



Principal's Newsletter

OCTOBER

- 2 Homecoming Parade @ 6pm
Homecoming game @ 7pm
- 3 Homecoming Dance @ 8pm
- 5 Project Grad Meeting @7pm
- 9 Musical (Fame) @7pm
- 10 Musical (Fame) @7pm
- 11 Musical (Fame) @2pm
- 12 Grizzly Pride Booster Club Meeting @6:30pm
- 14 Senior Panoramic Picture @ 9:30am
Jostens Senior Meeting @10:15am
- 16 No School
- 19 No School
- 21 Senior Jostens Grad Supply Orders during lunch & 5pm
- 24 ACT Testing
- 26 Band-o-Rama @ 7pm at South High



Principal's Message

TOP 10% OF SENIOR CLASS

Congratulations to the Top 10% of the Class of 2016! Thirty-two students have worked hard for this prestigious award. The students and their parents were congratulated at a breakfast on Wednesday, September 16th.



Top 10% Seniors: Luz Aguirre, Marie Altgilbers, Georgia Anderson, Emalea Cantrell, Dagan Chapman, Layne Clark, Haley Cooper, Katie Cramer, Jeremy Deckinger, Ivory Derr, Megan Holder, Morgan Jamis, Danielle Kastner, Katie Knudsen, Serena Leyba, Heather Linscott, Olivia McFerrin, Justin Onwugbufor, Briana Priddle, Jacob Sharpes, Kelsey Shorter, Lauren Sloyer, Kerby Sloyer, Lane Stanberry, Caitlyn Strum, Tatum Sturdivant, Cathering Sutton, Derek Thurston, Lien Vu, Taylor Webber, Madison Weinman, Keynan Williams.

(not all students are pictured)

END OF FIRST NINE WEEKS

October 16th marks the end of the first nine weeks of school. It's hard to believe we've already completed one-fourth of the school year! This is a busy time with fall activities and the holidays approaching, but it is important that your student stays focused on learning. Students will get a short break on October 16 and 19 while the faculty participates in inservice activities and completes grades.

OCTOBER TESTING

In the past we have had a testing day in October where all 9-11 graders are tested using different exploratory tests. This year, on October 14th, only a select number of 10th and 11th graders will be taking the PSAT test. These students know who they are and should **get plenty of rest the night before and eat a healthy breakfast.**

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist

Twenty-nine Wichita-area students were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. One of those students is Northwest Senior **Marie Altgilbers**.



Students become National Merit semifinalists by taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) during their junior year and scoring in the top one-half of 1 percent in the state.

Nationwide, about 16,000 students were named semifinalists. About 15,000 are expected to achieve finalist status based on other requirements, such as academic skills, extracurricular accomplishments and an essay.

Finalists will compete and be announced next spring for 2,500 National Merit Scholarships of \$2,500.

99% Award Winner

Congratulations to Junior **She'onnie Wiske** who was nominated for the 99% Award. The 99% Awards recognize middle school and high school students each semester who are making a contribution to their school and serve as a role model to their peers, but who may not be getting the recognition they deserve for doing the right thing. She was recognized at the NWHS student recognition event on September 30th and will be recognized at the Board of Education Meeting on October 5th. She'onnie was nominated by Ms. Fields and Ms. Pickler:



She'onnie was my chemistry student last year and this year is embarking on Advanced Placement Chemistry. She is always prepared for class and her work is of excellent quality. She has a positive attitude toward learning. If a concept or topic is difficult, she persists in trying to understand it rather than giving up. AP Chemistry is a challenge for her but so far she has shown that she is determined to succeed, for example by using questions from class for AVID tutorials. During class she is focused and on task, but also easy to work with. Last year I saw many instances of her helping other students in her lab group. For these reasons I recommend She'onnie for the 99% award (Ms. Fields). She'onnie's AVID teacher, Jennifer Pickler, writes: I have known She'onnie for three years as she is in my AVID class. She is a hardworking, intelligent girl with a positive attitude. She does her best every day, and her grades are very important to her. I was also able to get to know her through coaching her on the freshman volleyball team. She worked hard to improve her skills and was even able to play a little bit of junior varsity as a result of her efforts. She'onnie is always smiling and is always willing to help her classmates. I think she makes a great candidate for the 99% award.

Men's Soccer

Our Senior Night game is October 20. We will honor our senior players before the Heights game. Kick off is at 7pm. Your attendance is greatly appreciated! Go Grizzlies!



Students of the Month

Northwest staff believes that students who stand out for their good deeds and work in the classroom or within the school deserve recognition. Therefore, each month, faculty and staff are asked to nominate and vote for students from each grade level who they believe are most deserving of this award. The winners, their parents and two friends are invited to a reception in their honor, receive a “Jump the Line” pass to jump to the front of the lunch line for the following month and a certificate for a free item from the Bear Necessities Store. Below are our winners for September:

Freshman: Arron Russell is bright and enthusiastic about learning. Even after he suffered injuries in a recent accident, that didn’t stop him from staying on task, getting his work in on time, and being helpful. He always sees to it that the classroom books are straightened and kept in order. (McIntire)



Sophomore: Megan Grover works very hard in USI and is a leader in the classroom. She is a student that is always on task and sets a great example for all students each day. Megan is also a student that is willing to help others as needed. I enjoy her spirit and willingness to be challenged in history. (Cox)



Junior: Samantha Ruvalcaba made a presentation at our first pep assembly that was very inspiring to staff and students alike. She talked personally about her challenges and selflessly presented the importance of being involved in school. She also volunteered to speak at a recent BOE meeting as a representative of Super SAC. She is a tremendous example of what it is to be a Northwest Grizzly.



Senior: Kole Parker is a senior on the drumline and a proctor for me. This is my 4th year with him and I can honestly say I have never seen such a dramatic and impressive change from Freshman to Senior year. Kole acts responsibly with all of his duties, he takes command of his section in the band, he is respected by his peers, and, most importantly, Kole is a student upon whom I can rely to complete any task placed at his feet. His transformation from the Freshman who couldn’t control himself in band to this dependable Senior leader is a story that gives me hope for the future. (Leopold)



Counseling News

ACT TEST DATES

TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES	LATE REGISTRATION FEE DEADLINE
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19-October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7-20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9-15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016

Register online at www.actstudent.org; our school code is **173214**. See Mrs. Tibbetts or Mrs. Cramer if you are on free or reduced lunch and need a fee waiver.

Counseling News cont'd.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

- *October 3, 2015
 - *November 14, 2015
 - *January 16, 2016
 - *March 5, 2016
 - April 2, 2016 (ACT Math only)
 - *May 7, 2016
 - *August 6, 2016
- *ACT Prep: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
ACT Math: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Fee: *\$32.00 for ACT Prep / \$25.00 for ACT Math

Workshop dates are all on Saturdays. Registration can be done online at www.registerblast.com/wsu
For paper registration, please call: 316-978-3440.

THE NORTHWEST COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

- Where:** CCC (A24)
When: 2:30 – 3:10 PM
Dates: October 12, 2015
November 30, 2015
January 25, 2016
March 28, 2016

Sign-up to attend in the CCC (A24). Workshops will be during Advocacy, and are **free** to Northwest students.

NORTHWEST TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCEDURE

Northwest High School utilizes the Parchment Transcript Electronic System to deliver transcripts electronically to community colleges, colleges and universities.

To utilize Parchment, the student must create an account at www.parchment.com. From there, the student will be able to request that his/her transcript be sent to the school of his/her choice. Please allow 24 hours for the request to be processed.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

Any questions, please contact Megan Salas, Guidance Administrative Assistant at msalas2@usd259.net, Mary Lea, Registrar, at mlea@usd259.net or Danae Cramer, College Career Coordinator, at dcramer@usd259.net. You are also welcome to call them at 973-6000.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

See Mrs. Cramer in the CCC (A24) or contact @ 973-6058 or dcramer@usd259.net There are a variety of deadlines.

Counseling News cont'd.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISITING NORTHWEST DURING ADVOCACY

Various representatives for colleges, technical schools and military will be scheduled to visit with NW students on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Advocacy. Visiting organizations will be listed on the CCC website as well as on the announcements. See Mrs. Cramer for a pass. The following schools are currently scheduled at 2:30pm.

- October 1stBethel College
- October 8thTabor College
- October 13thPittsburg State University
- October 15thWichita Area Technical College
- October 27thWichita State University
- November 3rdBethany College
- November 5thSouthwestern College
- November 11thNewman University
- November 19thOttawa University

APPLY KANSAS COMING TO NORTHWEST

As part of a national initiative sponsored by the American Council on Education, Kansas has joined the American College Application Campaign (ACAC) and will host **Apply Kansas: College Application Month** in October 2015. The goal of ACAC and the Apply Kansas initiative is to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students who pursue a postsecondary education by assisting high school seniors as they navigate the college admissions process, ensuring each participating student submits at least one admissions application. As we know, if Kansas is to develop the educated workforce needed for progressive economic development, we need to significantly increase the number of first generation and low-income students pursuing and completing a certificate program, associate’s degree, or bachelor’s degree.

Northwest seniors in English 4, AVID and World Literature will be participating in this first ever event on October 21 & 22! Your students will be bringing home some paperwork before the event to make this program run smoothly. Volunteers from the local colleges and universities will be here to help Northwest students complete their applications.

In addition to this program, all private universities in Kansas will waive their application fees for the month of October only. If you have a student that qualifies for free and/or reduced lunch, state universities will waive application fees any time, so please contact Mrs. Cramer in the CCC or email her at dcramer@usd259.net or by phone at 973-6058 for assistance in completing that form.

If your senior isn’t in English 4, AVID or World Literature but would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Cramer by e-mail dcramer@usd259.net or by phone at 973-6058 for information about this initiative.



FUTURES FAIR—JUNIOR EVENT

Visit with local and national colleges, universities, community colleges, technical colleges, vocational institutions and the military.

When: Oct. 5th from 6-8 pm

(Session is targeted to all high school students, AVID students, parents, and non-traditional students)

Oct. 6th (8:30am – 2:30pm) Junior Event—Specific time for Northwest juniors will be indicated on field trip form.

Where: Koch Arena @ WSU

The guidance department will hand out field trip permission slips through the junior advocacy classes. Please have juniors take advantage of this great opportunity to talk with and sign up to get information for a number of colleges. Deadline for turning in field trip permission slips is September 22nd, 2015. Please call Danae Cramer @ 973-6058 or Betsy Terriere @ 973-6060 for more information.

SENIOR COLLEGE VISIT DAYS

Pittsburg State will be hosting two very popular Rumble in the Jungle senior Saturdays this fall semester. Dates include:

- October 31st
- November 14th

(\$10.00 Non-refundable registration fee: Fee includes lunch and a complementary athletic event ticket.)

K-State University will be hosting senior days also this fall. At a K-State senior day, you will discuss your academic interests with an advisor, enjoy lunch in the Student Union, hear from a panel of students about what to expect during your transition to college, explore a K-State browsing fair to learn more about financial assistance, scholarships, fraternities and sororities, residence life and the many ways to get involved on campus, plus take a student led walking tour of the campus.

Fall Senior Days are offered by region, but if the date is not convenient for you, you may choose the day that best fits your schedule.

- Monday, October 12th – Southeast Kansas
- Monday, October 19th – Northeast Kansas
- Friday, October 23rd – Johnson County
- Monday, October 26th – Western and Central Kansas
- **Monday, November 2nd – South Central Kansas**
- Monday, November 9th – Out-of-state

Get more details and register online: k-state.edu/admissions/seniors

Washburn University is hosting four senior days this year. Pick from the following dates:

- Monday, October 12th
- Friday, November 6th
- Thursday, November 20th
- Friday, January 22nd, 2016—Senior/Junior Day Combined

Register for Ichabod Senior day @ 785-670-1030 or 877-281-BODS

SENIOR COLLEGE VISIT DAYS (CONT'D)**Sterling College** (Pre-view weekends)

- November 8-9th
- January 17-18th (Fine & Performing Arts)
- February 21-22nd

Register for a visit @ sterling.edu/visit or call 800-346-1017

JUNIOR COLLEGE VISIT DAYS

Juniors, it's never too early to begin exploring your college options:

Kansas State University

- Monday, November 16th
- Friday, December 4th
- Monday, December 7th

Get more details and register online: k-state.edu/admissions/juniors

Pittsburg State University Junior Jungle Day

- March 28th

Registration fees: Students, parents, and guests - \$10.00 per person, siblings under 18 are free, fees are non-refundable. For more information, contact PSU Admissions office @ 1-800-854-PITT.

Washburn University Senior / Junior Day Combined

- Friday, January 22nd, 2016
- Friday, February 19th, 2016
- Friday, March 11th, 2016

To register, contact the office of admissions @ 785-670-1030 or 877-281-BODS.

Sterling College Junior Weekend

- April 10-11th, 2015

Register for a visit at sterling.edu/visit or call 800-346-1017.

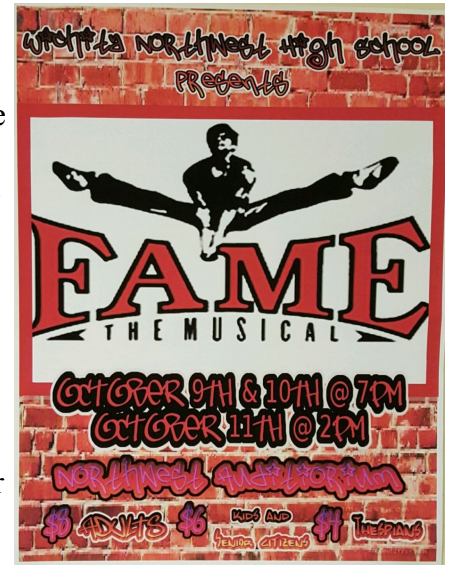
\$\$\$ Behind the Glass Window \$\$\$ From the Bookkeeper, Christina Koster, ckoster@usd259.net, 973-6020

This is an effort to try to explain the free/reduced meal process and how it affects the school fees. The application you complete is for meals only. The letter that you receive either from the State or Nutrition Services is for meals only. If you want that free or reduced status to apply to some of the school fees, you must sign a Consent for Disclosure for Reduction of School Fees (Previously called the Waiver of Confidentiality) and you must indicate "yes" you want school officials to share eligibility information for the programs you indicate by marking the appropriate box. If a box is not checked, you will be charged that fee according to full-paid status. The BOE mandated school fees are not refundable. I hope this helps. Please call me with questions.

Here is a spending habit thought...I heard this on the radio and didn't catch the gentleman's name that said it, but how true: "*When your out-go exceeds your in-come, Your up-keep will be your down-fall!*"

Drama News

“FAME” the musical will be showing October 9th and 10th at 7 p.m. and again on October 11th at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students and senior citizens, and \$4.00 for Thespians who show their membership card. Tickets can be purchased at the door or on My Payment Plus on the school’s website. Individuals who purchase tickets on the website will be able to pick them up at a separate table in the commons on the night of the show. Individuals who purchased a Drama Club shirt will receive a \$2.00 discount if wearing the shirt on the night they attend. This discount only applies for one performance per production. If you don’t have a Drama Club shirt, they will be available for purchase at the production for \$10.00. Older “show shirts” will also be available at the production for \$5.00 per shirt.



Auditions for the student directed one-acts will be October 13th and 14th and will feature eight shows that follow the theme of “Overcoming Odds”.

The WSU All-District One-Act Showcase will be in December at WSU and will feature a one-act prepared in the Repertory Theatre class.

There will be an informational Thespian Troupe 2661 meeting on October 13th at 6:30 p.m. for current Thespians and their parents to discuss Conference and Thespian expectations.

Auditions for the dinner/theatre show “Steele Magnolias” will be in December as well as the auditions for the District production of “Romeo and Juliet”. The dinner/theatre show will be in February and the District show will be in March.

Thank you again to the Performing Arts Booster Club, parents, administrators, teachers, and community for their support of the arts at Northwest. We couldn’t do it without you!

--Richard Lundin

NWHS Theatre

PROJECT GRADUATION

Are you interested in helping organize Project Graduation? Many parents are already working behind the scenes to plan the annual after-graduation celebration, but parent volunteers are always needed! All interested parents of seniors are encouraged to contact Mr. Cotton at 973-6000 or mcotton@usd259.net. The Project Graduation committee will be meeting on the following dates this fall semester:

- ◆ October 5
- ◆ November 2
- ◆ December 7

All meetings are in the commons area and begin at 7 p.m. All parents of seniors are invited to attend.

Graduation: May 16, 2016

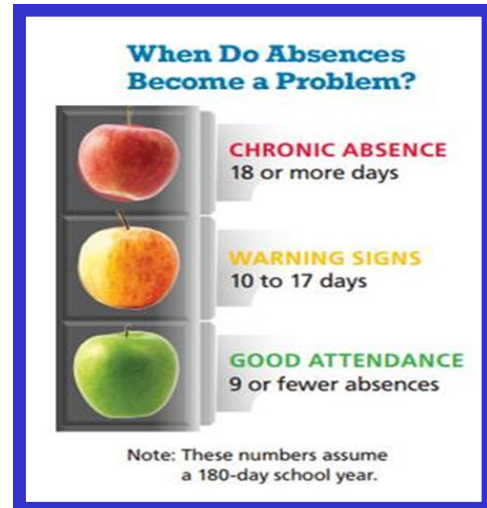
Chronic Absences

Regular attendance is crucial for the success of high school students. An absence issue that tends to go unnoticed is what we refer to as “Chronically Absent.” Both excused and unexcused absences are calculated for chronically absent.

Truancy only takes into account the unexcused absences. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, will eventually have a negative impact. We want you to be informed and assist your student on being on time and regularly attending school so that we can provide the best educational experience possible.

To the right are the school-year-end indicators for where a student falls in the “Chronically Absent” category. The attached chart shows the number of absences accumulated by a particular school week that would indicate the student is in the “red” or “chronically absent” category at that point.

The goal of Northwest High School is to lower chronically absent numbers by at least 5%. Thank you for your part in helping us meet that goal.



Mr. Givens
Assistant Principal

Senior News

All seniors were given a year-at-a-glance calendar that lists important dates for the year. It can also be found on the Senior News tab on the NWHS Guidance Office webpage (<http://guidance-and-counseling.northwest.usd259.org>). Please check the Senior News page and the NW Master Calendar regularly to keep track of all the year’s events. If you have any questions about senior activities, please feel free to contact Mark Cotton, Senior AP (mccotton@usd259.net), Ann Burgett, Senior Class Sponsor (aburgett@usd259.net), or Scott Cathey, Senior Counselor (scathey@usd259.net).

Here’s what is coming up this fall:

- October
 - 2.....Homecoming Parade/Game
 - 3.....Homecoming Dance
 - 14.....Senior Panoramic Picture (9:30am—Gym)
 - 14.....Jostens Senior Meeting (10:15am—Auditorium)
 - 21.....Jostens Grad Supply Orders – \$60 down pymt DUE
 - 21.....Jostens Family Night (5pm—Commons)
 - 24.....ACT Testing
- November
 - 2.....Cap & Gown Photos (all day—Auditorium)
 - 18.....Senior vs. Faculty Volleyball Game
- December
 - 8.....Cap & Gown Retakes (17:30-9:30am)
 - 12.....ACT Testing
 - 21, 22.....Finals

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