

# THE Northwestern

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## Northwestern High School 2018 Homecoming Court



**Northwestern High School 2018**  
**Queen Raini Hershey, escorted by Isaac**  
**Franks and Spencer Hershey III, son of**  
**Spencer and Chelsea Hershey.**

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### **The 2018 homecoming court was:**

Freshmen - Avery Garver and Buddy Rowe, Sophomores - Allison Spencer and Cole Wharton, Juniors - Claire Bond and Brock Tegtmeier.

The senior court was Raini Hershey escorted by Isaac Franks and Spencer Hershey III, son of Spencer and Chelsea Hershey; Ally St. Clair escorted by Trevor Ferriman and Alex St. Clair, son of Mark and Shelly St. Clair; Carrie Boak escorted by Cole Marley and Amelia Nagel, daughter of Amanda Nagel.

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***A note from our superintendent...***

As we approach the holidays, let's count our blessings as well as celebrate family, friends, love, and forgiveness.

This fall has brought with it several hardships that we have been weathering, several challenging issues, a major investigation, multiple staff cancer diagnosis as well as other major health issues that have posed emotional as well as operational difficulties. In spite of this, we have been weathering these convergent storms. We are coming out on the other side all the stronger and more unified. With all of this being said, our staff and administration have continued our pursuit of excellence and our mission of "preparing our students today for tomorrow's opportunities."

**A few informational items:**

- We have had three groups of visitors throughout our buildings to view our students, teachers, programs, Greenhouse-Clean Energy Lab, STEM Preschool, and discuss effective rural education and learn from us. Northwestern is the "pro exemplar" and model for rural education.
- One group consisted of over 25 individuals from multiple schools, State Representative Scott Wiggam, officials from the Ohio Dept. of Education, with other officials, the media, and, of course, members of our own staff, administration, and community. We have consistently scheduled tours roughly six times per year and willingly share our knowledge and guidance with other schools and our community.
- In the past six years more than 500 individuals (educators, public officials, community members, various groups) have toured our buildings and classrooms!
- HSTW (High Schools that Work) and Northwestern again received grant funding for year two of our Solar Sprint and e-Cybermission curriculum and projects. Last year we led a 3-district consortium.

This year we expanded to a 5-district consortium. Last year both our two Northwestern teams that competed nationally in Georgia finished in the top 10 nationally!

• We received a \$425,000 (possibly up to \$450,000 in the end) "Expanding Opportunities Grant" that will financially support further expansion of student opportunities. Our goal with this grant is to promote our 4-year high school CTE Career Pathways, the two year middle school exploratory elective courses aligned with these pathways, expand student organizations and regional, state, and national competition opportunities, as well as increase CCP college courses available in our own high school, strengthening and expanding our current seven Career Pathways (we are currently planning on creating an eighth Career Pathway at this time, which will be announced this winter once it has been confirmed), and finally, to continue advancing our already very strong career focus, student career planning, career shadowing, exploration, internships, pre-apprenticeships, and pupil support services to further engage our students and individually support them to improve in areas of weakness, encourage their passion, nurture their God-given talents, and guide them in future career and life aspirations. In short, our goal is to INSPIRE our students!

When going "head to head" in academic competitions our students excel in ALL of our programs! Whether it be FFA, FCCLA, HOSA, Science Fair, Speech & Debate, Academic Challenge, Solar Spring, e-Cybermission, fine arts competitions our students are INCREDIBLE! In addition, having won the WCAL League two of the past three years in high school athletic competitions, our students excel in this area as well. I am proud of where we are with our outstanding teachers and programs! Northwestern continues our innovation and advocacy for quality education:

- At Northwestern we Inspire & Engage our students! Transference of STEM skills to other careers and other facets of their lives.
- Our students are problem solvers, creative, leaders, collaborative, innovative, and articulate leaders of the future.
- Through application of their learning real-world, relevant, experiences, they improvise and they perform.

• Not only was Northwestern the first K-12 STEM designated school district in Ohio, but also created what we believe is the first STEM problem based learning preschool and this year enrollment has increased enough to fund our second STEM preschool classroom! Registration for the '19-'20 STEM Preschool begins January 1st!

• In addition to Senior Seminar Capstone Career Project and our enhanced 8th grade job shadow project, last year we began a 5th grade career project.

• Collaborations: OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network), Battelle, High Schools that Work, the PAST Foundation for STEM Education, the 5-district Blended Learning Cohort, Northwestern led Rural LDC Collaborative Cohort, The 5-district Army AEOP Program Cohort are evidence of our leadership in helping advance education regionally.

• We must continue to think systemically, not in isolation of individual programs or just ourselves. We must change the very culture of our schools through Problem Based Learning instruction and learning.

Northwestern is blessed with numerous quality programs as developed and taught by outstanding teachers. However, beyond this we have embraced STEM education and applied PBL learning district-wide in all areas. This has made all the difference.

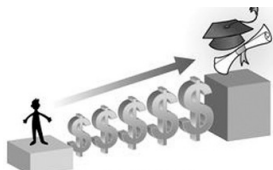
Finally, thank you (as always) for the strong community support! Our schools are synonymous with our community. Our schools and community are one in the same. Our leadership has guided our district well, as we have increased our programs and career pathways. We have been very purposeful in our direction and ensuring the sustainability of these programs, which we have shared with numerous other districts locally, regionally, state-wide, and nationally. This is why Northwestern is the rural model for the very best instruction of excellent programs in our elementary, middle school, and high school buildings that operate in the most efficient and sustainable manner possible. This is my 14th year at the helm of Northwestern. I am so very proud of our community, our faculty, staff, administration, and outstanding board of education! I am proud of the academic and social success of our students.

# STAY INFORMED

NOTE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, continued .....

I am proud of the innovative and progressive, project-based and research-based programs instruction we have within our classrooms. I am proud of the fantastic school culture and climate we have throughout each of our buildings and throughout our great community. I am also very proud of the fact that we have stretched our dollars and run a lean operation. I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools. The supports and relationships throughout our community are unique. We can take great pride in our schools and together we can continue to strive for even greater heights. With our dedicated administrators, staff, and supportive community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations. We will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community. It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support. Here is for Northwestern Huskies continuing to "lead the pack!"



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Northwestern Local Schools

## District Finances – Inconsistency is the New Normal in State Funding

Over my 29 years in education and 24 years as a school administrator I have never observed the lack of predictability in regard to school revenue as being so difficult. By reading below you can get a glimpse of some of these numerous variants. In addition, we are often blind-sided by mid-year requirements and financial changes in rules by the Ohio Dept. of Education that are unanticipated.

As has been the norm over the past 8 years, the only consistency in public school finances has been our local tax dollar revenue. We have observed the state of Ohio has been increasingly creative in the way they quietly reduce funding to public schools over the past 8 years – most especially rural school districts. We continue due diligence in spending and do so under watchful eyes.

- State funding has waned and been, in essence, flat-lined over the past 8 years (yet inflation and personnel costs continue to escalate).
- Ohio has reduced transportation funding for rural schools through their funding mechanism – yes, the rural schools, which drive the most miles per student.
- Ohio has decreased their funds for support-related costs (such as ESC supports, Preschool funds, etc.) which has resulted in school district having to pay these costs (thus an end-all reduction in funding).
- CCP (College Credit Plus) cost burden shift onto the backs of local school districts. This has essentially now become a cash cow for participating colleges. We are proud of the successes of our students participating in CCP and support the financial savings this can provide for parents. We have more students than ever participating in full-time CCP courses at colleges, which costs the district huge financial dollars. However, often we have students taking courses on college campuses that we offer for college credit here in our building at substantially lower costs to the district.

The state does not allow us to direct enrollment to our classes in these cases. Also, the state requires the schools to pay for high textbook costs as well as the tuition, which should not be the case. We have countered by increasing the number of CCP courses we offer here on our campus in which our teachers provide much greater support than do the area colleges.

- The Ohio Department of Education has continued promoting private entities to take local dollars with little restriction through special "scholarships" where the entities are not even required to educate the students – costing our district \$10,000 - \$30,000 annually per student. The numbers have increased as a result of the Department's lack of oversight of these organizations, thus allowing them to bleed school districts.

- Over the past several years the lower home valuations has hurt our tax collections while about the same time increased CAUV agricultural value calculations has slightly helped our tax collections. The district is likely to lose substantial tax dollars with a state change in formula regarding CAUV agricultural value calculations, which is forthcoming. We are unsure as yet as to the amount of the specific funding reductions that will affect us.

- Ever-increasing Charter-Community Schools deductions costs us hundreds of thousands of dollars annually – that the state deducts – whether we agree with services or not (often partial attendance to low-performing online schools, as an example).

- Increasing Special Education services and personnel costs due to state, federal mandates and MRDD freezing Ida Sue services for new students. This has resulted in our needing to employ several additional intervention specialist teachers and aides over the past few years.

- Employee costs (most notably health care cost increases, in which premiums increased 11.4% this past summer) always go up. We are working on ways to control health care costs as best we can. Thanks to the understanding of our employees and the common sense fiscal management of the district administration and board of education, the district has been averaging 1% annual raises the past decade – even the past few years, while we have all seen other area schools

# District News

FINANCES, continued .....

and cities the past few years increasing salaries between 2%-3%. However, even a 1% increase annually adds significant costs to the district.

## **What has helped Northwestern sustain adequate funding:**

- Consistently strong incoming open enrollment students and the related revenue. We had a record incoming open enrollment of 253 students at the start of this school year. We balance this with caps on class sizes so we continue with balanced, small class sizes, while accepting these students and improving our cost efficiency.
- Grant Funding – We received @ \$1,000,000 of grant funding in 2016, over \$200,000 in 2017, and already more than \$550,000 this school year. However, the grant funding is inconsistent and not a reliable source of revenue. Also, most grant dollars are aligned to specific program goals and improvements, so normally do not equate to much in the area of cost savings for the district (grants and community donations did build our Greenhouse-Clean Energy lab, however!).
- We have strategically and painstakingly planned our STEM and Career Pathway Programs as well as provided necessary faculty training in order to obtain substantial additional federal Career & Technical Education weighted funding to ensure adequate funds for the sustainability of these programs

In the end, due to these numerous factors all calculated and coming into play above and high costs of HVAC upgrades and roof work over the past few years, we were in the red as far as expenditures exceeding revenue the past two school years. We are anticipating additional flooring replacement needs over the next few years as well. There are also many additional factors that play into our state and federal revenue, such as the possibility of major federal funding reductions for Title I (low wealth) and IDEA (special education) funding for public schools. The latest 5-year forecast predicts funding carryover 5-year forecast has predicted the carryover balance to run-out in 3 years. We continue to walk the tightrope with district finances while also balancing the best personnel, best programs, and continued educational excellence and opportunities for each of our students!

## **EMERGENCY DELAY OR CANCELLATION DAYS**

With the severely cold weather and winter remaining we would like to remind parents about our delay and cancellation procedures. When our school buses travel over 1,436 miles each day in our 94 square mile school district, picking up students it is imperative that the roads are safe to travel. The safety of children and drivers is the only issue when considering whether to cancel school.

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both the Northwestern Transportation Mechanic Jon Wellert and Northwestern Superintendent Jeff Layton drive the roads prior to 5:00 a.m. - communicating with each other – in order to make the final decision before 5:30 a.m. At 5:30 many of our dedicated bus drivers have already begun their routes on poor weather days. The Superintendent also listens to weather forecasts and confers with other area school districts - all of who also do assessments of road conditions. A decision is made to delay or cancel school if it is unsafe for students and/or unsafe for bus travel. Since Northwestern stretches so far north-south we may not always make the same decision as other school districts. This is because we are concerned with Northwestern students first and foremost.

**When the Wayne County Sheriff issues a Level 2 weather warning, telling motorists to drive only if it is an emergency, school is automatically cancelled.**

However, sometimes these announcements do not come before announcement of school closing has to occur.

## **Ohio Alerts Text and e-mail Alerts**

The district, school buildings, and various school subgroups send mass communication to anyone registered for these. Usage is particularly important use for communicating school delays and closures, or emergency situations.

We do not register individuals for the text or e-mail alerts, nor do we manage the site.

Please visit the Northwestern website for a link to register or manage your account.

For those who wish to be removed from the system entirely simply reply "STOP" or "UNSUBSCRIBE".

In addition, often the road conditions change quickly and dramatically – sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse - between the time of the final decision at 5:30 a.m. and the time MS and HS may begin with a 2-hour delay (9:15 a.m.) or elem. may begin with a 2-hour delay (11:00 a.m.).

Information on school closing is available and most accurate by registering for communications through OhioAlerts.com (a link is also on our Northwestern website). Parents, students, and community members can register for text alerts and/or e-mail alerts. One important note: Ohio Alerts is no longer providing this product as of January 1. Therefore we have been working to find a replacement text alert product. The replacement product will be determined by Dec. 1. The registration process and address will be posted on our website as well as communicated through the OhioAlerts System. Watch for it!

Also, calling the district or individual school building phone numbers and listening to the recorded message on our automated phone system is an option. Announcements are also made through local radio stations WQKT and WNCO as well as TV stations WEWS (Channel 5), WKYC (Channel 3), and FOX WJW (Channel 8). The school district phone recordings and radio stations are the quickest to post the information. Television stations have between a 15-minute and 30-minute lag time before the information is posted an occasionally do post inaccurate messages. Also, a decision to close is announced by 8:00 a.m. at the very latest. Otherwise, we will remain open.

## Northwestern Schools “Home of the Huskies”

This updated 5-year Strategic Plan is our roadmap for continued district improvement for the future. It will guide us in the direction of preparing our students even better for quality of life and help in preparing each student for tomorrow's opportunities.

This Strategic Plan is the product of much study of data, planning, commitment, and input. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee, comprised of 30 members representing teachers, administrators, board of education members, students, parents and other community members worked diligently and collaboratively to create a five-year plan. This is an annual update of that living document effective 8/2018-8/2023.

### Goals and Related Strategies

#### **I. TEACHING AND LEARNING**

- Provide and support a comprehensive curriculum and learning environments that develops, ensures and encourages opportunities for all levels of student ability
- Evaluate and continue current curriculum/course pathway options including College Credit Plus, dual credit, post-secondary options, STEA2M, Agricultural Science, Wood Tech, etc.
- Identify and provide supports and/or services to establish and maintain a strong general education, special education, gifted education and at-risk education program to meet individual student needs in the least restrictive environment continuum
- Create functional labs for HS science, agricultural science, engineering, clean energy, computer science (open labs, greenhouse, barn, land acquisition)
- Update HVAC over next 3 years
- Expand and improve preschool programs to prepare all students to enter school “Kindergarten ready”

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2018

- Continually align curriculum, instruction and assessments to meet individual student needs
  - Continuously explore diverse methods to structure the delivery of instruction to meet the needs of all students
  - Evaluate school calendar, school day and scheduling structures and designs in their cost and effectiveness in order to expand curriculum, improve student learning and enhance student retention of knowledge (blended learning, job credit/release, all year school, four day school week, flex a.m./p.m. periods, special sessions, various sessions such as lectures through small groups)
  - Develop and support a professional learning culture which will provide common planning time, time to discuss data, curriculum and instruction addition to promote collaboration
  - Evolve to a college-style environment in 11-12 grade. Create HS distance learning environments – Media Center, Technology Lab, auditorium/lecture environments
- #### **II. TECHNOLOGY**
- Utilize existing and emerging technology in all areas of the school district
  - Develop and regularly maintain a district website that accurately represents the mission of the district and to communicate timely and pertinent district information and community resources at the local, regional and state level (a new website is scheduled to go active April 1, 2016)
  - Expand and enhance availability of digital course materials and learning environments such as classroom, library and lab facilities for blended learning, distance learning
  - Attain 1-to-1 Chromebook to student in grades 6-12 in 2016
  - Strive to 1-to-1 iPad or Chromebook to student district-wide within next 5 years
- #### **III. STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
- Continue providing a comprehensive professional growth and development program
  - Attract and retain a quality teaching force while encouraging involvement and active engagement Continue providing a comprehensive professional growth and development program

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- Continue to cultivate collegiality, climate and culture in each building and the district through continued collaboration, trust and positive relationships among all employees

- Continue to utilize a comprehensive and rigorous interview and hiring process

#### **IV. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Encourage partnerships with community groups, school support organizations and area businesses

- Expand opportunities for the engagement of all students and families

- Welcome and orient new students and families to the school and community

#### **V. STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

- Continue to enhance a positive learning climate and culture

- Continue promoting career exploration programs

- Develop mentor programs to connect older students, staff and/or community members with younger students

- Continue to enhance a coordinated, district-wide character education program

- Build on existing student recognition and/or other programs to facilitate student connectivity

- Continue providing curriculum that is relevant, rigorous and connected to possible career development and interests for all students

- Coordinate opportunities for all students to explore and research a variety of occupations, careers and to identify student interests

- Provide diverse extra-curricular activities at all grade levels that may include clubs in areas such as drama, art, environmental, math, science, reading and cultural experiences

#### **We believe . . .**

- students are our primary consideration and all decisions must reflect optimum opportunity for the educational development of all students

# Northwestern Schools

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2018 continued .....

- each student makes meaningful contribution in the classroom• that student engagement is paramount and that individualized and differentiation of instruction is necessary to educate each student
- students are the priority and responsibility of the school district AND the whole community in establishing a sense of student ownership for learning and behavior belonging
- schools are an integral part of our community and our community is an integral part of our schools
- every student is an individual deserving of opportunities promoting student choice, providing challenges to reach their potential, and supporting the desire to be better learners
- children learn best when their physical and emotional needs are met
- we value each student within the district for the talents and attributes that makes them unique
- students of various abilities have equal opportunities to foster their talents and have opportunities to make their dreams come true
- we can and must establish measurable and attainable goals that will prepare all students to be successful in a global society through a partnership of parents, educators, community and students
- staff should be provided and should actively seek professional development that is data-driven and research-based to promote the development of collaboration and teamwork for improving achievement of all students
- we must provide cutting-edge technology, modern and safe classroom environments, quality and engaging instruction and extracurricular opportunities for our students to achieve their highest academic potential and to maximize their learning experience



professional  
development

share education change   corporate experience learn   create   continuing responsibility two-directional

## Deputy Adam Chellis

### NW School's Resource Officer

First of all let me say it's an honor to protect your children. Now let me introduce myself for those who don't know me. I live in Northwestern Local Schools District and my daughter is enrolled in Northwestern Local Schools. I have been a Deputy Sheriff for the last 17 years for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. I am also a 1st Class Petty Officer in the Ohio Navy, part of the Ohio National Guard.



Several people have asked, so what does a School Resource Officer do? In the mornings I make sure your children arrive safely at school, from the high school to the elementary school. I help educate your children on different parts of the law. I am not here to get your child involved in the Juvenile Courts. That is only used as a last resort. Most things will be handled by the school and if they are severe enough then I will handle. I take part in counseling, educating and being a positive role model for your children. I also make sure all buildings are secure and safe. I work directly with the administration on safety plans and ideas for Northwestern Local Schools. One of the biggest problems we are seeing in the high school and middle schools are the JUULS. This problem is not just at our schools but at all of the schools. It is a nicotine product that is being sold, resembles a thumb drive but is longer. It even plugs into a USB port to charge. The only reason they are selling this product is so children under eighteen can use it. Why would an adult need to hide it? The problem with JUULS or vaping is that the users of it are actually the test subjects. We don't know the future health effects of vaping. I am also here to support and protect your child any way I can. If you have any questions or problems please feel free to contact me.

## Middle School

### NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

#### Miss Julianna Huckriede - Paraprofessional

Family: Mom Julie and Dad Randy, brother Alex and sister in law Katie.  
 Pets: Black cat named Batman  
 High School Graduated from: Barberton High School  
 College Graduated From: The University of Akron



Hobbies: Listening and playing/singing music, painting, working out, reading, watching tv shows and movies with family, spending time with friends and family.

Recently Read Books: The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

Favorite Movie: The Dark Knight and Beauty and the Beast

Favorite Restaurant: Casa Del Rio or Angie's Pizza

Favorite Sports Team: The Cavs and The Indians College: The University of Akron

Professional: The Cavs and Indians

Who inspired me to choose this career path: I have had many great teachers throughout my life and they all have taught me not only the education that I need but different things about life and have inspired me in some way or another. But the one that inspired me the most would have to be my 1st -3rd grade teacher who I absolutely adored and always wanted to be like when I was little. She passed away when I was in middle school so that was really hard. I know that she is still with me and is on my side as I start my career. I only wish that I could go visit her now and talk to her about my career in education. The impact on me that she left is amazing and that is what I hope to be to my students one day!

Few people know that I... am in a hand bell choir.

My greatest hero is... my mom. She is so strong and she can handle so much. She knows how to fix almost anything and she has always been there for me. I hope that someday I am as strong as her and can do all the things she does with so much ease like she can. She does everything with love and positivity! She is the best!

My greatest phobia is... spiders or creepy crawling bugs  
 My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... "When you see only one set of footprints in the sand, it was then that I carried you"- portion from the poem Footprints in the Sand by Margaret Fishback Powers

# HUSKY PRIDE & TRADITION

## NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHTS!!

### Jonathon Wellert - Bus Mechanic

Family: Jamie (wife), Daughter Jillian, Baby J. coming in November

Name of parents: Kim and Sherri Wellert

Pets: goats, dogs and cats

High School Graduated from: Northwestern

College Graduated From: UNOH

Hobbies: tractor pulling and farming

Favorite Restaurant: Green Leaf

Favorite College Sports Team: OSU football

The best thing about Northwestern is... It's my home school where I grew up.

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My dad and grandpa Wellert .

Words of Wisdom... IF it doesn't happen the first time you try, keep trying, and if one door closes another will open.



### Faron Flinn - Bus Driver

Family: Wife Amanda and two children Triston and Brennan

Name of parents: Dave and Linda Flinn

Pets: dairy cattle, beef cattle, chickens, chocolate lab named Malina, cat

High School Graduated from: Northwestern

Hobbies: Tractor pulling and tinkering in the shop.

Recently Read books: Big fan of the author C.J. Box.

Favorite Movie: I have a lot of them

Favorite Restaurant: Greenleaf. It's simple

Favorite Sports Team: College: OSU of course

Professional: do not have one.

The best thing about Northwestern is: The faculty and the kids

Who inspired me to choose this career path: Just kind of came to me. But once I started driving and interacting with the students I was hooked!

Few people know that I... Am pretty much a jack of all trades.

My greatest hero is... My dad

My greatest phobia is... Letting my wife and kids down.

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... It is what it is. Sometimes you just can't change what's already been done.

My greatest accomplishment is... My family so far.

Words of Wisdom... Sometimes things are not always what they appear to be.



### Julie Huckriede - continued

"To the world you may be one person but to one person you may be the world." -Unknown

"People may not remember exactly what you did or what you said, but they will remember you for how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

My greatest accomplishment is... Graduating from The University of Akron with my degree in education and getting my teaching license. -- Words of Wisdom... Be kind and treat people how you want to be treated. That may be over used but I think it is one of the most important things we need to make a habit of. When you look at a situation through the eyes of the other person you realize that you would want someone to be kind to you if you were going through something so it's important to be kind no matter what. "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."



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

Hello from Northwestern High School,

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

We continue to look to provide opportunities for our students. We are proud to have added a capstone class in our Clean Energy pathway, as well as our Computer Science program. It is always exciting to see the projects that our students come up with in their capstone classes.

We have many different clubs with diverse focuses including the chess club, the foreign language club, the drama club, Husky Hype, FCCLA, STAR, HOSA, the art club and others. New clubs this year include Speech and Debate and PenOhio. If you have a child or grandchild at our high school, please encourage them to look into things of this nature as a way to expand their views and experiences. We always get out of things what we put into them. At Northwestern High School we have so many exceptional students doing great things. They never cease to amaze me with both the quality and the volume of their activities.

**Upcoming events at the high school include the following:**

The drama program, under Elizabeth Crabtree's direction, is working to get a fall production ready. This year's fall production is the Broadway Musical, *Seussical!* We are very proud of the continued growth of our drama program. The dates for this production are November 16-18. Following this they will shift their focus to this winter's one act play.

We will have a Veteran's Day program at 10:19 a.m. on November 12th, in the high school theater.

# ***Northwestern High School News***

This is open to all veterans and community members. We chose this time for the assembly as we also extend an open invitation to all veterans and guests to stay for a complimentary lunch.

There is a public performance for our NHS Talent Show on November 20 @ 7:00 p.m. in the high school theater. This program will be incorporated into the school day on Wednesday, November 21, as well.

On November 27 we will be inducting new members into the National Honor Society and we will be issuing Academic Letters to our top scholars. This program is at 7:00 in the theater and is open to the community. We hope to see you there!

The choir will be performing for the community on December 4 and the band will have their concert on December 18. Both of these programs begin at 7:00 p.m., in the high school theater, with the middle school performing first. You are welcome to come early for the entire concert or come a little later for an opportunity to transition into the theater when some of the parents and students from the middle school exit. As usual, we anticipate a full theater for these events.

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

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

## **Northwestern All-Sports Update**

It has been a busy and productive fall for the All-Sports organization. A huge thank you to Rob Hastings and his family for overseeing the Coke booths at the Wayne County Fair, and a thank you to all of the volunteers that worked the booths, bringing in valuable funds for our athletics. Despite the rainy weather, it was another successful fair. Additionally, thank you to all the volunteers that have worked in the various concession stands throughout the fall sports season. Wendy Albright, Lynn Kandel and Michelle Thompson coordinated the soccer concessions, Theresa Smith coordinated for volleyball, and Jenny Leighty coordinated for football. Another big thank you to Pig Foot BBQ for providing the pulled pork at the Friday night football concession stand. This added another tasty supper choice for all the people in attendance. As winter sports gear up, remember that volunteers are always needed. This past fall, All-Sports was able to purchase new uniforms for both boys and girls soccer, and with the community's recurring support, they will continue to be able to financially support all athletics. Membership forms are available online on the Northwestern Schools athletic website.

# Northwestern High School

In the **Introduction to Engineering**

**Design** Course at the high school, students have the opportunity to participate in 3-D Modeling Friday. On this day, students can practice their 3-D modeling skills by designing and 3-D printing their individual models.

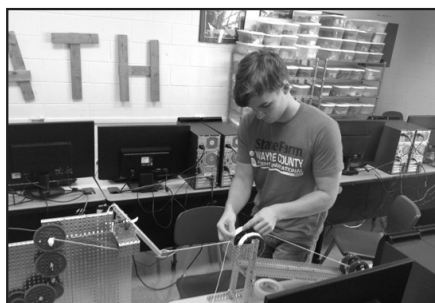
**Ryan Walter** designed and 3-D modeled an electronics cable organizer system which he then 3-D printed.



**Jacob Westover**, a second year engineering student, designed and 3-D modeled a part to improve his chicken cage design.



**Northwestern Engineering Students** participated in **Manufacturing Day on October 5**. Students had the opportunity to visit to local manufacturing companies of their choice. It was a great day with a lot of great connections made between our students and local industry.



In the second year engineering course, **Principles of Engineering**, students have been designing and building a compound machine which is to move a 1000g weight a distance of 1 inch in under 45 minutes with the largest mechanical advantage that they can get using all 6 of the simple machines. **Jordan Allhouse** (pictured on left) is putting the final touches on their compound machine design. Jordan also had assistance from **Liam Sykes** and **Jacob Westover** on their compound machine. **Wyatt Arthur** and **Colin Agnes** (pictured on right) stand poised with their compound machine ready for the testing phase.

**High School Health students have been practicing First Aid and CPR**



Nicole Yutzy and Zoey Dudte



Megan Meeker and Amy Rempher



Eva Kruglova and Collin Good



Dylan Martin, Ethan Schwartz, Stefanie Ecker

## HS YEARBOOK Information

**Class of 2019: Senior photos and baby pictures are due by Friday, January 11, 2019.** Please submit digitally, if possible, by sending a .jpg to [nrws\\_khudson@tccsa.net](mailto:nrws_khudson@tccsa.net). You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this email, your photos have not been received (please make arrangements with your photographer if they will be emailing the photos).

**If necessary, hard copies of photos will be accepted.** You may drop those off in the high school office in an envelope with your name printed on it. Contact Mrs. Hudson at [nrws\\_khudson@tccsa.net](mailto:nrws_khudson@tccsa.net) with questions.

(Please note, in addition to being used in the yearbook, these photos will also be used for the graduation section in local newspapers and for the graduation slideshow. If you send separate photos for each, please label each jpg. accordingly.)

**Please follow the yearbook on Twitter** for timely updates and reminders: [@NHSHuskiesYrbk](https://twitter.com/NHSHuskiesYrbk)

Extra 2017-2018 yearbooks are still available for \$50, but HURRY! There are only a few left!



November 22 - 26	No School
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving National Honor Society Induction Ceremony/ Academic Awards 7:00 p.m.
December 1	Robotics Wooster HS 7:00 a.m.
December 3	All Sports Meeting 7:30
December 4	Choir Christmas concert 7:00 p.m.
December 5-6	One Act Play Auditions
December 7	Project Partnership
December 10	Ruritan Meeting
December 17	Board Meeting
December 18	Band Christmas Concert



## NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHTS!!

### Kayle Timura- Intervention Specialist

Family: Mike Timura (older brother), Cassi Timura (sister in law), Lexi Timura (niece), and Gabi Timura (niece); Ryan Timura (older brother), Allie Timura (sister in law), Nora Timura (niece), & Charlotte Timura (niece)

Name of parents: Cheri & Dave Timura -- Pets: One dog & two tortoises

High School Graduated from: Highland High School

College Graduated From: Ashland University

Hobbies: crafts, running, reading, spending time with family and friends, and Netflix

Recently Read Books: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

Favorite Movie: Despicable Me

Favorite Restaurant: Moe's

Favorite Sports Team: College: Ashland Football Professional: Cleveland Monsters

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My next door neighbor.

Few people know that I am a professional jump roper.

My greatest hero is my mom.

My greatest phobia is spiders.

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture is "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". -Gandhi

My greatest accomplishment is graduating from Ashland University as salutatorian.



### Ryan Hughes - Linkage Coordinator

Family: Wife-Lyndsea, Son- Landry (16 months) -- Pets: Yorkie (Milo)

High School Graduated from: Jackson High School (Jackson Ohio)

College Graduated From: West Liberty University

Hobbies: family, lifting, sports

Recently Read Books: Rich Dad/Poor Dad written by Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter

Favorite Movie: I have many. Any football movie. Any Denzel Washington movie. Harry Potter.

Favorite Restaurant: Mexican

Favorite Sports Team: College: Ohio State Professional: Cincinnati Bengals

The best thing about Northwestern is... I love how approachable and welcoming the school community has been. The atmosphere here is very positive which makes a great place for staff and students.

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My guardian/football coach and his family. I owe any success I have made and continue to make to his family. He served as a role model and much more for me. My goal is to try and have the same impact to the students I work with.

Few people know that I... Am somewhat of a huge Harry Potter fanatic.

My greatest hero is... My son Landry. He motivates me in many ways.

My greatest phobia is... Sharks, Spiders.

My greatest accomplishment is... I take great pride in being resilient. This applies to many different aspects in my life.

Words of Wisdom... Treat people like family. There is no such thing as strangers. Strangers are just people you haven't met yet



## Northwestern High School NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHTS!!

### Becky Burkholder - Student Services Secretary

Family: Husband – Mike Children: Travis, Jana, Kyle (deceased), and Jeff  
I also have 6 granddaughters!

Pets: Maxwell and Jasper (dogs)

High School Graduated from: Wooster High School

College Graduated From: University of Akron

Hobbies: Family, and anything that involves being outside (when it's nice out)

Recently Read Books: The Hidden by Heather Graham

Favorite Movie: Too many to list, but the one movie that I can watch over and over without being tired of it is Gone with the Wind

Favorite Restaurant: Sully's in Medina

Favorite Sports Team: College: Ohio State Professional: Cleveland Indians

The best thing about Northwestern is... I love the family atmosphere. We all truly care about each other as people and try very hard to do whatever we can to help anyone who is in need of help.

Who inspired me to choose this career path: The person who was branch manager at a bank that I worked at told me that I'd do really well working with kids.

Few people know that I... Love to go fishing

My greatest phobia is... Snakes

My greatest accomplishment is... When I graduated from college as an adult student while working part time and with 3 small kids at home.

Words of Wisdom... Don't Sweat the Small Stuff – I have to repeat this to myself a lot, but it is good advice for anyone!



### Mr. Loera aka Frank - Para Professional

Family: Emilie Loera Wife, Bronson 22, Natalia 21, Kayleigh 7, And Gus Gus 5wks

Pets: Bear Bear, Aby and Kittie.

High School Graduated from: A little town just north of West Virginia...Rittman.

College Graduated From: Associates from Akron Still Slowly working on Education Degree.

Hobbies: CrossFit and anything outside.

Recently Read Books: Gates of Fire by Steven Pressfield, Turbo 23 by Janet Evonovich.

Favorite Movie: Great Out Doors,

Favorite Restaurant: Fuji Inn

Favorite Sports Team: Buckeyes

The best thing about Northwestern is... The Staff

Who inspired me to choose this career path: A friend

Few people know that I... have been to the top of Mt Fuji

My greatest phobia is... Silverware touching my teeth.

My greatest accomplishment is... My Kids

Words of Wisdom... Time is the one thing you can't stop but have the most control over. Using it wisely or wasting it is completely up to you.



### Deputy Adam Chellis- SRO

Family: Wife, Theresa, Daughter, Maria

Pets: Chocolate Lab, Buddy, Mini Dachshund, Penny, &

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High School

Graduated

from:



Wooster High School Class of 89

College Graduated From: Hocking College

Hobbies: Collect Cannons

Recently Read Books: Miracle's and Massacres

Favorite Movie: Gettysburg

Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Monsters Hockey

The best thing about Northwestern is... Honored to protect my home school

Who inspired me to choose this career path: I chose my own path

Few people know that I... First Class Petty Officer in Ohio Navy

My greatest phobia is... Snakes

My greatest accomplishment is... My daughter

Words of Wisdom... All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing



Monday, November 19th after school will be **tryouts for the 2018 NHS Talent Show**. Is your act ready?

The high school talent show will be held November 21 in the high school theater.

## NEWS RELEASE FROM NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

The Northwestern Local Education Association is sponsoring the **Leo D. Welty Memorial Scholarship**. This is an annual scholarship in memory of Leo D. Welty, a former teacher, principal, and the first superintendent of the Northwestern Local School District. Additional funds were made in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keener, former school board member and teacher, and also in memory of lifetime resident, Mr. Charles Myers. Donations have also been received from community residents.

To be eligible for this scholarship, one must be a Northwestern High School graduate and have completed at least 2 years of college post NHS graduation with enough hours of undergraduate work to be classified as a junior in an accredited college or university working on his/her bachelor's degree. Graduate school students are not eligible for this scholarship. This scholarship will only be given once per Northwestern graduate.

Applications are available in the Student Services Office at Northwestern High School or may be downloaded from the district website. All applications must be returned by November 30, 2018.



## Northwestern High School Honor and Merit Roll 1st Nine Weeks 2018-19



### 1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER

**Seniors:** Weslea Arthur, Danielle Ballinger, Mikayla Beegle, Trenton Boatner, Aubrey Bodager, Nicholas Burns, Grace Chupp, Skylar Dawson, Kaylie Dye, Peyton Edwards, Isabella Flickinger, Hannah Fricke, Alexis Hall, Raini Hershey, Courtney Hoff, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Nikolas King, Elise Krajcik, James McLaurin, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Cael Rowland, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Jadah Smith, Shane Smith, Claire Vaughan, Olivia Wakefield

**Juniors:** Jordan Allshouse, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Taylor Howman, Grace McCullough, Jordan Melegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Cal Rhamy, Leeanna Ruegg, Aidan Spitler, Lindsey Sykes, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

**Sophomores:** Wyatt Arthur, Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Max Carlson, Zane Fast, Mitchell Gray, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Mary Nixon, Halie O'Loughlin, Lariah Severs, Desiree Smith, Allison Spencer, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Hailie, Tomsik, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Kylie Wellert, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

**Freshmen:** Shayna Allshouse, Jacqueline Barrington, Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Stefanie Ecker, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Skyler Hines, Ariel Hughes, Nathaniel Jackson, Kathleen Kindall, Sarah Miller, Alexis Sandy, Ryan Walter, Clara Zemancik

### 2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

**Seniors:** Lindsay Ciolek, Isaac Franks, Nicholas Howman, Tori McConnell, Cody Morrow, Hailey Yarbour

**Juniors:** Colin Agnes, Elliot Coffman, Logan Haven, Makenzie Nowell, Sarah Roder, Katherine Shambaugh

**Sophomores:** Brandon Casto, James Cooke, Colston Cutter, Betty Stevens, Hayden Stoller

**Freshmen:** Addison DeSanto, Laurissa Fulton, Gabe Hendricks, Mariah Hill, Jameson Holtz, Riley James, Grant Rhamy, Rachel Smithberger, Steven Widdows

### 3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

**Seniors:** Jacob Adkins, James Blake, London Chaffee, Avery Crumley, Daniel Dietrich, Jeffrey Guidetti, Malibu Hess, Jake Hjerpe, Kolton Kliner, Christopher Kovacs, Erica Leiby, Cole Marley, Carter Melicant, Jessica Moats, Sydney Pollizi, Joren Rickard, Camilo Rogers, Pedro Rosales, Alexandra Rowe, Bethanie Schaefer, Jalen Severs, Silas Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Mason Taylor

**Juniors:** Austin Beegle, Jayla Berry, Lindsay Boak, Kyle Boreman, Jordan Deming, Skylar Edington, Phillip Howman, Nathaniel Hudson, Savannah Hunt, Isabella Ingraham, Treyton Jester, Allison Kandel, Matthew Kobak, Natalie Mareno, Robert Martin, Riley Massengill, Sasha McConahay, Justin McElfresh, Tia Miles, Haerang Park, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Mehli Rogers, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Ceili Smith, Lydia Smith, Montana Stidham, Madelyn Wohlford-Cherry

**Sophomores:** Maxwell Albright, Rilee Ammon, Lillian Bower, Cassidy Brown, Macey Carlson, Braden Colter, Blaze Day, Tyler Farner, Gerald Fricke, Chase Fry, Brooke Frybarger, Colton Hixson, Emily Hoff, Haldon Huber, Rosa Ixcoy-Sica, Ryan Kuhn, Ryan Leasure, Ashton Mackey, Maximillion Madrill, Jason Markley, Cole McClure, Tanner Meininger, Janna Ours, Noah Pack, Dakota Rainsberger, Amy Rempher, Breanna Slanczka, Robert Soueid, Nathan Stoltz, Jacob Teal, Caleb Thomas, Cole Wharton, Noah White

**Freshmen:** Weston Arthur, Alexandra Burkett-Hostetler, Alexander Ciolek, Cassidy Cornell, Rylee Dawson, Grant Dever, Zoey Dudte, Autumn Duncan, Gavon Edgell, Hayley Franks, D. Loudon Geiger, Ethan Gibbs, Kyle Hinton, Peyton Hostetler, Kendra Hummel, Faith Jackson, Margaret McCullough, Kara McKay, Dugan McLaughlin, Abigail Miller, Jackalynn Mosher, Gunnar Mullet, Jake Newcombe, Emma Nicholson, Isaac Ott, Cierra Phillips, Aubree Reed, Emily Reed, Shayna Roder, Tori Rogers, James Rowe, Allison Rowland, Skylar Scott, Zander Shepherd, Andrew Sims, Kaylyn Smith, Cooper Stephens, Edward Stevens, Troy Tope, Brennen Topp, Dominic Wallace, Tyler Ward



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

What an amazing first quarter we had with our middle school students! At the beginning of the year, we celebrated PRIDE week, reminding students of the positive impact that the character traits of Performance, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Enthusiasm can have on our school-year and in our school building. We also just completed the quarter observing Red Ribbon Week, where we discussed the importance of drug prevention and choosing a drug-free lifestyle. From our first week of the quarter until our last, this year has been filled with fun, as well as, great achievements and accomplishments.

As the school-year began, our students were able to showcase their skills in various ways. We were so proud to see what our students achieved at the Wayne County fair, from art to animal projects, our students represented our school so well! Our student-athletes also demonstrated determination and success as they improved their athletic skills, learning to be competitors with good character! A special thanks to our football players (and coaches) who were able to play in a game to honor a former classmate who had passed away. I am so proud of the heart and compassion they showed throughout this experience. I am also so happy that their coaches were able to coordinate this game, giving our players the opportunity to be part of this memorable event!

Of course, this type of great character can be observed in both athletics, as well as, in our classrooms. In September and October, we had students chosen for showing great character. Our characters of the month in September were chosen for their Honesty. Mr. Hopkins and I had the wonderful opportunity to take them to breakfast as a thank you for their performance and as a way to honor the way they positively contribute to our great school culture- what a wonderful way to start our day!! We will be continuing these

## MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

breakfasts throughout the year, enjoying the chance to show appreciation to our students who are making a positive impact in our school.

Much like our breakfast, Mr. Hopkins and I love the opportunity to speak with our students on a regular basis. We love hearing what they like about our school, as well as, what we need to improve. We hope to instill a sense of pride with our students regarding their school, but also want to encourage them to feel empowered so that they can help us make improvements that benefit everyone. We are excited about the clubs and groups they can join, leading to additional positive opportunities where they can serve and make a difference. From art club to tech team to Student Council/PRIDE Pack (and many more), we are so thankful for the students staying involved in our school and for the amazing leadership and guidance of our teachers, paraprofessionals, and coaches!

Accompanied with the academic rigor and character-building opportunities, our students have also discussed tough life topics, such as peer pressure and bullying and drug prevention. Many of these conversations happen within our Husky Huddles; however, they can also be heard in the classrooms, as well as, in our personal discussions with students. Our kids have so many temptations to navigate nowadays- from vaping and juuls to handling social media, we feel it is important that we continue to work alongside our parents as, together, we raise our children. Thank you for your support and discussions at home. Like always, we encourage you to communicate your concerns (and compliments) with us at the school. We love being able to work together for the benefit of our students and staff!

As we continue the school-year we are excited to see what additional experiences and opportunities lie ahead for our students and staff! Our academic rigor paired with our character development continue to allow our students to showcase their strengths and skills every day. From robotics to HOSA competitions to talent shows and pep assemblies to spirit days and job shadows, we are proud of what NMS has to offer our kids! A huge shout-out to our wonderful staff who continue to make great things happen for kids! We look forward to these events and so many more!

On behalf of NMS, I would like to express our appreciation to the parents and our community for your continued support of our schools, as we work hard to educate, guide, and care for the students that enter our building every day. Thank you! Wishing our Northwestern community, a healthy, happy, and safe holiday season!

*Rachel Beun  
Middle School Principal*

### ESCAPE ROOM

Students in Mr. Woodring's American History classes had their knowledge tested as they competed in groups in an Escape Room, themed around the Salem Witch Trials. Students entered the room, covered in black cloth and a single light, setting the mood for this memorable learning event!



# Middle School News

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MIX IT UP DAY

Students at NMS had the opportunity to mix things up at lunch during the month of October in honor of bullying prevention month. Students sat at tables that corresponded with the candy treats they were given. At the tables, discussion cards were posted to encourage conversation among the students sitting there. The goal of this event was to allow students to engage with others (outside of their regular peer group) in a positive, kind way, discovering both the similarities they have with others, as well as, the qualities that make each person unique!



## Students of the Month for September

Representing the middle school school for displaying Honesty, this group enjoyed a breakfast with the principals as a thank you for their great character!



L-R- Ella Saal, Caleb Graham, Arianna Firebaugh, Miranda Smith, Jesse Evans, and Owen Hoffman



## "Electing to have fun!"

Students at NMS are very fortunate to have multiple electives to choose from in order to explore their future careers, skills, and academic interests. Whether they are experimenting in Lab Science, engineering and designing in the STEM Lab, or building alternative power sources (windmills) while in Energy and the Environment, our students and staff truly have fun with these wonderful learning opportunities and elective options!





**Mr. Douglas  
Hopkins  
Northwestern  
Middle School  
Assistant  
Principal**

I'm originally from the Cleveland area where I graduated from Brooklyn High School. I attended Baldwin Wallace University for my undergrad and then started as a teacher at Plymouth-Shiloh Local Schools for the past ten years. I received my graduate degree from Ashland University. I was an interim principal for Plymouth-Shiloh Elementary school for three months last year. On a personal note, I am married to my beautiful wife Amanda and we have one son Bryce, who is two years old. Amanda, was so excited for this opportunity for me, because she loves the Northwestern district and wants our son to become part of the Northwestern family.

If you have seen my office you would know that I am a big Nintendo fan. So if you find any old Nintendo signs around I'm your guy. I find that my old hobby really relates with students. They come into the my office and say wow, which is a great ice breaker for me. This allows me to transition old Nintendo video game items to what kind of hobbies they are interested in.

I feel so blessed to be in this district. Everyone has been so welcoming from board of education members, staff, students, and parents. I really enjoy all the choices the students have with their electives. NMS has over 40 electives. As a former science teacher, I loved to teach through hands on learning and I see that happens here at Northwestern through projects, experiments and Problem Based Learning (PBL) Units. I want to continue to extend the learning of all our students, making sure students are challenged at all levels as they go through the

learning process in academic areas. The overall culture is so inviting and I am having so much fun in participating in all the spirit days. I am so grateful for this opportunity to serve the Northwestern district and looking forward to meeting all of you.



### **MIDDLE SCHOOL Virtual Welding**

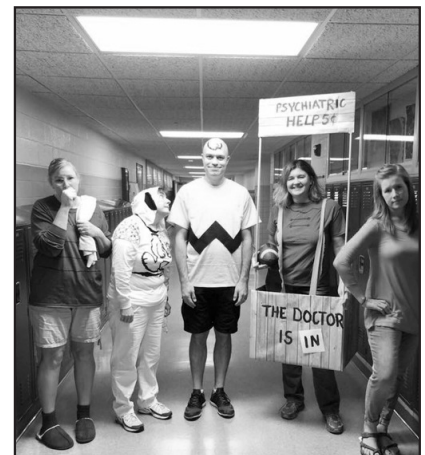
Mr. Kimmich teaching on the virtual welding machine. This allows students to practice welding and actually gives a score based on how well the weld looks and functions.



**Red Ribbon Week** at NMS is a wonderful display of GREAT character by many GREAT characters! Thank you to the students and staff who helped to celebrate the week, making it definitely one to remember!



### **Red Ribbon Week**



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# MS Honor/Merit Roll

## Academic Honor Roll 1st Nine Weeks 2018-19

### All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Arianna Firebaugh, Harper Flores, Audrey Franks, Madison Fricke, Anna Gendron, Madison Gray, Karissa Groves, A'Kia Hardin, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Cole Hoffer, Nathaniel Hunt, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Ava Stoller, Lauren Vaughan, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Hanna Wilson, Samantha Yates

7TH GRADE: Emma Adkison, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Ellie Hanshaw, Tristan Miller, Julia Norby, Gabriella Ream, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Keturah Weaver

6TH GRADE: Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Sara Corn, Kayla Cutter, Mallory Gilbert, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, Taya Kaufman, Noah Lee, Danina McClure, McKensie McCoy, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Morgan Murphy, Gabriel Nicholson, Chloe Starcher, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Bella Stutz, Alysa Troyan

### All "A" and "B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Brett Alberts, Carissa Brinker, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Phoenix, Cuthrell, Summer Franks, Hunter Hall, Kelly Harper, Landen Horst, Kayla Hummel, Melanie Imhoff, Mark Ingraham, Jacquelyn McLaurin, Charleigh McMillan, Paige Pellshaw, Daylie Rickard, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Shelby Thorpe, Thomas Tomechko, Andrew Tope, Isabella Vacco, Charles Westover, Danielle Wilkes

7TH GRADE: Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Leona Buettner, Kara Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Virginia Hamers, Owen Hoffman, Madalyne Hunt, Mikalah Jones, Sophia Linder, Jocelyn Lucas, Benjamin MacFarland, Caleb Mackey, Faith Maiher, Ethan Mausolf, Alexander Maxwell, Kevin Mosher, Zoey Oldaker

### 7TH GRADE, continued

Jennie Riffle, Caydence Scale, Kierstin Skelly, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Paige Webb, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Connor Winland, Ivy Wintrow, McKenna Witucki

6TH GRADE: Keira Beard, Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Jonathan Burgess, Kyleighana Collins, Gabriela Cubur, Mateo Dague, Natalie Dobbins, Morgan Ervin, Braiden Franks, Bladen Friend, Nathaniel Fulton, Jamison Gilbert, Ashton Good, Alexander Gostlin, Caeden Graham, Kaylie Gregory, Elaine Groves, Danyel Hyatt, Kelli Kearney, Jaidyn Kelly, Cole Loy, Aryana Luther, Colton Mark, Lacey Mark, Austin Mooney, Paige Muetzel, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Kalyn Nelson, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Tyler Perry, Cheyenne Sadler, Logan Shriver, Miranda Smith, Benjamin Spencer, Braydan Springer, Rylee Stafford, Emily Thompson, Heidi Topp, Robert Webb, Jailyann Woodruff, Taylor Wurst, Roxanna Zytowiecki

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TECH TEAM

Tech Team Members for the 2018-2019 school year have already been quite busy! Members include sixth graders Jamison Gilbert, Jacob Haley, McKensie McCoy, Austin Mooney, and Emilie Ott. Seventh grade members are Drake Crumley, Alyssah Fisher, Virginia Hamers, Maddy Hunt, Tristan Miller, Jennie Riffel, and Lillian Wakefield. The eighth graders are led by Captain of the Tech Team, Brooke McNeil, followed by Braiden Barthalow, Gabe Chupp, Jesse Evans, Gavin Phillips, Josh Spencer, and Jacob Wakefield. The role of the Tech Team is to help in any way needed. Each student has a specific job for which they have volunteered. The eighth grade members teach the seventh grade how to set-up microphones for assemblies and then the seventh graders are in charge of assemblies after that. The seventh graders teach sixth graders how to put the announcements on the cafeteria television, which provides students the opportunity read the announcements during breakfast and lunch.

The eighth graders are a dedicated and helpful group. Each class acts as mentors to their younger counterparts. A service we provide for the school is setting up microphones and monitor the music on the sound system for assemblies and the talent show. The eighth grade Tech Team members use camcorders to record assemblies. The sixth and seventh grade members work together to run the sound and light board for eighth grade promotion. Members also assist teachers with technology problems, support staff with computer set-up for standardized tests, and lend a hand to students with hardware and software problems. Eighth grade Tech Team members take and collect pictures of their classmates to be shown during the eighth grade promotion.

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



Front Row: Jamison Gilbert, Captain of the Tech Team, Brooke McNeil, and Drake Crumley.

Second Row: Emilie Ott, Austin Mooney, Gavin Phillips, and Maddy Hunt

Third Row: McKensie McCoy and Virginia Hamers

Fourth Row: Alyssah Fisher, Tristan Miller, Braiden Barthalow, Jesse Evans, and Lillian Wakefield

Back Row: Jacob Haley, Gabe Chupp, Josh Spencer, Jacob Wakefield, and Jennie Riffel

# NW ELEMENTARY



**Mr. Joey  
Brightbill  
Northwestern  
Elementary  
Principal**

## *Message from Mr. Brightbill*

The second grading period is among us as we bring the first quarter to a close. Academically, we continue to set high expectations focusing on assessment design, aligning curriculum maps to new standards and implementing higher Depth of Knowledge (DOK) questions to better prepare for the AIR Assessments. We want to continue to extend the learning of all students, making sure students are challenged at all levels as they go through the learning process in academic areas.

As a building, it is important to focus on the positive culture as well and reward and recognize students for positive behavior displayed throughout the school. We have implemented and continued several incentive programs to promote and sustain a positive building culture. Please continue to check social media and ask your son or daughter about different initiatives happening throughout the building.

Relationships across the building, district and the community are the key to academic success. We continue to gain feedback from the staff, parents and students to implement new ideas and address areas of improvement. As expectations continue to rise, we need to continue to work together as a team, both academically and socially. As we speak to our students about accountability, effort and respect for one another, we need parents to continue to drive this same message at home as well.

Thank you for your continued support at NES.

**Kindergarten at Bauman's Orchard!  
Thank you PTO for your continued  
support of our students!**



**STEM Preschool is designing numbers, using geoboards, and rubber bands!**



**These students earned Brag Tags in the month of September for being a Husky Hero.**

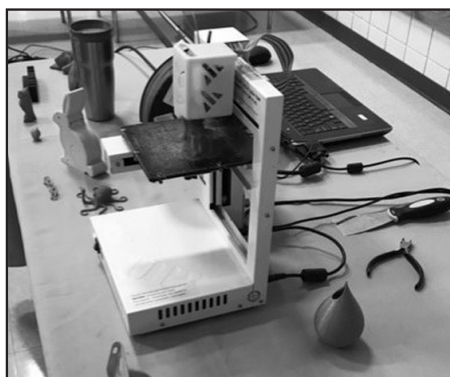


# Northwestern Elementary

Mr. Dan reading a book to students while they waited to be dismissed.



Wayne College working with NES After School Program students on 3D printing.



Third grade students spent a day in September at the Smithville Historical Society learning about our community's history.



Mrs. Ferrell's 2nd graders getting excited about tower building in the library.



Fourth grade students made models of different rooms in the school after learning how models are used in science.



## Northwestern Elementary PTO

has been busy during these first few months of school. Thank you to all of you who participated in the fall fundraiser, bought delicious pepperoni rolls, contributed opt-out funds and collected Box Tops. Your support is essential and allows PTO to continue to provide extra resources to our students and teachers.

Just this past week, these funds allowed COSI on Wheels to visit the elementary school. For two days, our students learned more about the human body by participating in several different hands-on activities. Students explored how diet and activity can affect our human "machine", and learned many fun, interesting, and even disgusting facts about our bodies! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who spent a whole day helping the students through each activity-we appreciate you!

Coming up, PTO will again hold the "Santa Shop" in December for our students to do some early shopping, and we will be hosting the Book Fair in March. Mark your calendars now for our annual Fun Fair on April 5, 2019 and come enjoy food, fun games and the chance to win exciting prizes! PTO looks forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of our students and teachers.



# Elementary Highlights

Miss Miller's class thought it would be a great day to have their math lesson outside.



NES students of the month ice cream party!



After reading the book "My Mouth is a Volcano", students in Mrs. Jackson's 3rd grade class worked to get the toothpaste back in the tube after squirting it all out. A good reminder that our hurtful words come out a lot easier than they can go back in.



# NEO The Place To Be!

Fifth grade  
Outdoor  
Education at  
Inspiration Hills

Mr. Kline's first grade class enjoying an afternoon in the woods with a few of Northwestern's FFA students.



Mr. Kline's first grade class was completing some "Spooky STEM" activities. The students' goal was to construct a bridge from string, cups, and tape. Students were working hard through trial and error to see if their bridge could support 5 cubes.



## MORE NES Highlights!!



Mrs. Wiles 4th grade class having a blast with their STEM pumpkin jenga challenge.



The 5th grade class would like to thank Mike Amass for donating his time and equipment to process firewood for maple syrup season. Our students will soon begin learning the process of what it takes to make maple syrup in our very own "Sugar Shack."



**2 Hour Delays for 18-19  
School Year:**

**Thursday, February 7**

**Thursday, March 7**

**Thursday, April 4**

Thur., Nov. 22 – NO SCHOOL –  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!  
Fri., Nov. 23 – NO SCHOOL

Mon., Nov. 26 – NO SCHOOL

## Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association met recently to review the past year's events and begin looking forward to next year's banquet. We are also currently open to suggestions for the entertainment after the program. Anyone with a suggestion, please feel to contact Dwight Wasson at 330-264-2431. We also were able to add to the scholarship fund at the Wayne County Community Foundation from donations received from alumni attending this year's banquet. An election of officers has found Jim Tegtmeier as President. Don and Linda Reichert were welcomed as new members of the planning committee.

Goals set for the coming year were established. The HOF/HOH committee needs nominations, especially for the HOH. A nominee for HOH has contributed to the purpose of education and/or the welfare of the community. This individual can be an alumnus or a member of the community. A HOF nominee must be alumni that has brought honor to the District and Community through achievements in the arts, athletics, business, government service, education, technology, humanitarian efforts, science, military service, religious, and community service. Please access the Alumni webpage on the High School's website and click on the download nomination site appropriate for your nominee. The Scholarship committee needs more applicants for the yearly scholarship to a sophomore or higher alumni attending college presented at the banquet. Publicity is hoping to reach out to more alumni to become more involved in the Alumni Association and/or attend each year's banquet. Alumni are welcome to plan the banquet as one part of their significant reunions. Hope to see you all at the 2019 banquet on June 22nd!



**Northwestern  
Lady Husky  
Basketball  
"Balling for a  
cure"**

## Northwestern Elementary

**1st Nine Weeks  
2018-19**



### 3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Kenzie Cutter, Briella Fiala, Colt Hall, Wyatt James, Case Keener, Keagan Kostohryz, Colton Morris, Madilyn Smith, Brayden Swank

### 4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Altman, Aiden Mausolf, Taryn Stoller

### 5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Camryn Boak, Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Kate Conley, Addy Connelly, Christian Deffendall, Mason Rogers, Audrina Smith, Claire Walker

### 3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Aspen Baker, Emily Beeghley, Alexis Black, Deacon Boreman, Matthew Branchcheck, Taylor Carpenter, Mette Clark, Jordan Cline, Courtney Cline, Justin Ebert, Hayden Erf, Triston Flinn, Myles George, Gracie Gibbs, Cara Graham, Bruce Grier, Leo Guidetti, Braden Gump, Taryn Hall-Cravens, Logan Hankins, Jesse Hanshaw, Keaton Harris, Cole Herrmann, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Elcey Imhoff, Michael Ivan, Bella Justus, Afton Karazsia, Austin Kelley, Kellen Kimble, Grant Koch, Joseph Larson, Tristin Malcomb, Finn Massengill, Luke Matacale, Madison Miller, Reighna Moore, Emma Olson, Alexa Perry, Natalie Posta, Bronson Rogers, Aiden Sallee, Katie Scarbrough, Korbyn Sims, Haile Smith, Kael Vallowe, Brynley Weirick, Gracey Wigal

### 4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Cameron Beck, Laci Butler, Chiron Cuthrell, Riley Damon, Garrett Diehl, Elaina Donnelly, Madi Frazier, Emma Fricke, Reed Hamey, Brooke Hershey, Olivia Humphrey, Austin Kovacs, Sophia Morris, Owen Murphy, Brooke Nolletti, Bryce Nussbaum, Jace Rickard, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Clara Saal, Mason Salem, Bricen Snow, Tim Spencer, Kezia Weaver, Abby Webel, Allison Wellert, Audrey Wilcox, Luk, Wilkinson, Grace Wilson, Elijah Wilson, Carter Wulff, Alex Yoder

### 5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Keirah Bailey, Claire Buchholz, James Cassady, Addie Cassidy, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Nick Coots, Jason Diehl, Jacob Ebert, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Logan Fiala, Cheyenne Friend, CJ Frybarger, Pippy Garman, Mason Gray, Coralynn Hall, Timmy Hatfield, Sami Herman, Kace Hixson, Jenna Hjerpe, Chad Houck, Austin Johnson, Kate Johnson, Bella Kelley, Eric Kimmell, Nevaeh Kirk, Gabby Klinec, Brayden Knapp, David McIe, Jesse McLaurin, Chet McNeil, Kaiden Pack, Lexie Palker, Eva Patterson, Zander Pauley-Farber, Collin Rouse, Hayden Sigler, Kelse, Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Alaric Trimble, Elliot Vanni, Sarah Wellert, Holly Widows, Cyru Witmer, Audri Yeagley, Mackenzie Zahradnicek

**The Northwestern Lady Husky basketball** team has started their annual sponsorship fundraiser. This year their theme is "Balling for a Cure." The players will collect individual and business donations whose names will be put on the back of our T-shirts that the players will throw out to fans at home games. This year, any donation over \$100 will go into a separate fund for our principal, Mr. Mike Burkholder and one of our secretaries, Mrs. Judy Reed, who both are battling cancer. We are hoping for a big turnout with donations this year so we can support our own staff and friends. The sponsorship forms are located on each school buildings web page and also on the Northwestern Local Schools facebook page and NW Huskies Instagram account. If you can't locate them there, see any basketball player, coach or call a secretary at one of the buildings. Thank you in advance for your support!!

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# Northwestern FFA



## New Partner for Northwestern FFA

New to the district this year, is the conjoining of the Partners for Fish & Wildlife program and the Northwestern High School Agricultural Department. A major component of setting up the connection, is a 2015 Northwestern Graduate and FFA Alumni, Ryan Morr. Morr is a senior at Paul Smith's College, majoring in ecological restoration. After his internship with the Ohio Private Lands Office through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Morr plans to continue working with the federal service after graduation.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was created to assist landowners in restoring and improving habitats for various forms of wildlife. Through financial and technical assistance, the program is able to aid in restoring any property that is not owned by a state or federal body. Some of the recent projects completed include: native prairie and pollinator habitat restoration, riparian corridor, timber stand and early succession habitat improvement. Recently, the group partnered with greenhouses across the state, including the Ohio State University and Ashtabula Technical Career Campus, to grow seeds to be collected through the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI). These plants are then used in restoration sites to improve or restore pollinator habitat. OPHI consists of more than 80 partners who have come together, in efforts to protect and restore pollinator habitat across Ohio. Milkweed seeds, along with other nectar plant seeds, have been collected by the pound at the hand of volunteers in efforts to establish more effective Monarch Butterfly habitats, as their sum weakens. The program would like to partner with the Agricultural Education Department to grow milkweed plants in our greenhouse. These plants can be later distributed across the state in order to improve habitats, as well as transplanted in the learning lab behind the Northwestern Elementary School. Additionally, through educational

involvement, it is our hope to establish classroom based learning, as well as opportunities for students to see what the program is and how to stay involved. We are looking forward to all that the students will learn through this rewarding program.



**Ryan Morr**  
2015 NW graduate

## Northwestern FFA Prepares for 2018 Wayne County Fair

On September 4, 2018 several Northwestern FFA chapter members went to the Wayne County Fairgrounds to set up for the chapter's booth, located in the FFA Building. Carter Melicant, Claire Vaughan, Jordan Meleagri, Brock Tegtmeier, Lizzy Howman, Valarie Imhoff, Riley Stull, Haley Wilson, Kade Tegtmeier, Lauren Vaughan and Hanna Wilson all attended. The motto for this year's fair booth is "We aren't just cows and plows, we are leaders and achievers, learners and servers, teams with dreams. We are... Northwestern FFA." The objective of the theme was to promote the many outstanding qualities FFA members obtain. Characteristic words resembling leadership were placed around the display. The National Blue and Corn Gold themed booth also featured welding projects, electrical projects, wood projects, and the different activities the chapter has participated in throughout the year were also included in the set up.

## Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Recycling During the Fair

During the week of the Wayne County Fair, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in the recycling program. Members went around the grounds each night at and collected recycling items in coordination with the Joint Solid Waste District, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leisy, Jeff Harmon and the Senior Fair Board. Members Tyler Bair, Arianna Borton, Alex Borton, Austin Beegle, Nick Burns, Rylee Dawson, Jacey Fulton, Avery Garver, Zaine Garver, Jameison Holtz, Savannah Hunt, Max Madrill, Cole Marley, Dugan McLaughlin, Cody Morrow, Makenzie Nowell, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abby Ramseyer, Riley Stull, Brock Tegtmeier, Kade Tegtmeier, Claire Vaughan, Lauren Vaughan, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, and Haley Wilson, helped throughout the week. Members collected recycling items such as cardboard boxes, plastics, food waste and cans. The Northwestern FFA Chapter is pleased to have the opportunity to participate in this program.

## Northwestern FFA Holds Fall Meeting

On Saturday, September 22nd, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter gathered at the Vaughan residence for the annual Fall meeting. The meeting was called to order by the President Claire Vaughan at 7 pm. The officers then performed opening ceremonies and minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Leeanna Ruegg. There was also a Treasurer's and Reporter's Report that were given. Valerie Imhoff moved to accept all officer reports.

Committee reports were given by eight committees. Cole Wharton reported on the Ag in the Classroom committee. During the meeting, the group went over the agenda for the year and the basics of the committee.

# FFA News!!!

## **FALL MEETING Continued ....**

Dugan McLaughlin reported on the Safety committee, which met to discuss having speakers come in to talk about various safety measures within agriculture.

Lindsay Boak reported on the Community Service committee. They have held a meeting where they discussed different community service activities such as bell ringing for the Salvation Army, Wayne County Truck and Tractor Pull, Growing Mums in the Greenhouse and selling them, Donating to an animal shelter, a "Night to Shine" (prom) for special needs community members, and Adopt-A-Highway.

Beth Kanzeg reported on the Earning and Savings Committee. They have had one meeting where they talked about the goals for the year and their objectives as a committee.

Jeff Guidetti reported on the Public Relations committee. The committee met and talked about potential ideas within the community, like holiday dinners, and ways to include the Elementary School students. Sasha McConahay reported on the Recreational Committee. They have met to discuss the chapter's activities for the year. Some of the ideas were, Swimming, Volleyball, Karaoke, Trap Shoot, Soccer with Dogs, Archery, Paintballing, and Laser Tag.

Abby Ramseyer reported on the Leadership committee. They have held a meeting and discussed the different leadership opportunities for members, including traveling to inner-city Cleveland schools to teach students about agriculture and FFA.

Avery Garver reported on the Skills committee. They have held a meeting and discussed the different contests that the Chapter participates in throughout the year, and how to promote them to the members

Next, members gave reports on different activities the Chapter has been involved in. Brock Tegtmeier reported on the two members who attended Washington Leadership Conference in June. Jordan Melegari reported on two events from this summer, officer retreat and Adopt-A-Highway. Leeanna Ruegg reported on the Twilight Tour. FFA members parked cars at this event. Brock Tegtmeier reported on the Fiber Fest. Austin Beegle reported on Wayne County Fair Recycling. Alex Borton reported on grape picking. This year, members traveled to Jim Borton's farm to pick grapes, where they collected one and a half tons of grapes. Riley Stull reported on the FFA t-shirt order forms, which are scheduled to come out the week of September 24th. Alex Borton reported on the Wayne County Fair, where many Northwestern FFA members had a successful showing. Kaitlyn Praisler reported on the Medina County Fair. Rylee Dawson reported on the Ashland County Fair. Cody Morrow reported on the soil judging teams, who had a successful County competition, and are looking forward to the rest of the season.

Brock Tegtmeier moved to participate in the Farm Tour taking place October 13th and 14th. Leeanna Ruegg moved to participate in the Public Speaking Career Development Event.

Jordan Melegari moved to participate in the Food Science Career Development Event. Lizzy Howman moved to participate in the Job Interview Career Development Event. Haley Wilson moved to participate in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest again this year. Cody Morrow moved to participate in Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army in December. Valerie Imhoff moved to participate in the annual fruit sales fundraiser, with a change to the order form. Riley Stull moved to assist in a community service project at a chicken farm. Austin Beegle moved to increase dues to \$20 on October 1st for

members who have not paid them yet. Cody Morrow moved to participate in the Ag Sales Career Development Event. The meeting was then adjourned and officers performed closing ceremonies.

After the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments brought in by each class. Freshman brought a main dish, sophomores brought a dessert, juniors brought a side dish, and seniors brought drinks. Then members competed in various games and activities, while enjoying each other's company.

## **Northwestern FFA Has Large Participation in Fair**

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit shop projects and/or animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. There were nearly 50 shop projects this year displayed at Northwestern's booth in the FFA building. These projects included medium and large wood projects, welding, and electrical projects. Kyle Badger, Austin Beegle, Aaron Kline, Dylan Martin, Lawrence Noble, Tucker Ott, Colt Slanczka, Kenny Strait, and Joey Ballinger, had projects displayed that were made in Ag Shop. The projects ranged from small welds to electric boards.

Other projects on display were small shelves made by the Ag Science 1 class. Cassidy Brown, Sara Cassidy, Brandon Gerkens, Austin Horsky, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Max Madrill, Dylan Martin, Tori McConnell, Lawrence Noble, Blake Riel, Desiree Smith, Riley Stull, Brianna Troyan, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, Adam White, Noah White, and Haley Wilson, all had their projects displayed. There were also benches made by the Ag Science 2 class. Kyle Badger, Alex Borton, Madelyn Cherry, Travis Cochran, Leeanna Ruegg had their projects on display.

Besides the shop projects, Northwestern FFA had a large number of members participate in animal exhibits. Many FFA members showed market hogs at the fair. Avery Garver, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow, Colt Slanczka, Brock Tegtmeier, Cody Tegtmeier, Haley Wilson, Alex Borton, Cole Wharton, Elizabeth Howman, and Riley Stull showed a market hog.

# NORTHWESTERN FFA

Showmanship winners include Jordan Melegari, 5th place; Cody Morrow, 6th place; Colt Slanczka, 6th place; Cody Tegtmeier, 2nd place; Alex Borton, 3rd place; Cole Wharton, 5th place; Elizabeth Howman, 1st place; and Riley Stull 1st place and reserve intermediate.

Jessie Bair, Abby Ramseyer, and Cole Wharton, all exhibited beef projects. Jessie Bair placed 1st in her market division. Bair's steer was also 6th overall. Ramseyer placed 6th in her AOB Beef Heifer class. Wharton had the Champion Born and Raised Steer, placing 1st in his market class.

Colt Slanczka, Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson and Riley Stull, showed lambs at the fair this year. Slanczka earned 1st, 2nd, and 6th in his market classes with his lambs. Stull received 2nd in her market class. Skylar Dawson placed 11th in his market class, and Taylor Dawson placed 8th in her market class.

In showmanship, Colt Slanczka placed 1st and 2nd. Riley Stull took 2nd, with Skylar Dawson placed 6th, and Taylor Dawson placing 9th. Kyle Piscione and Riley Stull also exhibited goats this year. Piscione took grand champion in market, and 7th in showmanship, while Stull took 2nd in market and 1st in showmanship.

There were also an assortment of other projects exhibited by members. Austin Beegle, Haley Wilson, Riley Stull, and Lizzy Howman showed dairy cattle. Beegle placed 3rd with his intermediate calf, Wilson placed 1st with her winter yearling. Stull placed 2nd and 3rd with her heifer and cow, respectively.

Howman placed 1st and 2nd in multiple classes; she also received an honorable mention and was the Jr. Reserve Champion. Showmanship placings were as follows: Beegle in 2nd, Stull in 1st, Howman in 2nd, Wilson in 3rd. Desiree Smith took a rabbit. Smith received a 1st, 1st, 4th, and 2nd. Desiree also had a goose and ducks that were shown. Desiree placed 2nd with her goose, and 4th with her duck. One member showed horses this year. Claire Vaughan placed 1st in her Sr. Western Horsemanship class, among many other top placings.

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland and Medina County Fairs. Taylor Dawson, Rylee Dawson and Skylar Dawson showed at Ashland. Taylor exhibited a market steer, baby beef, market hog, open class breeding beef. Taylor placed exceptionally well in her classes. Rylee Dawson exhibited a market steer, baby beef, market hog, and a feeder calf, also placing very well. Skylar Dawson took a market steer, baby beef, market hog, and feeder calf, placing in the top of each of his classes. The three siblings had an incredible year at the fair.

Kaitlyn Praisler showed her horse, mini, dog, pig, and rabbit at the Medina County Fair. She had a very successful year with all of her animals! She earned a Grand Champion with her rabbit, 4th place in her hog market class, and no faults in an Obedience and Agility class with her two dogs. With her horse, she placed 1st in reining, 3rd in ranch riding, and 2nd in liberty. Her mini took 1st place in Costume Contest, and 2nd in mini showmanship.

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

## Northwestern FFA Competes in State Soil Judging Contest

On October 13th, 2018 members from Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the state soil judging contest held by Dawes Arboretum, taking place in Newark, Ohio. Both the Urban and the Rural teams competed on Saturday. Lizzy Howman, Dugan McLaughlin, Valerie Imhoff, and Cole Wharton were members of the Rural team. This team placed 27th with individuals placing well in the competition. The Urban team consisted of Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Cody Morrow, and Leeanna Ruegg. The team placed 22nd overall out of 47 teams, with members placing in the top half of the competition. The two teams worked very hard this fall preparing for the competition by studying test questions, practicing, and evaluating over 20 soil pits since the beginning of the season.

This experience and hard work has taught these participants a great deal about soil uses as well as different conservation practices.



**2018 Urban Team: Cody Morrow, Alex Borton, Leeanna Ruegg, Austin Beegle**



**2018 Rural Team: Dugan McLaughlin, Valerie Imhoff, Lizzy Howman, Cole Wharton**

## Northwestern FFA Participates in Operation Christmas Child

This fall, the Northwestern FFA Chapter is choosing to participate in Operation Christmas Child. This program is headed by Samaritan's Purse, a nationwide, non-denominational Christian, non-profit organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. The FFA will be taking donations from now until November 12, 2018. During this time of collection, the chapter will be accepting donations of items such as, personal care items, clothing and accessories, crafts or activities, toys, and a personal note if you wish. Please only donate the specific items listed in this link provided; <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>. If you wish to partake in this service event, you may deliver donations to the front office at the High School, in care of Northwestern FFA.

# FFA Highlights!!

## State FFA Officer Visits Northwestern FFA

On October 3rd, Ohio FFA State Vice President, Holly McClay came to Northwestern High School to present workshops to the FFA members about resilience, adaptability, perseverance, and positivity. The members learned about their ability to bounce back from hardships, adapt to new events, push through hard times, and not let negative thoughts enter their mind. Holly's workshops also encouraged members to branch out from their comfort zone, and try new activities, even if it was not what they preferred. Her wise words were very beneficial to the members, as they learned about the characteristics they possessed.



(Left to Right)- Kenny Strait, Zach Smith, Bethanie Schaefer, Kolten Kliner, and Colt Slanczka work on stacking cups without using their hands.



(Left to Right)- Max Madrill, Miss Holly McClay, Jayla Berry, Brock Tegtmeier, Valerie Imhoff, Cassidy Brown, Noah White, and Austin Horsky posing with their name tags.



(Left to Right)- Kaitlyn Praisler, Jeffery Guidetti, Avery Crumley, Austin Beegle, and Derek Hudson do the same cup activity as previously pictured

## Wayne County Truck and Tractor Pull

On September 29th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter helped at the Wayne County Truck and Tractor Pull, held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. With the truck and tractor pull beginning at 11am, members assisted with parking cars, measuring draw bars, and unhooking sleds. Included in this group of members were, Rylee Dawson, Jameson Holtz, Austin Horsky, Dugan McLaughlin, Cody Morrow, Tori Rogers, and Haley Wilson. The members love helping with this event year after year, and hope to continue in the years to come.

## Ag in the Classroom

On October 12th, the Northwestern FFA officers and selected members ventured to the Elementary School, where they taught the 1st grade students about the various types of trees. During this lesson, the members took the students on a nature walk behind the school, to the Ag Laboratory. On this trip, the students learned about the types of trees and greenery growing on the property. The members that helped with this lesson in Ag in the Classroom were; Austin Beegle,

Arianna Borton, Alex Borton, Zoey Dudte, Avery Garver, Lizzy Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Kara McKay, Cody Morrow, Leeanna Ruegg, Tori Rogers, Riley Stull, Craig Wellert, and Haley Wilson.



FFA Members teach students about the vegetation in the woods



## High School ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

A big **congratulations to the varsity academic challenge team** for getting first place in the Wayne County Academic Challenge League. The varsity team consists of seniors Nik King, Ben Pollizi, and Olivia Wakefield and juniors Katie Shambaugh and Brock Tegtmeier.

Also a great job by the JV team which tied for 2nd place. The JV team consists of sophomores Morgan McCoy and Betty Stevens and freshman Autumn Duncan.



## Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2018-19

### 2018

Monday, August 20	Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 21	First Day for Students
Monday, September 3	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 10	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 11	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wedn., September 12	NO SCHOOL - Waiver Day
Thursday, October 4	2 hour delay
Friday, October 26	End of First Nine Weeks (46 Pupil Days)

Thursday, November 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S. & 2 hour delay
Mon./Thurs., Nov. 5 & 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, November 22 thru	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, Nov. 26	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Thursday, December 20	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
Wednesday, January 2, 2019	School Reconvenes
Friday, January 18, 2019	End of Second Nine Weeks (48 Pupil Days)

### 2019

Monday, January 21	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, January 24	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Tues./Thurs. Jan. 29 & 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday Feb. 7	2 hour delay
Friday, February 15	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 18	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Thursday March 7	2 hour delay
Friday, March 22	End of Third Nine Weeks (42 Pupil Days)
Thurs., March 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS and MS

Thursday, April 4	2 hour delay
Monday, April 15-19	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Monday, May 27	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Thursday, May 30	Student's Last Day (43 Pupil Days)

Friday, May 31	Teacher's Last Day
Sunday, June 2	Graduation

\*\* Student contact days 178 (PD Waiver 2 student contact)

P-T Conference & Open House days 2

Professional Development day 1; Convocation and Work days 3 (1 day between Aug. 1 & 19)

### MAKE UP DAYS

First	April 15	Sixth	June 3
Second	April 16	Seventh	June 4
Third	April 17	Eighth	June 5
Fourth	April 18	Ninth	June 6
Fifth	May 31	Tenth	June 7

## DON'T MISS OUT !!

### Board of Education Meeting

Board President Laura Woodring  
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.  
HS Library

### All Sports Association

President Janet Alberts  
1st Monday each month 7:30 p.m.  
HS Commons

### Music Boosters

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

### Ruritans

President Dwight Wasson  
2nd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.  
HS Commons

### Football Club

President Craig Wellert  
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.  
HS Commons

### Soccer Club

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

### Elementary PTO

President Kim Witucki  
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA

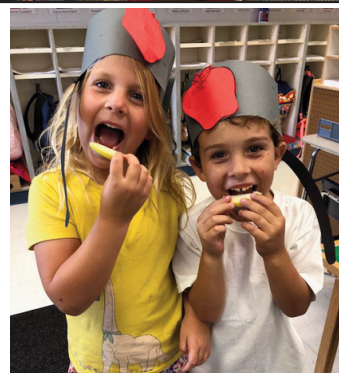
Northwestern FFA Participates in Operation Christmas Child for this Christmas Season. ( See page 27 for more details)



FFA members Lizzy Howman and Riley Stull with examples of items that are ALLOWED.



FFA members Craig Wellert and Valerie Imhoff with examples of items that are NOT ALLOWED.



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Kindergarten Johnny Appleseed day! Activities included: apple investigation, seasons of an apple tree, tasting different types of apples and graphing, STEM building an Apple tree and the history of Johnny Appleseed!



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