



Principal's Newsletter

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- 14 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
- 15 Finals for 9-11 Grades; Dismiss at 12:15pm
Graduation Practice @9am at Koch
Graduation @7pm at Koch
Project Grad @10:30pm
- 16 Finals for 9-11 Grades; Dismiss at 12:15pm
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!



HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!!

Principal's Message



It's hard to believe that May is here and another successful school year is coming to a close. As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to thank all of the parents and families who have shared their time, talent and energy to help make Northwest one of the top High Schools in the state! Truly, everyone in our school community plays an important role in our pursuit of *pride, respect* and *excellence*; thank you for partnering with us and continuing our tradition of excellence by inspiring our students to reach their greatest academic potential.

Even though we are near the end of the school year, we still have numerous activities and events. Please be sure to read through this newsletter thoroughly or visit our website calendar for remaining events. A few highlighted activities and events are listed below.

Finals: Mandatory finals this year are scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th. Both days will be half days with 1-hour finals; please be sure to make arrangements for your student to have a ride at these early release times. The finals schedule is as follows:

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| 7:50-8:50 | 1st/2nd |
| 8:55-9:55 | 3rd/4th |
| 10:00-11:00 | 5th/6th |
| 11:05-12:05 | 7th/8th |
| 12:05-12:15 | Grab-n-Go Lunch |
| 12:15 | Buses Leave |

Senior Finals: Mandatory senior finals are Friday, May 4th and Monday, May 7th. For all seniors, these finals are important, but for some these finals are *absolutely crucial*. Please encourage your senior to take their finals seriously!

Senior Honors Recognition: On Monday, May 7th, 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 this next week.

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Graduation: On Tuesday, May 15th, Northwest will host its 40th Graduation ceremony at Koch Arena on the WSU Campus at 7pm. Doors will open at 6pm. If you have any questions about graduation, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 973-6000.

Enrollment for 2018-19: USD259 and Northwest High School will once again have online enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. Online enrollment will become active on July 3rd for which you will need your ParentVUE account access. If you have forgotten your ParentVUE username or password we can reset it; just call the school at 973-6000.

Regardless of whether you enroll online or not, all students will need to report to Northwest to finish the enrollment process, including taking an ID photo. Enrollment throughout the district will run from July 30th through August 1st. The more you complete online at home prior to coming in, the faster the enrollment process will be. Call the school at 973-6000 if you have any questions or concerns about enrollment for the 2018-19 school year.

Finally, as this is the final newsletter of the 2018-19 school year, I want to thank all of our Seniors for a wonderful four years at Northwest! We are incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished during your time here and we wish you the absolute best in your future endeavors! Always remember to have Pride, Respect and Excellence in all that you do!

Get Your 2018 Yearbook NOW!

Have you bought your student a yearbook yet? Only 42 yearbooks are still available for purchase. You can buy them for \$65 from the bookkeeper or online at Jostens.com.

Yearbooks will be delivered in early May. A supplement that covers spring activities will arrive this fall. Graduates will need to stop by the school next fall to pick up their supplement. There is no additional cost for the spring supplement.



Fundraiser

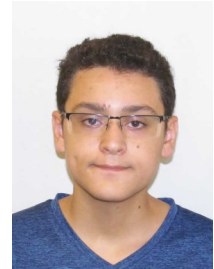
Need a mattress soon? If so, please postpone your purchase until mid-January! NWHS Bands and Orchestras will be holding their annual mattress fundraiser mid-January, 2019. Come out and save up to 50% over retail and help support the NWHS Instrumental Music Area. Thank you...and see you there!



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 April:

FRESHMAN A.J. Jibril is one of those quiet kids who happens to be a great student. I appreciate his strong work ethic and positive attitude in Computer Graphics. He consistently listens to and reads assignment instructions and asks questions only after he’s consulted his resources and tried all other options. A.J. is always willing to help fellow students when they’re struggling. His daily responses about current events are always interesting, thorough and well-written. Rebekah Morse



SOPHOMORE Karolyn Hall has participated in five culinary events outside of school hours this school year. She has become a student I depend on, trust to do the job correctly and go above and beyond with responsibility! I appreciate all the hard work Karolyn has put into all the school, community, and state competition events she has completed with me and the culinary program. Alison Draut



JUNIOR Jillian McKernan is one of my Anatomy & Physiology students. She is always asking and trying to find new ways to help her increase her knowledge and study habits for my class. She is one that always tries very hard on anything we do and if she doesn’t get something, she makes sure to come ask me or figure it out. She is also such a sweet young lady and I know will she go far with her determination and drive! Meagan Vogel



SENIOR Lilliana Balderas. Is there a nicer kid in the school than Lilliana Balderas? She always has a smile on her face, is one of the senior leaders on the volleyball team and is quick to help people around her with whatever is necessary. Lilliana is an outstanding young lady. Ron Russell



Northwest Soccer

Please join us on July 9th at Willowbend Golf Club for the 21st Annual Erik Proffitt #19 Memorial Golf Tournament. Tournament supports the Northwest Soccer Complex and college scholarships for our senior students. For more information visit erikproffittgolftournament.com or contact Chris Shumaker at 722-4030.

Tax deductible information
available at the tournament.

Thank you for your support!

Counseling News

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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, the Northwest College and Career Coordinator, at 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. Make sure you use your student's LEGAL NAME in order to process transcripts.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

ACT TEST DATES

There are only 2 ACT dates left this year. If you are a junior and haven't taken the ACT yet, please review these dates and see if one would work for you.

| Test Dates | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
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| June 9 | May 4 | May 5-18 |
| July 14 | June 15 | June 16-22 |

For those students planning ahead, the first ACT of next year is September 8 with registration by August 3. Register online at www.actstudent.org; our school code is **173214**. See Mrs. Tibbetts or Teketa Paschal, the College and Career Coordinator, 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 5, 2018

All workshop dates are on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon

Fee: \$32

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

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

CAREER/JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of resources available to Wichita students to help support them on their career paths:

- The Workforce Alliance Youth Employment Project is an opportunity to assist young adults in finding employment. Services to young adults include assistance in creating a resume, searching for jobs, preparing for interviews as well as education soft skills, customer service and money management. Students need to register at www.workforce-ks.com or call 771-6620. Multiple companies are hiring. Students must be 16 years old to participate.

If your student needs assistance in completing applications, please contact Teketa Paschal at tpaschal1@usd259.net or at 973-6058.

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LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

Learning Center is open each school day in B15 from 3:40-5:40. The last school day Learning Center is open is May 14. Seniors must have all of their work completed on May 7 at 5pm in order to walk at graduation.

Learning Center will be open additional hours on May 5 from 8am to 1pm.

SUMMER LEARNING CENTER @ NORTHWEST

Dates and times: May 18th – June 14th, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM (excluding May 28 and June 8)

Cost for a .5 credit course in the Learning Center is \$90.00.

All 9th – 11th grade students taking learning center in the summer will need to have their class completed by June 14th. If not completed student will be required to pay for course again and start over. **The Summer Learning Center calendar availability is attached.**

If you have questions regarding your student's progress in Learning Center, please contact Angela Harrell @ aharrell1@usd259.net.

SENIOR NEWS

Seniors need to keep in mind that failing a class required for graduation during the second semester will mean that they will NOT be able to participate in the graduation exercises on May 15th.

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. 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 course second semester, 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 still the ticket to a successful future. If you have questions about your student's status, please call Kyla Tibbetts @ 973-5983 or ktibbetts@usd259.net.

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

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. Summer school will be held at East High School from May 29th through June 14th.

Learning Center is another alternative for students to make-up credits. 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 7th for any senior planning to graduate on May 15th.** See your counselor for more information if you are interested in any of these options.

Counseling News cont'd.

WICHITA SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

Summer School will run from May 29th – June 14th at East High School (2301 E. Douglas)

- First semester courses are offered in the morning session: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Second semester courses are offered in the afternoon session: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The cost per class (.5 credit course) is \$90.00 for in district and \$150.00 for out of district students.

Summer school is a great opportunity for students to make up classes they have failed during the school year.

The only classes that can be taken for original credit are:

- PE Foundations – for students entering their freshman year (must pay at East High)
- Government for students entering their senior year.
- Financial Literacy for students entering their junior year.

Enrollment and payment for Summer School is April 9th -May 23rd; see your grade level Guidance Counselor for enrollment information. The Summer School Application and Summer School Brochure is attached.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer College Classes @ Newman University

- Challenging courses are designed for students who want to experience university-level academics while building up their resume for college applications.
- Summer college classes for high school students are limited to a maximum of eight credit hours per summer.
- Special summer tuition for high school students only - \$75.00 per credit hour.
- All pre-requisites and placement requirements apply.
- Some courses have a course or lab fee in addition to the tuition.
- Books are the responsibility of the student.
- Different sessions are available to fit your schedule.

The link below will take you to the website that has courses available, fees and enrollment forms.
newmanu.edu/advancedstanding

For more information or to register for classes, call

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| Ami Larrea | Advising Specialist | 316-942-4291 Ext. 2427 or |
| Elaine Schmeidler | Advanced Standing Coordinator | 316-942-4291 Ext. 2162 |

Project Graduation

The final countdown is on! 15 DAYS and counting fast until our Seniors walk across the stage and head out to pursue their post-high school dreams. As a reward for reaching such an important milestone, we want to give them a rousing send-off on the night of graduation, May 15th. That's where Project Graduation & YOU come in. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Throwing a party for 300 takes a lot of extra hands on board and we have lots of chaperone spots to fill. We have opportunities ranging from managing inflatables and gym games to keeping the food flowing throughout the night. You can work for an hour or two all the way through the night. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 729-0182 and leave a message, text 617-1283 or email zeorlin857@cox.net

Honors Chemistry

Is your student signed up to take HONORS Chemistry next year? If so, your student will have a short Summer Homework assignment. The assignment can be picked up in Room C32 starting May 8. Please contact Lisa Fields with questions at LFields@usd259.net.

AP/Honors Study Hall

Northwest is excited to offer a new class in 2018-19 to support students who are taking advanced coursework. This class will be an elective study hall where students get time to work on Advanced Placement and/or honors coursework during the school day. Students should talk to their grade level counselor about enrolling in this class.

Student Criteria:

- Students must be juniors or seniors in good academic standing and on-track to graduate with their class.
- Students should have a minimum of 3 honors and/or Advanced Placement courses.
- Students cannot drop the study hall at semester (including seniors).
- Students must show motivation & interest in using time at school in a structured environment in order to complete the rigorous reading and writing requirements for honors and AP courses at NWHS.
- Students must commit to using the class time to work on assignments for AP and honors courses.

Mathematics Summer Assignment

The mathematics department thinks it is very important to stay up on the practice of math even through the summer. At the end of the 2nd semester all students enrolled in a mathematics course for the 2018-19 school year were given a summer assignment. These are due back the first day of school and will be taken for a grade. If you have misplaced your summer assignment, please email Sarah Gegen at sgegen@usd259.net to have one emailed to you. Please include the math course you are enrolled in when you email.

Graphing Calculators for Algebra 2 and Above

We encourage students to have their own graphing calculator so they can become more comfortable with it. They could use it at home to aid them on their homework, as well as use it on the SAT, ACT, and parts of the AP tests. Used appropriately, graphing calculators can help lead to better comprehension of concepts, real-world applications, and visualization of concepts. If you are unable to get one for your student, we will have some for classroom use only. The math department recommendations are:

*TI 84 Plus Silver Edition ***

TI 84 Plus

TI 83 Plus

***highly recommended*

Grizzly Pride

Please join us for our last Grizzly Pride meeting of the school year on Monday, May 14 at 6:30pm in the NW Library. We'd love to meet you and get you "in the know" about what's going on at Northwest High School. We support ALL the groups, clubs, organizations and athletic teams at Northwest. Find out more information about Grizzly Pride on the NW website www.usd259.org/Northwest. Hover over the "Parents" tab with your mouse then click on Grizzly Pride in the drop-down menu. If you're the parent of an eighth grader who's headed to NW next year, be sure to attend the meeting and we'll help you learn about being a Grizzly.

Winners of the Grizzly Pride Scholarships will be announced at the Senior Honors Recognition on May 7. Congratulations to all graduating seniors in the Class of 2018! We wish you the best in all future endeavors.

You can't hide that Grizzly Pride!