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CONGRATULATIONS to the NHS Homecoming Court 2021



To the right: **Homecoming Queen Laurissa Fulton**, with Piper Mitchell; Senior Attendants **Emma Ewing** with Reese and Lakynn Patterson; and **Avery Garver** with Frankie Lindenman.

(See the homecoming article on page 10)



Stem Activity: Magnetic building



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NHS Queen Laurissa Fulton, escorted by Luke Wright and Piper Mitchell.

**District Twitter Account
up and live!**

Log onto @ NW_Schools
Live broadcast of events
**[http://www.ustream.tv/
channel/sportslive14](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sportslive14)**



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Board of Education

Meet the Candidates for 2 vacant seats.

JILL KELLER

I am a NLSD alum, and I have lived in the district my entire life. I am a mother of two boys (6yr & 1.5yr) and have been married for 10 years to my husband, who is also an NLSD alumni.

I have a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ashland University, and a master's degree from Case Western Reserve in social work. I am a licensed social worker and currently use this license to work as an outpatient therapist at Anazao Community Partners. I am also contracted by Anazao to work as a mental health specialist at the Child Advocacy Center in Wayne County. My focus is trauma, family dynamics, and couples counseling.

I do my best to be an honest person and conduct myself as such in both my professional and personal life.

My platform for running is simple. I believe that the younger generation of parents and taxpayers in the district should be taking more of an active approach in making sure our community continues to have a strong foundation in values, school participation, and is constantly growing to make sure this district meets the needs for all children who spend the first 12 years of their life in our schools. We as a community have a responsibility to be active in understanding fiscal responsibility and the pitfalls/helpful practices of a successful school district, all while understanding the political dynamics of a school system to ensure that each child leaves the school district prepared for any path they may choose in the world after. If a school district is a business, then the products are the children.

REGGIE KLINE

I am a 1985 graduate of Northwestern. Laura, my wife of 34 years, was in the Northwestern class of 1983. My three sons and two daughters-in-law are also Northwestern graduates. I attended the University of Akron before coming back to the family farm where I have worked for the past 35 years. I attend Wooster Grace where I am a greeter. I enjoy helping to serve our Northwestern Community by volunteering. I have been the summer baseball coordinator for 12 years, a summer baseball coach for 17 years, a youth basketball coach for 15 years, and a member of the Husky football club since the beginning year. I also run the varsity football play clock and basketball scoreboard.

Having lived in the district my whole life, I know Northwestern is a great district. Our community has always stepped up to help when needed, whether it be volunteering or financial support. I want to volunteer my time, and support our Northwestern School District by running for school board.

RICHARD WELLERT

I have been a member of the Northwestern community most of my life. I graduated from Northwestern in 1978. My wife of 39 years, Tonya and I have owned and operated a dairy farm in the district for over 44 years. My 2 children graduated from Northwestern and 3 of my 4 grandchildren are currently enrolled at Northwestern Elementary School. I have also coached high school and middle school wrestling at Northwestern for over 28 years. With my life experiences, I have the ability to listen to ideas and opinions from all sources to help make the best decisions to move the district forward.

Elementary highlights!!





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A note from our superintendent...

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

This has been another 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. Special thanks to Nurse Sharon Bowers, Athletic Director and HS Assistant Principal Anita Journey-Gifford, and our Building Principals for the health and quarantine efforts in keeping our kids and employees as safe as possible!

As we continue through this this school year 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; it is also continuing our rigorous hands-on instruction and programs, excellent fine arts and cultural opportunities as best we can in this environment. Additionally, we must maintain excellent extracurricular opportunities, promote a high attendance rate, high graduation rate, and seek scholarship dollars, develop unique skills, and opportunities for our graduates, provide experiential learning opportunities, and prepare students for their long-term success in career, college, military, and society. Engaging students, providing rigor, developing relationships and creating opportunities for every student to develop toward attainment of their potential in a safe, supportive, and secure setting are all important. Also we must continue to provide components of well-rounded, educated graduates in order to give our students "the edge" for jobs and scholarships and to develop problem-solvers, innovators, leaders of tomorrow, and all-around good people.

District finances have improved with a carry-over balance of \$4,694,979 this past summer and a projected \$5,217,155 positive end of year balance for June, 30 2022. This is a healthy carry-over balance and when combined with a significant permanent improvement balance and having paid-off our buildings last spring (3.5 years early) things are good financially. However, we will always remain vigilant in doing even better. Below are some ways in which we have and continue to do so:

* Northwestern had requested and has been participating in a State of Ohio Auditor's Office "School Performance Audit". This performance audit is done by a team of accounting personnel from the state auditor's office who analyze our personnel and operational costs from numerous perspectives through a plethora of data. The purpose of this comprehensive 8-month audit is to study the effectiveness and efficiency of our school operations in order to develop a plan for greater efficiency and to offer specific recommendations towards greater efficiency.

* The district continues our successful grant writing efforts to address needs while minimizing the burden on our budget – stretching our dollars further. Whether it be for a replacement school bus, school safety needs, dyslexia, innovation, workforce development and career technical education, agricultural Science, STEM education, Preschool, DARE, student supports and counseling services, or after school programs - we have pursued funds for these needs.

* We also continue striving to stretch our dollars through shared services agency agreements, the redesigning of positions, completing ever-more maintenance projects in-house, and negotiating the best price for purchases.

* We pursue weighted funding from the state and fight for every dollar we can get from state and federal governments for our children.

As a district we move forward systemically and study the impact of changes on students, staff - all aspects of operations - and the organization as a whole. The district continuously works 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!"

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 board of education, administrators, staff, and supportive community we will continue striving for our students to achieve and excel to their potential. 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 2021-2022 school year!

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NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT NEWS

Stay Informed!

Northwestern School District – 15 years of Relationships, Excellence & Innovation!

Northwestern Schools are very appreciative of our many collaborations. The success of Northwestern programs is well documented. We are emulated by many school districts across the state and followed closely Ohio businesses & post-secondary partners. We continue progressing in Project-Based Learning for growth & continued excellence K-16 & in Pre-School throughout STEM areas, core subjects, electives, and fine arts.

We are especially proud of our teacher-administrator collaboration, innovative project-based learning environment, 12th, 8th, 5th Gr. Career Capstone Courses/Projects, Agri-Science Programs, STEM programs, Husky Huddle Advisor-Advisee, Pre-Apprenticeship, Internship, 7-12 Career Pathways, 3,000Sq. Ft. Greenhouse/Clean Energy Lab, as well as our 5-STAR STEM Preschool and “Innovation Station” Middle School STEM Lab.

Summary of Northwestern, Innovation, Initiatives & Student Opportunities:

- * 2005 implemented all-day, every-day Kindergarten
- * 2005 membership in SREB (Southern Regional Education Board), HSTW (High Schools that Work), and MMGW (Making Middle Grades Work)
- * 2005 introduction of High School “Husky Huddle” student-teacher mentor program
- * 2006 Strategic Plan and Planning year for incorporating STEM and project-based learning
- * 2006 Introduction of Senior Seminar Capstone course requirement
- * 2007 4-course Biomedical PLTW STEM program initiated
- * 2007 4-course Engineering PLTW STEM program initiated
- * 2007 Middle School Gateway to Technology PLTW STEM courses added
- * Attainment of 50+ credit hours of dual college coursework available on Northwestern
- * 2008 Membership in Northeast Ohio BioScience Consortium
- * 2006 introduction of Middle School “Husky Huddle” student-teacher mentor program
- * 2009 Membership in BioOhio
- * 2009 Awarded K-8 “Program of Excellence” STEM Grant
- * 2010 Goal Benchmark: 1st year of continuous >50% of 8th Gr. students completing Algebra I
- * 2010 Competitive after school Robotics Club formed
- * 2010 High School 4-year Biomedical program earns initial national PLTW accreditation
- * 2010 High School 4-year Engineering program earns initial national PLTW accreditation
- * 2011 Pilot and initial year of our Middle School Medical Detectives Biomedical course
- * 2012 Introduction of 8th Grade Career Capstone course requirement
- * 2013 Inclusion of smart phone “Application Design” within computer networking class
- * 2013-2015 Transitioned our Tech I course from high school to middle school
- * 2014 (spring) Northwestern Middle School: OSLN “Ohio STEM Designated School” (1 of 25)
- * 2014 (spring) Northwestern High School: OSLN “Ohio STEM Designated School” (1 of 25)
- * 2014 Wayne County Economic Development WIN (Regional Workforce Innovations Network) Committee. Active with Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce.
- * 2014 Martha Holden Jennings Ohio Superintendent of the Year Outstanding Performance Award including a \$10,000 contribution to Northwestern Schools.
- * 2014 “Inspiration Station District/Community STEM Lab” dedication (includes 3 helicopter drones, 4 3-D printers, more than \$20,000 in robotics equipment, laser engraver, 2 ShopBot CNC routers & industrial CNC machine, desktops, laptops, action cameras, etc.)
- * 2014 (fall) Robotics transforms from a club to a high school course.

- * 2014 (fall) Full-Time Middle School STEM Teacher employed (quadrupled STEM courses – we now offer more than 15 MS STEM courses including: Design & Modeling, Environmental Design, Smart Historians & Architecture, Science in Technology, Electricity, Scientific Inventions, Agricultural Science, Green architecture, Agri-STEM, Automation & Robotics). We offer 30+ electives for students to explore and pursue potential careers!
- * 2014 (winter) Ohio ILN Membership (Innovation Lab Network) 1 of only 16 member districts.
- * 2014-2015 SY Project-Based Learning teacher professional development throughout year.
- * 2015 (winter) K-5 elementary PLTW Launch STEM programs pilot – one teacher per grade.
- * 2015 (fall) Full implementation of K-5 PLTW Launch (Engineering, Robotics, Biology/Science).
- * 2015 (fall) Established high school Clean/Renewable Energy SREB (Southern Regional Education Board) 4-course STEM program/career pathway.
- * 2015 (fall) Our 1st Associates Degree articulation. HS BioScience Diploma - NC State College.
- * 2015-2016 SY Intensive Project-Based Learning teacher professional development.
- * 2016-2017 SY Initiating High School Computer Science PLTW STEM program (4-year phase-in)
- * 2016 1-1 ratio of student-device (Chrome Books, iPads, laptops, desktops) Gr. 5-12. 90% K-12.
- * 2016-2017 SY Collaborator in 5-district Battelle-led \$1,000,000 “Straight ‘A’ Grant” for professional development & STEM Problem-Based Learning/Blended Learning Lesson creation.
- * 2016 (fall) Purchase of Lincoln Electric “Virtual Welder” to enhance student welding skills.
- * 2016 (fall) Begin Construction of 30 X 100 Ft. Greenhouse with Botanic & Hydroponics areas.
- * 2016-2017 SY Northwestern is Lead of 5-district \$680,000 PBL/LDC “Straight ‘A’ Grant” for professional development Northwestern and 4 adjacent low wealth rural districts reaching 6 counties. Includes conversion of 30X100Ft Greenhouse to include Clean Energy Lab infrastructure: Geothermal, Solar array, Biodiesel plant, wind turbine, monitoring equipment.

STAY INFORMED!!

15 Years, continued

- * March, 2017 Earned Northwestern Elementary STEM School Designation – 1st ES school in Ohio to earn this designation!
- * March, 2017 Northwestern is first in Ohio with K-12 District OSLN STEM Designation!
- * April 27th, 2017 3,000 Sq. Ft. Greenhouse-Clean Energy Lab dedication!
- * 2017 (summer) Northwestern ES approved as HSTW N.E. member (Helping Elementary Schools Work). Now ES (HESW-1yr), MS (MMGW-12yrs), HS (HSTW-12yrs) K-12 SREB sites.
- * 2017 (summer) Began 3-year Library “Multi-Media Makerspace Innovation Centers” conversion
- * 2017 (summer) Became a “Future Ready” School District
- * 2017 (Aug.) Inception of the first Ohio STEM Preschool!
- * 2017-2018 SY added 5th Gr. Career Exploration Capstone Projects to 8th & 12th Gr. Capstones.
- * 2017-2018 SY Pre-Apprenticeship program approval through Ohio State Apprenticeship Council
- * 2018-2018 SY Second year grant funding (year 2) of AEOP Army Outreach Grant (Solar Sprint & e-Cybermission) in partnership with HSTW and with an expanded 5-district collaborative
- * 2018-2019 SY Added MS and HS Photography Classes!
- * 2018-2019 SY Expanded STEM preschool to two classes with 38 total participating students!
- * 2018-2019 graduates begin earning Ohio Career Readiness Seal. Highest graduate % earned in Ohio.
- * 2018-2020 SY Awarded 3-year “Expanding Opportunity Round I Grant” of \$325,000 1st for expanding 7-12 Gr. Pre-Apprenticeship, Internship, STEM CTE, CCP programs.
- * 2019 Spring: boiled our first batch of syrup in our “Maple Syrup Sugar Shack”.
- * 2019-2021 SY Awarded 3-year “Expanding Opportunity Round II Grant” of \$275,000
- * 2019 EPA Environmental Grant (HSTW/MMGW and collaboration between districts) Incl. PLTW Environmental class and Wet & Wild curriculum and instruction.
- * 2019 SY Northwestern piloting individual Micro-Bits and programming instruction for all 6th Gr. students and 7th Gr. Gaming-Coding Class with Barry Romich support.
- * 2019 SY Federal “Farm to School” Grant Project in partnership with “A Whole Community”
- * 2019 SY – Ten distinct 4-year CTE career pathways in place!

Current Initiatives:

- * Conversion of Libraries to Multi-Media Makerspace Innovation Centers:
 - * MS completion March, 2018
 - * HS completion July, 2019
 - * ES completion Aug, 2020 (currently in process)
- * Pre-Apprenticeship and Internship program expansions.
- * Expansion of our current student earned industry credentials.
- * Pursue state funds for adding additional project lab spaces for high school

Awards/Accomplishments:

- + Southern Regional Education Board National “Outstanding School District Award”!
- + Northwestern MS, Northwestern HS, Northwestern ES each approved as “OSLN Ohio STEM Schools”. We are the only OSLN K-12 STEM School District in Ohio! Now PreK-12 STEM! We are in our 4th year with MS and HS OSLN STEM School Designation!
- + Over 6.5 million in scholarships over the past five graduating classes (doubling prior five years)
- + HS – State Superintendent “School of Honor”
- + HS – National SREB “Gold High School Award”
- + HS – State Superintendent “School of Promise”
- + MS – SREB National Math Rigor and Improvement Award

+ Lighthouse District: innovative administrators, teachers, as well as students present regionally, state-wide, nationally on a continuous basis, in numerous venues, for more than a decade.

+ Prestigious Thomas Edison Science Award

+ Northwestern received over \$1 million in grants & contributions in FY 2020

+ Northwestern Teachers & Administrators welcome visitors – school representatives, community members, public officials, legislators, business representatives, and post-secondary institutions. We had our 1,000th STEM program visitor in Sept. over the past 7 years!

+ NWHS and NWMS have been repeatedly recognized as High Schools that Work (HSTW) and Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) sites for exceeding all high performing HSTW/MMGW sites nationally. This data indicates that Northwestern students are having deep, meaningful, authentic experiences aligning with research-based proven best practices, which result in higher student achievement, engagement, collaboration that prepare students for high school, college, and career with a higher level of motivation, maturity, and communicative skills than the norm.

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. Day & Evening positions available.

Great hourly rate!

We have need NOW for a full time custodial position. Retirees welcome to apply as well for these positions. Contact 419-846-3833

**** 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.



BE IN THE KNOW - REGISTER FOR NORTHWESTERN ALERTS!

SIGN UP FOR NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL ALERTS:

This service will allow you to receive alerts in case of an emergency dismissal, delay or closure.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CATEGORIES – SIGN-UP BY BUILDING, PROGRAMS, OR DISTRICT!

Go to the Northwestern District Website to register with this ap!

Make sure you get District Alerts AND your child's Building Alerts.

BE IN THE KNOW - FOLLOW US ON NORTHWESTERN TWITTER!

Please register for our Northwestern "Twitter" account!

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

We initiated this account five years ago and have sent tens of thousands of tweets since!

We generally send 2-10 tweets per building per week during the school year.

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

Follow us on Facebook!

Follow us on Instagram!

Check-out our website – information located there is easily accessible and quickly answers many questions that I hear people ask and read on social media!

Our area newspapers provide coverage for a portion of the many amazing things that our outstanding teachers do each day. However, we need to continue multiple means to be sure as much gets out to the general public as possible. While we do utilize test alerts, The West Salem Messenger, WQKT, Wooster Daily Record, Ashland Times-Gazette, The Post Newspaper, our website, and our own "The Northwestern" newsletter the twitter feed is another means that provides for ongoing and immediate newsbytes.

Title I, Special Education (IDEA), & ARP American Rescue Plan Annual Meeting Notification

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

A special Title I and District-wide IDEA (Special Education) services parental planning and involvement meeting is held annually at the March Board of Education regular meeting. Since spring, 2021 the district has also discussed the ARP American Rescue Plan planning and use of funds at these meetings as well. These meetings are held the 3rd Monday in March at 6:30PM in the High School library. This is our annual parent involvement & collaborative planning meeting for our Special Education (IDEA) and Title I programs. We discuss current programs and collaboratively plan for utilization of these funds for the upcoming school year. Last March parents, community members, administrators and the Board of Education discussed and planned for this year’s programs. Our Special Education, Title I, as well as Gifted Services were also an important part of our recently completed Strategic Plan Meeting discussions. This meeting will include discussion and participation in the annual planning for ARRA Federal COVID Funds from 2020-2024 as well.

In addition, there are ongoing opportunities for parent meetings, open houses, parent-teacher conferences, family nights, in addition to PTO involvement where Title I services can be discussed. Please contact your child’s teacher, building administrator, intervention specialist or special education coordinator with questions, concerns, comments, performance data, suggestions, and/or desire for increased participation in the planning of your child’s education, programs, curriculum, and communications utilizing Title I, IDEA, ARP federal funds.

* Parents are encouraged to request information regarding professional qualifications of their student’s Title I, Special Education, and Federal ARP funded teachers and programs – including teacher state qualifications & licensing appropriate to grade level and subject area taught, as well as if the teacher is teaching under a temporary license in which state qualifications or licensing qualifications might be temporarily waived. In addition, parents have a right to provide input, participate in discussions, and request information regarding baccalaureate degree major, graduate school certification, field of discipline, and whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

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

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

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

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

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

* Northwestern coordinates and integrates federal, state, and local funds that include programs required under NCLB (No Child Left Behind), bullying, violence prevention, nutrition, head start, job training, and vocational & technical education.

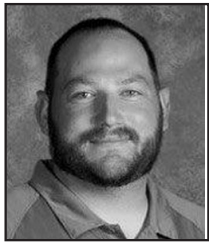
* Northwestern consults with nonpublic and private schools regarding available title I, special education, and federal ARP services for schools located within the Northwestern School District and those schools outside on the Northwestern School District having Northwestern school district resident students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



Pictured left to right: Kate Johnson, Audrina Smith and Sophia Ahrendt dissecting a sheep brain in Medical Detectives at the middle school.



Elementary School
Mason doing a Makers Space activity in the library.



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

Greetings from Northwestern High School,

It has been an amazing start to the school year! I have been pleased with the number of students taking advantage of the learning opportunities in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities at the start of this school year. A goal at the high school has been to increase student engagement in the learning community. One of our main ways to positively reinforce student engagement is through the implementation of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) initiative, which is a tiered system of supports for students to improve behavior. When students find meaningful connections within the school environment, they are more likely to display positive behaviors. We provide our students with a variety of extracurricular opportunities, which gives all students a venue for a meaningful connection within the school environment. Going along with PBIS, we still have our NHS Husky Character Words of the Month. Each month, staff members nominate and select students exemplifying the word of the month. Our NHS Husky Words of the Month are...

September – Honesty

October – Respect

November – Responsibility

December – Caring

January – Enthusiasm

February – Integrity

March – Cooperative

April – Performance

May – Determination

The September Students of the Month were:

Munaya Al-Jamal, Rylee Dawson, Florida Blake, Steven Lagoy, Aaron Buettner, Drake Crumley, Miranda Smith, and Richie Fortune.

As voted on by the student body, September's "Honesty" Teacher of the Month was Mrs. Leah Smith.

Northwestern High School

September's "Honesty" Students of the Month



As voted on by the student body, September's "Honesty" Teacher of the Month was Mrs. Leah Smith.



Congratulations to Mrs. Smith and our NHS Students of the Month!!

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.

Upcoming events

10/24/21 from 12 – 5pm: 4th Annual NHS Mattress Fundraiser

10/30/21: Robotics Tournament @Loudonville

11/19/21 @7pm: Drama Production – A Christmas Carol

11/20/21 @7pm: Drama Production – A Christmas Carol

11/21/21 @2pm: Drama Production – A Christmas Carol

11/30/21 @4:30pm: Parent Teacher Conferences

12/6/21 @7pm: National Honor Society Induction & Academic Awards Assembly

12/7/21 @7pm: Holiday Choir Concert

12/15/21 @7pm: Holiday Band Concert

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

Northwestern Robotics Students will be headed to Loudonville High School for the first VEX Robotics Competition of the season on October 30, 2021. Northwestern currently has 6 robotics teams preparing to compete in VEX Robotics Competitions throughout the season. The two top performing teams, as decided by the in-house competition the week prior to the competition, will be headed to Loudonville at the end of October for this 1st competition.

All robotics students have been working very hard on the design, build, and coding of their robots. Not only have they been putting forth great effort during class, many students have also been spending their lunch time and study hall time continuing the work on the design and build of their robot. As with any design process, many teams have already encountered some minor setbacks, but they have continued to think critically and look for different solutions to those setbacks. The persistence that these robotics students have shown will hopefully payoff in competitions throughout the robotics season.

NHS NEWS!!

NORTHWESTERN ROBOTICS

As the robotics season begins getting underway, we are looking forward to a successful season with many of our veteran robotics students helping to provide support to many of our new robot-



Dear Parents/Family Members of the Class of 2022:

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

Senior Ads/PDA Prices

1/8 page ad with one photo and a message (40 words maximum) = \$25.00

1/4 page ad with up to two photos and a message (90 words maximum) = \$50.00

1/2 page ad with up to three photos and message (120 words maximum) = \$75.00

If you have any questions concerning the PDA Senior Ads, please feel free to contact

Stephanie Litten Northern Lights NHS Yearbook Advisor

NHSHuskiesYrbk@gmail.com



NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

In a recent meeting the Association has decided to continue to move forward with plans and preparations for the "Northwestern Alumni Reunion / Northwestern Community Banquet". At this time the event is still scheduled for June 18th of 2022. We will, at the same time, continue to monitor the Covid-19/Pandemic situation as to its affect on our community. As this may again have a bearing on our being able to hold the event. The plans and preparations that have been put in place, at this time, can be cancelled with little consequence for the Association.

It was also decided to not meet in January, as usual, to start planning in earnest, but to meet in February. This would give us another month to assess the Covid-19 situation. We will decide at that time as to continue with plans and preparations or not. We will also be looking at what the future may hold in regards to the role of the Association as a whole. Which includes the programs we support (The Northwestern Alumni Reunion/ Northwestern Community Banquet, Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame/ Northwestern Community Hall of Honor, The Northwestern Alumni Scholarship Fund and the preservation of Northwestern School Annuals). The February meeting will be held on the 24th. 2022 at 7:00 P.M., in the high school library.

We invite any persons that may be interested in The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association to join us at the February meeting. We would be interested in your input to help us to continue the above programs in our district and the Association. Further, we would like some younger persons to step in and take over in a few areas, while those now serving can work with them and have a smooth transition. This will make sure the Association and the above mentioned programs will continue and bring honor to our school district.

Please mark your 2022 calendar for the June 18th. Banquet and the February 24th. Association meeting and plan to attend.

High School

STUDENT SERVICES

A message from Miss McGraw:

At this point, I have met individually with all seniors to discuss their post-graduation plans. All seniors should be working towards their goals to either continue their education, join the workforce, or enlist. If you are a senior and you are considering going to college in the Fall 2022, now is the time to start applying! Please reach out to me if you are in need of your transcript or have questions.

FAFSA Information:

There will be a FAFSA Workshop at Wayne College from 5:30-8:30 PM on Wednesday, October 27, Wednesday, November 10, and Tuesday, November 30. This workshop would be a great way to learn about the FAFSA and to receive help filling out the application. To RSVP, please contact: Sonya Wagner sew30@uakron.edu 330-684-8935. For additional FAFSA information, please visit: tinyurl.com/p44vf75z

Scholarship Information:

The 2021-2022 Scholarship Guide Book will be mailed out before Winter Break. The book lists many local, regional, state, and national scholarship opportunities that seniors can apply for. In the meantime, I have been emailing seniors and parents any scholarship opportunities that I receive, so please be checking your emails!

All seniors are reminded to be checking Naviance for scholarships. We are starting to activate scholarships as we receive notice that applications are available. There are also links to scholarship sites where you can subscribe to get notifications of scholarships in your field of interest! You can also find scholarships in a Google search just by typing in your intended major with the word "scholarships"!

The following website: <https://studentscholarships.org/> has many scholarships that students can apply to receive. Be sure to check the deadlines, many are quickly approaching.

2021 Northwestern Homecoming Court

Three Senior girls vied for the 2021 Northwestern Homecoming Queen. The three Senior Homecoming Queen candidates were Emma Ewing, Laurissa Fulton, and Avery Garver. The Homecoming crowning ceremony was held prior to kickoff of the Northwestern vs. Dalton football game on Friday, October 8th.



Emma Ewing



Laurissa Fulton



Avery Garver

CONGRATULATIONS, to the 2021 Northwestern Homecoming QUEEN, LAURISSA FULTON.

Laurissa Fulton, daughter of Elizabeth and Jeffrey Fulton, was crowned the Northwestern 2021 Homecoming Queen. Laurissa is a member of Northwestern's soccer and softball teams, the marching band as the captain of the color guard, ski club, student council, and is a stat for the wrestling team. Laurissa plans to attend college to study nutrition. Laurissa was escorted by Luke Wright, son of Rebekah Rhamy and Mark Wright. Her junior escort was Piper Mitchell, daughter of Rebekah and Patrick Mitchell.

The first senior attendant was **Emma Ewing**, daughter of Greg and Jennifer White. Emma is a captain of the girls' soccer team and is a member of the Husky cheerleading squad, softball team, and HOSA. She is also an officer for student council. Emma is planning on attending college to pursue a career in sports medicine. Emma was escorted by Gavin Witucki, son of Kim and Rick Witucki. Her junior escorts were Reese and Lakynn Patterson, daughters of Chandi and Aaron Patterson. Our second senior attendant was **Avery Garver**, daughter of Jenn and Mike Garver.

Avery is a member of both the Northwestern soccer and softball teams, the cheerleading squad, choir, STAR, student council, and National Honor Society. After graduation Avery plans to attend college and pursue a degree in nursing. Avery was escorted by Ethan Schwartz, son of Megan and Paul Schwartz. Her junior escort was Frankie Lindeman, the daughter of Ashley and Jim Lindeman.



The Homecoming Court also consisted of junior attendant Ariel Smith, sophomore attendant Ellie Hanshaw, and freshman attendant Ella Hartsel.



HUSKY HAPPENINGS

Homecoming 2021, continued

Ariel Smith is the daughter of Kelly and John Smith. Ariel is a member of the Northwestern soccer team and participates in drama club. Ariel was escorted by Brett Alberts, son of Janet and Mark Alberts.



Ellie Hanshaw is the daughter of Julia and Rick Hanshaw. Julia is a member of the Huskies' softball team, ski club, FFA, and HOSA. Julia was escorted by Grant Bond, son of Jennifer and Kelvin Bond.



Ella Hartsel is the daughter of Carrie and Chad Hartsel. Ella is a member of the Northwestern volleyball team, drama club, HOSA, and is the freshman class president. Ella was escorted by Blake Good, son of Tiffany and Chad Good.



The Northwestern High School Student Council would like to thank **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 her continued support of Northwestern Local Schools.

Congratulations to our Honor Choir !!



CONGRATULATIONS to **Kylee Purdy** for earning a spot in the OHSAA Golf State Championship Tournament. After shooting rounds of 81 on both days, Kylee ended up placing 14th overall in Division II.



Wayne County Public Library

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Complete the Library Survey between September 27th & November 5th for your chance to win a \$50 gift card!

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



We have successfully ended the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school-year. Students and staff continue to progress in the curriculum as we evaluate and address any learning loss and introduce new skills. The students have adjusted to the return of the five-day in-person learning atmosphere, as well. Although, as you can imagine with middle school students, I have heard more than once how they miss their Wednesday work days at home from last year.

Our staff has been busy continuing their professional development, being trained in Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and the new evaluation tool for teachers (Ohio Teacher Evaluation System 2.0). In addition to these initiatives, our staff has had various instructional coaches working with them, specific to literacy and math. Two of our own NMS teachers have also been receiving additional training to help serve as building coaches in these areas, as well. Our district has also been working diligently, with the help of Curriculum Director Mrs. McCumber, on a Birth-12 Literacy plan. This work has proved to be valuable in identifying district needs, as well as, the addition of systems of support. Our district Student Services team has also been working on the development of a survey to identify students' social-emotional needs in order to review resources and programs to meet those needs. We are excited about the great work our staff is doing to better support our students.

We are very proud to announce the opening of our School PRIDE Prize Store this year in combination with our PBIS program. For this program, students building-wide are given a card with ten spots for teachers' signatures. Our staff is able to sign students' cards when they want to reward positive student behavior. This can be for any reason, from helping a peer to a great day of class participation. Each card, filled with signatures, is worth 10 points in the PRIDE Store. Students can save their cards, up to 30 points, to trade in their positive behavior points for prizes. So far this year, almost 100 students have received prizes for positive behavior through the school store! Doing some quick math, that suggests that we have formally recognized at least 1,000 positive behaviors this school-year in the building! This is such a fun way to celebrate our students who make positive choices and demonstrate great behavior. Any parents or community members that would like to make donations to the PRIDE Prize Store, please contact me anytime. We want to keep the store well-stocked for our students!!!

Although our students are doing well this school-year, as our PBIS data is showing us, we have noticed some behavioral slides regarding work completion and motivation. Our staff is working hard to address these types of student behaviors to help students understand the importance of timeliness and turning work in on time. We are also focused on turning in your best quality of work. We have noticed a negative impact on students' grades and academic performance due to these issues. Obviously these skills will benefit students as they continue their educational and career journeys. As parents and community members, please help us by continuing to discuss the importance of work completion, timeliness, and quality of work to your children. Help them to understand how these skills can impact them even into their adult-life, as well. Your support with this is greatly appreciated as we all work towards raising responsible young adults together.

As this year has progressed, I have had the honor to visit more classrooms. I am so excited to see the work that our staff and students do throughout the day. I have seen students playing Battleship in Mr. Edward's classroom, as they worked on coordinate grids and plotting ordered pairs to students building devices and using the "grabber arm" in Mrs. Carozza's STEM Robotics classroom. I have watched our Art Club paint parking lot spots for staff members and have listened as students discussed financial management and savings with Mr. Black.

I have observed as students got excited to have their PRIDE cards signed for positive behaviors and I have listened as our staff have engaged them in conversations about their learning, such as the mental math Mrs. Gortner has her students doing, and the way Mrs. Warner tells her math students that she likes the way they are using mathematical thoughts and words as they describe how they complete a problem. Our students are so amazing in what they accomplish on a daily basis, with the hard work and support from our fantastic staff. We are truly blessed to have such amazing staff members who value their students and their learning.

As the school year progresses, we will be looking for volunteers in our community to help share your knowledge and expertise with our students. If you are willing to give some time to our students to help support their learning about careers, please contact me to volunteer as one of our Future Fridays guest speakers. If you are not someone who likes to speak to a group, we have several other career and college exploration opportunities, such as a Career Fair that we could use you for, as well. If you are interested, please contact me so we can discuss this further.

Thank you for continuing to support our Northwestern students!



Come check out the wonderful artwork that our NMS Art Club has done as they painted and decorated the staff parking lot, in conjunction with the Junior Class Post Prom Parking Lot Fundraiser.

NW ELEMENTARY



**Mr. Douglas
Hopkins
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

Message from Mr. Hopkins

The second half of the first trimester is here with conferences that finished up in the middle of October. Our first trimester will end on November 12. Our third graders have already taken their AIR Test for the 3rd grade guarantee. We want to continue to extend the learning of all students, making sure students are challenged at all levels as they go through the learning process in academic areas.

As a building, it is important to focus on the positive culture as well and reward and recognize students for positive behavior displayed throughout the school. We have implemented a program for positive behavior, which we call PBIS. Each grade level has an incentive program. Some include a punch card, desk pet or even teacher bucks' system depending on the grade level. We're also continuing Brag Tags for students. This is when an adult sees a student going above and beyond in the classroom or seeing an act of kindness to another. We are encouraging students to make good choices and they're thriving.

Please continue to check social media and ask your son or daughter about different initiatives happening throughout the building. Thank you for your continued support at NES.

Student Workbook/Tech Fees

K-2 - \$40.00

3-5 - \$50.00

Student Spotlight

I would like to spotlight a wonderful idea that one of our fifth grade students has thought and made to improve school culture. Elliana Murphy came up with the idea of making a buddy box. This box was built by Elianna and her family. She saw that sometimes students maybe sad at school and wanted to cheer them up. Elliana made a box that is full of stuffed animals. If a student is having a difficult day they can come down to the office and get a stuff animal for the day to carry with them to be their buddy. I'm always amazed with the creativity and kind heart our students have. Great job Elliana for making a difference.



Elliana Murphy (grade 5) and Mr. Hopkins with her buddy box.



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STEM Activity - Magnetic building



Northwestern Elementary

Abbie Chapman

Husband: Trever
 Pets: 2 dogs, Ziggy and Oldin
 High school graduated from: Wooster HS
 College graduated from: Ashland University
 Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, vegetable gardening
 Recently read books: IEP's and ETR's
 Favorite restaurant: El Campesino
 Favorite sports teams: College-Ohio State Professional - Cleveland Browns
 The best thing about Northwestern is the teachers and staff.
 Who inspired me to choose this career pathSpecial Olympics
 Few people know .. that I am ambidextrous
 My greatest accomplishment is being a teacher.
 My greatest phobia ... is snakes!
 My favorite quote/phrase Why fit in, when you were born to stand out!



New Staff Spotlights!!

Wanda Diehl

Husband: Chad Sons: Jason and Garrett
 Pets: 3 dogs, Brutus, Tink and Oscar
 High school graduated from: Mapleton HS
 Hobbies: Traveling, hiking, vegetable gardening
 Favorite movie: Hachi A Dog's Tale
 Favorite restaurant: South Street Grille
 Favorite sports teams: College-OSU
 The best thing about Northwestern is the people. They really make a person feel welcome.
 My greatest hero is my dad. He was the greatest guy I ever knew.
 My greatest accomplishment is my kids. They are pretty great young men.
 My greatest phobia ... is heights!
 My favorite quote/phrase/scripture Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt. John Muir
 Words of Wisdom: Keep listening. There is always something you can learn.

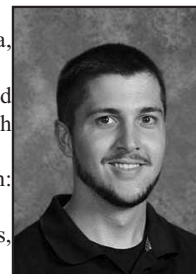


Kindergarten field trip to Bauman Orchard.



Gibson Siegrist

Family: Wife, Amanda, Zayn 6 years old
 High School Graduated from: Orrville High School
 College Graduated From: Akron University
 Hobbies: Video Games, Basketball
 Favorite Movie: Space Jam
 Favorite Sports Team: Cavs
 The best thing about Northwestern is... the community and the family environment
 Who inspired me to choose this career path: my wife
 Few people know that I.. am a triplet
 My greatest hero is.. Amanda, my wife
 My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture: Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime.
 Words of Wisdom: Not every battle is worth fighting



If you have elementary school questions or concerns, please email secretaries:
 Mrs. Workman - nrws_workman@tccsa.net for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students
 Mrs. Sugg - nrws_sugg@tccsa.net for Pre-K, Kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade students



Northwestern FFA

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR 2021

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. After not being able to present wood projects last year, our chapter was very excited to present wood projects this year along with creating a booth to honor the history of our organization. With the help of our officers and advisors, the chapter was able to create a booth showing all of the opportunities the FFA has for members.

Many FFA members exhibited market hogs at the fair. This year these members were Ari Borton, Kaleb Badger, Mary Wellert, Jamison Gilbert, Caydence Scale, Makenna Connelly, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Jadeyn Berry, Brooklyn Buzzard, Kirsten Boreman, Zoey Dudte, Kate Johnson, and Kade Tegtmeier. Many of our members participated in showmanship this year, Kade Tegtmeier 5th, Kaleb Badger 1st, Jamison Gilbert 2nd, Caydence Scale 1st, Makenna Connelly 2nd, Addy Connelly 3rd, Emma Connelly 2nd, Jadeyn Berry 3rd, Kirsten Boreman 5th, Zoey Dudte 1st, and Kate Johnson 2nd in each of their showmanship classes. Caydence Scale earned Reserve Grand Champion Pro-cane showman. Zoey Dudte earned Reserve Senior Swine Showman and then 3rd Overall swine showmen.

Many members exhibited dairy cattle this year at the Wayne County Fair. Our members that participated in showmanship were Ari Borton who earned 2nd, Ellie Hanshaw earned 7th, Jamison Gilbert earned 6th, Hanna Wilson earned 3rd, Kaylee Cherry earned Intermediate Reserve Supreme Champion Showman, and Kirsten Boreman earned Reserve Grand Senior Dairy Showmanship. Each member who exhibited dairy cattle this year also showed in the breed classes. Ari Borton exhibited one dairy heifer and placed 2nd in her class. Ellie Hanshaw exhibited one dairy heifer and placed 7th in her class. Jamison Gilbert exhibited one dairy heifer and placed 5th in his class. Kaylee Cherry exhibited a spring yearling brown swiss and placed 3rd. Kaylee also exhibited an intermediate heifer (winter calf) and placed 2nd and she also exhibited a spring junior calf and placed 1st in her class. Kirsten Boreman exhibited two yearlings. With her winter yearling she placed 3rd and with her junior yearling she placed 4th. Kirsten also exhibited a four year old cow and placed 2nd. Hanna Wilson exhibited two heifers and placed 3rd and 4th. Hanna also exhibited a three year old cow and placed 1st. Jadeyn Berry exhibited two dairy heifers and placed 2nd with her junior calf and placed 4th with her intermediate calf. Jadeyn also exhibited an aged cow and placed 2nd and a 3 yr old cow which placed 2nd.

Haley Caldwell and Kara McKay both exhibited market steers this year. Haley earned Grand Champion Beef Carcass. Haley also earned 3rd overall dairy market steer and 3rd place with her market beef steer. Kara McKay placed 7th with her beef steer in market class. Ella Saal exhibited a dairy beef feeder and placed 9th.

Kade Tegtmeier, Danny McClure, Mary Wellert, Kaleb Badger, and Dugan McLaughlin all exhibited sheep this year. Some members participated in sheep showmanship. Kade Tegtmeier earned 1st with his market lamb and 2nd with his breeding sheep, And Dugan McLaughlin earned 5th in his market showmanship class. Dugan also placed 4th in showmanship with his breeding ewe. Most of our members participated in either a market or a breed class depending on what the members exhibited at the fair. Dugan placed 2nd in his Junior Market Show and also earned Reserve Grand Champion with his southdown breeding ewe. Danny McClure placed 9th with her market lamb. Mary Wellert placed 6th with her market lamb. Kaleb Badger earned 1st in his market lamb class. Kaleb also earned Reserve Champion Market Lamb as well as Slick Shorn Wether Type Ewe class winner. Kade Tegtmeier won 2nd in his class with his slick shorn ewe, and received champion of all other breeds ewe. Northwestern FFA also had members exhibit various goat projects this year. Kaleb Badger, Mary Wellert, Ella Saal, Makenna Connelly, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Kaylee Cherry,

Brooklyn Buzzard, and Hayden Cline all showed their market goats. Ella Saal placed 5th in showmanship with her market goat. Makenna Connelly placed 7th in showmanship with her market goat and placed 9th overall with her pygmy meat market goat. Addy Connelly placed 4th in showmanship with her market goat and 2nd in showmanship with her pygmy goat. Emma Connelly placed 3rd in showmanship with her market goat and 2nd in showmanship with her pygmy goat. Kaylee Cherry placed 3rd in showmanship with her market goat. Brooklyn Buzzard placed 6th in showmanship with her market goat. Kaleb Badger won Wayne County Born Breed and Raised and Reserve Champion with his market goat. Mary Wellert placed 9th in breed class with her market goat. Ella Saal placed 5th in her breed class with her market goat. Makenna Connelly placed 1st in her breed class with her market goat and 4th place with her pygmy goat in the breed class. Makenna also competed in the pygmy obstacle course and got 2nd and placed 1st in the livestock judging for seniors. Addy Connelly placed 2nd in her market goat breed class and placed 4th with her pygmy goat in breed class. Emma Connelly placed 4th in her market goat breed class. Kaylee Cherry placed 6th with her market goat in breed class. Brooklyn Buzzard placed 6th with her market goat in the breed class. Hayden Cline placed 6th in breed class with his market goat.

Ellie Hanshaw, Hayden Cline, Kate Johnson, and Even McKay participated in the poultry show. Ellie Hanshaw placed 3rd with her market chickens. Even McKay placed 4th in showmanship and earned 2nd with his poultry egg production project. Kate Johnson placed 2nd with her market chicken.

Kate Johnson and Ava Stoller exhibited rabbits. Kate Johnson placed 2nd in showmanship with her pet rabbit and 2nd in breeding class. Ava Stoller placed 2nd in showmanship.

The Northwestern FFA has members on the Wayne County Junior Fair Board this year, these members are Jadeyn Berry 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 overall.

NORTHWESTERN FFA

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland County Fair. Rylee Dawson placed 1st with his baby beef then placed 5th place. Rylee also placed 3rd in showmanship with his feeder calf. Audrey Franks placed 2nd in showmanship and 9th place in breed class with her market boilers. Audrey exhibited a market goat and placed 6th in showmanship, 2nd in born and raised, and 3rd in weight class.

Dugan McLaughlin and Hanna Wilson participated in the flag raising during the opening ceremonies at the 2021 Wayne County Fair.

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.

URBAN AND RURAL SOILS EVENTS

This year the Northwestern FFA chapter competed in both Urban and Rural soils Career Development Events. 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, homesite, 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 Gabby Ream, Kate Johnson, Collin Rouse, Kace Hixson, Addy Connelly, and Wesley Stoltz.

The Rural team consisted of Kade Tegtmeier, Haley Caldwell, Logan Garmen, Kirsten Boreman, and Kaleb Badger.

On September 22nd, at the county level at OSU - ATI in Wooster, both teams placed well. The Urban team placed 3rd and the Rural team placed 3rd at the county level. Kade Tegtmeier placed 4th individually and Haley Caldwell placed 7th individually from the Rural Team. Gabby Ream placed 5th individually from the Urban team. Congratulations to these individuals!

On September 29th, the teams once again competed. The Rural team placed 5th at the district level. Kade Tegtmeier placed 4th individually, Gabby Ream placed 9th individually, and Haley Caldwell placed 24th individually.

The Rural team advanced to the state level but will not be competing due to prior commitments and schedule conflicts. Congratulations to everyone who participated!



Northwestern FFA is selling fruit

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is currently holding their annual fruit sale. The fruit is hand picked, fresh Florida citrus. FFA members will pick up and deliver the fruit the first week of December when it comes in. There are a variety of fruits for sale this year including eight pineapples for \$24, four pineapples for \$15, a full box of navel oranges for \$38, a full box of red navals for \$38, a full box of pink grapefruit for \$38, a full box of tangelos for \$38, a full mixed box of tangelos and pink grapefruit for \$38, a full mixed box of navals and tangelos for \$38, a full mixed box of navals and pink grapefruit for \$38, a mix of 1/3 of a box of tangelos, 1/3 of a box of navals, 1/3 of a box of pink grapefruit, and 4/5 bushel of apples for \$38. Some other fruit options include a full case of fuji apples for \$38, a half a case of fuji apples for \$22, a variety pack of apples for \$30, a 1/2 of a case of navel oranges for \$28, a 1/2 of a case of red navel oranges for \$28, a 1/2 of a case of pink grapefruit for \$28, a 1/2 of a case of tangelo oranges for \$28, and haloes for \$12. Fruit buckets are also for sale for \$25 which include apples, oranges, grapefruit, a pineapple, a can of brittle bites, and a bottle of DB Yummers BBQ Sauce. There are two options for sale that do not include fruit. Apple cider is \$8 a gallon and a bottle of DB Yummers BBQ Sauce is \$5. Order forms are due November 12th, so talk to your local Northwestern FFA members! You can also contact the high school ag department at (419)846-3833 ext. 1043 or 1317 to order. Please make checks payable to Northwestern FFA. Thank you for your continued support!



FFA NEWS

Northwestern FFA hosts Pre-Service Teacher

Join us in welcoming Emily Schmitz as our Agricultural Education student teacher. Schmitz grew up in New Western, Ohio located in Darke County, showing in the county fair while being involved in 4H & FFA. She lives on the family livestock and grain farm. Schmitz is now a student at the Ohio State ATI studying Agriscience Education with a minor in Agronomy.

Schmitz enjoys many hobbies such as baking, being with friends, and spoiling her niece and nephews. Being in the classroom is something Miss Schmitz is very excited for, she says, "I'm excited to learn all I can from Mrs. Tegtmeier and the students to apply to my future job." Our chapter is very excited to get to know Miss Schmitz and work with her every week! Her favorite quote is: "Opportunity is often missed because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." -Thomas Edison



Northwestern FFA Participates in Twilight Tour

On July 20, 2021 members of the Northwestern FFA helped run the 2021 Twilight Tour. This event took place at RMD Dairy Farm Ltd. in Rittman, Ohio. RMD Dairy is run by the Dotterer family that established the farm in 2009. One highlight of the tour was the farm's two new 'Lely robotic milking units.' These units increase milking capacity by 120 cows per day.

There were several food vendors on site that visitors were able to use meal vouchers to eat dinner at. Ice cream, milk, and cheese was provided thanks to many donors and sponsors! Many of the donors were at the event to talk with visitors regarding how they are involved in the dairy industry.

Members of the FFA helped keep this event rolling in many ways. Multiple members from each local FFA Chapter donated their time to take trash out, scoop ice cream, park cars, serve cheese, etc. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event to make it possible!

Northwestern FFA holds overnight Officer Retreat for the first time in three years

Each year the Northwestern FFA holds an officer retreat to welcome their new officers.



This allows them to bond with the past officers and plan the year out together prior to the school year starting. This year's officer retreat was a three day event packed full of the officer team bonding and getting to know each other, planning the school year out, and having fun to start the year off!

Day one started with all of the officers meeting up and preparing for Adopt A Highway. Each year the officer team picks up garbage on State Route 302. Officers split into two groups with one advisor in each group, all of the trash is picked up and put into garbage bags. Following our Adopt A Highway activity, the officers began to prepare for the year, starting with personal goals. After personal goals were set a team activity took place. The team activity broke officers into three groups. These three groups were the people in charge of cooking breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the next day. After each group decided what meal they wanted to cook for everyone, the officers loaded up and headed to the grocery store. Each group shopped and picked out all of the ingredients needed to complete their meal. The officer team headed to Mohican Adventures where they would spend the next two nights in 'Camper Cabins.' The chapter was able to rent three 'Camper Cabins' where the girls slept in one, the boys slept in one, and the advisors slept in the other. Officers got settled into their cabins and then enjoyed dinner at Trails End where officers were able to sit and bond with other officers. The day ended with campfire pies and card games. Everyone was ready for a good night's rest to prepare for day two!

Rise and shine! Day two started with a group of officers cooking breakfast over the fire.

OFFICER RETREAT, continued ...

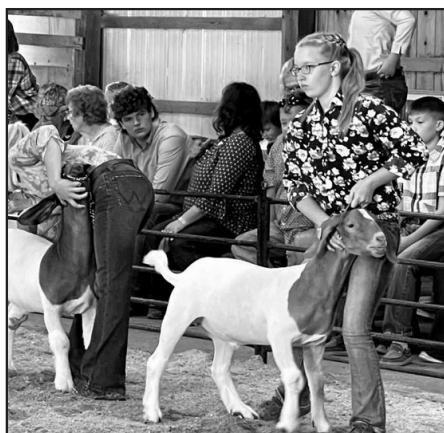
After breakfast officers cleaned up and were ready to start a productive work session. During this work session Point of Actions for each committee were written out, leaders for each committee were established, fundraisers were discussed, spirit wear contest was discussed, and planning the year began. Following the productive work session, the second group of students began to cook lunch over the fire. It was now time for some fun! Due to the weather, canoeing was not an option but that did not stop the officers from having a blast. Each officer was able to participate in go karting and play a round of putt putt. Then everyone enjoyed some ice cream before the last group prepared to cook dinner. While the last group prepared dinner the rest of the officer team prepared for one last work session. This work session consisted of stating goals, strengths, and weaknesses for this year. Each year the officer team makes a list of goals they want to achieve, weaknesses they want to work on, and strengths that are noticeable. These are hung in the classroom to remind students daily what we need to work on for our chapter.

After two very productive days, the officer team was headed home. Officers woke up early in the morning to pack and head back to the school. Everyone enjoyed breakfast at McDonalds before driving home. When arriving at the school, officers helped put everything back to where it belongs and prepare for a productive school year. The officer team was very fortunate to be able to hold a regular officer retreat after a few years of not being able to. The officer team is very excited to have a successful year full of all of the things that are planned and help engage our members more in the chapter! Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible!



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Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2021-22

2021	
Tuesday, August 17-19	Teacher Work Days
Friday, August 20	Professional Development
Monday, August 23	Staff Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 24	First day for Students

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

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 21	End of Second Nine Weeks (40 days) MS & HS
Wedn., Dec. 22 thru Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
2022	
Wednesday, January 5	School Reconvenes
Wednesday, January 12	2-hour delay
Thursday, January 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Monday, January 17	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

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

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

Monday, April 11 thru 15	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Friday, May 27	Student's Last Day, End of 4th ninth weeks MS&HS (50 Pupil Days)
	End of 3rd trimester ES (64 days)
Sunday, May 29	Graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31	Staff Work Day

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President 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



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