

It may not be fun following the dress code at all times, but you have to take into consideration why these rules are made.

Cheerleading efforts don't go unnoticed

By Raini Hershey

Although cheerleading may look like it's only yelling out chants and cheers to pep up the crowds, it's really much more.

Many may not think cheerleading is a sport, but they don't know the efforts behind it. Cheer practice here at NMS consists of about a half an hour of conditioning, including jumps, running and stretching as well as learning and going over chants and cheers.

The cheerleaders think that cheer IS a sport and do not agree with those who think otherwise. Seventh graders Makayla Stormer and Grace McCullough both believe that cheer takes lots of hard work and effort to succeed and have a good season.

Coaches Mrs. Hagans and Ms. Stoneman, along with Izzy Flickinger, Brooke Gasser, Katie Koontz, Lexi Arnette and Raini Hershey, of the eighth-grade squad, and Becca Hall, Grace McCullough, Makayla Stormer, Sarah Barton, Halee Barton, Hailey Smith and Hailey Jaquet, of the seventh-grade squad, all thought that this season went well.

Both Flickinger and Koontz found that with more experience from cheering last year, this season was better and easier. Brooke Gasser, also of eighth grade, thought that it was better with a five-person squad than last year's eight-person squad.

Ms. Stoneman says that she had been cheering since eighth grade and loves to coach and teach. She also says that she will be coaching next year, although Mrs. Hagans will not be.

What is a sport to you? Does it consist of running up and down a court or field? Running around a track or hitting something? Anything physically or mentally challenging is a sport, no matter what people say.



The following students from **Northwestern Middle School** attended the **Mohican District Science Day** on Saturday March 21, 2015; Samantha Barnette, Lizzy Howman, Janna Ours, Riley Stull, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik, Jordan Allshouse, Taylor Howman, and Rachel Winkler. All students earned an Excellent Rating and Jordan Allshouse earned a Superior Rating. Jordan will be attending the State Science Day on May 16, 2015 at the Ohio State University. Jordan also won 3rd place in the Ashland University Geology Club category. Congratulations to all of our students who participated and best of luck to Jordan!



HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS!!

April 6 Cheerleading tryouts 2:30-3:30
 All Sports Meeting 7:30 pm
 April 7 Cheerleading tryouts 2:30-3:30
 Tornado Drill
 April 8 Spanish Field Trip
 Staff Meeting 2:35 pm
 April 9 Club Photos 9:00 am
 Jostens to Career Center with delivery
 of announcements
 Fire Drill
 Cheerleading tryouts 2:30-3:30 pm
 April 10 STAR benefit/concert 12:30
 April 11 FFA Awards Evening
 April 13 Ruritan Meeting 7:00 pm
 April 14 Liberty Tux Orders
 Wayne College Dual Credit Apps
 Due
 NW Alumni & Friends Meeting 7 pm
 April 16 Early Release for students
 April 18 Quarter Auction
 April 19 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 April 20 Music Boosters Meeting 7:00 pm
 April 21 Earth Day
 PARCC/EOC Test
 April 22 PARCC/EOC Test
 April 24 5K Spring Balloon Run 5:30 pm
 April 25 State Dairy Cattle CDE finals
 April 27, 28 PARCC/EOC Test
 April 28 Interims Due
 April 30 PARCC/EOC Test
 State FFA Convention
 Tri-County HS Speech Contest
 May 1 PARCC/EOC Test
 May 2 State FFA Convention
 May 4 Underclassmen Awards 7:30 am
 All Sports Meeting 7:30 pm
 May 5 Jr. Leadership
 May 6 PARCC Test
 Fire Drill
 Staff Meeting 2:35
 May 7 Early Release for students
 PARCC Test
 May 8 AIR Test
 May 9 Prom
 May 11 AIR TEST
 Ruritan Student Recognition

May 12 AIR Test
 Spring Band Concert
 May 13 AIR Test
 May 15 AG in the classroom
 Peace Officer's Memorial Day
 PSEOP Wayne College App Due
 State Science Fair OSU 1:00 pm
 May 16 State Science Fair OSU
 May 18 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 Spring Choir Concert 7:30 pm
 May 19 Music Boosters 7:00 pm
 May 20 Band trip to Cedar Point
 May 21 Early Release
 May 22 Tornado Drill
 May 25 Memorial Day - No School
 Memorial Day Parade 10 am
 May 26 Senior Awards 7:00 pm
 May 27 Underclassmen Exams
 May 28 Underclassmen Exams
 Senior Class Picture 9:00 am
 May 29 Last Day for Students
 8th Grade Promotion
 Underclassmen Exams
 May 31 Graduation 2:00 pm
 June 1 Teacher Last day
 All Sports Meeting 7:30 pm
 June 15 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 June 20 Nw Alumni & Friends Banquet
 July 30 Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting 6 pm
 August 1 Chester HS Reunion

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



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

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

April 7 Congress 4-H Power Club 6:00 pm
 April 16 Early Release for students
 Civil War Re-Enactment
 April 19 Congress 4-H Power Club 1:30 pm
 May 4 Buckeye Show N Grow 4H 6:00 pm
 May 6 Congress 4-H Power Club 6:00 pm
 May 7 Early release for studnets
 May 12 Band Concert 7:00 pm
 May 17 Congress 4-H Power club 1:30 pm
 May 18 Spring Choir Concert 7:30 pm
 May 19 Academic Challenge Mid-Ohio 7-8th gr.
 May 20 7th Gr to Akron Rubber Duck Game
 Band to Cedar Point
 May 21 Early release for students
 May 22 Financial Literacy Trip
 May 25 Memorial Day - No School
 May 26 - 29 6th Graders to Washington DC
 May 28 Buckeye Show N Grow 4-H 6:00 pm
 May 29 Last Day of School
 8th Grade Promotion
 May 13 NHS Graduation 2:00 pm
 June 1 Congress 4-H Power Club 6:00 pm
 June 15 Buckeye Show N Grow 4-H 6:00 pm
 June 29 Buckeye Show N Grow 4-H 6:00 pm
 July 15 Congress 4-H Power Club 6:00 pm
 July 16 Buckeye Show N Grow 4-H 6:00 pm





**Mrs.
McCumber
Northwestern
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Principal**

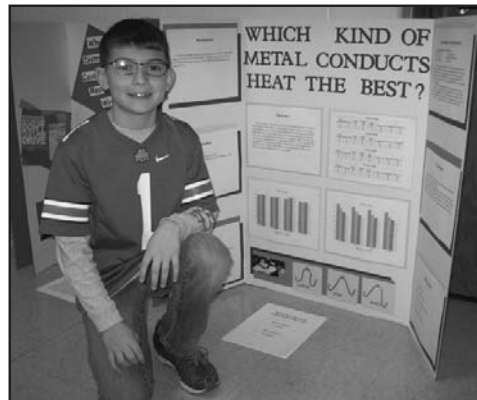
Elementary News!

COSI on Wheels from Columbus presented hands-on science at Northwestern Elementary for 2 days to all students, which included amazing and dynamic science topics during assemblies followed by hands-on activities which students could investigate at centers. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who helped with the centers which enhanced science inquiry skills.

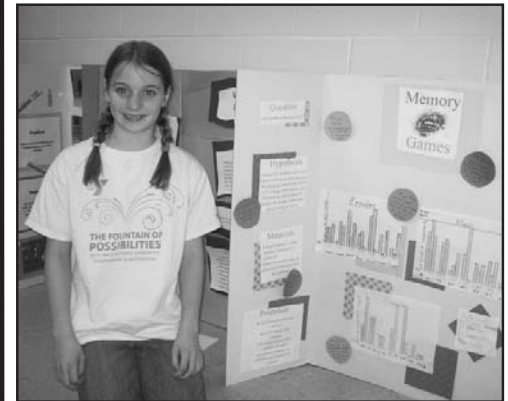


Northwestern Elementary Science Fair

Our elementary science fair for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders was held February 24. A total of 230 students participated. Students developed experiments and shared their research in the form of a written report and a display board. High school students from Laura Kline's advanced chemistry and physics classes judged the projects. We appreciate all their efforts and their constructive comments which encourage our students to keep experimenting. 5th grade students who earned a superior rating are eligible to participate in the Mohican District Science Day March 21. Of the 48 eligible students, 21 students will be participating. They are Emma Boreman, Arianna Borton, Rylee Dawson, Deanna Devore, Stefanie Ecker, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Taylor Hayley, Braylen Hider, Alexandra Hostetler, Ariel Hughes, Carley LeMaster, Kara McKay, Megan Meeker, Jedidiah Miller, Sarah Miller, Alexis Sandy, Troy Tope, Emery Tullis, Ryan Walter, and Clara Zemancik.



Ryan Walter



Clara Zemancik



Troy Tope

The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL HONOR AND MERIT ROLL
STUDENTS**

Northwestern Elementary 2014-15
3rd Nine Weeks

Honor Roll

3rd Grade: Emma Adkison, Quinn Fast Cayden Fiala, Ellie Hanshaw, Maddy Hunt, Sophia Linder, Jennie Riffle, Troy Rock, Hunter Sciortino, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton

4th Grade: Marina Aulger, Paige Becker, Brailee Beun, Addie Bodager, Cole Hoffer, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Julia Ours, Gavin Phillips, Katherine Stefaniuk, Ava Stoller, Nick Tomechko, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Sammy Yates

5th Grade: Shayna Allshouse, Drew Becker, Jadeyn Berry, Arianna Borton, Alex Ciolek, Deanna Devore, Hannah Dickson, Autumn Duncan, Stefanie Ecker, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Skyler Hines, Ariel Hughes, Sarah Miller, Gunnar Mullet, Isaac Ott, Alexis Sandy, Rachel Smithberger, Emery Tullis, Ryan Walter, Tyler Ward, Steven Widdows, Araiya Yoder, Nicole Yutzy, Clara Zemancik

Merit Roll

3rd Grade: Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Alex Berry, Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Erica Bouffard, Leona Buettner, Kara Burgan, Jacob Farner, Alyssah Fisher, Kendra Flickinger, Samantha Fraser, Jacoby Gilbert, Chesney Hider, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Cassie Huntington, Kolby Kaiser, Jocelyn Lucas, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Zoey Oldaker, Hattie Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Aiden Sklenicka, Noah Smith, Mariana Stefaniuk, Easton Thomas, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, John Widdows, Ben Williamson, Marcus Wolboldt, Aiden Wornack, Josie Wright

4th Grade: Brett Alberts, Julia Beard, Florida Blake, Aubrey Browning, Joe Buchholz, Gabriel Chupp, Phoenix Cuthrell, Jesse Evans, Owen Fetters, Arianna Firebaugh, Emma Fisher, Madie Fricke, Anna Gendron, Collin Good, Madison Gray, A'Kia Hardin, Charlie Herman, David Hiner, Melanie Imhoff, Caitlyn Leighty,

**Northwestern
Elementary
Highlights!!**

4th Grade continued:

Anthony Linscott, Katie Maffett, Brent Mann, Kendrick Meuer, Breanna Neider, Ava O'Loughlin, Gabriel Pelfrey, Ethan Reed, Ethan Siders, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Andrew Tope, Isabella Vacco, Mary Wellert, Hanna Wilson

5th Grade: Weston Arthur, Tyler Bair, Jackie Barrington, Emma Boreman, Jagger Brown, Rylee Dawson, Addison DeSanto, Zoey Dudte, Alayna Duncan, Masson Elkins, Ethan Gibbs, Marissa Hamrick, Alicia Harland, Gabe Hendricks, Braylen Hider, Mariah Hill, Cassie Hiner, KariJean Holbrook, Chelsey Hootman, Alexandra, Hosteter, Peyton Hostetler, Nate Jackson, Olivia Keener, Olivia Kurtz, Carley LeMaster, Margaret McCullough, Kara McKay, Dugan McLaughlin, Abbie Miller, Ethan Miller, Jackie Mosher, Emma Nicholson, CiCi Phillips, Antonio Ramos, Emily Reed, Grant Rhamy, Isaah Rivera, Shayna Roder, Allie Rowland, Skylar Scott, Aidan Smith, Steven Starcher, Thomas Stawicki, Stephens Cooper, Ed Stevens, Troy Tope, Brennen Topp, Dominic Wallace, Austin Wilhelm, Gavin Witucki, Esther Yoder

Congratulations!



**Ronald McDonald Care Mobile
Visits the Elementary**

January 20 – 23, 2015, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile from University Hospitals in Cleveland, was at Northwestern Elementary providing Dental services for students. Parents were asked to fill out a permission form if they wished their child to be seen by the dentist and receive any needed dental care. The Care Mobile provides dental services to students with NO OUT OF POCKET expense to the parent. The Care Mobile accepts insurance, Medicaid, and sees those students without any means to pay. For several students this was the first time they were able to receive dental care. A total of 33 students were seen and 6 of those students were referred out for specialized treatment. Follow up treatment was also provided on April 20, 2015. Services included cleanings, evaluations, fluoride, X-rays, sealants, fillings, extractions, stainless steel crowns, and pulpotomy (similar to adult root canal). As the district nurse, I was excited to see our students get this much needed service. The Care Mobile will return for the 2015-2016 school year. Be sure and watch for the permission forms to come home if you wish your child to participate.



12th Annual NW Reunion & Community Banquet

Saturday June 20, 2015 at Northwestern High School

Social time: 5:00 P.M. Catered Dinner 6:00 P.M. Program: 7:30 P.M.
Dinner reservations required, non-refundable, Children 5 & under-Free
Children 6 thru 11 - \$8.50, Children 12 thru Adult \$17.00

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

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

For a downloadable on-line printable reservation form visit:

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

Click on Alumni link then on reservation

For further information contact any of the following;

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

Helen Raudebaugh: 330-264-0253; e-mail, h1r2car@wmconnect.com

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

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Dinner Reservation Form

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

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

TOTAL # attending ____

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

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, use back for additional names attending

NAME: _____ NW Grad O yes, O no,

NW class of _____

NAME: _____ NW Grad O yes, O no,

NW class of _____

ADDRESS _____

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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

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

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

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



Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

The Association wants to remind our Alumni about the Northwestern alumni & Community Banquet being held on the 20th of June 2015 at the High School. Reservation form is printed in this issue and will be available at the store in Lattasburg. In West Salem at the Library and the Grocery store. Also in each School building office and the Board office. It is also on the Alumni Link of the School Web-site (address on the front of this newsletter). It can be downloaded or printed off. The Banquet is for all Northwestern Alumni (including graduates of West Salem, Congress & Chester High Schools). It is for those persons living in the Northwestern Community as well. Fill out a reservation, send it in, and come join us. You can view memorabilia, year books etc, enjoy fellowship and a meal with Alumni and Community friends. This year we will be recognizing the 60 year classes. the first Senior class of 1952, Sophomore class of 1953, Junior class of 1954 and the first four year High School class of 1955. We would like to have a good representation from all of the 60 year classes, so get those reservations forms sent in.

The nomination forms for Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor are printed in this issue on the next few pages. These too, are on the above mentioned Web-site and in the same places as mentioned above. Please put these to use, as the Association depends on our Alumni and friends from the Community to send in their nominations. They will be available at the Banquet for you too.

As spring cleaning time comes around and you have year books from West Salem, Congress, Chester and Northwestern, that you feel it is time to do something with --- don't throw them away. The Association is always looking for those unwanted year books, as well as any memorabilia. Please give us a call at 330-264-6847 and we will arrange to pick them up.

Northwestern Alumni and Friends Association
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
for the
2016 Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame

The purpose of the Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame is to recognize the accomplishments of Northwestern School District graduates who have brought honor to the District and Community by their achievements, pursuit of excellence, and commitment to lifelong learning and service in such areas as the arts, athletics, business, education, science, technology, government service, military service, community service, religious or humanitarian contributions or service. It is permissible to nominate and induct an individual posthumously.

Only an individual who has graduated from Northwestern or any of the Schools that made up the Northwestern District will be considered for nomination to the Alumni HOF. Special consideration may be given to a student who left school before receiving a diploma (for example, those who answered the call to wartime military service before graduating). Nominations may be submitted at any time. But person being nominated must have finished their schooling/graduated 15 years before being eligible to be placed on the Official Ballot for vote. In the event that a graduate were to lose his/her life in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), that person shall be eligible for nomination without regard to year of graduation.

It is permissible to nominate and induct an individual posthumously. No person will be enshrined in more than one Hall (Alumni Hall of Fame, or Community Hall of Honor). The Selection Committee shall, at its discretion, consider a nomination to the Alumni HOF for the Community HOH, or vice versa, if the nominee's credentials seem to them to be more appropriate, but only after receiving permission to do so from the person who submitted the original nomination.

Induction ceremonies are held every EVEN numbered years in conjunction with the annual Northwestern Alumni and Friends banquet. Banquet is always held on the next - to - last Saturday in June each year. Nominations must be received by October 31st of the ODD numbered year prior to the induction ceremonies year.

All eligible nominations are carried over from year to year for the next induction cycle.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please print or type. This form may also be downloaded and printed from the alumni page of the school district website at <http://web2.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us>.

Please feel free to attach copies of news articles, photos, letters of support, etc.

Submit to: Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association, HOF/HOH chair, 7571 N. Elyria Rd., West Salem, OH 44287

For more information, contact Dwight Wasson at 330-465-5943 -- judydwight@embarqmail.com

Part I - Contact information about nominee:

NAME OF NOMINEE*: _____

First	M I	Last
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Maiden Name (if applicable): _____ Class of _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Home - () - Work- () - *If deceased, please provide name and address of selected relative or representative:

[illegible]**Part II -Achievements of nominee:**

1. Graduated from:	Northwestern H.S.	Chester	Congress	West Salem
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2. List High School honors/awards received in: (athletics, science, music, speech, clubs, etc.)
Type of award (s) & Year (s)

6. Post - high school military service or higher education:

A. Military service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard.

Rank: _____, Years of service: _____, awards/honors etc. _____

B. Higher education: College attended 1) _____, 2) _____

3) _____, 4) _____, Year. Graduated: _____

Degree (s) earned: _____

Honors/awards earned/received:

3. Professional (medicine, sports, performing arts, teaching, research, etc.): - explain and year(s)

4. Community/Humanitarian service:

7. Business/Occupation:

Company/employer name	Years
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Position Title

Location

Honors/awards earned:

5. Other post-high school honors/awards or accomplishments:

Nominated by: _____ Phone: () - -

Address: _____

City	State	Zip
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E-mail:

NOTE: All nominations are kept on file and re-entered in subsequent years, but additional or updated information is welcome and encouraged.

Northwestern Alumni and Friends Association
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
for the
2016 Northwestern Community Hall of Honor

The purpose of the Northwestern Alumni Hall of Honor is to recognize the contributions of those who have advanced the purpose of education and /or the welfare of the community in the Northwestern school District. Only alumni, employees, former employees, (including former staff), volunteers, or community members of the schools that make up or have made up the Northwestern School District will be considered.

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Part I - Contact information about nominee:

NAME OF NOMINEE*: _____
First M.I. Last

Maiden Name or other name known by (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: Home - (_____) - _____ - _____ Work- (_____) - _____ - _____

*If deceased, please provide name and address of selected relative:

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Part II - Information about nominee:

1. Years employed or residing in the Northwestern Local School District: _____

2. Employed in the Northwestern School District as _____

3. Service to the Northwestern Community as/involved in.

4. Significant contributions, to the advancement of education in the Northwestern Schools, and/or service/welfare to the Northwestern Community.

5. If military service --- supply the following:

A. ____ Army, ____ Navy, ____ Air Force,
____ Marines, ____ Coast Guard

B. Years of service _____, Rank _____

C. Awards, Medals, Training etc.

Nominated by: _____ Phone #: (_____) - _____ - _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
E-Mail: _____

NOTE: All nominations are kept on file and re-entered in the next and subsequent induction cycles.
Additional or up-dated information is welcomed and encouraged.

NORTH-WESTERN



Northwestern FFA Judges at Marysville

On Saturday, March 6th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to Marysville for the spring judging contests. Members participated in contests including dairy foods, poultry, general livestock, equine, and wildlife judging.

The dairy foods judging contest requires members to label types of cheese, identify defects in different milk samples, test milk for mastitis, and identify different types of dairy products based on the taste. Ashley Besancon, Phil Eberly, Adam Miley, Shannon Garrison, Cody Tegtmeier, and Rae Rempfer competed in the dairy foods judging contest. The team placed 1st overall and Besancon placed 10th individually.

In the equine contest, Emily Flinn, Marshall Geiger, Emily Finley, Shania Reed, Hannah Hockenberry, and Tatum Franczek competed. The team placed 1st overall with Geiger placing 6th individually. The equine judging contest requires members to evaluate and place horses, as well as identify and label different parts of tack.

The poultry judging contest teaches participants to identify defects in processed meat, grade and candle eggs, grade carcasses, and places hens and broilers based on their muscle qualities and other physical features. Faith Hudson participated in the poultry judging CDE. She placed 31st.

Austen Wood, Robert Stinemetz, Cody Starling, and Josh Rood made up the wildlife judging team. They placed 5th overall. The purpose of this CDE is to stimulate interest and to promote instruction in the areas of fish and wildlife management, as well as to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of natural resources instruction. The general livestock team was made up of Katie Stull, Victoria Devore, Taylor Dawson, Shelby Aulger, Brittany Slanczka, Kyle Piscione, Hannah Hottel, Jessie Bair, and

Kolton Keenr. The team placed 11th overall. The general livestock CDE teaches students to evaluate and place different livestock animals, as well as answer questions about each class. Some of the classes have blind questions, where members take notes on the class and are asked to remember things about that class of livestock once they leave the ring. Members evaluate swine, beef, sheep, and goats.

These contests are great opportunities for members to expand their knowledge about an interested topic as well as introduce them to a potential career field. The career development events also allow members to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations. The judging teams will be preparing for state on March 28th.

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

Northwestern FFA Competes in State Public Speaking

On Saturday, March 6th, four members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the state public speaking contest at Tolles Tech. Career Center. Mykenzie Snyder, daughter of Doug and Stacie Markley, Mary Baker daughter of Roger and Diane Baker, Kaci Way daughter of Carl and Tammy Way, and Kierstyn Wood, daughter of Ken and Laura Wood competed.

Snyder competed in the freshman creed speaking contest and recited the FFA Creed. She also answered questions about different parts of the FFA Creed and the Creed's history. She placed 4th in her room of 10 other participants.

Mary Baker participated in the Beginning Prepared Speaking contest. She gave a 5-7 minute speech about "Hunger and PETA's Grand Message." After this, she answered questions pertaining to her topic to place 6th in her division.

Wood competed in the Advanced Prepared Speaking contest. She gave a 6-8 minute speech, with her topic being "Supercharged Genetics."

She then answered questions on her speech topic and placed 6th in her division as well.

Kaci Way competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. This contest tests members' ability to come up with a quality speech in a 30 minute time period. Members randomly draw an agricultural topic at the contest, and then they have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. Way's topic was "Feeding the World by 2050." She placed 3rd in her division.

The Chapter would like to congratulate these members for their hard work and dedication in this career development event.



Public speaking participants Kierstyn Wood, Mykenzie Snyder, Mary Baker, and Kaci Way.





Zach Berry Named Northwestern FFA Student of the Month

The Northwestern FFA Student of the Month for March is Zach Berry. He is the son of Bruce Berry. Zach is currently serving as the President of the chapter. Zach is an active member and participates in many CDEs, including Soil Judging, Ag Sales, Dairy Products, and Grain Merchandising. This year, he also attended WLC. Zach takes part in multiple community service activities through the chapter such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army and parking cars at the many events the chapter participates in. When asked about his award, Zach said, "I feel appreciated." One nominator wrote that "As President of the FFA, he is fulfilling his role, keeping the chapter in-line and reaching its potential" Another wrote Zach "has led the chapter well this year." As a part of this honor, Zach will receive a complimentary ice cream from the school cafeteria and rights to a parking space exclusively reserved for the Student of the Month. Congratulations, Zach!

Northwestern FFA Judges in Miami Trace

On Saturday, March 14th, Northwestern FFA Chapter members traveled to Miami Trace to compete in the spring judging contests. The contests that members competed in were dairy cattle, dairy foods, poultry, general livestock, and equine.

Northwestern FFA Highlights!!

The dairy cattle judging CDE requires students to select and place quality dairy cattle. Students will be challenged with pedigree evaluation, sire selection, a written test, placing classes and written class reasons. Team members for this event were Cory Leighty, David Miley, Marie Clements, and Shelby McKay. The team placed 5th overall with Miley placing 9th.

The dairy foods judging contest requires members to identify types of cheese, identify defects in 10 milk samples, test milk for mastitis, and identify fat content in different types of fluid dairy products based on the taste. Philip Eberly, Jayden Berry, Ashley Besancon, Cody Tegtmeier, Rae Rempher, and Adam Miley competed on Saturday. They placed 1st overall. Individually, Eberly placed 1st, Besancon placed 7th, Tegtmeier placed 9th, and Miley placed 10th. The poultry judging contest teaches participants to identify defects in processed meat, grade and candle eggs, grade carcasses, and places hens and broilers based on their muscle qualities and other physical features. Rachelle Howman competed in this event and placed 8th individually.

The general livestock CDE teaches students to evaluate and place different livestock animals, as well as answer questions about each class. Some of the classes have blind questions, where members take notes on the class and are asked to remember things about that class of livestock once they leave the ring. Members evaluate swine, beef, sheep, and goats for breeding and meat characteristics. The team consisted of Brittany Slanczka, Jessica Bair, Katie Stull, Kierstyn Wood, Kolton Keener, Kyle Piscione, Kyle Wharton, MaKenzie Harmon, Taylor Dawson, and Victoria Devore. The team placed 7th overall.

The equine judging contest requires members to evaluate and place horses, as well as identify and label different parts of tack. Marshall Geiger, Reiley Murphy, Hannah Hockenberry, Sarah Maximovich, and

Emily Flinn competed in this event Saturday. They placed 2nd as a team with Reed placing 6th individually.

Northwestern FFA holds Greenhand/Chapter Degree Ceremony

On Monday, March 16, 2015, the Northwestern FFA Chapter handed out more than 60 degrees to 1st and 2nd year FFA members. This night was very important to our youngest FFA members. The night kicked off with a PowerPoint of all the members receiving degrees. Then, the officers performed opening ceremonies and introduced one of the speakers for the evening, Ken Wood. He is a Triway FFA Alumni member and the parent of current Northwestern FFA members. He spoke about the FFA and how it has changed and developed throughout the years. He also discussed why the FFA program is so important today. Alex Miller also spoke. He is currently the District 3 President for the Ohio FFA Association. To the members and guests, he spoke about opportunity and how we should take advantage of it any chance we get. Next, the Greenhand Degree was presented to the qualified 1st year members. The Greenhand Degree is a degree given to the 1st year FFA members that meet standards set by the Chapter, State and the National FFA Organization. On Monday, 41 members received this degree. These members were: Isabella Adkinson, Trevor Adkinson, Lindsey Asbury, Jessica Bair, Lyndsey Chanay, Dylan Coffman, T.J. Cromer, Taylor Dawson, Brandon Feist, Emily Finley, Dawson Flinn, Tatum Franczek, Christie Franks, Marshall Geiger, Kaitlyn Gifford, Joscelyn Hill, Hannah Hockenberry, Kennedy Hoffer, McCayla Holbrook, Alexis Horst, Hannah Hottel, Hunter Kanzeg, Jazon LeMaster, Sera Martin, Andrew McCoy, David Miley, Michael Nutter, Taylor Pennington, Kyle Piscione, Rae Rempher, Bryce Rush, Catherine Shore, Jordan Sims, Mykenzie Snyder, Cody Starling, Robert Stinemetz, Cody Tegtmeier, Mia Tope, Amaya White, Megan Winkler, and Austen Wood.





Northwestern FFA Competes in State Ag Sales



Rachelle Howman, Kaci Way, Ben Vaughan, and Zach Berry. The team placed 5th overall with Berry placing 5th individually.

On Saturday, March 6th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the state Ag Sales contest held at Tolles Tech. Career Center. Kaci Way, Zach Berry, Ben Vaughan, and Rachelle Howman competed. Through this CDE, students have the opportunity to demonstrate skills in sales by participating in a wide range of activities oriented around the total sales process. Students complete an oral sales

presentation, a written test on marketing, and a prospecting practicum. Each year, the practicum is rotated between Customer Relations, Prospecting, and Telephone Ordering. The team placed 5th overall out of 20 teams. Individually, Zach Berry placed 5th, Ben Vaughan placed 29th, Rachelle Howman placed 36th, and Kaci Way placed 65th. The chapter would like to congratulate these members for their hard work and dedication for this CDE.

Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Bowling Night

On Wednesday, March 4th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter met at Wayne Lanes in Wooster for a night of bowling and pizza. Colton Corbett, Sydney Harmon, Josh Hagans, Johnny Workman, Zach Berry, Robert Stinmetz, Michael Nutter, Jessie Bair, Emily Flinn, Storm Nelson, Brock Tegtmeier, Shannon Garrison, Spencer Deming, Rachelle Howman, Cody Tegtmeier, Mia Tope, Victoria Devore, Kierstyn Wood, Shania Reed, Hannah Hockenberry, David Miley, Austen Wood, Adam Miley, Ally Ruegg, Phil Eberly, and Cory Leighty. This event serves as a reward for members who have participated in the Chapter's fundraising throughout the year, although it is open to all members. Any member who sold 10 or more units of fruit, sausage, or strawberries received free bowling. Everyone in attendance received free all-you-eat pizza. This annual spring event also serves as a time for younger members to get to know older members better. The Chapter would like to extend a thank you to Wayne Lanes for the opportunity to bowl, as well as East of Chicago Pizza for providing the pizza for this event.

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

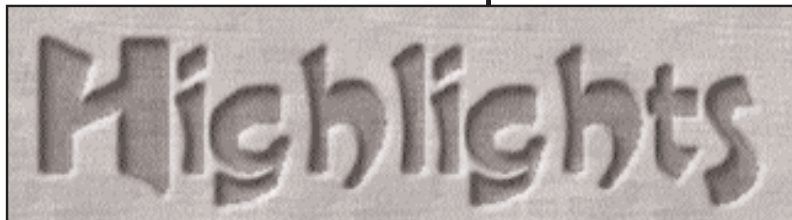
Victoria Devore Named Northwestern FFA Student of the Month

The Northwestern FFA Student of the Month for February is Victoria Devore. She is the son of Dave Devore and Michele Matteson. Victoria is currently serving as the Treasurer of the chapter, a position she has held for two years. She is an active member and participates in many CDEs, including Soil Judging, Cooperative Education, and General Livestock. This year, she was also a crucial member of the Parliamentary Procedure team. She and many others have led the team to state for the past three years. Victoria takes part in community service activities such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army and many others. When asked about her award, Victoria said, "I feel extremely honored and blessed." One nominator wrote that "She has been able to handle a continuous workload and worked diligently to get the tasks accomplished." As a part of this honor, Victoria will receive a complimentary ice cream from the school cafeteria and rights to a parking space exclusively reserved for the Student of the Month. Congratulations, Victoria!



Northwestern FFA Competes in Judging at ATI

On Saturday, February 28th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the dairy and general livestock judging contests held at ATI. The dairy judging team consisted of Ben Vaughan, Cory Leighty, David Miley, and Marie Clements. The team placed 13th overall out of more than 20 teams. Individually, Cory Leighty placed 23rd. The dairy cattle CDE is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to select quality dairy cattle. Students will be challenged with pedigree evaluation, sire selection, linear evaluation, a written test, placing classes and written class reasons.



Judging at ATI, continued

The chapter also had the opportunity to have two general livestock judging teams. The first team consisted of Kaci Way, Katie Stull, Shelby Aulger, and Kyle Piscione. This team placed 12th out of more than 35 teams. The second team consisted of Kyle Wharton, Hannah Hottel, and Jessie Bair. This team placed 13th overall. The general livestock CDE is an educational program designed as a practical method of teaching students to recognize quality production animals. The skills students learn in evaluating general livestock should make them better livestock producers and consumers by giving them practical experience in identifying and understanding characteristics that affect production and quality.

These two teams will be competing in many more contests throughout the spring season, hoping to succeed at the state contest.

Northwestern FFA Competes in the District Public Speaking Contest

On Thursday February 26th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the District Public Speaking contest held at R.G. Drage. Mykenzie Snyder, Mary Baker, Kierstyn Wood, and Kaci Way competed.

Mykenzie Synder, daughter of Doug and Stacie Markley, represented the freshman class and recited the FFA Creed. She also answered questions about parts of the creed and the creed's history. She placed 2nd in this division and will advance to the state contest on March 7th.



Mary Baker, daughter of Roger and Diane Baker, participated in the beginning prepared contest. She prepared a 6-8 minute speech to present at the contest, as well as answered questions about her topic. Her topic was called "The Struggle between Hunger and PETA'S Grand Message." She placed 1st and will advance to the state contest as well.

Kierstyn Wood, daughter of Ken and Laura Wood, competed in the advanced prepared contest. She also prepared a 6-8 minute speech for the contest and answered questions on her topic, which was "Supercharged Genetics." Wood placed 2nd and will advance to the state contest.



Kaci Way, daughter of Carl and Tammy Way, competed in the extemporaneous speaking contest. This contest tests members' ability to come up with a quality speech in a 30 minute time period. Members randomly draw an agricultural topic at the contest, and then they have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. Kaci's topic was "Misunderstandings Surrounding GMOs." She also placed 1st and will advance to the state contest.



The Northwestern FFA would like to congratulate these members for their hard work and dedication and would like to wish them good luck at the state contest on March 7th.



Northwestern FFA Receives Sponsorship for Ag in the Classroom

The Northwestern FFA Chapter has been teaching elementary students about agriculture through the Ag in the Classroom committee for many years. They teach the students about many agricultural topics throughout the year including trees, dairy products, soil, farm animals, flowers, "Freddie the Fish" with Kelly Riley from the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District, and a petting zoo to conclude the year. The committee also provides t-shirts for all Ag in the Classroom participants. This year, Farm Credit Mid-America has donated \$500 to sponsor the shirts as well as provide funding for the program. Farm Credit Mid-America has donated money towards this program for three years. The chapter is very grateful for this donation and would like to thank Farm Credit Mid-America for their continued support.



The picture is of (from left) Ohio FFA Officer Alex Miller, Ag in the Classroom Co-Chairs Katie Stull and Zach Berry, and Farm Credit representatives Amber Morlock and Collin Gordon.

Northwestern FFA Competes in Sub-District Public Speaking Contest

On Wednesday, February 11th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the Sub-District Public Speaking contest held at Minerva. Mykenzie Snyder, Mary Baker, Kierstyn Wood, and Kaci Way competed. Mykenzie Synder, daughter of Doug and Stacie Markley, represented the freshman class and recited the FFA Creed. She also answered questions about parts of the creed and the creed's history.

Northwestern FFA

She placed 2nd in this division and will advance to the district contest on February 24th.

Mary Baker, daughter of Roger and Diane Baker, participated in the beginning prepared contest. She prepared a 6-8 minute speech to present at the contest, as well as answered questions about her topic. Her topic was called "The Struggle between Hunger and PETA'S Grand Message." She placed 1st and will advance to the district contest on February 24th.

Kierstyn Wood, daughter of Ken and Laura Wood, competed in the advanced prepared contest. She also prepared a 6-8 minute speech for the contest and answered questions on her topic, which was "Supercharged Genetics." Wood placed 1st and will advance to the district contest as well.

Kaci Way, daughter of Carl and Tammy Way, competed in the extemporaneous speaking contest. This contest tests members' ability to come up with a quality speech in a 30 minute time period. Members randomly draw an agricultural topic at the contest, and then they have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. Kaci's topic was "Controversies Surrounding PETA." She also placed 1st and will advance to the district contest.

The Northwestern FFA would like to congratulate these members for their hard work and dedication and would like to wish them good luck at the district contest.



Northwestern FFA Has a Successful Sausage Sale

The Northwestern FFA Chapter has had another successful year selling sausage. On Saturday, January 31st, members gathered at Heffelfinger Meats Inc. to make the sausage. FFA members Sarah Maximovich, Kaci Way, David Miley, TJ Cromer, Brock Tegtmeier, Vini Kavinski, Kierstyn Wood, Katie Stull, Austen Wood, Zach Berry, Ryan Morr, Storm Nelson, Ben Vaughan, Cody Tegtmeier, Rachelle Howman, and Emily Flinn helped with sausage. Northwestern FFA Alumni and friends Randy Tegtmeier, John Johnson, Dave Devore, Zane Dilyard, Ken Wood, Laura Wood, Brian Bowers, Kelsey Bowers, Art Stoller, Mary Flinn, and FFA Advisors Heather Tegtmeier and Dan Fulk also helped with the sausage making. A special thanks goes to Bill Yoho, Rick Heffelfinger, and HMI for supporting the chapter with this fundraiser. This year the chapter sold a little more than 2 tons 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 Competes in District Ag Sales Contest

On Wednesday, February 4th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the District 3 Ag Sales contest held at Hillsdale High School. Zach Berry, Kaci Way, Ben Vaughan, and Rachelle Howman competed. Kierstyn Wood, Cody Tegtmeier, Kyle Piscone, and Jessie Bair also participated as alternates. The ag sales contest teaches FFA members about the aspects of selling a product, as well as marketing techniques. Participants are scored on their ability to overcome objections during a sales presentation, a prospecting practicum, and a written test pertaining to marketing. The team placed 2nd overall in the district, with Zach Berry placing 2nd individually. The team will be advancing to the state contest held on February 21st in Columbus.



**Congratulations
to our Husky
Boys Basketball
Team
2015 WCAL
Co-Champs!!**

NORTHWESTERN FFA

Northwestern FFA Judges at Mercer County and Ashland

On Saturday, March 21st, Northwestern FFA Chapter members traveled to Mercer County to compete in the spring judging contests. The contests that members competed in were dairy cattle, dairy foods, poultry, wildlife/nature, general livestock, and equine.

The dairy cattle judging CDE requires students to select and place quality dairy cattle. Students will be challenged with pedigree evaluation, sire selection, a written test, placing classes and written class reasons. Team members for this event were Cory Leighty, David Miley, Marie Clements, Ben Vaughan, and Shelby McKay. The team placed 9th overall.

The dairy foods judging contest requires members to identify types of cheese, identify defects in 10 milk samples, test milk for mastitis, and identify fat content in different types of fluid dairy products based on the taste. Philip Eberly, Jayden Berry, Cody Tegtmeier, Rae Rempher, and Adam Miley competed on Saturday. They placed 1st overall. Individually, Eberly placed 1st, Tegtmeier placed 2nd, Miley placed 3rd, and Rempher placed 10th.

The poultry judging contest teaches participants to identify defects in processed meat, grade and candle eggs, grade carcasses, and places hens and broilers based on their muscle qualities and other physical features. Rachelle Howman competed in this event and placed 4th individually.

The general livestock CDE teaches students to evaluate and place different livestock animals, as well as answer questions about each class. Some of the classes have blind questions, where members take notes on the class and are asked to remember things about that class of livestock once they leave the ring. Members evaluate swine, beef, sheep, and goats for breeding and meat characteristics. The team consisted of Jessie Bair, Kierstyn Wood, Kyle Wharton, MaKenzie Harmon, and Taylor Dawson. The team placed 9th overall.

The equine judging contest requires members to evaluate and place horses, as well as identify and label different parts of tack. Marshall Geiger, Sarah Maximovich, Shania Reed, Emily Finley, and Emily Flinn competed in this event Saturday. They placed 4th as a team with Reed placing 8th individually.

T.J. Cromer, Hunter Kanzeg, Austen Wood, Josh Rood, and Robert Stinemetz competed in the wildlife/nature CDE. The purpose of this CDE is to stimulate interest and to promote instruction in the areas of nature interpretation, fish and wildlife management, as well as to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of natural resources instruction. The team placed 5th overall in the wildlife contest and 1st overall in the nature contest. Individually in the nature interpretation contest, Wood placed 7th, Kanzeg placed 9th, and Cromer placed 10th.

Other Northwestern FFA members traveled to Ashland to compete in the judging contests. Kaci Way participated in the general livestock CDE and placed 22nd individually. Zach Berry competed in the dairy foods judging contest and placed 15th individually.

The chapter would like to recognize these members for their hard work and would like to wish them good luck at the state contest on March 28th.



April 10, 2015 "STAR" Benefit/Concert

12:45 p.m. in high school theater

Public is welcome!
\$3.00 Donation will be collected
at the door
T-Shirts with the above design are
being sold for \$10

All Proceeds will go to the
"Children's Heart Foundation"
in support of Colton Corbett
The band "Windstar" will be
performing. Windstar is a band with
Northwestern alumni!

NW All Sports Association

THANK YOU to EVERYONE
who made this evening
Successful!!



Buckeye Cake



Boys & Girls Basketball
Brad Garrison / Jeff Harmon

Cake Auction



Soccer - Marty's Studio



Wrestling - Chuck Beck



Youth Football - Ron Tooley



Dave Geitgey - Auctioneer



Golf
PCS Drive
Thru

Elementary
Sports
Commodity
Blenders



Cheerleading - Keener/Howman
Families



Track & Cross Country
Buchholz/Guidetti/Tegtmeier
Families



Football
Wharton Excavating



Basketball - Charlie Ferrell

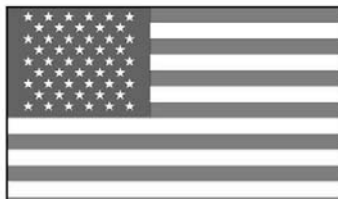
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Baseball/Softball
Schwartz Sons

Multiple flags may be ordered for the same residence or business. Four or more flags will be at \$25/flag. If you have any questions, please call John Ertl at 330-347-4380



NORTHWESTERN AREA PARADE OF FLAGS

Northwestern Ruritan Club

Help create a community of red, white and blue! Join others in your area to honor our country with a parade of flags for five special holidays throughout the year.

With your \$30 subscription, the Northwestern Ruritan Club will place a 3' x 5' flag in the front yard of your home or business for five holidays per year. The flags are removed to be stored properly and respectfully between holidays.

Proceeds from the Parade of Flags goes to support community projects.

Flags will be installed for the following holidays: Memorial Day (May); Flag Day (June); Independence Day (July); Patriots Day (Sept.); and Veterans Day (Nov.).

The flag and staff will remain the property of the Northwestern Ruritans. If your flag has not been installed two days before the holiday, please call 330-347-4380.

(Mail in this section with your payment)

Northwestern Area Parade of Flags Application (please print)

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

(For flag placement - please do not list P.O. Box)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____

Check only one: Is this a residence _____ or a business? _____

Business name _____

Make \$30.00 check payable to: Northwestern Ruritan Club

Send application to: John Ertl, 725 Rathburn Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691
OR give to any Ruritan member.



6th grade Civil War ReEnactment for Thursday APRIL 16TH

This is an open invite to the community, family members of the 6th graders, and staff members. The day begins at 7:45 am with a huge diorama/explanation of the Battle of Gettysburg. This will be followed with various sessions including: The Union Camp, The Confederate Camp, Civil War Cannon, Ladies of the Civil War & Dress during the time period, and a Surgeon's experience during the Civil War. The sessions conclude around 11:30 am. Then a costume judging contest will follow.



The air is cool, the breeze is light.
The clouds in the sky are fluffy and white.
The flowers open to show their bright faces,
as the garden snail alongside paces.
The trees unfold their bright green leaves.
The spider a silken web she weaves.
The birds sing their notes high and clear.
Cheer up! Cheer up! Spring is here!

HUSKY PRIDE & TRADITION



**Congratulations to all
Northwestern students involved
in the One Act Play!!**

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

It was an amazing day of drama at Northwestern as we hosted our first Wayne County "one act play festival"!

Northwestern was the school that topped all others at the end of the day! We were also one of the three school performances rated "superior"! Two of the seven individual actor superior awards were Northwestern students as well!

Amazing performance by our drama students!

Michelle Mauro said the judges were blown away by the performance of our cast (they could not stop talking about how extraordinary it was!)



Rachel Sykes has entered into the **2015 Congressional Art Competition!** Rachel's work was entered for the People's Choice Award! Her work is a pen and ink drawing of a girl with a bear mask, titled *Totem Mask*.

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Board of Education Meeting

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

District Facilities Committee

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

All Sports Boosters

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

Music Boosters

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

Ruritans

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

Football Club

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

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Soccer Club

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

Elementary PTO

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

Approved 6/09/14

NORTHWESTERN LOCAL SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2014 - 15 School Year

2014

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

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

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

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

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

Graduation: Sunday, May 31

MAKE-UP DAYS

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

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



CONGRATULATIONS to the Northwestern Middle School WCAL Wrestling Champs with Coach Brent Cherry.



**** THE Northwestern ****

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



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