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Northwestern High School Homecoming Court 2017



2017 Northwestern
Homecoming Queen
Kennedy Hoffer - with Caleb
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A note from our superintendent...

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

There will be a team of Northwestern Administrators/Teachers/Board Members sharing our STEM programs at the Ohio School Boards Capital Conference in Columbus this November. This is a national venue that draws board members and administrators from all across the nation and will further promote quality STEM education across the state and beyond the state boundaries.

I recently returned from the National PLTW (Project Lead the Way) STEM Conference and am proud of where we are with our outstanding teachers and programs! Northwestern continues our innovation and advocacy for quality STEM education:

- At Northwestern we Inspire & Engage our students! Transference of STEM skills to other careers and other facets of their lives.
- Our students are the problem solvers, creative, leadership, collaborative, innovative, articulate leaders of the future.
- Through application of their learning real-world, relevant, experiences they improvise and they perform.
- Not only was Northwestern the first K-12 STEM designated school district in Ohio, but we have also created what we believe is this first STEM problem based learning preschool!
- This year, in addition to Senior Seminar Capstone Career Project and our enhanced 8th gr Seminar Career Project, we are beginning a 5th Grade Career Project.
- Collaborations: OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network), Battelle, High Schools that Work, the PAST Foundation for STEM Education, the 5-district Blended Learning Cohort, Northwestern led Rural LDC Collaborative Cohort, The Army AEOP Program Cohort, and a new statewide OSLN Grant Cohort.

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

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

Finally, thanks to our generous community donations and multiple Grants Northwestern School District has only a \$55,000 investment in our Greenhouse-Clean Energy Lab. This overall project in the end has actually been cost neutral due to softened district costs paid for through additional grants as a result of this project! This is due to the fact that supplies, equipment, and professional development purchased through this grant have resulted in reduced costs we would have spent in these areas. Thus, the district received a ¼ million dollar facility at zero cost to the district!

Our leadership has guided our district well, as we have increased our programs and career pathways. We have been very purposeful in our direction and ensuring the sustainability of these programs, which we have shared with numerous other districts locally, regionally, statewide, and nationally. This is why Northwestern is the rural model for the very best instruction of excellent programs in our elementary, middle school, and high school buildings that operate in the most efficient and sustainable manner possible.

This is my 13th year at the helm of Northwestern. I am so very proud of our community, our faculty, staff, administration, and outstanding Board of Education! I am proud of the academic and social success of our students. I am proud of the innovative and progressive, project-based and research-based programs instruction we have within our classrooms. I am proud of the fantastic school culture and climate we have throughout each of our buildings and throughout our great community. I am also very proud of the fact that we have stretched our dollars and run a lean operation.

I take great pride in sharing the continued accom-

plishments 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. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to adapt to legislation and focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

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

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Jeffrey N. Layton
Superintendent

Northwestern Local Schools

Two Incumbent Board of Education members running to retain their seats

Northwestern has two Board Members running – each desires to continue to serve and retain their current seats.

Incumbent Board member Paula Abrecht will be a write-in candidate to retain her seat as Board of Education Member. An error on the application resulted in her write-in status rather than being named on the ballot.

Incumbent Board member Laura Woodring is named on the ballot as a candidate to retain her seat as Board of Education Member. Both of these two Board of Education Members have served our students and community well during prior and current service!

District News

Dismal Results for Vouchers

Our question for us is "why do our Ohio legislators continue robbing dollars from Quality Public Schools such as ours with most of these funds going to low-performing charter schools?" Often these are online charter schools which have not taken attendance and where students have not completed classwork.

The evidence is in, and it does not support the case for vouchers. Is it possible that legislators value the huge campaign contributions over the good use of public tax dollars?

The continued push for school vouchers, which transfer scarce taxpayer dollars out of public education and into private schools, is "a triumph of ideology over evidence," according to a recent story in Long Island's Newsday.

The story points to a Brookings Institution report on four rigorous studies: "On average, students that use vouchers to attend private schools do less well on tests than similar students that do not attend private schools." Information such as this is difficult to dig up. Although vouchers and charter school advocates ground their arguments on demands for test-based accountability, the Newsday account reports that 70% of the largest voucher programs either don't require students to take standardized tests or don't make the results publicly available.

District Finances – Inconsistency is the New Normal Due to State Funding

Over my 28 years in education and 23 years as a school administrator I have never observed the lack of predictability in regard to school revenue. By reading below you can get a glimpse of these numerous variants. In addition, we are often blind-sided by mid-year requirements and financial changes in rules by the Ohio Dept. of Education that are unanticipated.

As has been the norm over the past 7 years, the only consistency in public school finances has been our local tax dollar revenue. We have observed the state of Ohio has been increasingly creative in the way they secretly reduce funding to public education over the past 7 years. We continue due diligence in spending and do so under watchful eyes.

- State funding has waned and been, in essence, flat-lined over the past 7 years (yet costs continue to escalate).

- Ohio has reduced transportation funding for rural schools.

- Ohio has decreased their funds for support-related costs (such as ESC supports, Preschool funds, etc.) which has resulted in school district having to pay these costs (thus an end-all reduction in funding).

- CCP (College Credit Plus) cost burden shift onto the backs of local school districts. This has essentially now become a cash cow for participating colleges. We are proud of the successes of our students participating in CCP and support the financial savings this can provide for parents, we have more students than ever participating in full-time CCP courses at colleges, which costs the district huge financial dollars. However, often we have students taking courses on college campuses that we offer for college credit here in our building at substantially lower costs to the district. The state does not allow us to direct enrollment to our classes in these cases. Also, the state requires the schools to pay for high textbook costs as well as the tuition, which should not be the case.

- Over the past several years the lower home valuations has hurt our tax collections while about the same time increased CAUV agricultural value calculations has slightly helped our tax collections. These have essentially been in balance.

- The district is likely to lose substantial tax dollars with a state change in formula regarding CAUV agricultural value calculations, which is on the horizon. We are unsure as yet as to the amount of the specific funding reductions that will affect us.

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

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

- Employee costs (most notably health care cost increases) always go up. Thanks to the understanding of our employees and the common sense fiscal management of the district administration and Board of Education, the district has been averaging 1% annual raises the past decade – even the past few years, while we have all seen other area schools and cities increasing salaries between 2%-3%. However, even a 1% increase annually adds significant costs to the district.

What has helped Northwestern sustain adequate funding:

- Consistently strong incoming open enrollment students and the related revenue.

- The passed emergency levy that took effect last July (this was the levy amount that was passed to essentially replace the former HS Bond Levy from the 1990s). This amount was a reduction from the amount of the original HS Bond Levy, but has been sorely needed!

- Grant Funding – We received @ \$1,000,000 of grant funding in 2016, for example, and over \$100,000 already this school year.

- We have strategically and painstakingly planned our STEM and Career Pathway Programs as well as provided necessary faculty training in order to obtain substantial additional federal Career & Technical Education weighted funding to ensure adequate funds for the sustainability of these programs.

In the end, due to these numerous factors all calculated and coming into play above and high costs

DISTRICT FINANCES, continued

of HVAC upgrades over the past few years we were in the red as far as expenditures exceeding revenue this past 16-17SY.

There are also many additional factors that play into our state and federal revenue, such as the possibility of major federal funding reductions for Title I (low wealth) and IDEA (special education) funding for public schools. The latest 5-year forecast predicts funding carryover balance to run-out in 2.5 years. Historically, the 5-year forecast has predicted the carryover balance to run-out in 3 years. We continue to walk the tightrope with district finances while also balancing the best personnel, best programs, and continued educational excellence and opportunities for each of our students!

From "Ohio Equity & Adequacy" Newsletter

Reliance on property tax the same as in year of first DeRolph decision.

In an October 2, 2017 10th Period post, Steve Dyer points out 55.62 percent of school revenue now comes from property tax, the same percentage as the year of the first Ohio Supreme Court decision in DeRolph. If the \$935 million transferred to charters is removed, the local percentage increases to 57 percent.

The Court, in DeRolph, identified four factors that contribute to the unworkability of the system and must be eliminated. The two most compelling factors were the operation of the school foundation program and the emphasis on property tax in the funding formula. Obviously the formula cannot be "fixed" until the emphasis on property tax is greatly reduced.

The solution to both equity and adequacy is to increase the percentage of the revenue provided by the state to, in the range of 70%.

To compound the problem for local property taxpayers, the state has reduced the local government fund significantly. The rainy day fund has been bankrolled by reductions to schools and other local governments.

Northwestern Schools "Home of the Huskies"



SB 39 would hold e-schools not sponsored by a school district accountable for recording, calculating and reporting attendance

SB 39 had a second hearing before the Senate Education Committee on September 27. Belpre Superintendent Tony Dunn, BASA's Tom Ash, OSBA's Jay Smith, BATS's Brittney Alexander, PEP's Jeanne Melvin and OEA's Matt Dodson testified in favor of the bill.

SB 39 is a comprehensive bill that would likely put e-schools like ECOT and K-12 Inc.'s Ohio Virtual Academy out of business because they would be paid only for students that are participating. For a decade and a half, some charter e-schools have been collecting per pupil funding on the basis of enrollment rather than participation. In other words, a very high percentage of their students are in violation of the compulsory attendance law.

Unfortunately, this bill will likely not pass because state officials in charge of state government will hold it hostage. Campaign contributions will determine the fate of this bill. Notwithstanding the dim prediction of passage, it is incumbent on the public education community to lobby for it.

Hopefully SB 39 will have more hearings. Regardless, public school advocates should contact their legislators to express support.

Google Ohio Equity and Adequacy and register for their e-mails to remain informed of this ongoing threat to our public education. Ohio Alerts Text alerts Provider Change

Ohio Alerts is no longer providing this product as of January 1. Therefore we have been working to find a replacement text alert product. The Wayne County Emergency Management Agency is working with all area schools for a comprehensive program that they utilize. We are not sure at this time if this will have an e-mail component in addition to the text alerts component as our current provider has..

The replacement product will be determined and shared by Dec. 1. The registration process and address will be posted on our website as well as communicated through the OhioAlerts System.

Watch for it!

EMERGENCY DELAY OR CANCELLATION DAYS

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

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



"Home of the Huskies"



WEATHER CANCELLATIONS, continued ...

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 (9:15 a.m.) or Elem. may begin with a 2-hour delay (11:00 a.m.).

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

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

Northwestern as a STEM Exemplar and our Continuous STEM Education Journey



Kelly Woodruff & Jacki Zody getting ready to present about "The Northwestern-Led Rural STEM LDC 5-District Collaborative" at the National PLTW Summit in Orlando! Way to represent Northwestern and Ohio STEM Education! We not only learn from these professional development opportunities, we also present & share as exemplars having the best K-12 STEM program in the nation!



Four NW teachers, Kelly Woodruff, Jacki Zody, Tim Black and administrator, Jeff Layton, shared and learned at the National PLTW Summit! Lots to share others and lots to learn as we grow and continually improve our Northwestern STEM education!

Leo D. Welty Scholarship

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 guidance office of Northwestern High School or may be downloaded from the district website. All applications must be returned by December 1st.

DON'T MISS OUT!!

On Tuesday, November 21 will be Husky Night at the Chipotle in Wooster. Treat yourself to dinner that night from 5-9pm and a portion of the proceeds will be given to the junior class. A flyer will be coming soon and is required in order for us to get the credit.

Jr. Class Post Prom will be selling CR Blooms punch cards from November 21 - December 18. These make great Christmas presents! They are only \$25 and you get flowers once a month for a year!

Northwestern Staff Spotlight

New Employees

INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

Name: Jennifer Beckler
Family: Husband, Greg; Children: Lane, Luke, and Aden
Pets: dog-Gracie
High School Graduated from: Ashland High School
Hobbies: reading, baking and activities with my family
Recently Read Books: Anne of Green Gables and The Women in the Castle
Favorite Movie: Whatever my children like at the time!



Favorite Restaurant: Coccia House
Favorite Sports Team: Not a sports fan, I prefer to watch my kids play. Few people know that I walked on the Great Wall of China! My greatest hero is my Grandma.
 My favorite Scripture is Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Word of Wisdom: Surround yourself with people that can encourage you to be the person you want to be.

SPANISH TEACHER

Name: Justina Fleming
Family: Parents, Curt & Karen Fleming, older sister, Jessica and Fiance, Jackson Martinez
High School Graduated from: Norwayne High School
College Graduated from: Ashland University
Recently Read Books: The End of Me by Kyle Idleman
Favorite Movie: Bajo La misma (Under the Same Moon), The Harry Potter series
Favorite Restaurant: El Cerrito taco truck in Orrville
Favorite Sports Team: Professional: Cleveland Indians
Who inspired me to choose this career path: My sister, for teaching me Spanish as a kid. My Spanish teacher Christine McCall, for giving me the love and knowledge of the language/culture. My band director Eric Ratica, for being an example of how to make a difference and love what you do. Few people know that I wanted to learn Spanish to gossip about my parents with my sister and marry a Spanish speaker.
 My greatest hero is my grandpa.
 My greatest phobia is frogs/toads.
My favorite Quote/Phrase: "If you learn a language you learn about a people. If you learn about a people, you learn about yourself."
Words of Wisdom: Just because you've always been someone's friend doesn't mean you have to be if they're toxic to your well-being. Cutting out toxic people opens yourself up to the joy and happiness you've been missing out on.

AC/TUTOR

Name: Nick Buss
High School Graduated from: Waynedale High School
College Graduated from: The University of Akron
Hobbies: Playing and watching sports, spending quality time with friends
Recently Read Books: The Ables by Jeremy Scott, You Suck, Sir by Paul Bae
Favorite Movie: The entire Indiana Jones trilogy (minus the newer one.)
Favorite Restaurant: City Square Steak House
Favorite Sports Team: College: The Ohio State Buckeyes Professional: The Cleveland Browns
 The best thing about Northwestern is the closeness of the staff and the wonderful atmosphere in the school.
Who inspired me to choose this career path: Many wonderful teachers in my career as a student and, of course, my mother. Also, that time I job shadowed Tom Ryder when I was a senior in high school was pretty neat. Few people know that I was once a member of a moderately successful, high school boy band.
My favorite Quote/Phrase: "I expect to pass this way but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing that I can do for a fellow being, let me do it now and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again" - William Penn
 My greatest accomplishment is becoming an Eagle Scout.
 Words of Wisdom Let it be*



COOK

Name: Erin Boehm
Family: Ron, Philip, Alexander and Erin
Pets: Stray cats
High School Graduated from: Cloverleaf High School
Hobbies: Baking
Recently Read Books: The Girl on the Train
Favorite Movie: Kill Bill
Favorite Restaurant: The Outback
Favorite Sports Team: College: OSU Professional: Cleveland Browns
 The best thing about Northwestern is all the wonderful teachers.
 Who inspired me to choose this career path: my mom
 Few people know that I hate to put away clean clothes.
 My greatest hero is my husband Ron.
 My greatest phobia is big hairy spiders.
 My greatest accomplishment is being a mother!



Northwestern Staff Spotlight

New Employees

CUSTODIAN

Name: Michele Hall

Family: son, Harland and daughter Clarice

Pets: German Shepherd, Paisley

High School Graduated from: Lakeland High School

Hobbies: Photography, gardening and hiking

Recently Read Books: Photography 101

Favorite Movie: The Blindside

Favorite Restaurant: The Oaks Lakeside

Favorite Sports Team: College: The Ohio State Buckeyes Professional: NY Giants

The best thing about Northwestern is the community and caring people.

My greatest hero is my son and daughter

My favorite Quote/Phrase: Many hands make light work

My greatest accomplishment is raising my children

Words of Wisdom: Be Kind



CUSTODIAN

Name: Larry Sadzewicz

Family: Wife, Lyn; daughter, Kaylee; son, David and son, Isaac

Pets: 2 dogs: Tiny and Buddy, 1 cat: Broken Arrow

High School Graduated from: Medina High School

Hobbies: ATV's, Motorcycles, camping and hiking

Recently Read Books: What God Said by Neale Donald Walsch

Favorite Movie: the Matrix

Favorite Restaurant: Basil

Favorite Sports Team: Huskies of course!! College: Michigan

The best thing about Northwestern are the people!

My greatest hero is Isaac Sadzewicz

My favorite Quaoote/Phrase/Scripture: Love is the answer

My greatest accomplishment is raising my children and seeing their accomplishments.

Words of Wisdom: "Freedom is not worth fighting for it it means no more than license for everyone to get as much as he can for himself." Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Sarah Tucker - Profile - continued

My greatest phobia are snakes.

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture: Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God

My greatest accomplishment is serving in the mission field in Haiti.

Words of Wisdom: pursue your dreams no one else will do that for you!

My greatest hero is Joe Linden (missionary), he is humble, kind and selfless.



AGRICULTURE

Name: Levi Myers

Family: Parents, Cory & Melissa and younger brother attending OSU

Pets: 1 dog and 8 draft horses

High School Graduated from: Plymouth High School

College Graduated from: Wilmington College

Hobbies: Showing horses at several fairs across Ohio, Indiana and Michigan

Recently Read Books: Juggling Elephants - Jones Loflin

Favorite Movie: Silence of the Lambs

Favorite Restaurant: Outback Steakhouse

Favorite Sport Team: College: The Ohio State Buckeyes Professional: Cleveland Indians

The best thing about Northwestern is the combination of what students can be involved in. Where I come from the kids are pretty polarized. They do one sport, activity, or club and that is it, here students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of activities.

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My Ag teacher, Laura Ringle. She was the one who originally taught me about agriculture and instilled a passion for ag from an early age.

My greatest hero is my grandparents who were farmers who came from a poor background and have worked to be successful.

My greatest phobia is atychiphobia, the fear of complete failure.

My favorite Quote/Phrase: "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." - C.S. Lewis

My greatest accomplishment is: Creating, funding and facilitating the largest Draft Haflinger and Draft Pony show in the United States for the past two years.

PARAPRO

Name: Sarah Tucker

Family: husband, Jim & son, Chantz Pagniano

Pets: 2 dogs Kobe and Oscar

High School Graduated from: Dalton High School

College Graduated from: The University of Akron

Hobbies: Crossfit, gardening, reading and cooking

Recently Read Books: City of Mirrors by Justin Cronin

Favorite Movie: Stand by Me

Favorite Restaurant: Anything Italian

Favorite Sports Team: College: Ohio State Buckeyes Professional: Green Bay Packers

The best thing about Northwestern is the way that the staff and the students make you feel like family.



Northwestern Staff Spotlight

New Employees

PARAPRO

Name: Allison Dunn

Family: I have an older brother Matthew, who is getting married in February to a 2009 Northwestern Grad Ashley Whittlesey.

Name of parents: Matt and Gayle Dunn

Pets: A dachshund named Lariat

High School Graduated from: Triway High School

College Graduated From: The Ohio State University

Hobbies: I enjoy cooking, playing darts, spending quality time with my dog and spending time with my family and boyfriend Talon.

Recently Read Books: What Made Maddy Run by Kate Fagan

Favorite Movie: Pitch Perfect

Favorite Restaurant: Applebees

Favorite Sports Team: College: The Ohio State University Buckeyes
Professional: Cleveland Browns

The best thing about Northwestern is: all of the staff, because we all work together as a family and everyone has been incredibly helpful and welcoming from the very beginning.

Who inspired me to choose this career path: Jackie Zody. I always wanted to pick a career that I loved and where I would be able to help students enjoy school as much as I did. She also encouraged me to coach volleyball because I learned so much from her as my high school volleyball coach at Triway and wanted to use that knowledge and skill to work with younger girls to get better every single day.

Few people know that I: drive a new car almost every single day, because my dad owns a car dealership in Wooster in

My greatest heroes are: my parents and Rachel Beun.

My greatest phobia is: hearing other people chew on food.

My greatest accomplishment is: finding the career that I love and on the path to graduating college again to be an Intervention Specialist.

LuAnn Stefaniuk Profile, continued

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My parents through their example of caring for others.

Few people know that I... grew up in a family where my parents foster parented many girls.

My greatest phobia is... being bitten by a shark.

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Words of Wisdom... Anything worth doing is worth doing well. (A phrase my dad said to my sisters and me often).



ART

Name: Erin Nussbaum

Family: Kim and Connie, my two rad parents, and Emily, my amazing younger sister.

Name of parents: Kim and Connie Nussbaum

Pets: I adopted my furry best friend named Angel five years ago. She is a 7 year old black lab.

High School Graduated from: Waynedale

College Graduated From: University of Akron

Hobbies: Riding motorcycles, creating art, hiking with Angel, camping, traveling, exploring museums, going to concerts, and napping.

Recently Read Books: How to be a Wildflower by Katie Daisy

Favorite Movie: The Harry Potter series

Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden, because who doesn't love free breadsticks?

Favorite Sports Team: I am not a sports fan, however, go Huskies!

The best thing about Northwestern is... The ability and encouragement to be creative!

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My two high school art teachers, Ronda Shultzman and Leah Smith (Northwestern High School art teacher!)

Few people know that I... Love tattoos and did a short tattoo apprenticeship.

My greatest phobia is... Spiders

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." -John Muir

My greatest accomplishment is... Receiving the Outstanding Art Education Award at the University of Akron

Words of Wisdom... Be proud of who you are and always celebrate everyone's uniqueness.



GUIDANCE

Name: Lu Ann L. Stefaniuk

Family: 2 sons (Ross and Alex)

Name of parents: Ron and Jan Stuart

Pets: Libby (cat) and Izzie (dog) -both very spoiled!

High School Graduated from: Ashland High School

College Graduated From: Undergrad: Ashland University, Graduate: Ashland Theological Seminary and The Ohio State University

Hobbies: Flower gardening and lots of reading

Recently Read Books: The Zookeeper's Wife

Favorite Movie: There are too many good movies to choose a favorite

Favorite Restaurant: Cheddar's

Favorite Sports Team: College: none Professional: none

The best thing about Northwestern is... the dedication to providing a 21st century education to their students.



Northwestern Staff Spotlight

New Employees

Name: Alison Fiala

Family: Married to Brent Fiala

Children: Cayden 6th grade, Logan 4th grade, Briella 2nd grade

Name of parents: Ed and Jackie Masonis

Pets: Two dogs, Dexter and Millie

High School Graduated from: Cloverleaf

Hobbies: I enjoy watching sporting events, especially if my kids are playing! I also enjoy cooking and baking.

Favorite Movie: Gone with the Wind

Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden

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

The best thing about Northwestern is that the community is always at the ready to help other community members in need or crisis.

Few people know that I played tennis in High School.

My greatest hero is my mother. She has never let her illness or other obstacles stop her from doing the things she loves.

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture is "You cannot have a positive outcome with a negative mindset".

My greatest accomplishment is being a mother. I am so proud of my children's accomplishments. I am grateful I get to be a part of their lives and help them grow into responsible and caring people.

Words of Wisdom: Be the reason someone smiles today! This posted in several classrooms, and I love it. A simple kind word or gesture can make someone's day much brighter!

Name: Joelyn Allhouse

Family: My husband's name is Ben. We have been married for 24 years. We have three children who attend Northwestern Local School District. Jordan is a sophomore in high school. Shayna is an eighth grader, and Jared is in the second grade.

Name of parents: Charles (deceased) and Martha Steiner

Pets: I have one dog named Lady and a goldfish named Chewy.

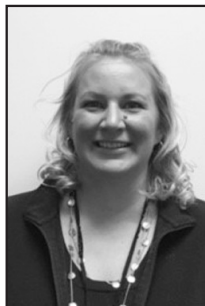
High School Graduated from: Northwestern High School

College Graduated From: Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with my husband and children, playing card games, ping pong, and volleyball, going for walks in the outdoors, and spending time with friends.

Recently Read Books: A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah and One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp

Favorite Movie: Sound of Music



Name: Teresa Harbaugh

Family: Husband Ernie & Boys- Aiden 2 years old & Austin 15 months old

Name of parents: Ken Guinta (my mom is deceased)

Pets: dog, Casey (a Great Dane)

High School Graduated from: Highland High School, Medina Ohio

College Graduated From: The University of Akron B.S. in Education & Baldwin-Wallace College M.A. in Education

Hobbies: cooking & baking

Recently Read Books:

Talented Children and Adults: Their Development and Education by Jane Piirto

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown & countless other children's books

Favorite Movie: any movie on the Hallmark Channel

Favorite Restaurant: LongHorn Steakhouse

Favorite Sports Team: College: Ohio State Buckeyes Professional: Cleveland Cavaliers

The best thing about Northwestern is- the staff!

Few people know that- my nickname is Tessie and I have been called that since I was born.

My greatest hero is- my father

My greatest phobia is- getting burned

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture- "A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, & wisdom in the pupils."

Ever Garrison

My greatest accomplishment is: my children

Words of Wisdom- A smile is contagious, don't leave home with it!

Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden

Favorite Sports Team: College: Ohio State Buckeyes

Professional: Cleveland Cavaliers and Indians

The best thing about Northwestern is... how everyone works together to help the students reach their highest potential.

Who inspired me to choose this career path: My mom inspired me to teach children while tutoring students in her first grade classroom when in the sixth grade.

Few people know that I... am normally left-handed, but I chose to bat in softball right-handed.

My greatest hero is... my mom who raised me on her own with God's help after my dad died when I was 15 years old.

My greatest phobia is... snakes

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.... You hem me in-- behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me." Psalm 139:1-2, 5

My greatest accomplishment is... teaching and training my own children to serve God.





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

Hello from Northwestern High School,

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

We continue to look to provide opportunities for our students. Students have many opportunities to connect to things of interest for them or to try something new. FFA has historically been a strong program at our school and this trend continues. We are excited to have the Greenhouse moving in to productive use. One of the first projects includes growing poinsettia plants for the holiday season. We are working to get some bugs worked out of the hydroponic system. In the near future, we will have a link on the webpage to show the amount of energy generated from the solar panels and from the wind turbine, as we think that this may be useful information for individuals considering incorporating these technologies into residential use.

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

We will be starting the second semester session of ACT test Prep at the high school. Please contact the Guidance office if you are interested.

Northwestern High School News

The study sessions are built into the day on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the husky period. The cost is \$100, which covers the cost of the materials. Students in the CCP Chemistry class will not be available for some of these periods due to extended Chemistry classes.

Upcoming events at the high school include the following:

The drama program, under Elizabeth Crabtree's direction, is working to get a fall production ready. This year's fall production is *The Adam's Family!* We are very proud of the continued growth of our drama program. They have shown the talent and tenacity to bring Musicals back to our school. The dates for this production are November 17-19. Following this they will shift their focus to this winter's one act play.

We will have a Veteran's Day program at 10:19 a.m. on November 13th, in the high school theater. This is open to all veterans and community members. We chose this time for the assembly as we also extend an open invitations to all Veterans and guests to stay for a complimentary lunch.

There is a public performance for our NHS Talent Show on November 21st @ 7:00 p.m. in the high school theater. This program will be incorporated into the school day on Wednesday, November 22nd, as well.

On November 29th we will be inducting new members into the National Honor Society and we will be issuing Academic Letters to our top scholars. This program is at 7:00 in the theater and is open to the community. We hope to see you there!

The Choir will be performing for the community on December 6th and the Band will have their concert on December 18th. Both of these programs begin at 7:00 p.m., in the high school theater, with the Middle School performing first. You are welcome to come early for the entire concert or come a little later for an opportunity to transition into the theater when some of the parents and students from the Middle School exit. As usual, we anticipate a full theater for these events.

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

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

Run for Your Life 5k & Fun Walk. This race is a fundraiser to benefit the Northwestern HS Jr. class of 2019 for Post Prom. It will take place on November 11, 2017 behind the Elementary with registration beginning at 10am and the race to begin at 11am. The cost is \$20 pre-registration and \$25 the day of the race. T-shirts guaranteed for the first 20 to register.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY LIST

The Northwestern Local School District proudly displays pictures and names of alumni who are active duty Military. We would like to thank all alumni and community members who have served in the past or who are currently serving our country in a branch of the US Military.

Our current list includes:

Air Force	Mitchell L Dillon Class of 2012
Air Force	Bailey Allen Class of 2016
Army	Steve Clason Class of 1990
Army	Tyler G Austin Class of 2017
Marines	Seth Shields Class of 2012
Marines	Kyle Allen Class of 2013
Marines	Tyler A. Smith Class of 2013
Marines	Kandis Starkey Class of 2013
Marines	Mike Crebs Class of 2014
Marines	Aaron Volcansek Class of 2014
Marines	Richard Starkey Class of 2015
Marines	Mason Kidd Class of 2016
Marines	Tristan Ammon Class of 2017
Marines	Cory Leighty Class of 2017
Marines	Corey Mink Class of 2017
Navy	Joshua Hastings Class of 2001
Navy	Chad Swysgood Class of 2014
Navy	Tristan Weaverling Class of 2014
Navy	Richard Power Class of 2015

We are aware of other alumni who are currently serving in the Military but we can only display what we have. Any help securing a picture of active duty military alumni, in uniform, is appreciated. We can print a picture from a jpeg, as well.

If we have an individual listed as active duty who is no longer active duty, please let us know. We would like to keep this display as accurate as possible.



Stay Informed

Northwestern Staff Spotlight ***New Employees***

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

Name: Kevin Brazee

Family: Wife – Pam Children – Gary, Amanda and Sarah
Grandchildren – Gabbie, Addie and Wyatt

Name of parents: Ross & Jean Brazee

Pets: 2 - Diesel (Jack Russel) Elwood (Cat)

High School Graduated from: Triway

College Graduated From: Attended North Central State College and Community College of the Air Force

Hobbies: Woodworking

Recently Read Books: Terry Brooks - Armageddon's Children

Favorite Movie: Christmas Vacation

Favorite Restaurant: Texas Roadhouse

Favorite Sports Team: College: Michigan State Professional: Steelers

The best thing about Northwestern is... The friendliness of the staff and students and all of the available technology!

Who inspired me to choose this career path: A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away.... A Jedi Tech named Don Clifton.

My greatest hero is... John Wayne

My greatest phobia is... Public speaking... I'm getting better though

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... We're burning daylight

Words of Wisdom... Don't put all your eggs in one basket, and don't put all your data on one flash drive.



Class of 2018:

Senior photos and baby pictures are due by Friday, January 3, 2018. Please submit digitally, if possible, by sending a .jpg to nrws_khudson@tccsa.net. You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this email, your photos have not been received (please make arrangements with your photographer if they will be emailing the photos). You may also share photos ONLY (no docs or PDFs) with Mrs. Hudson using the NW Google Drive. If necessary, hard copies of photos will be accepted. You may drop those off in the high school office in an envelope with your name printed on it. Contact Mrs. Hudson at nrws_khudson@tccsa.net with questions.

Winter Sports Schedule



Northwestern Middle School



7th /8th Boys Basketball

11/14 S-West Holmes - 5:30
 11/16 S-Loudonville - 5:00
 12/4 @ Norwayne - 4:30
 12/7 JR Lea - 4:30
 12/11 @ Dalton - 4:30
 12/14 @ Chippewa - 4:30
 12/16 Lucas - 10:00
 12/18 Greene - 4:30
 12/21 @ Rittman - 4:30
 1/4 Hillsdale - 5:00
 1/8 Norwayne - 4:30
 1/11 @ JR Lea - 4:30
 1/17 Dalton - 4:30
 1/18 Chippewa - 4:30
 1/22 @ Greene - 4:30
 1/25 Rittman - 4:30
 1/29 @ Hillsdale - 5:00
 1/30 Ashland - 5:00
 2/3 7 WCAL Tourney @ Rittman
 8 WCAL Tourney @ JR Lea
 2/6 7 WCAL Tourney @ Rittman
 8 WCAL Tourney @ JR Lea
 2/10 7 WCAL Tourney @ Rittman
 8 WCAL Tourney @ JR Lea

7th/ 8th Girls Basketball

11/14 S-@ West Holmes - 5:30
 11/27 @ Rittman - 4:30
 11/30 Hillsdale - 5:00
 12/4 Norwayne - 4:30
 12/7 @ JR Lea - 4:30*
 12/11 Dalton - 4:30
 12/14 Chippewa - 4:30
 12/16 @ Lucas - 10:00
 12/18 @ Greene - 4:30
 12/21 Rittman - 4:30
 1/4 @ Hillsdale - 5:00
 1/8 @ Norwayne - 4:30
 1/11 JR Lea - 4:30
 1/17 @ Dalton - 4:30
 1/18 @ Chippewa - 4:30
 1/20 @Perrysville - TBA
 1/22 Greene - 4:30
 1/27 7 WCAL Tourney @ Norwayne
 8 WCAL Tourney @ Dalton
 1/30 7 WCAL Tourney @ Norwayne
 8 WCAL Tourney @ Dalton
 2/3 7 WCAL Tourney @ Norwayne
 8 WCAL Tourney @ Dalton

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

- * Cross Country Awards Night
November 2, 2017 6:30 p.m. Commons
- * Cheerleader Awards
November 7, 2017 5:00 p.m. Library
- * Football Awards
November 19, 2017 7:00 p.m. Theater
- * Winter Sports Athletic Picture Day
November 16, 2017 3:30 p.m.
- * Boys Soccer Awards Night
November 16, 2017 6:30 p.m.
- * Girls Soccer Awards Night
November 21, 2017 7:00 p.m.

MS Wrestling

12/7 Tri w/ Orrville/Wooster - 5:00
 12/9 @ Chippewa Classic - 7:30
 12/15 @ JB Firestone - 4:00
 12/30 @JH Redbird - 9:30
 1/6 @South Central - 9:00
 1/12 - 13 @Kaderly Classic - 5:30/10:00
 1/20 @West Holmes - 10:00
 1/27 WCAL @ Hillsdale - 10:00



OHSAA Mission

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's education. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

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Northwestern High School Honor and Merit Roll

1st Nine Weeks
2017-18



1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER

Seniors: Jared Alberts, Emily Bouffard, Garrett Dever, Justin Ebert, Aaron Eicher, Emily Finley, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Nicolas Grassman, Caleb Groves, Peyton Hendricks, Hannah Kardohely, Margaret Linder, Rae Rempher, Nicole Russell, Hunter Stidham, Cody Tegtmeier, Amaya White, Austen Wood

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

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

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

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Abigail Copsey, Taylor Dawson, Derick DuVall, Jr., Jordan Gilbert, Isabella Gill, David Miley, Mykenzie Snyder, Hayden Tiliske, Devin Whisman

Juniors: Weslea Arthur, Trenton Boatner, Tanner Carlson, Avery Crumley, Peyton Edwards, Isabella Flickinger, Alexis Hall, Raini Hershey, Cody Morrow, Caleb Purdy, Alexandra Rowe, Cael Rowland, Claire Vaughan

Sophomores: Elliot Coffman, Phillip Howman, Savannah Hunt, Natalie Marenno, Robert Martin, Makenzie Nowell, Abigail Ramseyer, Cal Rhamy, Sarah Roder, Kenneth Strait

Freshmen: Eleanore Bond, Brandon Casto, Robert Soueid, Betty Stevens, Riley Stull, Brooklyn Woodruff

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Holli Asbury, Jessica Bair, Bryce Beery, Ian Castor, Dylan Coffman, Madison Cook, Tyler Ewing, Brandon Feist, Maria Fortune, Dylan Frybarger, Skyla Harp, Ariel Harper, Jacob Hudson, Hunter Kanzeg, Jared Leasure, Devon Malcomb, Chianne Neider, Michael Nutter, Isaiah Peterson, Kyle Piscione, April Strait, Adam Tanner, Alyssa Toppins, Nicole Winkler

Juniors: Alexis Arnette, Danielle Ballinger, Aubrey Bodager, Nicholas Burns, Morgyn Cosgriff, Daniel Dietrich, Jacey Fulton, Jeffrey Guidetti, Malibu Hess, Nicholas Howman, Alora Hughes, Christopher Kovacs, Tori McConnell, James McLaurin, Carter Melicant, Jessica Moats, Joren Rickard, Camilo Rogers, Bethanie Schaefer, Jalen Severs, Shane Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Jack Triplett

Sophomores: Shelby Anderson, Jayla Berry, Lindsay Boak, Kyle Boreman, Jett Conley, Jordan Deming, Kevin Diaz, Skylar Edington, Garrett Franks, Avery Garver, Rebecca Hall, Brooke Hinton, Nathaniel Hudson, Isabella Ingraham, Hailey Jaquet, Treyton Jester, Allison Kandel, Matthew Kobak, Chase Leighty, Riley Massengill, Sasha McConahay, Grace McCullough, Justin McElfresh, Tia Miles, Lawrence Noble, Justin O'Brien, Tucker Ott, Kaitlyn Praisler, Hailey Reed, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Ceili Smith, Lydia Smith, Montana Stidham, Makayla Stormer, Madison Wallace, Haley Webb, Matthew Yates

3rd Honors continued

Freshmen: Rilee Ammon, Wyatt Arthur, Cassidy Brown, Max Carlson, James Cooke, Tyler Farnar, Chase Fry, Brooke Frybarger, Mercedes Gecking, Juan Gendron-Olalde, Rosa Ixcoy-Sica, Jason Markley, Cole McClure, Mary Nixon, Noah Pack, Dakota Rainsberger, Breanna Slanczka, Jacob Teal, Tamar Walton, Kylie Wellert, Cole Wharton

Northwestern Staff Spotlight

New Employees

BUS DRIVER

Name: Heather Griffiths

Family: 4 daughters, 1 son, 2 granddaughters, 1 grandson

Name of parents: Scott & Debbie Oring/Brenda Oring

Pets: 2 dogs

High School Graduated from: Cloverleaf

Hobbies: listening to music, spending time with my family

Recently Read Books: Twilight and the Last Song

Favorite Movie: The Notebook

Favorite Restaurant: Red Lobster

The best thing about Northwestern is... the people, they are friendly and caring

Who inspired me to choose this career path: my husband

My favorite Quote/Phrase/Scripture... Treat people the way you want to be treated.

Words of Wisdom... Don't judge a book by its cover.





Mr. Joey Brightbill
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal

Message from Mr. Brightbill

The second grading period is among us as we bring the first quarter to a close. We have a lot to share as we continue to grow as a team in the four areas of effectiveness: High Expectations, Continuous Improvement, School Environment and Relationships.

Academically, we continue to set high expectations focusing on assessment design, aligning curriculum maps to new standards and implementing higher Depth of Knowledge (DOK) questions. 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, we are implementing DOK level 1-3 types of questions on a daily basis either instructionally or in assessment form (Formative and Summative). DOK level 4 types of questions are being achieved through projects, experiments and Problem Based Learning (PBL) Units. Please see the chart on Depth of Knowledge to understand what DOK may look like and what types of questions are at each level.

This academic school year, we have made several changes by adapting to a new bell schedule, adding more advanced courses to the master schedule, as well as, building in time for remediation to reteach concepts and standards. Our staff is involved with not only enhancing their knowledge with classroom content to share with students, but participating in several grants, book clubs and cohorts such as: Army Education Outreach Program (AEOP), Blended Learning/PBL grant, Gifted Cohort 2, Science LDC, Project Lead the Way and several others. Also, staff members and administrators are participating in two book clubs, reading "Advancing Differentiation" and "Bold School" to further our knowledge in both blended learning and differentiation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

As noted above, NMS has implemented a new bell schedule this year to align better with the high school for middle school students taking high school courses and staff teaching those courses. We wanted to increase the effectiveness of extra help to cut down on the overall number of missing assignments, provide more time for remediation and independent projects and allow for more opportunities to take different courses throughout the day. We continue to gain feedback from the staff, parents and students to implement new ideas and address areas of improvement. This year, we will be sending out surveys to focus groups to gain information, feedback and data to take back to various committees to review.

Relationships across the building, district and the community are the key to academic success. As expectations continue to rise, we need to continue to work together as a team, both academically and socially. As we speak to our students about accountability, effort and respect for one another, we need parents to continue to drive this same message at home as well.

Thank you for your continued support at NMS.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

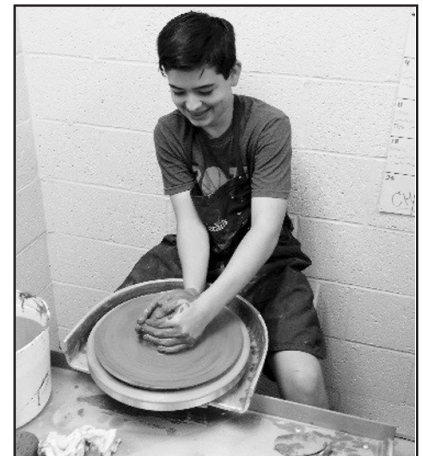
- Nov. 2 Early Release - Teacher meeting 2:00
- Nov. 13 OSBA Capital conference
- Veterans Day Assembly 8:40-9:15 am
- Nov. 16 Early Release - Teacher meeting 2:00
- Nov. 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 7 Early Release - Teacher meeting 2:00
- Dec. 20 Talent Show
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 2 Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 School reconvenes
- Jan. 12 End of 2nd Nine Weeks

The Jr. Class Post Parents have started their annual clothing fundraiser. Order forms are available in the Information Rack. Sample clothing is on display in the office! All orders are due November 22.

The 2017 Elks Hoop-Shoot contest, sponsored by Wooster Elks Lodge #1346, will be held on Sunday, December 17 at Triway High School at 1:00PM. Entry forms are in the Information Rack.



NMS students using the MakerSpace cart during lunch.



NMS student, Nate Jackson, testing out the new pottery wheel in the 3D Art Class.



NMS Photography class getting instructions from Mr. Black

Middle School News

Academic Honor Roll 1st Nine Weeks 2017-18

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Shayna Allshouse, Arianna Borton Grant Dever, Deanna Devore, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Ariel Hughes, Kathleen Kindall, James Rowe, Allison Rowland, Clara Zemancik

7TH GRADE: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun-Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Melanie Imhoff, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy Morgan Sexten, Ava Stoller, Isabella Vacco, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Hanna Wilson, Samantha Yates

6TH GRADE: Emma Adkison, Grant Bond, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Mikalah Jones, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Julia Norby Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Joshua Webel, Carissa Whisman

All "A" and "B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Weston Arthur, Jacqueline Barrington, Rylee Dawson, Addison DeSanto, Zoey Dudte, Autumn Duncan, Stefanie Ecker, D. Loudon Geiger, Taylor Haley, Gabe Hendricks, Mariah Hill, Cassandra Hiner, Skyler Hines, Jameson Holtz, Faith Jackson, Riley James, Olivia Keener, Margaret McCullough, Paige Melicant, Sarah Miller, Gunnar Mullet, Emma Nicholson, Scarlett Nolletti, Isaac Ott, Aubree Reed, Emily Reed, Shayna Roder, Tori Rogers, Alexis Sandy, Skylar Scott, Rachel Smithberger, Cooper Stephens, Troy Tope, Brennen Topp, Dominic Wallace, Ryan Walter, Nicole Yutzy

7TH GRADE: Brett Alberts, Aubrey Bowersock, Jozielynn Brenner, Gabriel Chupp, Arianna Firebaugh, Collin Good, Karissa Groves, Cole Hoffer, Ryah Karickhoff, Jacquelyn McLaurin, Charleigh McMillan, Kendrick Meuer, Ava O'Loughlin, Julia Ours, Gabriel Pelfrey, Daylie Rickard,

Trenton Sigler, Shelby Thorpe, Lauren Vaughan, Charles Westover, Danielle Wilkes

6TH GRADE: Brandon Barnette, Kirsten Boreman, Leona Buettner, Kara Burgan, Haley Calwell, Hayden Cline, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, John Feldman, Owen Ferriman, Cayden Fiala, Kendra Flickinger, Jacoby Gilbert, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Brianna Lance, Jocelyn Lucas, Benjamin MacFarland, Caleb Mackey, Faith Maiher, Zoey Oldaker, Bradley Randall, Gabriella Ream, Jennie Riffle, Caydence Scale, Easton Thomas, Jonathon Widdows, Connor Winland, Ivy Wintrow, Josie Wright



NMS students are producing a "Live Report" with the "Green Screen" for one of their projects.



NMS Robotics 8 class working with Kindergartners.

6th Grade Science Class – Mrs. Raber

The students are building Electric / Solar Power cars to race for the overall title of the fastest car. The students are in teams of 3 – 5 students. The students have researched information about Transmission (Drive Train & Gear Ratio); Aerodynamics (Cars); Energy (Stored/Motion); Photovoltaic versus Batteries; and Mechanical Power (Friction and Speed). The students chose role positions: Task Master, Time Manager, Cost Analysis, Graphic Designer, and Public Relations. The students are using items from the Maker Space Cart and recycled materials to build their cars. The students are drafting the design of their car and making additional drafts as changes of made to the design. The students are analyzing the cost of the car with a budget of \$25 Raber Bucks. The students will be recording data and learning about Speed, Time, and Distance calculations. The overall winners will compete with the 5th, 7th, and 8th graders to determine who built the fastest car.



Gabby Reams and Jennie Riffle



Luke Walton working on his car in 6th grade Science Class.



One of Mrs. White's E-CYBERMISSION teams with a focus on nutrition.



Winner, Winner!

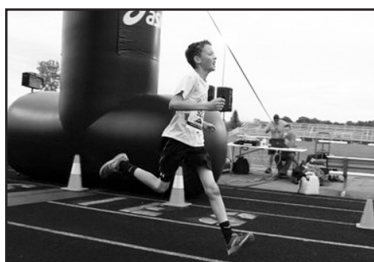


Middle School Highlights

The Whit's End 5K that was organized and executed by the 6th graders was a huge success! Their project began with a Problem Based Learning Unit to solve the problem "How can we take action in a way that we inform, educate, and support our community impacted by cancer? With this as the 6th graders' mission, they designed a graphic organizer for a 5 Paragraph Informational Report in Language Arts.

The research began with healthy cells becoming abnormal (which correlates with the 6th Science curriculum) and then compared the cell differences. Next they chose a cancer of their own preference to research further. Paragraph 2 led in to its symptoms and treatment. They used various resources (Internet, interview with an expert or with someone directly impacted by cancer, books, YouTube video of someone with cancer) Paragraph 3 summarized the Whit's End website after note taking and a presentation in the auditorium by its co-founders, Sandy Kline and Cathy Ballinger. Paragraph 4 explained their personal extension activity they developed to be used during a 5K Event. The possible extension activities could have been: participation in the 5K, sign making, writing to and reaching out to businesses for donations, race post snack table, I had 3 girls that created a face painting pre-race and are asking for a donation that all supports Whit's End, one group made bracelets, another individual made 150 keychains using cancer color symbols for her designs, and some made display boards with their report/pics to have in the cafe the evening of the race. Paragraph 5 shared their thoughts, reflections, and future recommendations throughout the entire process.

It was exciting to feel the energy and to witness them taking ownership of the entire PBL process. They also loved the fact that Mrs. White, their 6th grade English Language Arts teacher and the facilitator throughout the duration, will have to run one mile for each of the 124 applicants. She has completed 90 miles as of 10/25/17. The students raised over \$1400 that will be given to The Whit's End Community Place.



Kade Tegtmeier: First Place Overall Winner with the 5K time of 19:30



Keep going, you're almost to the finish!



Vertical Runner Race management Team



Mrs. Rachel Beun
Northwestern
Middle School
Assistant Principal



Red Ribbon Week

Our middle school students were reminded of the importance of making healthy life decisions during Red Ribbon Week. Students and staff celebrated throughout the week with various spirit days and a Husky Huddle, which discussed the dangers of drug-use. The week ended with a costume day, where both students and staff participated understanding what a treat it is to be drug-free!

Parents and families are encouraged to talk about leading a drug-free lifestyle. Discussing healthy behaviors and 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. Consider looking at the following web-sites for resources and information:

- https://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/makeadiff_html/makediff.htm,
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking/parent-resources/why-you-should-talk-your-child-about-alcohol>,
- <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>
- <https://www.dare.org/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-drugs/>



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS!!

Bullying Prevention Month

Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." In honor of Bullying Prevention Month in October, students at the middle school participated in a Husky Huddle that discussed this quote in regards to treating others with respect. The students discussed the definition of bullying, as well as, the consequences of bullying others. Students were reminded that there is a direct connection between how they treat people and how those behaviors can make a person feel; therefore, impacting how they will be remembered as a person.

When faced with situations that may be considered bullying, students and families should consider the following definition:

"Bullying is when someone (the bully) repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person (the victim) who has a hard time defending himself or herself."

Olweus Bullying Prevention Group 2007

If students or parents feel that they have observed or experienced bullying, they are encouraged to report the incident to the appropriate authorities. If the bullying has occurred at school, students and families should report the incident and details to the school as soon as possible.

As a school district, Northwestern Local School has interventions, resources, and consequences for bullying behaviors. Ultimately, the district strives to protect the well-being of all students, while educating students on the impact of their behaviors and actions. This includes providing support services for all students involved. For additional information about bullying prevention, please consider contacting the school or using the following resources.

Stop Bullying Now: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

National Crime Prevention Council: www.ncpc.org

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center: www.safeyouth.org

Pacer Organization: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/>

Technology Talks

Students today are surrounded by technological tools that link them to the world. With these tools, students must learn to navigate a new set of rules, expectations, and behaviors, which ultimately requires them to exercise a large amount of social responsibility. In order to help students understand this social responsibility and to remain safe while navigating their world with and through technology, middle school students were engaged in a discussion about technology use.

Catholic Charities Marketing Director, Bethany Ream, and State Highway Patrol Sergeant Andrew

Topp, visited the school to review how to appropriately utilize technology, social media, and social conversations through technology (i.e.: social media messages and texting). Mrs. Ream shared social media etiquette, while Sgt. Topp discussed potential consequences for the misuse of technology, such as making threats or sending inappropriate pictures. When using technology, students are encouraged to practice behaviors that keep them safe, such as turning on privacy settings and only accepting requests from individuals they

know. Students are also reminded to think before they post anything on social media or when texting



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with others; reacting or communicating when emotions are elevated can result in negative consequences for everyone involved.

Parents are encouraged to speak to their students frequently about their use of technology, social media, and their social communication. In addition, students' technology and social media use should be regularly monitored by adults to be sure that they are making smart and safe choices when using their devices. If you have any questions regarding this topic or the presentation, please contact Rachel Beun at the Middle School. A special thank you to Bethany Ream and Sgt Topp for sharing their knowledge and expertise with the Middle School!

DRAMA POWERED BY MUSIC

Eighth grade students who took the elective course Drama Powered by Music, visited the elementary school to showcase their final projects with fifth-grade students. For this project, students had to match a musical selection to a movie clip, discussing the impact that the music has on the film. Students shared how music impacts, powers, and communicates emotions, intensity, and "drama" within the film.



Leadership Day

Student leaders from the elementary, middle school (PRIDE Pack), and high school (STARS) joined forces in October in a Leadership training day facilitated by Camp NuHop. Students were engaged in a variety of challenges which encouraged them to communicate, problem-solve, and work as a team to accomplish a goal. Students participated in both small and large group activities, having the ability to intermix with students at every level (elementary through high school). Throughout the day, students were able to learn about leadership while practicing these skills in each of the activities they completed.



CAREERS -- GET READY!!

We have several opportunities for our middle school students to learn about future career opportunities. To increase our success and the positive impact of these opportunities, we are reaching out to our community for volunteers who are willing to help. Please look at the upcoming dates and descriptions to see whether you are able to join us for these wonderful experiences! If you are available for any of these dates, please contact Rachel Beun at the Middle School. We appreciate your help in making these days a success for our students!

- November 17- HEALTH CAREER DAY- We are looking for individuals who work in the medical field who would be willing to serve as a member of a panel for our 8th grade students interested in medical careers. The panel discussion will last about an hour. As a panel member, you will be asked to share information about your career experience and training. Students will also be encouraged to ask interview questions, as well, which will help with their Job Shadow project.

- November 21- REAL MONEY-REAL WORLD- Join us all-day as our 7th grade class participates in a real-life simulation of real-world finance. For this day, we need several volunteers who are willing to monitor tables that resemble different elements of life (i.e.: insurance, real estate, child care, etc.). Students will be given a specific career and a salary, which they will use to budget and purchase necessary items. This is a fun day where students learn some budgeting techniques!

- December 14- CAREER FAIR- Visit us for the day as our 8th graders present their Job Shadow projects. We are looking for volunteers who will listen to presentations and provide feedback to our students. We will also be engaging our 8th graders in a small-scale job interview, where volunteers ask students basic interview questions, sharing tips and offering suggestions to students. We will need a large variety of career fields represented on this day, as well as, individuals who may have experience with interviewing others for positions.

- January-April- FUTURE FRIDAYS- We are currently scheduling Future Fridays guest speakers from January through April. Presentations are scheduled every Friday from 1:13-1:45.

Future Fridays!

Future Fridays has been a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about different career pathways and opportunities. Here Sgt Beard is sharing his military experiences as a medic, as well as, his current college training to become a nurse. Students were able to see different military items, patches, and medical supplies. Sgt Beard also visited the Medical Detectives classroom to answer additional questions about his medical background, training, and experiences.

During Future Fridays, we invite a guest speaker to share his/her expertise with students about career choices and future options, such as career, trade, college, and/or military experiences. Future Fridays are designed to expose students to the types of careers that are available in today's job market, while also preparing them for the choices they will be making in the future. We are currently looking for guest speakers for second semester!



Anyone interested in becoming a guest speaker for Future Fridays at Northwestern Middle School can contact Rachel Beun by email nrws_beun@tccsa.net or by phone 419-846-3974. Reserve your Future Friday date now! We would love to have you!!!

NW ELEMENTARY



**Mrs. Julie
McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

**Northwestern Stem Preschool
take a field trip to Badger
Farm's pumpkin Patch.**



CONGRATULATIONS

to MATEO DAGUE for becoming the
Tae Keon Do Champion for 2017!!

Mateo is a Northwestern 5th grader who placed first in five events - Form, Breaking Boards, Weapons, Sparring and Gumbo (swords). Competitors were from many countries and states!



5th grader Mateo Dague

Mr. Beres' 1st grade class in the library's makerspace designing houses that the big bad wolf couldn't blow down.



Northwestern Elementary

Honor Roll

1st Nine Weeks
2017-18

3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Altman, Riley Grier, Reed Hamey, Jake Howman, Brooke Nolletti, Abner Rodriguez Gonzales, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Kezia Weaver

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Camryn Boak, Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Makenna Connelly, Jason Diehl, Mason Rogers Millie Sexten, Josey Thomas, Mackenzie Zahradnicek

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jack Belding, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Mallory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Ayden Hendricks, Kelli Kearney, McKensie McCoy, Avery Mullet, Morgan Murphy, Gabe Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Jenifer Rodriguez Alonzo, Logan Shriver, Benjamin Spencer Braydan Springer, Chloe Starcher, Jule Stoller, Allie Stoltz, Alysa Troyan, Taylor Wurst

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Cameron Beck, Jacob Cerklefskie, Jasmine Clark, Riley Damon, Zeven DeFrancisco, Garrett Diehl Ryleigh Farmer, Madison Frazier, Emma Fricke, Brice Kick, Daniel Lee, Aiden Mausolf, Carter Maxwell, Tristan McQuerry, Lucas Mooney, Sophia Morris, Lulu Mosher, Owen Murphy, Bryce Nussbaum, Charlotte Radcliff, Jace Rickard, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Eliana Rosales, Mason Salem, Bricen Snow, Tim Spencer, Autumn Stamp, Makenna Stansfield, Nichole Troyan, Selena Velez, Abby Webel, Alivia Welch, Allie Wellert, Luke Wilkinson, Grace Wilson, Elijah Wilson, Alexandra Yoder

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Sophia Ahrendt, Mallory Bloom, Claire Buchholz, James Cassady, Adelynn Cassidy, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Linsey Coots, Nick Coots, Riellie DeSanto, Carter Duncan, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Logan Fiala, Adam Franks, Chey Friend, Mason Gray, Caden Grier, Coralyn Hall, Kace Hixson, Jenna Hjerpe, Chad Houck, Austin Johnson, Kate Johnson, Gabi Klinect, Savannah McConahay, Jesse McLaurin, Chet McNeil, Lexie Palker, Peyton Pitts, Johnathan Randall, Mia Rosales, Collin Rouse, Olivia Scarbrough, Hayden Sigler, Audrina Smith, Kelsee Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Dylan Tomsik, Austin Webb, Sarah Wellert, Kiera Whisman, Holly Widdows, Audri Yeagley

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Keira Beard, Philip Boehm, Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Brooklyn Brinker, Sara Corn, Gabby Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Morgan Ervin, Richie Fortune, Braiden Franks, Bladen Friend, Nate Fulton, Ashton Good, Danyel Hyatt, Taya Kaufman, Jesse Kimble, Noah Lee, Cole Loy, Colton Mark, Lacey Mark, Lilly May, Dani McClure, Sydney McConahay, Mason Meininger, C.J. Metheny, Colton Miller, Josiah Moats, Paige Muetzel, Mason Myers, Alexa Riffel, Cheyenne Sadler, Emma Salem, Rylee Stafford, Bella Stutz, Josh Webel, Jailynn Woodruff

STEM Preschool Highlights!!



Addie Gilles was working at the stem building center and she created a character, a porcupine, from the previous story that was read to the class.



STEM PRESCHOOL

In the picture below Addie G. top left is working in a small group with her 5th grade buddy JoHannah (top middle) weighing a white pumpkin verse a small orange pumpkin. Brayden Springer and Addy M. (middle right) is helping to put the pumpkin on the scale. Bryson (bottom right) is working with his buddy Mikayla Baldwin to document the estimated and actual weight of both pumpkins.

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

Lunch/Breakfast
Lunch price - \$2.00
Reduced lunch price - \$.40
Breakfast price - \$1.00
Pick up Free/Reduced Lunch forms in the office.
A new form has to be filled out each school year.

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Elementary Highlights



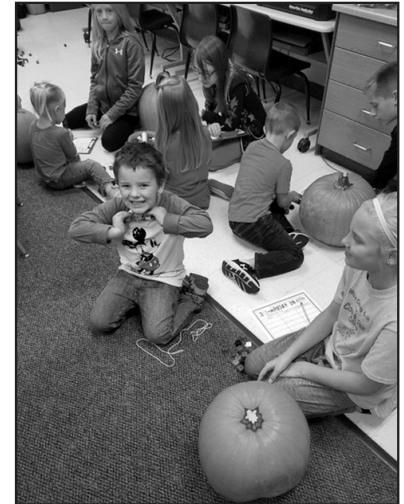
Fifth-Grade and STEM Preschool worked on mixing ingredients together to see what would happen to the pumpkin once they were combined. Below are four preschool students Jori (top left), Addy M. (top middle), Dylan (top right), and Maddox (bottom) are waiting in anticipation to see what happens when the vinegar is added to the mixture.



Completed science experiment designed by 5th Grade Enrichment Class-Mrs. Morrow and the STEM Preschool!



The STEM Preschool was working with 5th grade during their enrichment class to learn how to measure pumpkins (of different sizes) with various objects.



NES Highlights!

Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Morrow release the first tagged Monarch Butterfly.



4th graders on their field trip to Ramseyer Farm. They enjoyed a hayride, the hide and slide hill, pumpkin patch, corn maze, and the potato field.



Kindergarten enjoying hopping for the hop-a-thon



Kindergarteners first field trip to Bauman's Apple Orchard!



NEWS Classroom Activities



Mrs. Brooks class is ready for Boot Camp. Students learned classroom procedures, conflict resolution, and how to use a growth mindset.



Northwestern
Elementary School
NEWS and
HIGHLIGHTS!!
Be INFORMED!!

Pepperoni Rolls Fundraiser
is going on through Monday, Nov. 20!
Rolls are just \$2.00 each, or
a case of 13 for \$25.00!
Rolls are handmade fresh daily!
They can be frozen!
We tried them - they are amazing!

4th Grade Music Concert
Thursday, Nov. 9

Don't forget to pay your child's school fees
2017-18 Fees - \$25.00

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

School hours - 9:05 AM - 3:35 PM
Students may enter the building at 8:50 AM.
Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 8:45 AM and go directly to the cafeteria.

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

The Association would like to remind you to mark your 2018 calendar for the following; Saturday June 23rd. This is the date for the Fifteenth Annual Northwestern Alumni Reunion and the Northwestern Community Banquet. Also the Seventh Biennial Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame / Community Hall of Honor induction ceremony. Reservation forms for the banquet are on the school web site under the 'Alumni' link. The induction is always open to the public and is at no cost. Also mark a date prior to the 31st. of May to send in your reservation as the deadline for them to be in is May 31st.

The Association would like to report to you on the Scholarship fund. As of this writing the fund has \$24,725.54 in principle. Thanks to all the individuals and groups that have contributed funds for the scholarships. Scholarships are given using only the interest generated by the invested principle. In some cases general funds have been added to round-up the individual scholarships that are being awarded. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund you may do so by making a check to; "Northwestern Alumni & Friends Scholarship Fund" and mail it to; Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association, 7571 North Elyria R., West Salem, OH 44287. The funds are managed by "The Wayne County Community Foundation" a local investment firm. For further information on contributing or to apply for funds contact; Dwight Wasson, 10785 Hiner Rd., Wooster, OH 44691, phone 330-264-2431 or e-mail at dwightwasson@yahoo.com.

The Association continues to look for year books from West Salem, Congress, Chester and Northwestern schools. If you have year books and want to donate them contact us by writing to us at the address above and we will arrange to pick them up. We are also looking for younger persons to join the committee, if you would like to join us, all our meetings are open to the public, our next meeting is at the High School in the Library on the 8th. of February, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Northwestern FFA Prepares to Sell Poinsettias

Since the beginning of the school year, the Northwestern FFA Greenhouse Management class has worked diligently to finish all of the tables in the greenhouse. Recently, three hundred poinsettias were delivered to the greenhouse to begin growing. One hundred of the plants are 4 ¼ inches, and the other two hundred are 6 inches. Since the time of delivery, the class has been working on creating marketing flyers, selling prices, and caring for the poinsettias. They have learned about the challenges of raising the plants and how to overcome those problems to care for the plants and keep them healthy. The Northwestern FFA hopes to begin selling the poinsettias after Thanksgiving break. For more information, contact a Northwestern FFA member. All final details and selling information will be posted on the Northwestern FFA website: <http://nrwsffarptr.wixsite.com/nw-wayneffa>.



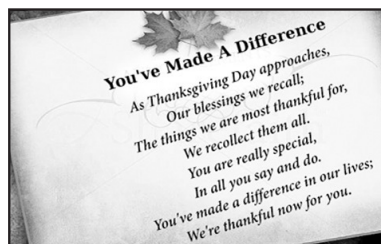
Members of the Greenhouse Management Class helping to unload the poinsettias after delivery.



About a week after delivery, the poinsettias are beginning to get their beautiful red color!



FOR SALE
Poinsettias
Check the FFA website
for more details!





Northwestern FFA Competes in District Soil Judging

On Wednesday, September 27th Northwestern FFA members competed in the District soil judging contest hosted by Southeast High School in Ravenna. David Miley, Kyle Badger, Kyle Piscione, Briana Troyan, and Jessie Bair competed in the rural Career Development Event. Rural soil judging teaches students to evaluate land and soil to determine its greatest safe potential use. Members have to determine slope, depth of topsoil, texture of surface soil, depth of soil, the natural drainage class of the soil, the land class, the best use for the land, and recommend conservation practices. The team placed 1st overall. David Miley earned 1st, Kyle Badger earned 3rd, Kyle Piscione earned 4th, and Briana Troyan earned 5th. On the urban side of the contest, Austen Wood, Cody Morrow, Cody Tegtmeier, Michael Nutter, and Beth Kanzeg competed. Urban soil judging teaches students to evaluate land and soil to determine its potential use for urban, home site, and other nonfarm uses. Members are required to determine the slope, land form, flood hazard, soil stability, surface texture, subsoil texture, depth to the bedrock or seasonal water table, and determine if there is a hard dense layer within four feet of the surface. The team was 1st overall. Wood was 1st, Tegtmeier was 3rd, Morrow was 6th, Nutter was 7th, and Kanzeg was 10th overall for the contest.

The state soils contest will be held on Saturday, October 14th. Both the urban and rural teams will be advancing to compete.

Northwestern FFA



Northwestern FFA is Selling Fruit

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is currently holding their annual citrus fruit, apples, and barbecue sauce sales. The sale includes navel oranges, red navel oranges, pink grapefruit, tangelos, Fuji apples, and mixed fruit options. The mixed fruit options include a tangelo and pink grapefruit mix, a navel and tangelo mix, a navel and pink grapefruit mix, and a mix of 1/3 tangelo, 1/3 navel, and 1/3 pink grapefruit. All of the mixes are available in 4/5 of a bushel. The other fruit options come in either 2/5 of a bushel or 4/5 of a bushel. Barbecue sauce, fruit baskets, and fruit bags are available as well. The fruit bags consist of assorted fruit such as apples, oranges, and grapefruit. It also contains a bottle of DB Yummers barbecue sauce. The baskets are made up of oranges, grapefruits, red and gold apples, pears, Sunkist Fruit Candy, and Assorted Nuts. Prices range from \$18-\$30. The fruit will come in the 1st or 2nd week of December, and the fruit baskets will be in at a time close to Christmas. If you are interested in buying fruit, contact a Northwestern FFA member or the Northwestern High School Ag Department at (419) 846-3833 ext. 1317 or 1043 by November 8th.

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Reporter
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Northwestern FFA Competes in State Soil Judging Contest

On October 14th, 2017 members from Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the state soil judging contest held by Farm Science Review in London, Ohio. Both the Urban and the Rural teams competed on Saturday. Kyle Piscione, Kyle Badger, David Miley, and Briana Troyan made up the Rural team. The Urban team consisted of Cody Morrow, Cody Tegtmeier, Michael Nutter, and Austen Wood. The team placed 2nd overall out of 46 teams and Tegtmeier placed 2nd. The two teams worked very hard this fall studying and practicing by evaluating over 20 soil pits this season. This experience and hard work has taught these participants a great deal about soil uses as well as different conservation practices.

Northwestern FFA Participates in Trap Shoot

The Northwestern FFA participated in a trap shoot hosted by the New Pittsburg Sportsmans Club on Saturday, October 7th. Members Rod and Mary Lou Hart, and Jay Ott helped teach the students and FFA advisors about range safety and shooting techniques. At the trap shoot there were 10 members of the FFA present, Tate Hixon, Cody Morrow, Austen Wood, Kyle Badger, Aaron Kline, Tucker Ott, Joey Ballinger, Cody Tegtmeier, Brock Tegtmeier, and Robert Steinmetz. Advisor Heather Tegtmeier joined the members as well.

At the trap shoot, the members and advisors shot clay pigeons, played games and had small competitions to see who was the sharp shooter. Members got to shoot real competition guns for the first time and had a fun time mingling in a friendly pastime. Also, the members got the feel for shooting regulation distances for clay shooting.



Northwestern FFA Welcomes Mr. Myers

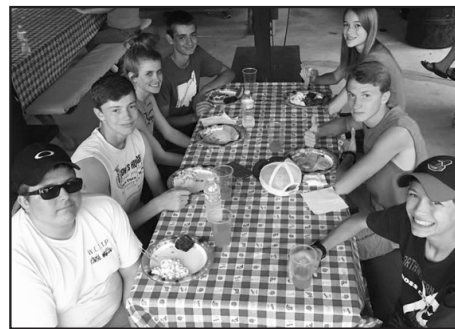
After 32 years of serving as an Agricultural Education teacher, Dan Fulk retired from Northwestern Local Schools. Mr. Levi Myers was hired to take over as the second advisor of the Northwestern-Wayne FFA chapter. Myers is a 2017 graduate from Wilmington College with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with Animal Science Concentration and AYA Education. When he was growing up, he showed market broilers, hogs, and horses through 4H and FFA at Plymouth High School. During his time in FFA, and even now, his favorite part is attending convention trips. He enjoys working with his family excavating business. He has worked for the Wayne County Extension Office and the Ohio FFA for internships. His family raises draft horses, and he enjoys working with the horses and helping to raise them.

Myers explained that the year has been challenging but rewarding so far, but with the help of Mrs. Tegtmeier and supportive students, he has been able to make it through the first few months with ease. When asked why he became an Ag teacher and what he is looking forward to in his teaching career, Myers responded, "Being an Ag teacher allows me to be involved within FFA, the fair, and other opportunities I was involved in with high school. It allows me to help students do the same things that I enjoyed. I am looking forward to seeing kids go from 7th grade up through high school, becoming FFA officers and becoming successful after high school."



Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Recycling During the Fair

During the week of the Wayne County Fair, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in the recycling program. Members went around late each night at and collected recycling items around the fairgrounds in coordination with Jeff Harmon and the Senior Fair Board, the Joint Solid Waste District and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leisy. Travis Cochran, Dylan Martin, Alex Borton, Michael Nutter, Kaitlyn Praisler, Cole Marley, Jacey Fulton, Mackenzie Nowell, Bethanie Schaefer, Brock Tegtmeier, Jordan Melegari, Jayla Berry, Cody Morrow, Cole Wharton, Cody Tegtmeier, Mykenzie Snyder, Skylar Dawson, Mercedes Gecking, Cassidy Brown, Jessie Bair, Taylor Dawson, and Maddy Cherry helped throughout the week. Members collected recycling items such as cardboard boxes, plastics, food waste and cans. The Northwestern FFA Chapter is glad to have the opportunity to participate in this program.



Grape pickers enjoying a meal provided by the Borton's.

Northwestern FFA Participates in Grape Picking

On September 23rd and 27th, members from the Northwestern FFA Chapter picked grapes at Jim Borton's vineyard. Brock Tegtmeier, Cody Tegtmeier, Silas Smith, Alex Borton, Kaitlyn Praisler, Claire Vaughan, Cody Morrow, Jessie Bair, David Miley, Abby Ramseyer, Savannah Hunt, Austen Wood, Devin Malcolm, Carter Melicant, and Leanna Ruegg picked grapes. Members picked grapes off the vine and put them into bins to be shipped off for processing. The chapter picked over six thousand pounds of grapes. The Borton's prepared supper for the members after the work was done. The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to thank the Jim Borton family for the supper and for the opportunity to come and pick grapes this year.



Carter Melicant shows off grapes he picked.

NORTHWESTERN FFA

Northwestern FFA Has Large Participation in Fair

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit shop projects and/or animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. There were nearly 50 shop projects this year displayed at Northwestern's booth in the FFA building. These projects included medium and large wood projects, welding, and electrical projects. There were even a few middle school landscape displays present. Will Arthur, Tristan Estep, Brianna Faltisco, Dawson Flinn, Jeff Guidetti, Tate Hixon, Derek Hudson, Hunter Kanzeg, Dan Kline, Jazon Lemaster, McKayla Linscott, Cole Marley, Corey Mink, Cody Morrow, Michael Nutter, Mackenzie Smith, April Strait, and Austen Wood had projects displayed that were made in Ag Shop. The projects ranged from small welds to electric boards. Jazon Lemaster won the award for Outstanding Metal Project.

Other projects on display were small end tables made by the Ag Science 1 classes. Kyle Badger, Austin Beegle, Jayla Berry, Alex Borton, Travis Cochran, Jordan Deming, Adam Fieg, Avery Garver, Zaine Garver, Treyton Jester, Aaron Kline, Andrew Lemaster, Dylan Martin, Jordan Melegari, Makenzie Nowell, Tucker Ott, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abby Ramseyer, Hailey Reed, Leeanna Ruegg, Colt Slanczka, Nathan Smithberger, Ceili Smith, Zach Smith, Kenny Strait, Coby Stough, Jacob Styoeer, Brock Tegtmeier, Claire Vaughan, Andrew Williamson, and Mallory Witucki all had their projects displayed. Travis Cochran was awarded Outstanding Project and was presented with a plaque.

This year, the middle schoolers Introduction to FFA Landscaping Design projects were entered. Cole Cutter, Mercedes Gecking, Cierra Hershy, Halie O'Loughlin, Briana Troyan, and Tamar Walton all exhibited their designs.

Besides the shop projects, Northwestern FFA had a large number of members participate in animal exhibits. Many FFA members showed market hogs at the fair. Colt Slanczka, Cody Tegtmeier, Brock Tegtmeier, Dylan Martin, Avery Garver, Austen Wood, Jessie Bair, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, Haley Wilson, Riley Stull, Lizzy Howman, and Cody Morrow showed a market hog. Showmanship winners were Cody Tegtmeier in 3rd place, Austen Wood in 2nd, Jessie Bair in 1st place, Craig Wellert in 5th, Cole Wharton in 1st, Haley Wilson was in 4th, Riley Stull was 1st in her class and her Division Championship, and Lizzy Howman was 1st.

Cody Tegtmeier, Jessie Bair, Cole Wharton, Kyle Piscione, Abby Ramseyer, and Brock Tegtmeier all exhibited beef projects. Cody Tegtmeier placed 3rd in his market class. Bair's steer was 9th overall; she also placed 2nd in her market and showmanship classes. Wharton had the Champion Born and Raised Steer, and he placed 8th overall in showmanship.

Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson, Colt Slanczka, Jessie Bair, Craig Wellert, Riley Stull, Austen Wood, Briana Troyan, Ava Stoller, and Morgan Sexten showed market lambs at the fair this year. Wellert placed 3rd with his market lamb. Wood earned Grand Champion for his Oxford ram and Southdown ewe; he also placed 6th with his market lamb. Bair got 10th in her market class with her lamb. Sexton and Troyan both placed 4th in their market classes. Stoller took 2nd. Taylor Dawson got 3rd in the market class, and Skylar got 7th. In showmanship, Taylor Dawson placed 4th, Briana Troyan placed 6th, Riley Stull took 1st, Jessie Bair placed 7th, and Austen Wood placed 6th.

Members Briana Troyan, Bethanie Schaefer, Avery Garver, and Riley Stull also exhibited goats this year. Stull placed 2nd and 3rd, Troyan placed 1st, and Schaefer placed 8th. In showmanship, Schaefer took 1st, Troyan took 6th, and Stull took 1st.

There were also an assortment of other projects exhibited by members. Austen Wood, Haley Wilson, Bethanie Schaefer, Riley Stull, and Lizzy Howman showed dairy cattle. Wood placed 1st with his two and three year old cows. Wilson placed 5th with her summer yearling.

Schaefer placed 10th and Stull placed 3rd. Howman placed 1st and 2nd in multiple classes; she also received two honorable mentions and was the Jr. Reserve Champion. Showmanship placings were as followed: Stull in 5th, Howman in 1st, Wood in 2nd, Wilson in 3rd, and Schaefer in 5th. Jackie Mosher and Ava Stoller exhibited rabbits. Mosher took a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; Stoller took a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. A few members had turkeys and ducks that were shown. Avery Garver, Tate Hixon, and Bethanie Schaefer took those. Schaefer placed 1st in her market class and was the Reserve Champion with her market duck; she also placed 7th in showmanship. Two members showed horses this year. Claire Vaughan placed 1st in her Ranch Pleasure and Hunt Seat Pleasure classes, and she was Grand Champion in the Senior Horsemanship class. Jazon Lemaster placed 8th in his Pleasure class, 9th in Ranch Pleasure, and 10th in English Pleasure.

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland and Medina County Fairs. Taylor Dawson and Skylar Dawson showed at Ashland. Taylor and Skylar exhibited a Market Steer, Market Hog, Baby Beef, and a Feeder calf. Taylor was 1st in showmanship for market hog, 8th in market steer, and 1st in baby beef. She was also 5th in showmanship for her feeder calf. Skylar Dawson placed 7th in showmanship for his market steer, 1st for his feeder calf, 2nd for his baby beef, and 8th for his market hog. Taylor was also 2nd in the Senior Little International Showmanship Contest. She also had the honor of being crowned the 2017 Ashland County Fair Queen.

Kaitlyn Praisler showed her rabbits, pony, horse, pig, and dogs at the Medina County Fair. She had a very successful year with all of her animals! She earned a Grand Champion for her doe and her litter, 4th place in her pig market class, and 1st in an Obedience and Agility class with her two dogs. With her horse, she placed 3rd in reining and 9th in English Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle. Her pony took 1st place in Liberty, Costume Contest, and Mini Driving.

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

NW FFA Highlights!

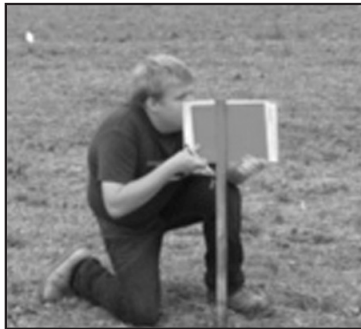
Northwestern FFA Participates in County Soils Contest

On September 20th, the Northwestern FFA traveled to Norwayne for the county soil judging contest. Cody Tegtmeier, Austen Wood, Michael Nutter, Cody Morrow, and Beth Kanzeg participated in the Urban Soils Career Development Event. Urban soil judging requires contest members to calculate the slope of the soil, determine soil texture, and ultimately determine how fit the soil is to build a building on, support a septic tank, implement a road or driveway, and support landscaping. The team placed 1st overall, with Tegtmeier placing 1st, Wood placing 2nd, Nutter placing 4th, Morrow placing 7th, and Kanzeg placing 8th.

The Rural Career Development Event participants were Jessie Bair, Kyle Badger, Kyle Piscione, David Miley, Bri Troyan, Haley Wilson, Sara Cassidy, Riley Stull, Valerie Imhoff, Lizzy Howman, Cole Wharton, Mercedes Gecking, Cassidy Brown, Tori McConnell, Max Madrill, Danny Nobel, Brandon Gerkens, Blake Riel, Austin Horsky, Craig Wellert, Noah White and Josh Lenz. Rural soil judging tests members' abilities to calculate slope, depth of topsoil, drainage capabilities, and texture of the soil for rural utilization. They determine the overall land capabilities as well as indicate the recommended best management practices for the plot of land. The Northwestern Chapter had a good showing, taking 1st as a team. Individually, Bair earned 2nd, Badger earned 3rd, Piscione was 4th, Miley was 5th, and Troyan was 6th for the chapter.



Participants take turns getting into a soil pit to evaluate the soil.



Cole Wharton gets down to calculate the slope of the land.



Northwestern's Greenhouse Management Class Prepares New Greenhouse

With the new greenhouse built as part of the Northwestern Ag Department, students have been hard at work since school is back in session. A new class has been added to the Agriculture Department called "Greenhouse and Nursery Management". The course deals with growing plants from seeds with the use of different experimental variables such as nutrition, growth stimulates, pesticides and more. Different methods of plant propagation, hydroponics, grafting and trimming of trees will be studied. Plant and fish nutrition, health and diseases will also be identified and researched. The course is designed for students of all experience and interest levels. To kick off the year, the class jumped right into working in the greenhouse on day one. They have been hard at work building all of the work benches for the greenhouse and getting the aquaponics system up and running; they are currently prepping the system for the first batch of tilapia. When asked what she was most excited for about the class, Jordan Melegari, a junior, responded, "I am looking forward to the greenhouse itself being completely finished on the inside in order to learn about greenhouse management and expand my own knowledge about growing plants in the greenhouse." All students of the Ag Department at Northwestern are excited to learn and use the greenhouse to its full capacity!

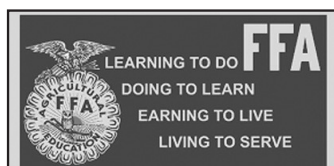
Austen Wood helping to set up the aquaponics system.



Husky FFA Highlights!



Finished work benches constructed and lined up down the center of the greenhouse.



Kaitlyn Praisler poses with pieces of wood that she was using to construct the legs of one of the work benches.

Northwestern FFA Members Participate in 2017 Ohio State Fair

This year, the Northwestern FFA chapter had multiple members who showed at the Ohio State Fair. Members who showed were Mykenzie Snyder, David Miley, Kyle Piscione, Austen Wood, Riley Stull, Lizzy Howman, and Kyle Badger. They were all very successful in their classes and skillathon events.

Mackenzie Snyder showed swine and placed 1st with her spotted gilt and 3rd and 4th with her barrows. She also got 5th place overall in the 16 year old swine skillathon.

David Miley won Reserve Grand Champion Holstein Junior Show, and he was the Senior Champion in the Holstein Junior Show. He also had the overall highest score of the dairy skillathon.

Kyle Piscione was Reserve Champion in the Shorthorn Plus class with his heifer. He was the Supreme Beef Showman, Premier Overall Breeding Exhibitor, and won the 16 year-old division of skillathon for beef.

Austen Wood showed his lambs at the state fair. He placed 11th in his showmanship class and placed with his ewe and wether in market classes. His ram took second, and his ewe took 8th in the breeding shows.

Riley Stull showed her pigs and lambs at the state fair. She placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with her gilts; she placed 2nd with her boar. She placed 3rd in sheep showmanship.

Lizzy Howman showed dairy cattle at the State Fair and did very well. She placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th over multiple shows; she also placed 5th in her showmanship class.

Kyle Badger got two 6th places and a 9th place in his market lamb classes. He also finished 6th in his showmanship class.

Jessie Bair also participated in shows at the state fair with her pigs. She placed 1st place in the open class and 8th place in the market class with her Yorkshire. She placed 7th in her market class with her Duroc.

Congratulations to all members who participated in the 2017 Ohio State Fair!



Mykenzie Snyder showing her Spotted gilt at the Ohio State Fair.



Kyle Piscione showing his Angus heifer at the Ohio State Fair.



Jessie Bair sitting with her pigs in their pen at the fair.

Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2017-18

2017

Monday, August 21	Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 22	First Day for Students
Monday, September 4	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 11	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 12	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wedn., September 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day - W
Friday, October 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day - W
Friday, October 20	End of First Nine Weeks (41 Pupil Days)

Thursday, November 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Tues./Thurs., Oct.31&Nov. 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, November 23 and	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Friday, November 24	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, November 27	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Thursday, December 21	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
Wednesday, January 3, 2018	School Reconvenes
Friday, January 12, 2018	End of Second Nine Weeks (49 Pupil Days)

2018

Monday, January 15	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, January 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Mon./Wedn., Jan.29 & 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Friday, February 16	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 19	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Friday, March 23	End of Third Nine Weeks (48 Pupil Days)

Monday, March 26 -30	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Thursday, April 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Monday, May 28	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 30	Student's Last Day (42 Pupil Days)

Thursday, May 31	Teacher's Last Day
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Days in Session with pupils present including 2 parent/teacher conference comp & waiver days	180
Professional Development	1
Convocation Day & Teacher work days	3
(One of the work days needs to be between August 1-21)	
TOTAL	184

MAKE UP DAYS

First	March 26	Sixth	June 1	If make up days are necessary, teacher work day will follow the last make up day.
Second	March 27	Seventh	June 4	
Third	March 28	Eighth	June 5	
Fourth	March 29	Ninth	June 6	
Fifth	May 31	Tenth	June 7	

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Phil Keener
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Library

District Facilities Committee

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

All Sports Association

President Julie Ulrich
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 Kim Witucki
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



CONGRATULATIONS to Ally St.Clair for earning her way to the OHSAA STATE GOLF Tournament in Division 2!!!! Ally placed 2nd in the Districts to earn her spot at the State. She then placed EIGHTH OVERALL in the State tournament and was named 2nd TEAM ALL OHIO!! Ally's final golf average in boys and girls events for the season was a 44.45 for 9 holes and a 77.25 for 18 holes in girls events. She was also named Honorable Mention in the WCAL!!



And CONGRATULATIONS to Northwestern's first ever GIRLS golf team to make it to the OHSAA District Tournament!! Our team golfers were Karlee Mowrer, Tamar Walton, Joren Rickard, Ally St.Clair; coached by Scott St. Clair and Diane Hannah.

**"The Northwestern"
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23, July 25, October TBA.**

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