

THE Northwestern

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

November 2020



Northwestern High School "Students of the Month"

Elementary School Halloween Fun!



Administration

Jeffrey Layton, Superintendent
419-846-3151

Lesla Forbes, Treasurer
419-846-3400

Randal Hafner, High School Principal
419-846-3833

Rachel Beun, Middle School Principal
419-846-3974

Joey Brightbill, Elementary Principal
419-846-3519

Julie McCumber, Assoc. Supt., Curriculum & Personnel
nrws_mccumbe@tccsa.net



Homecoming Queen Samantha Barnette and Senior attendants, Valerie Imhoff and Allison Spencer

**QR
Code**



**District Twitter Account
up and live!**

Log onto @NW_Schools
Live broadcast of events
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sportslive14>



Board of Education

Charles Beck, President
330-464-8614

Laura Woodring, Vice-President
330-263-5042

Brad Stull
330-464-3559

John Smith
330-701-8955

Paula Abrecht
330-464-3204

Paula.abrecht@gmail.com



Mr. Jeff Layton
Northwestern
Superintendent

Work: 419-846-3151
 Cell: 330-317-5175
 email:
 nrws_layton@tccsa.net

A note from our superintendent...

Blessings to everyone throughout our community as we move toward our holiday season!

This has been a challenging start to the school year due to COVID safety and educational preparations. Our faculty, staff, and administrators have done a fantastic job with these challenges thus far. As we continue through this this school full of surprises we know that education is so much more than state test results and even career development. It is also supporting our social-emotional and mental needs of students, families & employees; also continuing our rigorous hands-on instruction and programs, excellent fine arts and cultural opportunities as best we can in this environment. In addition, we must maintain excellent extracurricular opportunities, promote a high attendance rate, high graduation rate, and seek scholarship dollars, skills, and opportunities for our graduates, experiential learning opportunities for all, and prepare students for their long-term success in career, college, and society. Engaging students, providing rigor, developing relationships and creating opportunities for every student to develop toward attainment of their potential in a safe and secure setting are all important. Also needed components of developing well-rounded, educated graduates, give our students "the edge for jobs and scholarships, develop problem-solvers and leaders of tomorrow, and all around good people.

We must continue moving forward while living within our financial means. This has been a challenge the past several years with the perfect storm of huge increases in health insurance and other areas, reduced state funding, HVAC and other needs. . We are beginning a Health Insurance Committee in January to discuss more efficient choices and practices.

We have had a district finance committee in place for well over a year, which is doing more with financial planning of the district. Finances are a simple concept – balance revenue and expenditures. However, with the convoluted and unpredictable funding streams from the state and federal government and increased costs this is very challenging. With 83% of our costs being personnel and the non-personnel items being overwhelmingly necessary this has proven very, very difficult. Know that we are continuously working to increase revenues and reduce expenditures.

On the revenue side, we continue grant writing efforts, shared services agreements with other entities, pursue weighted funding from the state, and fight for every dollar we can get from state and federal government for our children. Please note some of the grants and contributions we have successfully sought-out and received this school year. Every dollar helps.

On the expenditure side we negotiate costs with vendors, spend only when necessary, complete many more maintenance projects in-house with our own employees, reduced staff last summer, have been working on a 2021-2022 SY staff-reduction plan (which will be finalized in early spring), and are analyzing every expenditure.

As a district we move forward systemically and study the impact of changes on students, staff, and the organization as a whole. Due to the current budget crisis, reduction in staff, and changing needs of our society, district, and students The district has taken the opportunity to improve efficiencies and re-invent many positions to be more effective through our collaborative approach to meet the needs of our students in their development of 21st Century Skills, Career Development, Academics, and Social Skills in order to "prepare our student today for tomorrow's opportunities!"

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. As we all know, "our children are our future." If our students are any indication, we have a very bright future.

Remember, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! I have always shared my philosophy that our schools and community are one in the same. We universally want to provide the best opportunities for our students while ensuring we do so as efficiently as possible. We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. All of this while maintaining practical and frugal financial limitations. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to adapt to legislation and focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to excel in preparing our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

Please contact me with suggestion, questions, concerns. I always make myself available and am a great listener! I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, employees, and anyone in our community! It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work and make the best decisions possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support. Here is for Northwestern Huskies continuing to "lead the pack!" Let's continue full steam through the remainder of our 2020-2021 school year!

Jeffrey N. Layton
 Superintendent
 Northwestern Local Schools

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

Football banquet will be held on November 11th @ 6pm in the HS theater.
 Golf awards will be held on November 11th @ 5:30pm in the HS library.
 Cheerleading awards will be held on November 19th @ 6pm in the HS library.
 Volleyball awards will be held on November 20th @ 5pm in the HS theater.

**ATHLETIC
 ANNOUNCE-
 MENTS**

Update on the Mike Burkholder Memorial & Memorial Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

The Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 2:00PM in the Northwestern Track & Football Stadium.

* We will have cards out on a table at the memorial service with the contribution information, so that if someone hasn't contributed, they may feel moved to do so after seeing the memorial, and being at the service.

* Program will be by Auble Funeral Home. The memorial service will include:

- * a screen to do a power point
- * songs
- * programs

* The dedication of the Mike Burkholder Memorial and Northwestern Wall of Fame will immediately follow the service.

MONUMENT:

* Pertee Monument anticipates arrival of monument by 1st week of Nov. then will need 2-3 weeks to engrave it and needs family to double check the wording and spelling once he lays it out before he sandblasts. Jeff will coordinate this. Anticipate it being completed and set by Nov. 27. We are really pushing this timeline, but feel we need to have the Memorial Service & dedication of the Monument by this date.

OTHER ITEMS: All should be completed by Oct. 15th

- Stone Benches:
 - * Meeting with and selecting with Frank Brothers
- Flowering Trees
 - * Davey Tree should be planting soon
- Planter Boxes
 - * Irises - yellow
 - * Cone flowers – purple
 - * Planting soon
- LED Lighting Completion
 - * Main wiring completed last summer
 - * Todd installing the actual lights
- Wall of Fame Sign
 - * Randall ordered, we have it, but Todd is getting a metal frame made for it before installing



FUNDING UPDATE:

• With the help of the substantial Ruritan donation of \$1,000 the funds are at about 50% of our est. total cost of \$24,490 for the Mike Burkholder Memorial and Northwestern Athletic Wall of Fame.

• We are hoping contributions will flow through the memorial time as well as again in the spring with the initial Mike Burkholder Memorial Track Invitational, which will be held at Orville spring 2021, then Northwestern spring 2022 thereafter continuing to alternate between the schools. There are also plans for a 5K fundraiser that will be held in the spring.

• We anticipate the 1st inductions into the Wall of Fame, through the All Sports Athletic Wall of Fame committee's efforts.

• Contributions can be made to the Wayne County Foundation or to Northwestern Local Schools, who has also set-up an account.

• Here are some additional in-kind contributions beyond the financial contributions:

- * Benches (2) Frank Brothers & Steve and Julie McCumber
- * Trees (2) Davey Tree
 - * Ken Fisher & Wayne Cou Track Club & McCumbers were going to donate these, but Rick Hanschoff at Davey Tree committed to them donating
- * Flowers/Planters: Jeff and Deb Layton
- * LED Lighting: Todd and Tish Smith
- * Sign & Labor: Northwestern District & Todd and Tish Smith

NORTHWESTERN RURITANS

Superintendent & club member Jeff Layton introduced representatives of the **annual "Outstanding Businesses" selected this year.** George and Linda Gray are owners of "George's Alignment" in Chester Township which was established in 1985. They have been especially helpful with the NW Schools Soccer program. George installed goal posts in a NW football practice field. Their children and grandchildren have attended NW Schools and a great grandchild is currently attending. Many NW students have been employed by them! They feel they owe their success to the community! Jeff also introduced representatives of the American Auger Co., located near West Salem. Katie Draper is their Senior Engineering Manager, Jake Adams (a NWHS graduate) is product engineer, and Steve Seabolt is Product Manager. They each gave comments re: the company which has grown to 230 employees now working in three buildings. American Augers was founded in 1970, focusing on the production of the auger boring machine. Today the product lines span Auger Boring, Horizontal Directional Drills, Trenchers, and Surface Miners. The facilities are in 241,000 square feet of building space located on just under 30 acres of land. They have consolidated with other companies and are now a part of TORO. The company is an excellent supporter of the Science and Engineering classes in the Northwestern Schools! Employees have served as advisors in the school's Robotics and STEM programs and with Science Fair projects. Great appreciation is extended to the outstanding businesses in the community and congratulations to those selected for this recognition!

Northwestern's character word of the month for **November is RESPONSIBILITY.** Bringing your mask and a charged chromebook every day is being responsible!

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT NEWS

Stay Informed!

Northwestern Schools Health Insurance Committee

Are you knowledgeable or experienced in the area of health insurance?

If you are and are interested in serving your local school district and meeting 4-6 times per year please contact Northwestern Treasurer Lesa Forbes.

Northwestern is establishing a Health Insurance Committee in order to:

- Control health insurance costs for employees as well as the school district
- Educate employees regarding cost-effective health care practices & choices

This committee will include the school treasurer, superintendent, one or two board of education members, an invited union representative, as well as interested community members.

Our initial meeting will be scheduled in January, 2021.

Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Needed!

We have a small number of sub bus drivers and van drivers, but several have limited availability – so we can always use more and keep you busy!

Great hourly rate!

Contact Northwestern Transportation Dept. if you have an interest in the district-paid training, a very good salary, and opportunity for future employment as a van or bus driver!

We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur.

Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Contact 419-846-3151

Substitute Teacher Aides, Food Service, and Custodians Needed!

We have need for substitutes in these areas as well. We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur.

We anticipate an upcoming full-time evening custodial position @ January!

Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Retirees welcome to apply as well for these positions!

Contact 419-846-3151

2020-2021 School Year Grants, Foundation Awards & Special Donations

Our efforts of increasing revenue through other sources while continuing to operate more efficiently and effectively continue. Note some of the school's revenue sources thus far this school year:

* \$2,200.00 Received the Daniel W. LoPresti '03 Philanthropic Board of the University School for our after school program in the amount of \$2,200.00.

* \$75,835.84 Small Rural Schools Grant Award

* \$8,000.00 PNC Bank Grant Award for STEM Preschool.

* \$16,800.00 Contributions. Received \$16,800.00 in STEM Preschool contributions this fall from two local families!

* \$8,968.30 DARE Grant Award

* \$1,000.00 in Grant Funding for School Safety & Security & Vulnerability Building Assessments.

* \$25,000.00 Grant Award. Received \$16,000 through The Mental Health and Recovery Board and submitted a request for additional funding and have received this for a total of \$25,000.00 total.

Revenue, continued

* \$24,000.00 in COVID funding. Perry Township, Ashland County. Planned distribution of COVID funding to area schools.

* \$5,000.00 Foundation Award. Weltmer Foundation for STEM preschool

* \$31,250.00 HSTW Grant for targeted support for K-3 rural at-risk students.

* \$6,217.60 Agricultural Science 5th Quarter grant for extended time of Agricultural Science Programs.

* \$43,441.16 School Bus Purchasing Grant Award. This represent roughly half the cost of a school bus. The district replaces 1 of our \$86,000+ school buses per year on average.

RURITAN "Outstanding Businesses"



AMERICAN AUGER CO.



GEORGE'S ALIGNMENT



**Mrs. Lesa
Forbes
Northwestern
Treasurer**

Five Year Forecast 101

One instrument that is crucial to assess the financial condition of a district is the Five Year Forecast; a public school treasurer submits an updated version at least twice a year to Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The report displays the revenue and expenses for the general fund (approximately 80% of the district's total funding). The forecast reflects:

- 3 actual years for historical,
- the current year, and
- 4 years of future projections.

The majority of the tax dollars collected from tax payers are accounted for in these figures; however, this does not reflect all financial activity of the school district as a whole.

The forecast is somewhat like envisioning the future; typically based on historically data and consideration of some of the 'knowns' of the near future for the district, a living document that becomes outdated with every change to any of its data. Any change to the elements also changes the future assumptions. The figures of the forecast tell only a portion of the financial forecast. There is a narrative that accompanies the forecast and articulates the assumptions considered for each element. Each intricacy and detail is substantial to the projected accuracy of the forecast.

Northwestern's general budget is over \$15 million for FY21. Generating revenue, local and income taxes represent approximately \$5 million and \$2 million (annually) respectively; additionally, \$7 million is collected via 'foundation' (state funding), and the balance is gathered by school fees, workbooks, planners, tech fees, etc. Some items that aid the balance by way of taxes would be new or increased levies, new construction, more corporate business taxes, and the like.

Here is Northwestern's most recently submitted forecast in a simplified format.

	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)	(000's)
Five Year Forecast	Actual	Actual	Actual	Present	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Beginning Balance	2,648.5	2,075.9	1,696.4	1,066.2	669.1	144.0	901.6 (-)	2,018.9 (-)
+ Revenue	14,701.8	14,538.4	15,238.2	15,284.9	14,745.6	14,543.6	14,819.6	15,086.3
- Expenditures	15,274.4	14,917.8	15,868.4	15,682.0	15,270.7	15,589.3	15,936.9	16,294.3
Revenues Surplus or Deficit (-)	572.6 (-)	379.4 (-)	630.2 (-)	397.2 (-)	525.0 (-)	1,045.7 (-)	1,117.3 (-)	1,208.0 (-)
Cash Balance June 30	2,075.9	1,696.4	1,066.2	669.1	144.0	901.6 (-)	2,018.9 (-)	3,226.8 (-)
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,549.9	1,164.9	847.0	428.1	75.2 (-)	1,120.9 (-)	2,238.1 (-)	3,446.1 (-)
	*** All \$ in thousands							

The primary expense categories are wages, benefits, professional development/tuition, supplies, equipment, and other. Wages and benefits is the majority of the expense arena making up nearly 83% of the expenses, 53% and 30% respectively. The other categories of expenses make up the other 17% of the budget.

Unfortunately, the cash balance trend for Northwestern has not been solid for over a decade and has been actively depleting since 2015.

Then COVID struck! Even with the COVID relief funding from the state, all of the barriers and sanitation items that were necessary to open the buildings and maintaining of the precautions will likely be totaling more than the revenue in the end. Dr. Layton is continually searching and applying for more grants and COVID aid.

Through all the chaos and uncertainties, we have been thrown into, I have observed many acts of kindness and compassion the Northwestern staff has displayed in these trying times in putting the students first in all aspects.

Thank you Northwestern Staff & Community! May God Bless!! HUSKIES ROCK!!!



Charters and vouchers took away over one-half billion in local revenue from school districts in school year 2019-2020.

\$525,187,286* in local revenue was deducted from school districts for privately-operated alternatives to the public common system. Columbus property taxpayers subsidized charter and voucher students to the tune of \$76, 548,933* during the 2019-2020 school year.

Article VI §2 of the Ohio Constitution requires the state to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled four times that the system is unconstitutional. Yet the state removes hundreds of millions of dollars from school districts to fund the state's pet projects. Incredible!

(*Steve Dyer's analysis)

William L. Phillis | Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding | 614.228.6540 | ohioeanda@sbcglobal.net | www.ohiocoalition.org



Northwestern Finance Committee has been meeting to review and discuss the finances of the district.

Are you:

- financially minded
- experienced in finance
- interested in the school's financial well-being

If you have a financial background and a desire to serve on the district financial committee, please contact Lesa Forbes at email Nrws_lforbes@tccsa.net or telephone 419-846-3400 ext. 3.

**** NW District ****

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 students and drivers is the primary issue when considering whether to cancel school.

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both the Northwestern Transportation Mechanic Jonathon Wellert and Northwestern Superintendent Jeff Layton drive the roads prior to 5:00 a.m. – often communicating with each other, ODOT, Townships, County Engineers – 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 district superintendents - all of who also do assessments of their 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. However, we also have an obligation to also fulfill our mission of providing an excellent education for our students.

Know that our buses do have heaters and they also drop-down chains. We installed the chains for a reason – so we can fulfill transporting our children to and from school safely. Trust our dedicated and experienced bus drivers to do this with the safest equipment.

When the Wayne County Sheriff issues a Level 2 weather warning, telling motorists to drive only if it is an emergency, school is automatically cancelled. However, sometimes these announcements do not come before announcement of school closing has to occur. In addition, often the road conditions change quickly and dramatically – sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse - between the time of the final decision at 5:30 a.m. and the time MS and HS may begin with a 2-hour delay. As most people are aware the superintendent has made the extra effort to make the decision between 5:00-5:30 and closer to 5:00am if at all possible depending on the conditions and situation.

Information on school closing is available and most accurate by registering for communications. Parents, students, and community members can register for text alerts and/or e-mail alerts through our website.

The school text and e-mail alerts systems are the most efficient and immediate as far as information, please register if you have not. Additionally, district phone recordings, website, twitter, instagram, facebook, as well as radio station WQKT are the quickest to post the information. 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). Television stations have between a 15-minute and 30-minute lag time before the information is posted an occasionally do post inaccurate messages or their systems become overwhelmed. Also, following a delay a decision to close is announced by 7:30 a.m. at the very latest. Otherwise, assume that we will remain open.



****Tech Corner****

For over two years we have been looking to the future and planning the upgrade of our network to better support the usage requirements of our staff and students with online resources, curriculum and testing.

Over the past eighteen months, Northwestern has been upgrading the school's network infrastructure due to needed repair, replacement of old and outdated network hardware and to increase the bandwidth capacity of our network. The first round of updates was performed during the summer of 2019 within the high school with the installation of internal fiber and the purchase of new network switches using E-Rate grant funding. At the end of 2019, additional grant funding was used to fully cover the installation of new fiber between the high school and the elementary school. This section of fiber was failing with only 30% of the installed fiber strands operational. The replacement of this section then allowed for the installation of the new switching equipment at the high school with an increase in network bandwidth from 1GB to 10GB.

In the summer of 2020, E-Rate grant funding was again utilized for all network upgrades beginning with the fiber installation between the high school and the middle school and between network closets within both the middle and elementary schools. New network switches, also purchased with E-Rate funding has given us the ability to upgrade our entire internal network from 1GB to 10GB. Within the next few months our connection to our Internet provider, TCCSA (Tri-County Computer Services Association) located in Wooster, which already had the capability of running at 10GB will be upgraded.

These upgrades would not have been possible without E-rate grants we have received. To receive E-Rate funding, the process begins with the request for services and or equipment that falls within the guidelines of covered services and equipment. Once accepted, there is a competitive bidding process followed by the submission of the accepted bid proposals. This is then followed by approval process. If approved, the purchase of services or equipment may proceed. Funding is based on the number of free/reduced lunch recipients within a school district's total enrollment. Our funding rate over the last several years has been 70 percent. The total cost for all upgrades for the past 2 years was \$72,816, however, after E-Rate grants and additional grant funding the cost to the district totaled \$17,926.

Stay Informed

Information for Parents and Students on Laws and Rules of the Bus

1. Please make sure the school has a working phone number for contact - **We have to be able to contact you.**
2. **Place of Safety - Arrive 5 minutes prior to pick up time. It is OHIO Law.**
 - A) Driver will designate a **place of safety** location for the student(s) 10 feet from the road. Driver will try to give a landmark to know where to stand.
 - B) If the student is in a vehicle, in the driveway, they need to get out of the vehicle as they see the bus approaching and be at the designated place of safety when the bus stops.
3. **Loading and Unloading Students From the Bus (OHIO LAW)**
 - A) Student(s) must be at the place of safety assigned by the bus driver or walk 10 steps or more along the side of the roadway to the front of the bus if they are crossing over. Student(s) must wait for driver's hand signal (driver will drop their hand straight down)
 - B) When the driver drops their hand, the student(s) must walk to the center of the road (traffic edge), stop there, and recheck traffic before crossing.
 - C) If it is safe, the student(s) must **go directly to their place of safety**. The student(s) must remain there until the bus has passed the place of safety.
 - D) If the driver blows the horn, that means danger. The student(s) should recheck traffic. If the student(s) sees nothing, they should look back at the driver for further instructions.
4. **Proper Bus Rules and Etiquette While Riding**
 - Students will be asked to jump seat in the afternoon. When the student's stop is next on the route, the student will come up to seat 2 and sit. This helps the driver know who is/is not on to alleviate the driver from missing a stop, especially if there is a sub driver.
 - Students must sit back-to-back, seat-to-seat, and feet to floor if they can touch. Book bags must be kept in the student's lap.
 - Students must stay in their seat and out of the aisle at all times for safety purposes. The seat in front of the student acts as a safety guard, and students need to be behind it at all times.
 - NO standing when the bus is moving.
 - NO talking when the lights are on inside the bus.
 - NO food or drinks on the bus. Students need to keep these items in their book bag.
 - NO live animals on the bus.
 - Everything a student brings on the bus must be held in their lap.
 - NO toys, stuffed animals, trading cards, etc. on the bus. Students must keep these items in their book bag.
 - Electronic devices (with ear devices) are allowed on the bus. The district/driver is not responsible for items being lost, stolen, or broken. These items are for individual student use only.



- Aisle ways must be clear at all times, with no body parts in the aisle. Students may not turn around, hand things across the aisle, etc.
 - NO taking pictures on the bus.
 - NO loud talking, screaming, or yelling on the bus. Students should use indoor voices on the bus.
 - Students may read or look at books, do homework, or use their electronic devices while on the bus.
 - An adult **MUST** be at the place of safety to get a Kindergartener off the bus. This is Board Policy.
5. **Transportation Change Requests**
Please allow 48 hours (2 days) for the Transportation Department to make any requested change regarding pick-up and drop-off for your child(ren). Elementary: 419-846-3519, Middle School: 419-846-3974, High School: 419-846-3833, and Transportation Admin: 419-846-1152.



Student Services Announcement

The University of Akron (UA) is taking another step to help students and their families afford college. UA is giving an automatic \$500 scholarship to every student who applies for admission and completes the FAFSA by Dec. 1, 2020. Students who apply to UA will also be automatically considered for the Akron Guarantee Scholarship, which ranges from \$8,000 to \$34,000 over four years. As a reminder, they've also waived the \$50 application fee for high school seniors. Please contact Jennifer Harpham at 330-972-5860 or email at jharpham@uakron.edu for more information.

Husky Pride & Tradition

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

1st Quarter

1ST HONORS (4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Samantha Barnette, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Colston Cutter, Tyler Farner, Zane Fast, Elizabeth Howman, Haldon Huber, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Halie O'Loughlin, Caleb Seabolt, Lariah Severs, Desiree Smith, Robert Soueid, Allison Spencer, Nathan Stoltz, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Emma Zemancik

Juniors: Shayna Allshouse, Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Emily Gilman, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Kara McKay, Sarah Miller, Rachel Smithberger, Cooper Stephens, Dominic Wallace, Clara Zemancik

Sophomores: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addison Bodager, Carissa Brinker, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Madison Gray, Karissa Groves, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Melanie Imhoff, Steven LaGoy, Caitlyn Leighty, Louisa Morris, Hayden Novak, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Ava Stoller, Thomas Tomechko, Isabella Vacco, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson

Freshmen: Emma Adkison, Grant Bond, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssa Fisher, Logan Garman, Josiah Gilman, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Mikalah Jones, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Zoey Oldaker, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Jonathon Widdows

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: James Cooke, Ryan Leasure, Cole McClure, Tanner Meininger, Dakota Rainsberger, Betty Stevens, Hayden Stoller, Kylie Wellert

Juniors: Addison DeSanto, Stefanie Ecker, Gabe Hendricks, Faith Jackson, Jackalynn Mosher, Emma Nicholson, Steven Widdows

Sophomores: Arianna Firebaugh, Audrey Franks, David Hiner, Kayla Hummel, Logan Kolp, Lindsey Luther, Charleigh McMillan, Julia Ours, Joshua Spencer, Samantha Yates

Freshmen: Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Kara Burgan, Hayden Cline, Jacob Huebner

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Maxwell Albright, Cassidy Brown, Max Carlson, Kirsten Churby, Braden Colter, Braydon Duvall, Chase Fry, Juan Gendron-Olalde, Mitchell Gray, Colton Hixson, Jason Markley, Mary Nixon, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, Brooklyn Woodruff

Juniors: Weston Arthur, Jadeyn Berry, Alexandra Burkett-Hostetler, Alexander Ciolek, Rylee Dawson, Grant Dever, Zoey Dudte, Gavon Edgell, Emma Ewing, Hayley Franks, Ethan Gibbs, Mariah Hill, Chase Himes, Skyler Hines, Kyle Hinton, Jameson Holtz, Ariel Hughes, Kendra Hummel, Nathaniel Jackson, Riley James, Abigail Johns, Margaret McCullough, Dugan McLaughlin, Abigail Miller, Cierra Phillips, Aubree Reed, Emily Reed, Grant Rhamy, Tori Rogers, James Rowe, Ethan Schwartz, Skylar Scott, Andrew Sims, Kaylyn Smith, Edward Stevens, Troy Tope, Brennen Topp, Ryan Walter, Austin Wilhelmy

Sophomores: Brett Alberts, Alexander Albright, Jasmine Bradford, Aubrey Browning, Jozielynn Brenner, Aubrey Browning, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, A'Kia Hardin, Andrew Hatfield, Landen Horst, Anthony Huber, Nathaniel Hunt, Mark Ingraham, Madison Jester, Keegan Johns, Brent Mann, Brooke McNeil, Gabriel Noble, Ava O'Loughlin, Craig Reed, Ethan Reed, Daylie Rickard, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Ariel Smith, Samuel Terwilliger, Mariah Thompson, Shelby Thorpe, Mary Wellert, Luke Wright

Freshmen: Brandon Barnette, Leona Buettner, Haley Caldwell, Reece Chanay, Cayden Fiala, Caleb Frontz, Jacoby Gilbert, Gavin Hines, Tegan Hines, Brianna Lance, Faith Maiher, Alexzander Maxwell, Donna Peterson,



New Staff
Spotlight!!

Family: Wife-Lori and son Jimmy

Pets: Dog/Rocko Cats/Felix and Fluffy

High School Graduated from: Brunswick HS

College Graduated from: Lorain Community College

Hobbies: Hunting, camping and fishing

Favorite Movie: Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden

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

My greatest hero: brother Jimmy

My greatest phobia: heights



New Staff
Spotlight!!

Family: Husband Mark

High School graduated from: Alliance High School

College Graduated from: Kent St. (undergrad), U of Akron (Sports Med), Ashland U. (School Admin.)

Hobbies: mowing and working on the farm

Favorite movie: "Cool Runnings"

Favorite Restaurant: Papa Bears in Canton

The best thing about Northwestern is...The family atmosphere

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My teachers and coach.

Few people know that I...Was a National Merit finalist.

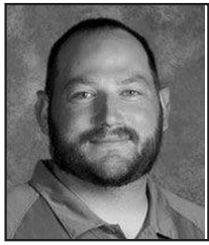
My greatest hero is...Every student that tries and succeeds...NEVER GIVE UP

My greatest phobia is...Heights

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture..."All dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" Walt Disney

Words of Wisdom...Believe in yourself; there are others around that can help you succeed. YOU CAN DO IT!

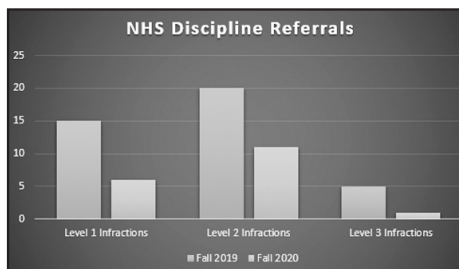




**Mr. Randal
Hafner
Northwestern
High School
Principal**

Greetings from Northwestern High School,

It's amazing how fast this school year has been going. Among the chaos, we have had a great start to this school year. Our students and staff have been putting forward excellent effort in and out of the classroom on academics and extracurricular activities. I have been very impressed with how well our students and staff have handled the new safety regulations. Adjusting to change is never easy; however, our students and staff have been very understanding and willing to make the necessary adjustments. Not only are the students adjusting well to the new protocols, they are also following the policies and procedures that have been outlined in our student handbook for years. So far this school year, student discipline has been drastically reduced (see NHS Discipline Referrals Data Graph).



With a reduced amount of discipline, we have a lot of students needing to be recognized for their positive behaviors. Our student of the month selections is a great starting point. Each month of the school year is associated with a character word that epitomizes the characteristics we want all of our students to strive towards.

NHS Husky Words of the Month

September – Honesty, October – Respect
November – Responsibility, December – Caring,
January – Enthusiasm



February – Integrity, March – Cooperative, April – Performance, May – Determination

September's "Honesty" Students of the Month

Megan Tomechko, Caleb Seabolt, Avery Garver, Dominic Wallace, Paige Walter, Landen Horst, Emma Adkison, Alexander Maxwell

October's "Respect" Students of the Month

Logan Garman, Virginia Hamers, Tyler Jacob, Karissa Groves, Kyler Moser, Arianna Borton, Hal Huber, Tamar Walton

Congratulations to our NHS Students of the Month!!

(See group pictures on front page)*

With the help of Northwestern Student Council members and their wonderful advisors Jacki Zody and Laura Kline, school spirit has been on the rise at Northwestern High School this fall. Throughout the fall, we have been holding spirit point competitions pitting each grade level against one another in a battle to show which class has the most school spirit. Activities have included a get to know NHS trivia competition, Red Ribbon spirit day participation, and competitions at our first ever socially distanced, outdoor pep rally. Using their knowledge, skills, and upperclassmen leadership, the senior class won the 1st quarter spirit competition. Way to go Senior Huskies!! Their efforts will be rewarded with Donuts and Apple Cider on Tuesday, October 27th.

An academic area that needs highlighted this month deals with our seniors. Each senior has the opportunity to work on open-ended, real-world application projects and present their work is through our Senior Seminar or internship program. We also have our senior capstone classes in our Biomed, Clean Energy, Computer Science, Engineering, and Construction pathways. These pathways provide another avenue for our seniors to explore content in a project-based environment. It is always exciting to see the projects that our senior students produce in these classes. We are committed to making the senior year at Northwestern meaningful and a cornerstone in the preparation for all of our students' future successes.

In a year where unpredictable circumstances have changed the way we go about daily life, our Northwestern learning community has found a way to continually progress the educational needs of our students. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful staff for making this possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at nrws_hafner@tccsa.net.

2019-2020 NHS Yearbooks are scheduled to be delivered sometime around Thanksgiving. We will announce and post on social media when those arrive.
Class of 2021: Senior photos and baby photos are due by Friday, February 5, 2021. You may begin emailing photos to NHSHuskiesYrbk@gmail.com at any time between now and then.

NHS NEWS!!

2020 Northwestern Homecoming Court

Freshman attendant, Josie Wright, daughter of Jeff and Rebecca Rhamy. Josie is a member of both the Northwestern volleyball and basketball teams. Josie was escorted by Easton Thomas, son of Greg and Kara Thomas.

Sophomore attendant, Arianna Firebaugh, is the daughter of Lindsey Firebaugh and Marvin Grandison. Arianna is a member of the Huskies' volleyball, basketball, and track teams. Arianna was escorted by Luke Wright, son of Rebecca Rhamy and Mark Wright.

Junior attendant, Laurissa Fulton, daughter of Jeffrey and Elizabeth Fulton. Laurissa is a member of the Northwestern soccer and softball teams, the marching band, ski club, and is a stat for the wrestling team. Laurissa was escorted by Grant Rhamy, son of Jeff Rhamy and Hanna Sanford.

The two Senior attendants were:

Valerie Imhoff, daughter of Bruce and Jamie Imhoff. Valerie is a member of Northwestern's FFA and is currently serving as FFA President. She is also a member of STAR and is the Senior Class Secretary. Valerie plans to attend college and receive a degree in Early Childhood Education with an Intervention Specialist endorsement. Valerie was escorted by Cole Wharton, son of Hud and Jodie Wharton and junior escorts, Brandt and Ella Geitgey, children of Derick and Gwen Geitgey.

Allison Spencer, daughter of Adam and Andrea Spencer, is our second Senior Attendant. Allison is a member of the Northwestern Basketball squad, STAR, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. After graduation Allison plans to attend college and major in Graphic Design with a minor in Marketing. Allison was escorted by Jacob Westover, son of Joe and Jacie Westover. Her junior escort was her brother, Peter Spencer.

CONGRATULATIONS, to the 2020 Northwestern Homecoming QUEEN, SAMANTHA BARNETTE.

Samantha Barnette is the daughter of Greg and Tina Barnette. She is a member of HOSA, Student Council, STAR, National Honor Society, and plays libero for the Huskies on the volleyball team. She is planning on attending college to pursue a career in physical therapy or ultrasound radiology. Samantha was escorted by Zane Fast, son of Mike and Jen Fast. Her junior escorts were Kendall Browand, daughter of Todd and Cassie Browand and Piper Mitchell, daughter of Patrick and Becky Mitchell.

The Northwestern High School Student Council would like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO CR BLOOMS for their donation of the beautiful flowers for our Homecoming Court. CR BLOOMS and Cheryl Boreman have been generously donating flowers for Northwestern events for many years. We truly appreciate their continued support of Northwestern Local Schools.



Pictured (From Left to Right): Senior Attendant Valerie Imhoff, Homecoming Queen Samantha Barnette, and Senior Attendant Allison Spencer



High School Student Service Announcements:

It has been an interesting year, but Northwestern has and will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities! Below we have included some friendly reminders/updates. If you have questions/comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Hughes-nrws_rhughes@tccsa.net/419-846-3151.

* **Graduation Requirements-** State law introduced new, permanent graduation requirements that are available for the classes of 2021 and beyond. Information regarding graduation requirements for the classes of 2021 & beyond can be found on Northwestern HS Student Services webpage.

* **Ohio State Diploma Seals:** Ohio law created 12 seals for students to demonstrate academics, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions. Each seal allows students to demonstrate knowledge and skills essential for future success. Students will demonstrate readiness by earning at least two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined.

* **OhioMeans Jobs Readiness Seal (State)-** Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.

* **Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (State)-** Earn an approved industry-recognized credential that is aligned to a job considered in demand in Ohio and its regions.

* **College-Ready Seal (State)-** Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT.

* **Military Enlistment Seal (State)-** Provide evidence of enlistment in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or participate in an approved JROTC program.

* **Citizenship Seal (State)-** A student can: 1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American History and American Government end-of-course exams; 2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

High School Student Service Announcements..... *continued*

* **Science Seal (State)**- A student can: 1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the Biology end-of-course exam; 2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

* **Honors Diploma Seal (State)**- Earn one of six honors Diplomas outlined below: 1. Academic Honors 2. International Baccalaureate Honors 3. Career-Tech Honors 4. STEM Honors 5. Arts Honors 6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors.

* **Seal of Biliteracy (State)**- Meet the requirements and criteria, including proficiency requirements on assessments in a world language and English.

* **Technology Seal (State)**- A student can 1. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program 2. Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by department.

* **Community Service Seal (Local)**- Complete a community service project aligned with guidelines adopted by the student's local board of education.

* **Fine and performing Arts Seal (Local)**- Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by student's local board of education.

* **Student Engagement Seal (Local)**- Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by student's local board of education

* **College Credit Plus (CCP)**: A reminder that Northwestern High School offers students the opportunity to engage in more than 27 college courses; earning college transcript credit. College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to enhance students' career readiness and postsecondary success,

while providing a wide variety of options to college-ready students, at no or limited costs to students and families.

* **Guidance/Clinical Counseling**: Northwestern Local Schools offer many support services for our students. Students are presented opportunities in college/career guidance, intervention based supports, mentoring programs and much more. Northwestern is proud to be affiliated with three external mental health agencies (Catholic Charities, Anazao, Family Life Counseling), offering services such as individual/family counseling, asset building, mentoring, discussion groups, life skills, and drug/alcohol awareness. If you are interested in any of these services, or have questions; please reach out to Mr. Hughes-nrws_rhughes@tccsa.net/419-846-3151.

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 December 1, 2020.



Are you up for an academic challenge?

Do you want to position yourself to be attractive to colleges? Are you interested in being around other intellectually curious students? Would you like to earn college credit for classes you take in high school?

If so, the IB program might be for you! Tri-County International Academy's International Baccalaureate (IB) program is a two-year program that offers juniors and seniors a challenging, college-prep curriculum. An IB education provides a competitive advantage with the college application process and preparation for collegiate-level classes. College-bound sophomores in Ashland, Holmes, and Wayne counties are eligible for enrollment for their junior and senior years.

For more information contact Victoria Birk at tesc_vbirk@tccsa.net or 330-345-4000 ext 3224.

Check us out on Instagram@ibtcia, Twitter@tri_countyIB, and Facebook @tri-countyacademy



Mr. Hafner and Mrs. Jorney-Gifford ready for a pep assembly!





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

NMS News

What a year so far! We are certainly happy with the progress everyone has made in the first quarter, given the new challenges and changes that COVID-19 has added to our daily lives. From temperatures in the mornings to masks and facial coverings, our students have stepped up to the requirements and are doing a fabulous job continuing to work hard and do what is needed to succeed. Of course, our amazing staff have had a lot to do with the students' success. Our staff have truly impressed me as they have had to navigate a new way of teaching due to COVID-19, using more technology, changing lessons that allow for social distancing, cleaning their classrooms, and preparing students for this new way of teaching. On top of this, they are teaching both in-person and online...all in the same year. I couldn't be more proud of everyone!!!

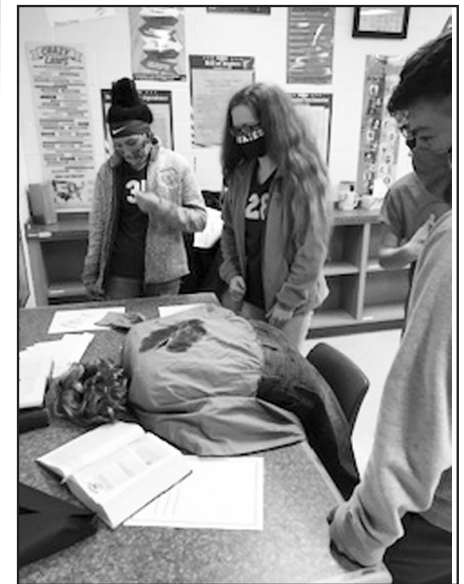
Fortunately, I have had the pleasure of observing our staff and students in various settings this year. Our students have been very busy with their academic lessons, spirit days, and athletics. Although things are a bit different, I am so glad that we have found a way to make it work, even with the restrictions. During my observations I have loved some of the new ideas our staff are using with our students. I have been able to see teachers use videos of themselves as a secondary teacher in the classroom while they move around and interact directly with students. I have watched numerous interactive learning opportunities that have students utilizing a multitude of resources. I witnessed students working on written assignments, while teachers were able to be on the same document giving the student feedback in real-time, which then lead to additional, individualized conversations. I have also engaged in conversations with our students where they shared the benefits...yes, I said benefits...to wearing masks. All of this proof that despite the challenges, there are silver linings. If we continue to look for the positives, we will continue to see them. I appreciate the staff and students for reminding me of this on a daily basis!

We look forward to seeing continued success for our students in the second quarter. As a reminder, we continue to offer student support on Wednesdays, allowing in-person and online students an opportunity to come to the school and work on assignments. If you feel your child needs this, please contact the school office. We are thankful for our paraprofessionals who are working with students on Wednesdays and throughout the week. As a reminder, breakfast and lunches continue to be free to our students. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this great opportunity. We feel very fortunate to be able to provide our students with meals made by our wonderful food service employees.

During the second quarter we encourage you to monitor your child's school work, as well as his/her mental health. Also, please consider the amount of screen time our students are engaging in at school, as you may want to be sure they are taking breaks from their devices at home. As we are heading into the fall and winter months, please continue to monitor your child's social-emotional wellness and health. There is typically a notable increase in mental health-related concerns and issues during these months. As you know, Northwestern continues to offer a variety of supports to our students, which includes mentoring and counseling services. We can also help connect parents to additional resources, provided by those agencies to our community and families. Please contact the office with any questions you may have and/or to report any concerns you may have for your child. We are here to help! Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools. We appreciate the positive partnership we have with parents and our community! Our school theme this year continues to hold true...We are STRONGER TOGETHER!!!



Despite all of the camo clothing, we can't hide Husky PRIDE! Students at the Middle School engaged in fun spirit days during Red Ribbon Week to remind them to make great choices and to live drug-free!



Oh no! There has been a colonial murder in Mr. Woodring's American History classes!!! Students investigate the crime scene, interview suspects, and use their historical knowledge to determine who murdered Langley Thomas!



NMS Highlights



Mrs. Raber -- Jr. Solar Sprint Cars Class

The students build Electric / Solar Power cars to race for the overall title of the fastest car. The students research topics about Transmission (Drive Train & Gear Ratio); Aerodynamics (Cars); Energy (Stored/Motion); Photovoltaic versus Batteries; and Mechanical Power (Friction and Speed). The students draft the design of their car and make additional drafts as changes are made to the design. The students analyze the cost of the car with a budget. The students are judged on their Portfolio (which includes a daily log), a display unit, and the placement of their car.



6th Grade Science Class – Mrs. Raber
Students conduct a lab to understand the Law of Conservation of Energy.



Red Ribbon Week

During Red Ribbon Week, parents and families are encouraged to talk about leading a drug-free lifestyle. Discussing healthy behaviors and positive decision-making is a great way to begin these conversations. In addition, it is very important for children of all ages to know and understand how to best handle peer and social pressures. Please consider signing up for Parent tips from the Prevention Action Alliance by using the following link: <https://preventionactionalliance.org/about/programs/know/sign-up-to-receive-know-parent-tips/>

Here are some additional websites and resources for more information:

- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/growing-up-drug-free-2017.pdf>
- https://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/makeadiff_html/makediff.htm,
- <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/alcohol.html>,
- <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-drugs.html>
- <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/marijuana-facts-parents-need-to-know/talking-to-your-kids-communicating-risks>

Through my years as a school counselor, administrator, and parent, I know that the “just say no” message is not enough. Our students need to engage in regular conversations with adults and mentors that show students that we are here to listen and to help them navigate this world.... now, more than ever. Let’s work together in helping our students make good choices. Let’s empower them to feel comfortable making the right decisions, even under pressure. Let’s prepare them to know what to do and how to handle themselves in difficult situations. Let’s regularly remind them that they are loved and supported always.

Rachel Beun, Middle School Principal



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) would like to invite you to participate in a short, 25 question survey about your involvement in your student’s education. Research suggests that parental involvement is a key predictor of positive educational outcomes. . You may be eligible to participate if your child has an IEP and receives special education services. The purpose of collecting this information is to improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio.



If you are eligible to participate and you enroll in the study, you will be entered in a drawing for several \$50 Amazon gift cards. Your chance of winning a gift card is approximately 2.0%. Please use this link https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xj6a3rJ8hUevNH or use the QR (Quick Response) code (see below) to find out more about the survey and if you are eligible.



Northwestern Middle School Honor Roll 2020

1st Nine weeks

6th Grade

Emma Altman, Garrett Diehl, Emma Fricke, Reed Hamey, Brooke Hershey, Daniel Lee, Aiden Mausolf, Sophia Morris, Brookelyn Nolletti, Jace Rickard, Clara Saal, Mason Salem, Taryn Stoller, Kezia Weaver, Alivia Welch, Luke Wilkinson, Carter Wulff

7th Grade

James Cassady, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Kolton McKinley, Josey Thomas

8th Grade

Kayla Cutter, Haylie Fisher, Ashton Good, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Kelli Kearney, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Gabriel Nicholson, Braydan Springer, Jule Stoller, Alysya Troyan

Merit Roll

1st Nine weeks

6th Grade

Victoria Aicone, Cameron Beck, Riley Damon, Zeven DeFrancisco, Shayla Dudte, Ryleigh Farnar, Madison Frazier, Hayden Garver, Riley Grier, Jacob Howman, Lucas Jenkins, Cara McKay, Lucas Mooney, Owen Murphy, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Eliana Rosales-Martinez, Timothy Spencer, Nichole Troyan, Michael Weygandt, Audrey Wilcox, Grace Wilson, Alexandra Yoder

7th Grade

Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Camryn Boak, Alexander Boehm, Claire Buchholz, Jason Diehl, Jacob Ebert, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Logan Fiala, Cheyenne Friend, Hannah Frontz, Lorelai Garman, Zackery Gerrick, Mason Gray, Samantha Herman, Kace Hixson, Chad Houck, Austin Johnson, Kate Johnson, Taylor Leidigh, Chet McNeil, Keiley Reynolds, Gabriella Riedel, Hayden Sigler, Audrina Smith, Kelsee Smith, Payton White, Audriana Yeagley

8th Grade

Taya Becerra, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Kristanna Bradford, Brooklyn Brinker, Karizma Brinker, Johnathan Burgess, Kyleighana Collins, Gabriela Cubur, Mateo Dague, Nathaniel Fulton, Mallory Gilbert, Blake Good, Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, Danyel Hyatt, Jaidyn Kelly, Lacey Mark, Sydney McConahay, Austin Mooney, Nicholas Morris, Avery Mullet, Kalyn Nelson, Tyler Perry, Logan Shriver, Benjamin Spencer, Alexandra Stolz, Emily Thompson, Heidi Topp, Jai Lynn Woodruff, Taylor Wurst

We are back and progressing very well. D.A.R.E. is progressing in 5th grade and will be finishing soon. D.A.R.E. is not the same as it used to be. It focuses more on problem solving, leadership, proper communication, and dealing with stress. We will be starting 7th grade Keep'in it REAL program very soon.

I want to recognize Keagan Kostohryz and Owen Murphy from last year's Safety Patrol. They were both accepted into the AAA Safety Patrol Hall of Fame. They were sent certificates and metals for their outstanding performance as a Safety Patroler.

The students are truly amazing in tolerating the mask. You can see their eyes light up when they are smiling. They are all happy to be back and we are happy to have them back. I truly look forward to seeing your children every day. I know all the staff here at Northwestern Local Schools are happy to have them back. As kind of being an outsider working within the school, I can see the care and dedication given to your children.

Stay Safe

Deputy Adam Chellis, Northwestern Local Schools SRO



Middle School HALLOWEEN



NW ELEMENTARY



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

Message from Mr. Brightbill

Greetings from Northwestern Elementary School! We are well into the routine of the school year as we prepare our students for success. Considering everything going on with COVID and the things we had to prepare for, I could not be happier with the start of the school year. Our staff, students and parents have been amazing getting back to school either in person or online and making it a successful start.

We are facing many new challenges this school year but we are continuing to focus on what's important and that is our student's safety, academics and wellbeing. Although we have made several changes to the school day either in person or online; our students have adapted to the routines of the school day and are doing a great job with all of the changes.

I would like to recognize and congratulate the efforts of our third grade students. These past few weeks, our third grade students had to take the fall ELA AIR Assessments (2 days) and a Gifted Screener that is usually taken in the spring of their second grade year. Due to COVID, they were not able to take the Gifted Screener and it was a state mandate that it be completed by October 31 of this year.

As always, I appreciate everyone's patience with the start of the year. We are continuing to make changes each and every day to make this experience as best as we can. Your communication and encouragement of our staff and students are appreciated.

Thank you ALL for your continued support for Northwestern Elementary School.

Best Wishes

PBIS

Here at Northwestern Elementary we prepare students for their academic future, however we also want to create a more effective and safer school by supporting positive student behaviors. Our building participates in an initiative called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). PBIS is a research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior supports system approach to creating safer and more productive learning environments where teachers can teach and all students can learn. The PBIS system is broken into three tiers to help support students. Tier 1 supports are universal incentives provided to all students at the elementary building. Over the past several years Northwestern Elementary has provided numerous Tier 1 supports to our students such as Brag Tags, Hero/Student of the Month, spirit weeks, kindness challenges, canned food drives, and mindfulness lessons. Tier 2 supports are targeted interventions for some students who may need support improving specific skills. Programs like Husky Buddies, lunch/social groups, Safety Patrol, Blessings in Backpack, and sensory boxes provided supports to numerous students throughout Northwestern Elementary. The final level of supports is more intensive and individualized for few students who require a more intensive approach. Northwestern Elementary is extremely fortunate to be able to provide services such as counseling and case management through our local mental health agencies. Along with Mr. Brightbill and Mrs. McQuate each grade level team is represented on the PBIS Team which meets monthly to develop and review building supports. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year five members of the PBIS team are attending trainings to further our PBIS supports which will strengthen this initiative. We are looking forward to building upon our program helping all students be successful this school year.

The PBIS system also focuses on ways to support students' social emotional learning helping them become more successful academically. At the elementary we are always looking for ways to help students develop good habits which will help them in any future situation they find themselves in. This school year we will be using a building wide curriculum called The Mind Up to teach students strategies for learning and being successful in school. Each lesson provides students with knowledge about the how the brain works, career connections to how the strategies they are learning may help them in a future job and links to other curriculum areas such as literature and math. Strategies will help students build resiliency to stress, help focus their attention and develop a positive mind-set in both school and life. This new curriculum and our PBIS program will continue to help students of Northwestern Elementary reach their academic and personally goals. We believe that the way we help our students succeed is by working as a team and we realize that Northwestern families are an essential member of our team. With the support of Northwestern PTO, we have been able to provide family friendly events such as STEM Night, Polar Express Movie Night, Fun Fair and Reading Under the Lights. We are hoping to provide more activities in the future and are looking forward to seeing our wonderful families having fun together. In the meantime, if your family is in need of support of any kind please contact the school so that we can find the resources to help you and your family.

1st Grade -Mrs. Wakefield's class.

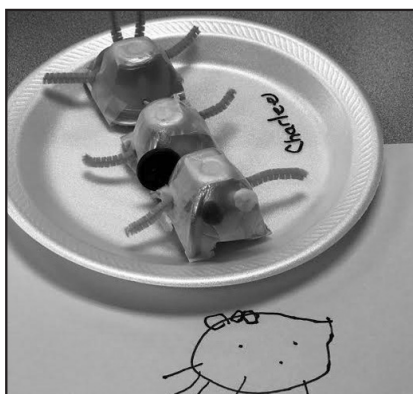
Thank-you to all the volunteers that helped construct the dividers.



ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS!

Northwestern Elementary STEM Preschool

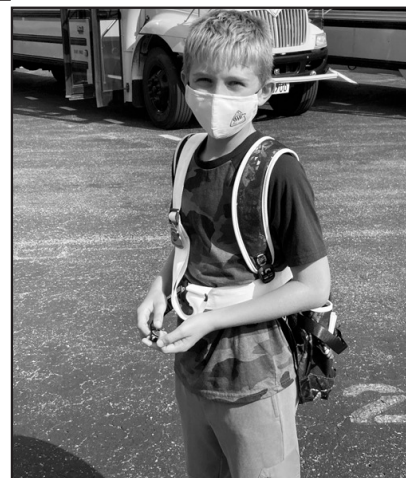
October has been an exciting month in STEM preschool! Our students have enjoyed learning all about insects. We have learned about different types of insects and their characteristics, and where they live. As a group we talked about safe ways to examine insects and catch them. Each class went on an insect hunt outside of our school. We placed the insects in our jars and brought them inside to examine. Lastly, students were asked to sketch a plan to construct their own insect using various everyday materials. Here are our master pieces!



Thank you to the Geitgey Family for donating and providing our classrooms with cases of water!



Safety Patrol gets new masks provided by AAA. Thank you!!!!



STEM Pre School information

Northwestern's STEM PK is a 5-Star Step Up to Quality rated program. If you are interested in enrolling your student(s) for the 21-22 academic school year, please contact the elementary school. Spots may be available or request to be put on a waiting list. Cost is \$200 per month for 10-month commitment (Aug.1-May 1).

Northwestern STEM Preschool

An Inquiry-Based/STEM
Approach to Early Learning




Northwestern Elementary

STEM FACTS

Northwestern is a K-12
STEM School District in Ohio—as
Designated by Ohio Stem Learning
Network (OSLN)



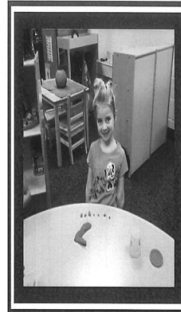
Everything you **IMAGINE**,
you can do...






A Wise Investment & Value
For Your Child's Future!

NORTHWESTERN STEM PRESCHOOL

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



-  Earning Ohio Dept. of Education **5-Star Rating**, the highest rating possible!
-  Meeting the needs of young learners through creative thinking and problem solving as well as using their critical thinking skills in all curricular areas
-  Classroom environment stimulates self-motivated learning along with fostering responsibility, self-discipline, and confidence

Nurse Bowers has partnered with Kinsa's FLUency School Health Program. Get your **FREE** smart thermometer today! Text **FLUENCY** to 900900. Each teacher is receiving a container of free Lysol Wipes as part of the program. Thank you to Nurse Bowers for helping our families get access to this program.



"The STEM preschool provided an amazing opportunity for my daughter for the past two years. Not only has my daughter flourished academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Any child that is enrolled in the stem preschool will have the tools needed to be successful in kindergarten."

"Northwestern's STEM preschool is a phenomenal program like no other! After attending for 2 years, my child is more than prepared for Kindergarten. The STEM topics that were explored allowed my son to design and build various projects that he not only enjoyed, but also satisfied his curious mind. This program has created a love for learning that I know will last a lifetime. I couldn't be more impressed!"

"The STEM preschool provided an amazing opportunity for my daughter for the past two years. Not only has my daughter flourished academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Any child that is enrolled in the stem preschool will have the tools needed to be successful in kindergarten."

"Northwestern's STEM preschool is a phenomenal program like no other! After attending for 2 years, my child is more than prepared for Kindergarten. The STEM topics that were explored allowed my son to design and build various projects that he not only enjoyed, but also satisfied his curious mind. This program has created a love for learning that I know will last a lifetime. I couldn't be more impressed!"

LEARNING IS FUN!

SPOTLIGHT SUPERHERO

MY NAME _____ GRADE _____

MY PICTURE _____

ALL ABOUT ME
I AM _____ YEARS OLD.
MY BIRTHDAY IS _____
MY TEACHER: _____
MY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE _____

MY FAVORITES
COLOR: _____
FOOD: _____
DESSERT: _____
SPORT: _____
BOOK: _____
HOBBIES: _____
SUPERHERO: _____

KA-POW! MY GOAL THIS YEAR... _____

September Heroes of the month!!

Adley Harbaugh, Afton Karazia, Bryce Plues, Clint Salvino, Colton Morris, Danner White, Erynn Imhoff, Gage Imhoff, Grace Hawkins, Graham Hawkins, Hadley Eichel, Jazlyn Cradlebaugh, Jenny Perez-Sica, Jett Miller, Joe Sloan, Karson Heath, Karsten Kline, Kayson Kline, Keegan Schaefer, Maizie McCarty, Miracle Wurm-West, Natalie Koch, Natalie Posta, Nathaniel Baker, Nora Wakefield, Penelope Stoffer, Raegan Miller, Rocco Anthony, Sam Gortner, Taylor Carpenter, William Sword, Wyatt Myers



MINDUP

ACTIVITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

GRATITUDE AND KINDNESS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Write a Letter or Email of Gratitude:

Think about something or someone you can thank for something they have done for you. Write it down. Send gratitude to that person today.

Happy Day:

Start your day with an affirmation of having a happy day. Find three things that went well or made you laugh today. Notice how many times you laughed. Laughter is important!

Gratitude Journal:

List three things that you are grateful in your journal every day. It can be family time, the sun, or a good night's sleep. It can be little things or big things. Expressing gratitude boosts your mood and makes you feel better about your day.

Difficult Times:

During difficult times and when you're feeling blue, re-read your entries from your gratitude journal. This is an amazing practice – it builds resilience, optimism, and changes your overall state of mind.

OUR LANGUAGE CREATES OUR WORLD

Words matter. The language we use helps to reinforce our understanding and our thinking. The more we practice mindful language, the more it becomes part of who we are, what we do, and how our children respond to what we are saying.

Start using the word 'mindful'.

"How many ways can we be mindful in showing our kindness today?"

"They look a bit sad. I want to be more mindful of what I can do to cheer them up."

"I am grateful that we can spend time together."

MINDFUL MOMENTS OF REFLECTION

Gratitude at Bedtime: It is fun to share what you are grateful for. Take some time before bed to think and share three things you are grateful for.

Journal Jotting: We love to remember fun things that happen to us. Share your stories together. Play a game called "Remember When." Include sensory memories in your writing:

- What did you see?
- What did you smell?
- What did you hear?
- What did you taste?

ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR CHILD

Be a Mindful Role Model:

Show kindness and gratitude. Choose an act of kindness around the home. Help a family member with a daily activity. A mindful parent will create a mindful child.

Kindness Brainstorm:

Think of all the ways you and your child can be kind. Write them down and each day, choose one act of kindness.

Kindness to the Planet:

Share with your child what you can do as a family to be mindful and kind to our planet. For example, we can be mindful of our use of plastic.

Smile and Say Thank You:

Help your child understand the value of smiling and saying thank you. It is respectful and kind – and the bonus is it makes you and the other person feel good!

Difficult Times:

When a child is feeling anxious, sad, or uncertain and is showing levels of anxiety, have them look into their gratitude journal and remember what makes them happy. This can change their brain and build a more positive mindset.

Gratitude Discussion:

Gather as a family once a week at the dinner table or in a circle on the floor. Share what you are grateful for in each other and as a family. Pick an object, like a gratitude stone, and take turns sharing what you are grateful for.

Activating Gratitude:

Encourage your child to show acts of gratitude. Have them write a letter of appreciation to a caregiver, doctor, parent, teacher, sibling, or a friend.

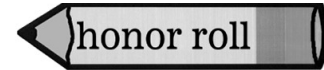
NHS Greenhouse Class

The Greenhouse class has been working hard to prepare for the holidays. We will once again be selling poinsettias. Small are \$5 and large are \$10. If you would like to pre-order the poinsettias that would be great!! We also have cilantro plants for sale and hopefully we will have some basil soon. If you are interested in the cilantro please email Heather Tegtmeier, nrws_tegtmei@tccsa.net.



Northwestern Elementary

1st Nine Weeks
2020



3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Kelsey Badger, Allison Chaney, Carmen Guidetti, Kade Hamey, Emily Jackson, Michael Johnson, Natalie Koch, Maleah Miller, Arianna Miller, Emily Posta, Katie Saal, Peter Spencer, Ruger White, Cash Workman, J.D. Yarwood

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Leah Altman, Rowan Cottrell, Lyric Ogden, Jenny Perez-Sica, Keegan Schaefer, Miles Terwilliger, Nora Wakefield, Nora Zemancik

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Emily Beeghley, Lillian Boreman, Courtney Cline, McKenzie Cutter, Grady Ellerbrock, Briella Fiala, Cara Graham, Case Keener, Grant Koch, Keagan Kostohryz, Natalie Posta, Maddie Smith, Brayden Swank

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

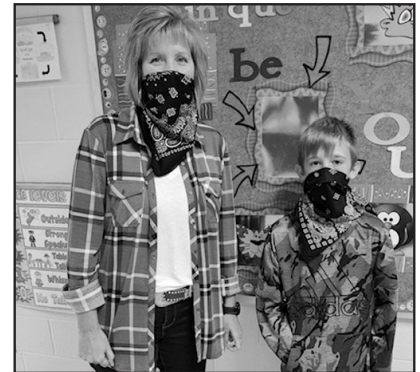
Brantley Arnette, Alex Babbs, Natalie Baisden, Journey Carter, Keegan Duong, Kamryn Evans, Brennan Flinn, Westin Frazier, Charles Gortner, Luke Hamey, Adley Harbaugh, Blake Harris, Trevor Howman, Sophia Johnson, Harper Keener, Lily Kelling, Lucas Kolp, Lacey Lemon, Savanna Lemon, Brody Lindeman, Dylan McQuate, Annalise Metzger, Jett Miller, Emma Morris, Amelia Nagel, Britney Nolletti, Krista Orr, Maverick Pedersen, Lily Reser, Pierce Reynolds, Kaden Roberts, Daniel Russell, Ethan Shakan, Emily Smith, Keegan Spencer, Kolten Stewart, William Sword, Keston Weaver, Emily West, Madelyn Weygandt, Brendan Woosnam, Myracle Wurm-West, Ethan Yoder

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Laurie Bauman, M.J. Coman, Quinn Conley, Aubrey Dobbins, Landon Ellerbrock, Olivia Ellis, Lil Farnsworth, Quinn Firebaugh, Aubrey Flack, Journey Haven, Grace Hawkins, Avere Karazsia, Anthony Keats, Cash Lindeman, Sadie Lorenz, Mason Mobley, Jacob Morris, Madeline Morris, Dominic Nolletti, Taylor Nutter, Kaylee Roberson, Ava Santos, Hannah Shriver, Blake Sigler, Ra, Sloan, Marissa Smith, Anabella Smith, Emerson Ulrich, Stephanie Widdows, Jenna Workman

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Deacon Boreman, Jaydee Browning, Taylor Carpenter, Dakota Constance, Justin Ebert, Hayden Erf, Bruce Grier, Leo Guidetti, Colt Hall, Logan Hankins, Keaton Harris, Maxx Herman, Cole Herrmann, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Elcey Imhoff, Michael Ivan, Wyatt James, Bella Justus, Kellen Kimble, Aubrey Kimble, Tristin Malcomb, Colton Morris, Madison Moser, Alexa Perry, Jaycee Reed, Bronson Rogers, Katie Scarbrough, Elle West, Gracey Wigal



November 2020

THE Northwestern

Page 19

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOLS “HOME OF THE HUSKIES”

NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

Name: Sarah Seidel, School Psychologist

Family: Dad, mom, two older sisters, one younger sister, 2 nieces, 1 nephew

Name of parents: Ken and Brenda Seidel

Pets: Beagle/Australian Shepherd mix named Colt (6 years old) & Bengal cat named Taco (8 years old).

High School Graduated from: Gahanna Lincoln High School

College Graduated From: Bachelors Degree from Muskingum University. Master of Arts in Psychology and School Psychology Specialist Degree from Cleveland State University.

Hobbies: Reading, going on hikes with my dog, crafting with my Cricut, hanging out with my sisters, nieces, and nephew, and playing softball and volleyball.

Recently Read Books: Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover and Mindhunter: Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit by John E. Douglas & Mark Olshaker

Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump and A League of Their Own

Favorite Restaurant: Barrio

Favorite Sports Team:

College: The Ohio State University Football

Professional: Cleveland Browns

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My sister

Few people know that I... Have had 5 concussions

My greatest hero is... My grandfather

My greatest phobia is... Getting stuck in an elevator

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... “In a world where you can be anything, be kind.”

Words of Wisdom... Always remember to take time for yourself.



The 93rd National FFA Convention Watch Party

Unfortunately, this year FFA members around the country couldn't attend the National FFA Convention due to the Corona Virus. Some of the chapters in Wayne County were able to put on a watch party to watch this year's virtual National Convention. Twenty-five students from the Northwestern FFA and Smithville FFA Chapters met at the Buckeye Agricultural Museum to watch the 4th session of the Convention. During this session, members heard the retiring address from Kolesen McCoy, the former National FFA President as well as the former Ohio State FFA President.



Northwestern FFA

Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Recycling During the Fair

During the week of the 2020 Wayne County Fair, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in the recycling program. Members went around each night at closing time and collected recycling items around the fairgrounds in coordination with Jeff Harmon and the Senior Fair Board, the Joint Solid Waste District. Ellie Hanshaw, Anthony Welch, Craig Wellert, Kaleb Badger, Grant Bond, Kade Tegtmeier, Jacoby Gilbert, Caydence Scale, Brooke Stinemetz, Kara Mckay, Kirsten Boreman, Lily Boreman, Mary Wellert, Haley Cadwell, Jadeyn Berry, Cole Wharton and Ethan Schwarts helped throughout the week. As well as alumni members Austin Beegle, Brock Tegtmeier, Becca Harbaugh, and Sydney Harmon. Members collected recycling items such as cardboard boxes and food waste and containers. This year members were able to remove many pounds of recyclables from the waste stream of the fair. The Northwestern FFA Chapter is glad to have the opportunity to participate in this program.

Northwestern-Wayne FFA Members receive Ohio Agribusiness Certifications

This year, 9 members of the 2020 graduating class of the Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter have earned the Ohio Agribusiness Association-Agribusiness and Production Systems Certifications. With this recognition, these students have been verified to have expertise in the areas of agriculture, agribusiness, and production systems. These members consisted of Brock Tegtmeier, Maddy Cherry, Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Dyan Martin, Mackenzie Nowell, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abby Ramseyer, and Kenny Strait. This certification is an industry-recognized agribusiness credential, that provides verification of high school experiences in areas of agricultural expertise. All students that received this certification were enrolled in a career-technical agricultural program, and have completed four years of an agricultural course offered at Northwestern High School, along with the Agribusiness capstone class. These student's SAEs fall under the category of either entrepreneurship, placement, or research-driven project, and must also pertain to the agricultural industry. Students must document a minimum of 500 hours of work experience on their project, achieved scores in three of the following WebXam categories; Agriculture Food, and Natural Resources, Animal and Plant Science, Plant and Horticulture Science, Animal Science and Technology, Agronomic Systems, Mechanical Principles, Structural Engineering, Livestock Nutrition, Selection, and Management, Livestock Science, Science and Technology of Food, Environmental Science for Agriculture and Natural Resources, or Greenhouse and Nursery Management. Students apply in May, and they are then selected based on their qualifications and applications that have been submitted.

Northwestern FFA Participates in Grape Picking

On September 26th, members from the Northwestern FFA Chapter picked grapes at Lincoln Way Vineyard and Winery. Craig Wellert, Lizzy Howman, Kara Mckay, Jadeyn Berry, Val Imhoff, Mel Imhoff, Jacoby Gilbert, Preston Wilcox, Jamison Gilbert, Gabby Ream, Ella Saal, Jacoby Gilbert, Ava Stoller, Cole Wharton, Ari Borton, and Logan Garmen picked grapes. Members picked grapes off the vine and put them into bins to be shipped to the winery for processing. The chapter picked over six thousand pounds of grapes. The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to thank the Borton family for the opportunity to come and pick grapes this year.



FFA News

Ohio FFA Association Recognizes Northwestern-Wayne FFA Members

Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter is proud to announce that there were a total of 11 members of the chapter to be recognized for their accomplishments and hard work on the state level. This is a major accomplishment that takes a lot of effort on behalf of the members.

This year, Riley Stull, Lizzy Howman, Alex Borton, Val Imhoff, Kaitlyn Praisler, Desiree Smith, and Craig Wellert all received high levels of recognition from the State FFA organization. The state degree is the highest honor that the Ohio FFA Organization can bestow upon a member, and is represented by a golden charm. Members who earn this degree have shown high levels of dedication and involvement in the FFA organization. Proficiencies are meant to recognize high levels of excellence in specialized fields and are a way for members to advance and strive in their SAEs.

Riley Stull is the daughter of Brad and Molly Stull and received her state degree this year. She is involved in Husky Hyper, Student Council, National Honor Society, STAR, Junior Fair Board where she currently serves as the Vice President, 4H Awareness Team as well as being crowned the 2020 Wayne County Fair Queen. During her involvement in the FFA she has participated in Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Cattle Judging, Urban and Rural Soils, Floriculture, and General Livestock Judging. Riley is currently serving as the chapter Vice President.

Lizzy Howman is the daughter of Sara and the late Mike Howman. Lizzy received her state degree this year. Lizz currently serves as the chapter Secretary and is involved in Congress Community Church Youth Group, 4H, FFA, National Honor Society, and Varsity Basketball. She has participated in many Career Development Events through FFA including; Parliamentary Procedure, Floriculture, Rural Soils, and Dairy Cattle Judging. Along with her state degree, Lizzy also earned a 4th place state ranking in her Dairy Production proficiency area.

Alex Borton placed 3rd in state with his Fruit Production proficiency area. He is the son of Jim and Sherri Borton, and a long-time FFA member. He is a 2020 graduate and is attending college at Ohio State University. While in high school, Alex served as the FFA's Student Advisor and Treasurer. He also participated in Ag Power and Diagnostics, Dairy Foods, and many community service and fundraising activities.

Val Imhoff is the daughter of Bruce and Jamie Imhoff. Val also received her state degree. She is a senior, and has been in FFA for 4 years. She is also the President of the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter, and an active member of the chapter. She has served as the secretary and an assistant officer as well. Her other FFA Activities include: Parliamentary Procedure, Job Interview, Soils, Food Science, Floriculture, Dairy Foods, and Ag in the Classroom. Val is also a member of STAR.

Kaitlyn Praisler is the daughter of Jeff Praisler and Kathy Wood. She received her state degree and is a 2020 graduate. Kaitlyn attends Morehead State University in Kentucky. She participated in 4H, IEA, and other showing organizations. While involved with the FFA chapter Kaitlyn participated in many fundraising and community service activities, along with Equine Judging and Food Science.

Desiree Smith is the daughter of Chad Nussbaum and Randi Brenner. She is a senior, and received her state degree this year. She is involved with 4H, Yearbook, Cheerleading, Foreign Language Club, and has been involved with FFA for 4 years. She is currently serving as the Student Advisor for the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter. Desiree is an active member of the chapter and her FFA activities consist of Wildlife, Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Sales, Floriculture, Food Science, community service activities, and fundraising activities.

Craig Wellert is the son of Craig Wellert Sr and Carrie Wellert. He is a senior this year and received his state degree. Craig is involved with FFA, 4H, Northwestern soccer, WCJFB, and is a 4H camp counselor. Within the FFA, Craig is an active member of the chapter, and has served as the Sentinel. He also has participated in Rural Soils, Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Power Diagnostics, and General Livestock

Also this year, our officers upheld their high standard of excellence with the Treasurer, Secretary, and Reporters books receiving a gold-rating from the Ohio FFA Association. Congratulations to Abby Ramseyer and Alex Borton for your gold-rated Treasurer book, Lizzy Howman and Val Imhoff for your gold rated Secretary book, and Jordan Melegari and Avery Garver for your gold rated Reporters book.

Congratulations to all members on their accomplishments, the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter recognizes and appreciates all your efforts.



Northwestern-Wayne FFA Honors Hard Working Members

While adapting to our new circumstances with COVID-19, our members continued their hard work, and the Northwestern-Wayne chapter saw it appropriate to still honor our members for their accomplishments. In the first ever Northwestern-Wayne Virtual Awards banquet over 30 awards, scholarships, and other recognition was awarded to deserving members of our chapter and community.

Every year the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter has three main fundraisers, to help keep the chapter running and able to contribute to our community. We sell fruit, sausage, and strawberries. Each year the chapter honors our top two salesmen for each fundraiser. This year for the fruit fundraiser Dugan McLaughlin was the Star Fruit Salesman, with Lauren Vaughan being the Runner-up Fruit Salesman. McLaughlin was also the Star Sausage Salesman, selling a total of 510 lbs of sausage. Rylee Dawson was the Runner-up, and he sold a total of 180 lbs of sausage.

FFA Highlights

For the annual strawberry sale, Cole Wharton was the Star Salesman, having sold 56 half flats of berries. Dugan McLaughlin sold 38 half flats, making him the Runner-up Strawberry Salesman. Congratulations to all salespeople and thank you for your hard work.

Another portion of the awards ceremony focused on the member's proficiency areas. Proficiency awards are meant to recognize members for their outstanding performance in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAEs. This year, the proficiency awards include stars in the area of Dairy Production, Diversified Livestock Production, Poultry Production, Goat Production, Equine Science, Fruit Production, Small Animal Production and Care, Sheep Entrepreneurship, Swine Production, and Ag Processing. Austin Beegle, Abby Ramseyer, Brock Tegtmeier, and Lizzy Howman all received recognition for their efforts in their Dairy Production placement. Beegle and Ramseyer both received state ratings as well, Austin earned a Silver rating and Abby earned a Bronze one. Lizzy Howman placed fourth overall in state with her Dairy Production Entrepreneurship proficiency area. In the area of Diversified Livestock Production, Desiree Smith and Riley Stull were both recognized. Stull earned a Bronze state ranking. Kaitlyn Praisler was recognized as the Star in Poultry Production, along with the Star Small Animal Production and Care proficiency areas. Riley Stull was also recognized as Star Goat Production- Entrepreneurship, Star Sheep- Entrepreneurship, and Star Swine Production. In the area of Equine Science, Jordan Melegari earned an honorable mention state placing, and Kaitlyn Praisler was also recognized. Alex Borton was recognized as the Star Fruit Production- Placement, and also was awarded 3rd place in overall state rankings. Ari Borton was also recognized as a Star for her Ag Processing-Placement. Congratulations and great work to all FFA members in your SAE and Proficiency areas.

Each year the chapter also recognizes Star members from each year of FFA membership. Each member starts off their first year as a Greenhand, then second year they become a Chapter member, then a County, then finally a Dekalb. This year Hanna Wilson was chosen as Star Greenhand. Ari Borton and Jayden Berry were recognized as Star Chapter members. Riley Stull, Desiree Smith, and Valerie Imhoff were selected as the Star County members. Finally Brock Tegtmeier and Austin Beegle were chosen as the Star Dekalb members. These members all showed qualities of leadership, which every FFA member should possess, and also contributed to the chapter. Congratulations all members for your achievements within our organization.

When becoming an FFA member, you are not only opening up yourself for opportunities to develop real-life skills, you are also making yourself available for many different scholarships. This year, the chapter gave out a total of 5 scholarships.

Claire Vaughn and Cody Tegtmeier were chosen for the Northwestern FFA Alumni & Friends Scholarship, Alex Borton received the Northwestern FFA Scholarship, the Commodity Blenders Scholarship, and the Rebecca J. Stull Memorial Scholarship. Cody Tegtmeier also received a scholarship from the Fulk Family. Congratulations to all members.

Another huge part of FFA is participating in Career Development Events, and our teams wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication from our coaches. The Northwestern-Wayne would like to thank the coaches of our CDE event teams for their support towards our chapter. This year's coaches awards go to Sabrina Hershey for soils, Phil Keener for Dairy Cattle, John Eberly for Job Interview, and Marie Marty for General Livestock. Thank you coaches for helping our members explore and improve in their CDEs.

Our chapter also recognizes members who are outstanding in the areas of leadership, and this year Leeanna Ruegg,

Valerie Imhoff, Austin Beegle, Lizzy Howman, and Riley Stull earned this award. Thank you for your hard work and excellent leadership skills.

This year our Rising Star Awards were earned by a member in each grade level. These members displayed all the qualities of a hard-working FFA member. Eighth grader Kade Tegtmeier, freshman Melanie Imhoff, sophomore Ari Borton, and junior Craig Wellert were all selected. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

FFA is a huge organization, and our officers put in many hours of work into our chapter every year. However, officers are not the only ones who help things to run smoothly. In order to recognize other members who helped to keep the chapter running smoothly, the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter recognizes members with the Behind the Scenes Award. The recipients of this award this year were Brock Tegtmeier, Desiree Smith, and Kaitlyn Praisler. The chapter thanks you for your hard work and dedication.

Another important part of being involved in FFA is the academic aspect. Our chapter recognized 48 members for their excellency in their ag classes these members were Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Aubrey Browning, Hayden Cline, Audrey Franks, Jade Marcum, Lauren Vaughan, Carissa Brinker, Owen Hoffman, Melanie Imhoff, Riley Massengill, Trent Sigler, Kade Tegtmeier, Nick Tomechko, Troy Tope, Hanna Wilson, Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Savannah Hunt, Dylan Martin, McKenzie Nowell, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abby Ramseyer, Brock Tegtmeier, Maddy Cherry, Kara McKay, Desiree Smith, Haley Wilson, Bella Ingraham, Zaine Garver, Lizzy Howan, Rachel Smithberger, Ava Stoller, Briana Troyan, Jayden Berry, Kyle Moser, Valerie Imhoff, Riley Stull, Ari Borton, Avery Garver, Leeanna Ruegg, Jordan Melegari, Dugan McLaughlin, Austin Wilhelmy, Tyler BAir, Lindsay Boak, Jameson Holtz, and Cole Wharton. Congratulations on your academic excellence.

The chapter awards members of both the community and the chapter with recognition in the areas of fundraising, proficiency areas, scholarships, coaching, leadership, and good grades. Everyone is welcome in the FFA and there are always opportunities to learn and improve.

Northwestern-Wayne FFA holds Feed a Farmer Event

The first annual Northwestern FFA Feed a Farmer event was held on October 14th at Centerra of West Salem, as well as Commodity Blenders. This event was very successful. The officer team and members served approximately 60 meals that day. The chapter wanted to hold this event to thank the local farmers in the area for all that they do for this community as well as this country. Northwestern FFA would like to thank the Northwestern High School kitchen staff for helping us prepare the food for our event, as well as Commodity Blenders and Centerra of West Salem for donating their facilities.



MORE... FFA News!!!

Northwestern FFA's Members Participate in the 2020 Wayne County Fair

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. Due to Covid the chapters were not able to present shop projects this year. The Northwestern FFA chapter worked together with the other chapters in the county to create a booth that honored the history of our organization. With the hard work and cooperation of the Smithville, Norway, WSCC, and Triway chapters, the FFA had a beautiful timeline-based display in the 4-H building this year.

Many FFA members exhibited market hogs at the fair. This year these members were Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, Riley Stull, Lizzy Howman, Jadeyn Berry, Jacoby Gilbert, Zoey Dudte, Dugan McLaughlin, Ari Borton, Kara McKay, Ava O'Loughlin, Mary Wellert, Brooke Stinemetz, Ellie Hanshaw, Kirsten Boreman, Makenna Connelly, Addy Connelly, Austin Wilhelmy, Emma Connelly, Jamison Gilbert, Caydence Scale, Kate Johnson, and Kade Tegtmeier. Many of our members participated in showmanship this year, Kate Johnson placed 1st, Makenna Connelly placed 2nd, Brook Stinemetz 3rd, Caydence Scale 1st, Kirsten Boreman 3rd, Kade Tegtmeier 1st, Lizzy Howman 3rd, Jadeyn Berry 2nd, Zoey Dudte 1st, Austin Wilhelmy 5th, Ava O'Loughlin 4th, Jacoby Gilbert 1st, Jamison Gilbert 1st, Dugan McLaughlin 2nd, Cole Wharton 2nd, Caydence Scale 1st, and Riley Stull 1st in each of their showmanship classes. Caydence Scale earned intermediate champion showman as well as Pro-cane showmanship champion. All of our members who exhibited hogs participated in the market classes and the placings are as follows, Makenna Connelly placed 3rd, Addy Connelly 3rd, Emma Connelly 5th, Kate Johnson 4th, Craig Wellert 4th, Dugan McLaughlin 4th, Kirsten Boreman 3rd, Jadeyn Berry 1st, Kade Tegtmeier 2nd, Ellie Hanshaw 2nd, Brooke Stinemetz 3rd, Ari Borton 6th, Mary Wellert 3rd, Zoey Dudte 2nd, Kara McKay 6th, Lizzy Howman 3rd, Austin Wilhelmy 4th, Caydence Scale 1st, Riley Stull 1st, Cole Wharton 1st and Jamison Gilbert 2nd. Caydence Scale earned Grand Champion market Hog. Cole Wharton earned Reserve Champion Wayne County Born and Raised Market hog as well as fifth overall.

Many members exhibited dairy cattle this year at the Wayne County Fair. Our members that participated in showmanship were Kaylee Cherry who earned 6th, Jacoby Gilbert 1st, Ari Borton 2nd, Kirsten Boreman 6th, Jadeyn Berry 5th, Hanna Wilson 7th, Ellie Hanshaw 10th, Riley Stull 1st, Jamison Gilbert 2nd and Lizzy Howman 3rd. Each member who exhibited dairy cattle this year also showed in the breed classes, Kaylee Cherry exhibited two heifers and placed 3rd in both her breed classes. Jacoby Gilbert exhibited four dairy heifers and with three of his heifers he received 1st places and 4th with the other heifer. Ari Borton exhibited one dairy heifer and placed 3rd in her class. Kirsten Boreman exhibited two heifers that placed 3rd and 4th in their classes, she also exhibited a cow and placed 4th in her classes. Jadeyn Berry exhibited a heifer and placed 7th in her class. Jadeyn also exhibited two cows, with her 2 year old she placed 2nd and with her aged cow she received 1st and also received Honorable Mention Holstien Cow. Hanna Wilson exhibited a dairy heifer and placed 5th and her two cows placed 5th and 2nd. Lizzy Howman exhibited 10 dairy cattle at the fair and had several 1st and 2nd places with her cattle. Lizzy also earned Grand Champion Brown Swiss Cow. Riley Stull earned Grand Champion Holstein as well as Senior Champion Holstein. Jamison Gilbert placed 5th with his heifer and received Reserve Grand Champion with his Jersey. Dugan McLaughlin placed 1st with his heifer and 2nd with his cow. Ellie Hanshaw placed 7th with her heifer.

Haley Caldwell, Cole Wharton, and Kara McKay exhibited Market Steers this year. Cole placed 3rd in the senior division showmanship. Cole Wharton earned Grand Champion market beef steer and Haley Caldwell exhibited a beef market steer as well as a dairy market steer this year and earned Reserve Grand Champion dairy steer as well as 2nd with her beef steer in her market class. Haley Caldwell also earned 6th overall for her carcass beef steer.

NORTHWESTERN FFA

2020 Wayne County Fair, continued.....

Craig Wellert, Riley Stull, Alysa Troyan, Kaleb Badger, Ava O'Loughlin, Mary Wellert, and Kade Tegtmeier all exhibited sheep this year. Many of our members participated in sheep showmanship. Craig Wellert placed 6th in his showmanship class, Riley earned Champion Sheep Showman, Alysa Troyan earned 8th, Ava O'Loughlin placed 6th, Mary Wellert placed 7th and Kade Tegtmeier placed 4th. All of our sheep exhibitors participated in a market or breed class depending on what that member exhibited at the fair. Craig placed 5th with his market lamb and earned 9th overall carcass lamb. Riley Stull earned Reserve Champion Southdown Ewe. Alysa Troyan placed 6th with her market lamb. Ava O'Loughlin placed 7th with her market lamb. Mary Wellert placed 7th with her market lamb. Kade Tegtmeier earned 3rd for his slick shorn breeding ewe. Kaleb Badger claimed 3rd overall with his market lamb as well as received Outstanding Market Exhibitor with his lamb project.

Northwestern FFA also had members exhibit various goat projects this year. Kaylee Cherry, Makenna Connelly, Addy Connelly, Alysa Troyan, Ella Saal, Kaleb Badger and Mary Wellert all showed their market goats. Kaylee Cherry placed second in showmanship with her market goat. Makenna Connelly placed 2nd in showmanship with her market goat and 3rd in showmanship with her pygmy goat. Addy Connelly placed 3rd in showmanship with her pygmy goat. Alysa Troyan placed 7th in showmanship with her market goat. Mary Wellert placed 5th in showmanship with her market goat. Kaylee Cherry placed 6th in her classes with her market goat. Makenna earned Reserve Overall with her market goat and 1st in her class with her pygmy goat. Addy placed 8th overall with her market goat and 2nd in her class with her pygmy goat. Alysa placed 2nd in her market class. Ella placed 2nd place with her market boer wether in her breed class. Kaleb Badger earned 9th overall market goat. Mary Wellert placed 5th in her class with her market goat.

In the rabbit show, Ava Stoller, Desiree Smith, and Jozielynn Brenner all exhibited numerous projects. Ava exhibited the Reserve Champion Wayne County Born Raised Rabbit Meat Pen, and earned first in her market showmanship class. Desiree Smith earned first in her showmanship class, along with the 2020 Senior Rabbit Showman of the Day title.

The Northwestern FFA has several members on the Wayne County Junior Fair Board this year, these members are Jadeyn Berry, Riley Stull, Craig Wellert, Mary Wellert and Kara Mckay. The Wayne County Junior Fair Board helps plan the jr fair events each year that will be at the fair as well as help the shows be executed. Each year the fair court is voted on by the junior fair board members. This year Riley Stull, a Northwestern FFA member, was on the 2020 Wayne County Fair Court and earned the title of Fair Queen.

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland County Fair. Mariah Thompson exhibited a market hog, she placed 1st in market and 2nd in showmanship. Emily Thompson exhibited a beef steer. Audrey Franks exhibited rabbits and broilers placing well with both. Rylee Dawson exhibited baby beef and a feeder calf placing well in showmanship and market with both. Rylee Dawson also earned the 2020 Ashland County Fair Prince.

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

FFA Articles submitted by:

Jadeyn Berry
Reporter
Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter
Northwestern High School
7473 North Elyria Road
West Salem, Ohio 44287
(419) 846-3833



Jadeyn Berry entering dairy showmanship

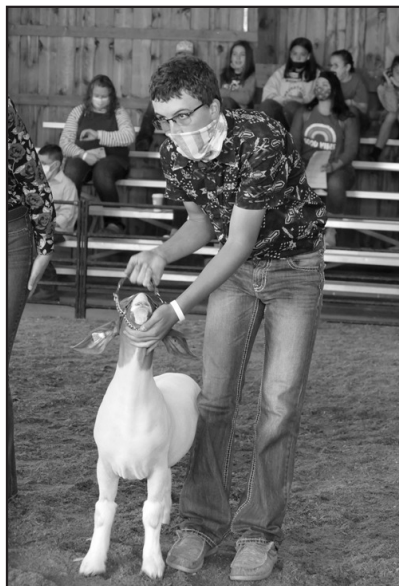


Cole Wharton exhibiting his steer that earned Grand Champion Overall Market Beef Steer



Rylee Dawson exhibiting his beef steer at the Ashland Country Fair

2020
**WAYNE COUNTY
FAIR**



Kaleb Badger with his Market Goat



Caydence Scale exhibiting her Grand Champion Overall Market Hog

NW FFA, continues

The Northwestern FFA Holds a Super Clinic in Honor of Davey Devore

This year, a Northwestern FFA alumni and community member, Dave Devore passed away in a tragic accident. With Dave's past experience in the 4-H and FFA the chapter wanted to honor him by hosting a super livestock and showmanship clinic to prepare exhibitors for the upcoming fair and show seasons. Exhibitors had the option to learn about 2 species from the 8 species that were offered, which were dairy cattle, beef cattle, equine, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. Experts in each of the livestock areas were contacted and dedicated their time to the event. Our presenters included Kevin Michalovich (Dairy), Keayla Harr (Beef), Brandi Napier (Equine), Seth Ebert (Swine), Geoffrey Zimmerly (Sheep), The Eisenhauer Family (Goats), Hannah Foster (Rabbits), and Bob Johns (Poultry). During the super clinic, the various presenters taught attendees about showmanship skills, daily care, and show preparation for their species. Lunch was provided and attendees were given t-shirts and a variety of supplies and care items (brushes, soaps, halters, feed buckets, etc.) for the species they learned about due to our generous donors. Our donors included, Mike Wood, Commodity Blenders, Tri County Animal Clinic, Eberly Farms, Zimmerly Club Lambs, Becker Farms, C & L shoes Inc, Sunny Side Feeds, The Neighborhood Pantry, Lowe & Young, Tegtmeier Club Lambs, The Finley Family, 511 Feed and Seed, Mr. Bob Johns, The Eisenhauer Family, Ms. Keayla Harr, Ms. Hannah Foster, Mr. Kevin Michalovich, Mr. Seth Ebert, Ms. Brandi Napier, Weaver Leather, Kenwood, Certified Angus Beef, Centerra, Miami Valley Plastic, and TSC. The event was successful as we raised \$5500 to be donated to the Devore family during this difficult time. Thank you to all of our community members for supporting this event and the Devore Family.

Northwestern FFA competes in Soil Judging CDE

This year the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter competed in both Urban and Rural soils Career Development Event.



The contest is designed to educate students on how to evaluate soil for both Urban and Rural use. Each team evaluates the soil based on different characteristics to determine what the land can be used for. The urban land and soil judging CDE is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to evaluate land and soil to determine its potential use for urban, home site, and other non farm uses. The Agricultural Soils CDE is an educational activity designed as a practical method of teaching students to evaluate land and soil and to make decisions when faced with soil related issues that affect agricultural production.

This year the Urban team consisted of Valerie Imhoff, Desiree Smith, Cassidy Brown, Jadeyn Berry, Gabby Ream, and Jacoby Gilbert.

The Rural team consisted of Cole Wharton, Craig Wellert, Dugan McLaughlin, Kirsten Boreman, Kaleb Badger, Haley Caldwell, and Kade Tegtmeier.

The teams both competed at the county, district, and state level. All students were successful in their areas. On October 7th, at the county level in Shreve, both teams placed well. The Urban team placed 3rd and the Rural team placed 2nd. Cole Wharton from the Rural team and Valerie Imhoff from the Urban team placed first individually in their respective contests.

On October 13th, the teams once again competed. The Urban team placed 2nd and the Rural team placed 1st at the district level. Valerie Imhoff from the Urban team placed 4th individually, Desiree Smith from the Urban team placed 5th individually, and Cole Wharton from the Rural team placed 1st individually in their respective contests. On October 20th, the teams competed in the first ever online state Soil Judging contest. The teams experienced a new format of competition, and learned a lot through the experience.

Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2020-21

2020

Monday, August 17	Staff PD Day
Tuesday, August 18	Convocation Day
Wednesday, August 19-28	Staff Planning and PD Days
Monday, August 31	First day for Students
Monday, September 7	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 14	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 15	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Thursday, October 22	Parent Teacher Conferences MS and HS
Friday, October 23	End of First Nine Weeks (38 Days)

Mon./Wedn., Oct. 26 & 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, November 26 thru	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, Nov. 30	Compensatory Day
Friday, Dec. 18	End of Second Nine Weeks (37 days)

Monday, Dec. 21 thru Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
-----------------------------	--------------------------------

2021

Monday, January 4,	School Reconvenes
Thursday, January 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Tues./Thurs. Jan. 12 & 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Monday, January 18	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Friday, February 12	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Friday, March 12	End of Third Nine Weeks (47 Pupil Days)

Thursday, March 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences; H.S. and M.S.
Monday, March 29 to April 2	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Wednesday, May 26	Student's Last Day (48 Pupil Days)

Thursday, May 27	Teacher's Last Day
Sunday, May 30	Graduation

No School cancellation make up days. Use of "Blizzard bags" online lessons instead for any cancelled school days.

Student Contact days 170 (State crediting by hours 1,014)

PT conferences and Open House 2 days

Professional Development Days 3

Work days include convocation Aug. 18,

Work day May 27

** Approved 8/3/20 **

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Charles Beck
3rd Monday each month 6:30 p.m.
HS Library

All Sports Association

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

Music Boosters

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

Ruritans

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

Football Club

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

Soccer Club

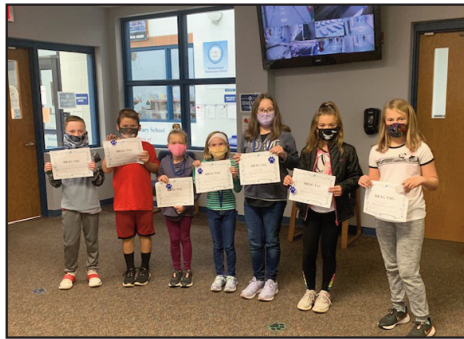
President Steve Wellert
1st Tuesday each month 6:00 p.m.
Elementary Cafeteria

Elementary PTO

President Alison Fiala
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



NES Brag Tag Recipients and Halloween Costumes!



***** **THE Northwestern** *****
 Editor, Diane J. Hannah
 If you have information that you would like in this newsletter, please contact Diane Hannah through email:
 nrws_editor@tccsa.net OR
 djleehannah52@gmail.com



"The Northwestern"
 newsletter deadlines for
 2020-21
 December 23,
 March 17, June 2



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

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

Permit No. 115

CAR-RT SORT BOXHOLDER