



Principal's Newsletter

APRIL

- 1 Student of the Month Reception @2:30pm in Library
- ECA Student/Parent Meeting @7pm in Auditorium
- 2 Jostens Cap & Gown Delivery during lunch
- Spring Band Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 4 Strings Concert @ 7pm in Gym
- 6 Project Grad Springo Fundraiser @ 5pm in Commons
- 8 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
- 10 AVID Family Night @6pm in Commons
- 12 Spring Play "Dracula" @7pm in Auditorium
- 13 ACT Test @8am
- Spring Play "Dracula" @7:30pm in Auditorium
- 14 Spring Play "Dracula" @2:30pm in Auditorium
- 15 Project Grad Meeting @7pm in Commons
- 16 Jazz in the Round @7pm in Commons
- 19 No School
- 22 No School-Inservice Day
- 25 NW Area Concert @7pm in Gym
- 26 Final Senior Class Meeting @2:30pm in Auditorium
- One Act Showcase @7pm in Auditorium
- 29 Student of the Month Reception @2:30pm in Library

Principal's Message

Spring Break is now behind us; time to stay focused in the 4th Quarter and finish the year strong. Even though we are beginning to make summer plans and thinking about warmer weather, we need to remind our students we still have high expectations and goals to achieve for the remainder of this year.

State Testing is in full swing for many of our students. Juniors have already completed their State Science testing and Sophomores are up next with English (April 2-5) and Math (April 15-18) testing in April. As I wrote in the NWHS March Parent Newsletter, there are many ways in which you can help your student be successful on State Assessments. Perhaps the most important thing you can do, however, is just simply to take an interest in your son or daughter's **effort** on the test. Our teachers have diligently prepared their students through rigorous lessons and collaborative learning, but State Testing ultimately comes down to students giving their best effort. Please join **our** efforts by encouraging your son or daughter to put forth **their** best effort!

Remodel: I'm excited to tell the Northwest community about our expected remodel this coming summer! Plans have been approved for a cafeteria and commons remodel and facelift. When you show up in August for the 2019-20 school year, it will look like a new building in our main student-gathering space! Along with the remodel, we are planning a change in our daily schedule in moving to a **single lunch period** from approximately 12:15 – 1:00pm. The remodeled space will allow us to serve more students in a shorter amount of time, thereby allowing our move to a single lunch. As always, Juniors and Seniors will be allowed to leave campus for lunch if they so choose.

As a result of the cafeteria and commons remodel, our enrollment location will be moved to the big gym. Be on the lookout for directions on enrollment for the 2019-20 school year.

Senior Parents: On Monday, May 6th, Northwest will be conducting a **Senior Honors Recognition** event at 7pm in the auditorium. The event, as the name implies, will be by invitation only for those Seniors who have achieved some sort of honor to be recognized. Be on the lookout for more information through various forms of communication in the next several weeks.

As always, thank you to parents and families for being a part of our greater Northwest Family! Thank you for sending your students to us, for entrusting this great responsibility upon us. Together we will do all that we can to best prepare your students for college or career. Together we will demonstrate **Pride, Respect** and **Excellence** in all that we do!

Grizzly Pride

WE WANT YOU! Grizzly Pride is looking for officers to lead them in the 2019-2020 school year. Please attend our next meeting on April 8 at 6:30pm in the NW Library to learn how you can be a part of Grizzly Pride. **We're a fun group of parents and administrators who work to promote your NW Grizzlies and support all school organizations and athletic teams.** We hope you will come see what we're all about.

REGISTER YOUR DILLONS PLUS CARD TODAY!

Want to know the easiest way ever to support your NW Grizzlies? SIGN UP YOUR DILLONS PLUS CARD FOR THE COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM! It used to be a hassle to participate in this program, but now it's super easy. All you have to do is register your card ONE TIME at the Dillons Community Rewards site and money will go to Northwest every time you shop at Dillons. It's that easy! You don't have to enroll every year. You don't have to load money on a gift card. It does not cost you anything to participate and it does not affect your rewards points. This is **FREE MONEY FOR NORTHWEST**. If you don't register, then Dillons just keeps the money that could be helping our kids. To register your card go to:

www.dillons.com/communityrewards

Sign in or create an account

Click on "View Details" under I'm a Customer

Enter the code HX123 under Find an Organization

Click "Search"

Click "Enroll" under Northwest High School Booster Club

You're done!

Thank you for helping your school! ***YOU CAN'T HIDE THAT GRIZZLY PRIDE!***

Textbook and Student Materials Fees

In an effort to streamline the fee-payment process for high school students at enrollment, a Textbook and Student Materials fee will be collected for each student, based on their meal status. Fees collected help cover some of the costs for textbook rental, curriculum, consumable supplies, technology, agendas and similar materials unique to each student. Class fees no longer apply!

If student meal status is Full-pay:	\$150
If student meal status is Reduced-pay:	\$75
If student meal status is Free:	\$20

Additional costs may be incurred during the school year should a student desire a yearbook, activity ticket, parking pass, or want to purchase school spirit wear, play an instrument or obtain vocal music dress wear. Graduation fees would be handled separately near the end of the school year. Some CTE classes may also request extra project fees to cover specialized materials.

Attached is a letter which further explains the new process. Please contact us at 973-6000 with any questions you may have.

Tutoring Opportunities

Did you know Northwest has several tutoring opportunities available to provide students extra help to be successful in school?

- ◆ Math and English tutors are available 9th hour.
- ◆ After-school tutoring is available Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library until 5pm.
- ◆ After-school tutoring is available Wednesdays in the commons until 6:45pm.

Soccer News

Northwest Soccer will host the 17th Annual JV & C-Team Tournament on April 24, 26 and 27. A total of 32 teams will compete to play in Saturday's Championship Games. Come on out and support your Northwest Grizzly Soccer Players!

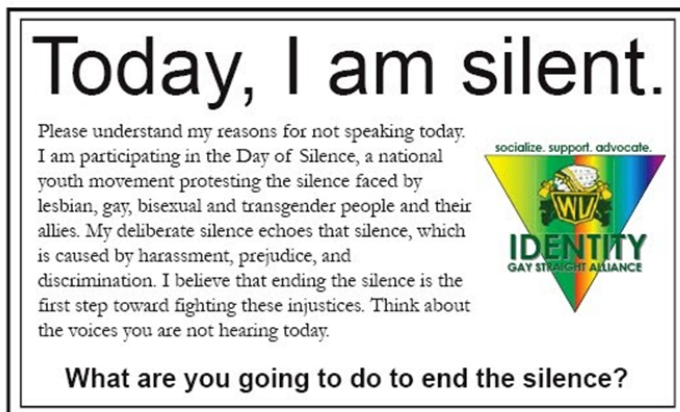


GSA Day of Silence



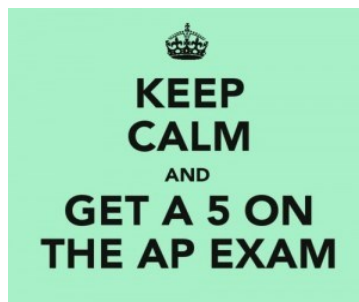
The NWHS GSA (Gay, Straight Alliance) and their allies will be participating in Day of Silence (www.dayofsilence.org). This is one of the largest annual student-led actions in the country. The purpose is to silently and peacefully protest anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) bullying, harassment, and name calling. Because students who are targeted for anti-gay or anti-transgender bullying often do not identify as LGBT, the Day of Silence represents a peaceful protest of a problem that affects all students no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity.

On Friday, April 12, 2019, students will be taking a vow of silence to represent the silencing effect of bullying and harassment on LGBT people, their allies, and those perceived to be LGBT. On the Day of Silence, rather than speaking, participants will hand out “speaking cards” (see example below) explaining their reasons for remaining silent throughout the day. Our school will also have a silent lunch. We will provide a classroom during each lunch hour for the students who are participating or for students who want to support the cause by eating at the silent lunch. At the end of the day, all the participants are invited to join us for a Break the Silence party. This will provide the students a time to reflect and share their experience of the day and have a little fun with the other participants. If you have any questions you may contact one of the GSA Sponsors at 973-6000.



Advanced Placement Science

If your student is planning to take an Advanced Placement (AP) science class next year, read on! There will be a meeting for them during Advocacy in May to provide additional information about the course. Students will get a short homework assignment to complete over the summer. The AP Program is providing new resources your student will have access to next year, including online progress checks. These resources will help your student be even more successful in AP! For additional information contact your student's teacher: AP Biology - Crystal Kerr, ckerr@usd259.net; AP Chemistry - Lisa Fields, lfields@usd259.net; AP Physics 1 or 2 - Doug Weaver, dweaver@usd259.net.



Counseling News

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are many scholarship opportunities available for the class of 2019. Check out: <http://www.usd259.org/Page/10764> for a link to the College Career Center Scholarship Page. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Teketa Paschal, College Career Coordinator, at tpaschal1@usd259.net or 973-6058.

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. You must use your student's LEGAL NAME in order to process transcripts.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

Seniors, remember, you will need a Parchment account to send your Final Transcript after graduation, so the sooner you set one up the better.

ACT TEST DATES: 2018-2019

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Fee Deadline
April 13th	March 8 th	March 25 th
June 8 th	May 3 rd	May 20 th
July 13 th	June 14 th	June 24 th

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

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

ACT Prep (all four subjects)

May 4th, 2019

All workshop dates are on Saturdays

ACT Prep: 8 a.m. to noon

ACT Math: 9 a.m. to noon

Fee: \$32 for ACT Prep / \$25 for ACT Math

Registration can be done online at: www.registerblast.com/ws.

For paper registration, please call: 316-978-3440.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO NORTHWEST

Throughout the school year various college admissions representatives will be at Northwest during Advocacy (2:26– 3:10) to visit with any junior and senior student interested in learning more about a particular institution. Interested students will need to sign up with Ms. Paschal in the CCC (College and Career Center) A24 for a pass.

Butler Community CollegeThursday, 4/4

SENIOR NEWS

Seniors need to keep in mind that failing a class required for graduation during the second semester means that they will NOT be able to participate in graduation exercises on May 16th. Teachers have said over and over again that poor attendance is the cause of most failed courses. The solution is quite simple: ATTEND CLASS!!! Parents are urged to become very active in their student's high school career. Parent involvement and parent expectations have strong relationships to high student achievement.

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SENIOR NEWS CONT'D.

Your student may be 18 years of age, but that does not automatically give them the maturity required to see the importance of attending each and every class and completing the required work.

In the event that your senior does fail a second semester course, summer school and Learning Center will be available for make-up credit. Although participation in graduation exercises will not be possible, a diploma can still be earned. The high school diploma is the ticket to a successful future. If you have questions about your student's status, please call Levan Gerstner @ 973-6017 or at lgerstner@usd259.net.

Remember: Board of Education policy #P1421 states, "A pupil must have met all graduation requirements in order to participate in graduation exercises."

MAKING UP CREDITS

There are several options for students who need to make up credits for graduation. If your student is an underclassman, please encourage him/her to make up the course in summer school.

WICHITA SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

Summer School Dates: June 3rd – 20th

Location: North High School (1437 Rochester)

Enrollment Procedure

To enroll in summer school, students must see a counselor for course selection and completion of enrollment form before paying fees. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enrollment opens April 15, 2019. The last day to enroll for High School Summer courses is Tuesday, May 28, 2019, by 3pm. (After May 24th, you must enroll at North or Chester I. Lewis Virtual School.)

Course Fees

USD 259 Students: Course fees are \$90.00 per class (one half unit of course credit)

All other Students: \$150.00 per class (one half unit of course credit)

*No refund issued after student attends first session.

**No transportation will be provided for Summer School.

***Summer School 2019 Brochure and Application are attached.

LEARNING CENTER

Learning Center is another alternative for students to make-up credit. Learning Center courses are computer based and students must pass courses at 70% or higher to earn credit. Courses currently being taken in the Learning Center must be completed by May 9th for any senior planning to graduate on May 16th. See your counselor for more information if you are interested in any of these options.

DONATE YOUR OLD GRADUATION GOWNS!

If you have a "gently used" graduation gown in good condition from a previous NWHS graduate, we will gladly take it off your hands! Please send the gown to school at your earliest convenience (ATTN: Kyla Tibbetts-Counseling Office – A21).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registering Seniors to Vote

Seniors have the opportunity to register to vote if they are 18. Students will need their driver's license number or know the last four digits of their social security number in order to register.

Dates: April 3rd and 4th

Time: During both lunches

Where: Table in front of Pupil Service

Counseling News cont'd.

Kansas Boys State and Girls State

Kansas Boys State and Girls State provide a leadership learning experience centered around various simulated civics and governmental activities. Those activities include creating laws, understanding finance and taxation and other government functions that impact citizens' lives. The goal of Boys and Girls State is to develop young men and women's leadership qualities and knowledge of civic activities through role playing experiences.

Boys State will be held June 2 through June 7 on the campus of Kansas State University and Girls State is held the same dates at Kansas University. For more information and to apply for the 2019 sessions, please go to the websites shown below. If you do not have online access, information and applications are available from Mr. Cathey in the counseling office.

www.kansasboysstate.com

www.ksgirlsstate.com

THE SUMMER NIGHTINGALE EXPERIENCE @ Fort Hays State University

A two day event that focuses on careers in nursing.

When: July 10th and 11th

Targeted Audience: Sophomore and Junior level high school students who have an interest in nursing but any grade level may apply.

Cost: \$100.00 which includes t-shirt, meals, housing, and camp activities.

The event begins with registration at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 10th and end around 3:30pm on Thursday, July 11th.

Applications may be downloaded from: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/>. Due date for applications is June 1, 2019.

There are only 20 seats available, early applications are highly encouraged.

More information regarding this experience can be found on the FHSU website at: www.fhsu.edu, or by contacting Michelle VanDerWege @ mlvanderwege@fhsu.edu.

COLLEGE VISITS

Juniors and Seniors have 2 days during the school year that can be school related absences to visit college campuses. Just follow these steps.

- Set up the visit with the college of your choice on the college website.
- Schedule the visit 2 weeks in advance.
- On the day of your college visit, a parent/guardian must call Northwest regarding the absence.
- The following school day, bring in proof of your college visit (a business card of the college representative that you visited with or your agenda from the day) to the guidance office and we will school-relate 2 absences your junior year and 2 absences your senior year.

***If you have questions regarding how to set up a college visit, please see Ms. Paschal in the CCC (College and Career Center) A-24.

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISITS

Black and Gold Visit Days

Spring 2019

- Friday, April 12, 2019

Counseling News cont'd.

STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES

Crisis Text Line

Crisis Text Lines serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support and information via a medium people already use and trust: text messaging.

How it Works:

- Text Hello to 741741 (from anywhere in the United States 24/7.) You can text about whatever is a crisis to you – addiction, anxiety, assault, bullying, depression, eating disorders, self-harm, suicide etc.
- The Crisis Counselor listens without judgement, invites you to share more, and helps you move from a hot moment to a cool calm. You'll text back and forth sharing only what you feel comfortable.
- After 2 automated responses, you'll connect with a live trained volunteer Crisis Counselor who receives the text on their computer.
- The goal of the conversation is help you find calm. That may mean sharing resources for you to check out for more help; sometimes it means listening.
- It usually takes less than 5 minutes to connect you with a Crisis Counselor, maybe longer during busy times.
- Conversations usually end when you and the Crisis Counselor feel comfortable that you're in a "cool", safe place, after 15 – 45 minutes.

Parents Helping Parents

Are you dealing with a child of any age abusing alcohol or other drugs? You are not alone. "Parents Helping Parents" can help by offering hope through resources, education, and shared experience.

Parent Meetings @ 7 PM

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month

Reflection Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse

7700 W. Reflection Road

Wichita, KS 67205

779-444-3380

wichita@parentshelpingparents.info

NHS Ceremony

The National Honor Society Ceremony will be held May 2 at 7 p.m. This special ceremony will welcome new members and honor our seniors. Please put this important date on your calendar if your student is a member of NHS.

Good Apple Award Winners

Congratulations to the following NW Community Members for their selection as NW Good Apple Award winners:

Kevin Arkin has been our Sports PA announcer for Northwest soccer for five years. Four years ago, he started volunteering his time and money to add webcasting of soccer games and then started boys basketball games this last year. He has welcomed students from our media classes to assist and learn from him.

Coach David Nigg is Northwest's do-everything, building sub and coach. Since retiring from South High as a teacher several years ago, he continues to form relationships and gets the most out of each individual student whether subbing for an absent teacher or coaching an up-and-coming athlete.

Extended School Year at Northwest High School

Extended School Year is an optional opportunity for students who earned a 50 – 69% for first/second semester core courses. The Extended School year is only open to freshman and sophomores. All classes will be held at Northwest and will run from June 3rd to June 20th (Monday – Thursdays). The hours for extended school are 7:30 am – 11:30 am. For students who are enrolled, they will need to show concept mastery sufficient to requirements set by their respective core subject teacher. If a student achieves this goal prior to June 20th, then they are done with Extended School and can resume normal summer activities. For students enrolled in Extended School, two or more absences (tardies as well) will result in removal from this opportunity. Any behavior that would result in disciplinary action will also be grounds for removal from Extended School. If this opportunity sounds like it might work for your student, then please pick up and complete an enrollment form from the Guidance Office. This will need to be completed and turned in to your student's grade specific counselor for eligibility verification. Prior to Extended School, it is imperative that you attend a parent meeting on either May 29th or May 30th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Northwest auditorium. This is a great opportunity for your son/daughter to raise their grade from an "F" to a "D" or a "D" to a "C". If you have further questions, please contact Steve Parks (9th grade administrator) at 973-6010 or sparks@usd259.net.

Prom 2019

Northwest's Prom will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 8-11pm at Abode Venue. Abode Venue is located at 1330 E. Douglas Avenue. Student Guest Forms for outside guests are in Pupil Services. They must be signed with all of the appropriate signatures at the time of the ticket purchase.

Tickets will be sold during both lunches on May 1-3 and before school (7:20-7:50am) May 3 for \$25 each. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 (cash only). Students must present ID and prom tickets at the door.

We encourage parents to come at the beginning to help be paparazzi and take pictures of their students walking in!! Parking is limited, so to help students park close, we are asking parents to park a little farther away.

Culinary Arts

Wichita Northwest's Restaurant and Event Management Pathway would like to thank Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association for the generous donation of 56 chef coats! Our students will proudly wear our new professional chef coats when we display our culinary excellence during fundraisers, competitions, community events and when state, district, and industry visitors join us in class.



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 school year and a certificate for a free item from the Bear Necessities Store. Below are our winners for March:

FRESHMAN - Tie

Zaquan Collins-Sutton is a very bright, organized young man who does what he is supposed to do without being asked. He is willing to help others. He is funny, hard-working, and a good friend to many.
Tracy Morris

Daisy Moffett is in my Intervention/English 1 class and AVID 1. Daisy works very hard each day. She always tries to do her best. She is very willing to ask questions if she needs help. Daisy has a wonderful smile. She brightens up the room when she comes in. I think Daisy is deserving of Student of the Month. Ann Burgett

SOPHOMORE

Michael Anthony stands out because, although he is an athlete, he never put sports before academics. He is nearly always present in class, not just physically, but mentally as well. Michael is one of those students who everyone gets along with and it's no surprise. He is naturally nice to those around him. Even if he struggles with a concept, he is always striving to try his hardest. He constantly checks on his grade and advocates for himself. Precious Mathenia

JUNIOR

Alex Rohrbach is my student assistant this year and a jack of all trades. He works diligently to set up labs, take care of equipment, score student work, clean, or whatever else I ask of him to help the classes run smoothly. He always has a positive attitude and is ready to help out. He also has perfect attendance so far this year! Lisa Fields

SENIOR

Libby Hancock has really stepped up and taken responsibility for the quality of the publication as the editor for the news magazine. She does a wonderful job leading her classmates and she gets her point across while still being kind and considerate. The fact that she cares so much about the news magazine makes the other students put more effort into their own work. She's doing a great job and deserves to be student of the month. Susan Gray



Zaquan



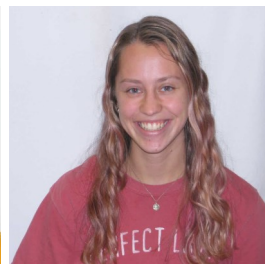
Daisy



Michael



Alex



Libby

Project Graduation

Senior parents, it is hard to believe our kids will be graduating in just a couple of months. If you have not made it to a project graduation meeting yet, there is still time for you to help out. The final meeting dates are April 15th and May 13th at 7pm in the commons.

Have you made your \$25 payment towards project graduation? Check with Debbie Lietzke in the office if you are not sure. She can take payment over the phone or you can send money with your student to school. This payment must be made and the Peace of Mind Agreement signed before your student may attend Project Graduation. See the attached POM Agreement and Project Grad order form for more information.

Some upcoming events to help support project graduation include:

- April 6th—Springo Fundraiser from 5pm-8pm in the commons. Come out for fun games and prizes! There will also be a Taco/Nacho bar.
- April 11 and April 25—Project Grad lunch sales. Students may buy lunch and all proceeds go to Project Grad. We still need soda and water donated for these events. Please drop off donations in the front office.
- There are also give back nights coming up so keep an eye out for those dates.

Please contact Candace Allen at candacerae28@yahoo.com with any questions about project graduation.



Important Senior Dates

April 26.....	Mandatory Senior Class Meeting, 3pm in Auditorium
May 2.....	National Honor Society Stoling Ceremony, 7pm in Auditorium
May 3.....	Peace of Mind Agreement Due for Project Grad
May 4.....	Prom, 8-11pm at Abode Venue
May 6.....	Senior Honors Recognition, 7pm in Auditorium
May 8&9.....	Senior Finals
May 9.....	Senior Locker Cleanout by 11am
May 9.....	Learning Center Deadline by 5:30pm
May 10.....	Senior Last Day/Activities/Breakfast, 8:10am in Commons
May 16.....	Commencement Practice, 9am at WSU Koch Arena
May 16.....	Commencement, 7pm at WSU Koch Arena
May 16.....	Project Graduation, 10:30pm-3:30am in Commons