Northwest is off to a fantastic start to the new school year! It’s hard to believe we are already on our seventh week of school! For me, Northwest is proving to be a place where **Pride**, **Respect** and **Excellence** are what we do every day!

**Top 10% of Senior Class:** Congratulations to the Top 10% of the Class of 2018! These students have demonstrated a remarkable work ethic and sense of purpose over their first three years of high school and are now preparing to finish their Senior year with that same commitment. These students, along with their parents, were congratulated at a breakfast on Friday, September 15th.

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**Principal’s Message**

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**Pictured left to right:** Principal Hofer-Holdeman, Cheyenne Yale, Siera Simon, Deanna Coleman, Celeste Evans, Carlie Volm-Bush, Alicia Thurston, Samantha Gales, Hailey, Colborn, Brittany Ayres, Jennifer Alfaro Briones, Mckayla Siemiller, Arauna Anwar, Trey Pando, Madison Mead, Ashley Cordell, Collin Pruden, Jaden Goter, Emily Jensen, Assistant Principal Henning, Madison Surmeier, Madison Driskill. **Not Pictured:** Tara Abbott, Michael Altgilbers, Courtney Behrent, Courtney Catt, Alexandra Depew, Madison Fields, Caitlyn Fox, Bryce Harman, Peter Herrmann, Kaitlyn Ivy, Arian-na Manley-Flax, Isabel McCarty, Kaitlyn Scriver, Cori Young.

**End of the 1st Quarter:** Believe it or not, the end of our first nine weeks is quickly approaching; the last official day of the quarter is October 19th. For some students, it can become increasingly difficult to stay focused with Fall
activities in full swing and other distractions that come with this time of year. Please encourage your student to stay on top of his or her grades, regardless of the distractions that are seemingly ever present.

**October PSAT:** On October 11th, select Sophomores and Juniors will be taking the PSAT college entrance exam. This is the test that determines National Merit status for those Juniors that are highly successful on the test. I would encourage parents and students to explore additional information including sample questions at [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10). Good luck to those students who are taking the PSAT!

**Communication:** The key to any successful parent-school relationship is communication. Northwest communicates in multiple ways including our webpage, Twitter, Facebook and now even Snapchat! In order to do that effectively, however, we must have accurate phone numbers and email addresses. Please be sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up to date in our system. If you have not received a ParentLink call from me (more than once), then we most likely do not have an accurate phone number in our system. Please either call the school at 973-6000 to update your contact information, or you can do it yourself through ParentVUE on your computer or phone.

Also, if you ever need to get in touch with any of the teachers at Northwest, email is the most effective form of communication. For a list of email addresses, visit our school webpage at [www.northwest.usd259.org](http://www.northwest.usd259.org) and find the “Faculty & Staff” tab along the top banner on the page. Under that tab you will find a “Staff Directory” link that will list all of your student’s teachers. If you have access to ParentVUE on your computer or smart phone, you should also be able to find email addresses listed under each classroom teacher’s grades.

Have a great October and continue to demonstrate **Pride, Respect, and Excellence**!

**Board of Education Elections**
Northwest parents care about protecting our community and neighborhood schools. One great way to do that is to vote in the local Board of Education Election on November 7th. Four of the Board of Education’s seven seats are on the November 7th ballot and USD259 voters will cast their ballot in each of the four seats, which is different than past Board elections. Please take the time to study the candidates ([sedgwickcounty.org/elections](http://sedgwickcounty.org/elections)) and make an informed decision. Your vote counts! The election timeline is as follows:

- **October 17** is the last day to register to vote.
- **October 23** advance voting begins.
- **November 7** is election day.

**Northwest Site Council**
The Northwest Site Council will meet just once every nine weeks this year. The first meeting will be **Thursday, October 5, in the Northwest Main Office Conference Room A-5 at 6pm**. The Site Council is a committee that provides the parent perspective on important school activities or issues such as school budget, student achievement, policies, behavior expectations, and much more. This advisory committee is a critical part of our school and we encourage you to participate. If you would like to join, please contact Mr. Hofer-Holdeman, Principal, at ehofer-holdeman@usd259.net or 316-973-6003. We hope to see you there!
Counseling News

SENIOR INFORMATION

Apply Kansas: College Application Month
This is a state-wide initiative in partnership with the American College Application Campaign, aiming to provide more students with the opportunity to apply to college. The goal of Apply Kansas is to ensure that 60 percent of Kansas residents have a college degree or credential by 2020.

Northwest seniors will be participating on October 9 & 10 through their English class. Volunteers from the local colleges will be here to help guide seniors through the process.

Financial Aid Night
All families are strongly encouraged to attend our Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, October 11 at 6 pm! Wichita State University’s Office of Financial Aid provides the presentation and will be available for any questions that you have about federal aid and the application process. If you have questions, please contact Danea Cramer, College Career Coordinator at dcramer@usd259.net or 973-6058. Mrs. Cramer is also available to assist families in completing the FAFSA, so call today to schedule an appointment.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are many scholarship opportunities available for the class of 2018. 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 Danea Cramer, College Career Coordinator at dcramer@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. Make sure you use your student’s LEGAL NAME in order to process transcripts.

Paper transcripts will only be printed for scholarship applications.

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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.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS TO NORTHWEST

Throughout the school year various college admissions representatives will be at Northwest during Advocacy (2:44–3:30) to visit with any junior and senior student interested in learning more about a particular institution. Interested students will need to sign up with Mrs. Cramer in the CCC (College and Career Center) A24 for a pass.

October 3 .................. Vanderbilt University & University of Nebraska
October 12 .................. Emporia State University, Kansas State Polytechnic, Bethel College, Butler CC
October 17 ................. Cowley College
October 19 .................. Kansas State University & Ottawa University
October 26 .................. Wichita State University
October 31 .................. Fort Hays State University & Bethany College
November 14 .............. Kansas Wesleyan University & Pratt Community College

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

ACT Prep (all four subjects)
October 7, 2017
November 11, 2017
January 20, 2018
March 10, 2018
May 5, 2018

ACT Math Prep
February 17, 2018

Registration can be done online at: www.registerblast.com/wsu
For paper registration, please call: 316-978-3440

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

LEARNING CENTER INFORMATION

Learning Center is a program to help students retrieve credits in failed classes that are required for graduation. The cost is $90. It is mostly online, so students are able to work at their own pace. Students will attend a mandatory orientation on either a Tuesday or Thursday to get started working on their class after payment for the class is made. The Learning Center is open 3:45 – 5:45pm Monday through Friday in B15. For questions and an application, see your student’s grade level counselor or Angela Harrell, aharrell1@usd259.net.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Students from all grade levels are invited to come to the CCC to hear information regarding careers. This is a perfect opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge about a career you may be interested in. Interested students can stop by the CCC in A-24 to sign-up or to register your student in advance, please contact Danea Cramer at dcramer@usd259.net or 973-6058.

Date: Tuesday, October 31st
Time: 1st lunch 10:53 – 11:38 AM
Career: Education – hear from teachers and principals
Counseling News cont’d.

FRESHMEN

It’s never too early to start planning for college and/or careers. Much of your freshmen and sophomore years are about exploring options. While exploring, however, you want to make sure you are organized, taking rigorous courses, and getting good grades. The websites below have resources to help guide you through your freshman year. You want to make sure you aren’t limiting yourself in your post-high school options by taking only the basics. Our goal for you is that you are able to pursue whatever you want after high school and have the prerequisites to be successful. Check them out!


FUTURES FAIR - JUNIOR EVENT

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

**When:** Tuesday, October 17th (Junior event 8:00 am – 3:00 pm). Northwest students participating on the field trip will only be out of school for a couple of hours in the morning between approximately 9:00-11:00 am.

**Where:** Koch Arena @ WSU

The guidance department will pass 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. Please call Brock Orchard (Junior Counselor) @ 973-6017 for more information regarding the junior event. Deadline for turning in field trip permission slips is 3:30pm on Friday, October 6th, 2017.

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT EVENTS

**Health Professions Day: Saturday, October 7**

Health Professions Day is for high school students looking to explore careers in Nursing, Allied Health and Sciences. Students will participate in an interactive activity to explore careers in the healthcare industry, connect with Newman faculty, explore campus life and more during this interactive event!

**Preview Day: Saturday, November 4**

Preview Day is an event for junior or senior high school students looking to discover more about Newman. Connect with professors in our academic programs, take a tour, learn about scholarships and financial aid, plus get a glimpse of campus life!

Register at: [https://newmanu.edu/admissions/visit-campus](https://newmanu.edu/admissions/visit-campus)
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WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS EVENTS

WSU is holding an open house event for high school juniors, seniors, and transfer students. Experience the day and life of a WSU student during this inside look at Shocker Nation. Friday, October 13, 2017 and Monday, October 30, 2017, 8:30am - 2:30pm, Black and Yellow Day

RSVP: https://apply.wichita.edu/Datatel.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/Events.aspx

K-STATE CAMPUS EVENTS

You're invited to attend a Senior Day at K-State! Spend a day exploring K-State's campus. Your day will include opportunities to discuss your academic interests with a K-State faculty member and hear the latest information about financial aid, residence halls and much more! Take a tour of the campus and enjoy lunch in the K-State Student Union. Our lunch program includes a student panel and prizes and one lucky student will receive $250 toward textbooks for his or her first semester at K-State. Fall 2017 Senior Day dates include:
- Monday, October 2
- Friday, October 6
- Monday, October 9
- Friday, October 13
- Monday, October 16
- Friday, November 3
- Friday, November 10

Cost is $20 per student and $15 for each parent, family member, or guest, which covers program materials, parking, and lunch. Register at: https://www.k-state.edu/admissions/seniors.html

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS EVENTS

Crimson & Blue Day is for anyone interested in attending KU. We also have customized visiting options for students who have already been admitted to KU. This open house style visit provides an overview of all the amazing things KU has to offer! Registration and additional details for Crimson & Blue Day will be available on September 1, 2017. This open-house style event allows guests to choose which tours and sessions they would like to experience. Come and go as your schedule allows. The day is completely up to you!
- Friday, October 13, 2017, 8:30am-4:00pm

Register at: https://admissions.ku.edu/crimsonandblue

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY TIGER DAY

The Fort Hays State University Admissions Office invites all high school juniors, seniors, and transfer students to spend a day on our campus and discover the reason why so many students are choosing FHSU! Tiger Day is October 28 and provides you with an excellent opportunity to attain important information regarding academic majors, scholarships, financial aid, student life, athletics, co-curricular activities and much more. Visiting campus is the best way to determine if FHSU is the right choice for you and it can give you a head start on the road to college. We are proud of what we have to offer and are certain that you will like what you see. If you're unable to attend Tiger Day, we welcome you to schedule an individual visit to campus.

Register at: http://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/tiger-day/
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EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISITS

Emporia State will host several Black and Gold Visit Days during the Fall 2017 semester. Each special visit will highlight:
- An Admissions, Financial Aid, and Scholarship Presentation
- Transfer student sessions at each Black and Gold held in February
- Tours of the campus and residence halls
- An Academic and Student Life fair
- Complimentary Lunch

2017-2018 Black and Gold Visit Days:
- Friday October 6
- Saturday October 28
- Saturday November 4
- Friday November 17

Register at: http://www.emporia.edu/events/

COWLEY COLLEGE CAMPUS EVENT

Senior Day: October 25, 2017
Do you need transportation to Senior Day? We will be sending a Cowley Bus to the Towne East Mall parking lot to bring students to and from Senior Day. The bus will leave Wichita at 8:15am and return around 2:30pm. Please send an e-mail to admissions@cowley.edu to sign up for the Senior Day bus!

Register at: http://www.cowley.edu/seniorday/

HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENT

Blue Dragon 2018 Senior Day: Friday, October 27, 2017
Check in from 9:30-10:00am. Program runs until 1:50pm at the Hutch Sports Arena south entrance.


Senior News

Welcome back, Class of 2018! We have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to a fabulous senior year full of learning and fun. All seniors were given a year-at-a-glance calendar that lists important dates for the year. 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 Jake Henning, Senior AP (jhenning@usd259.net), Ann Burgett, Senior Class Sponsor (aburgett@usd259.net), or Kyla Tibbetts, Senior Counselor (ktibbetts@usd259.net).

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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 September:

FRESHMAN Thomas Hudlin: when one of my special needs students was displaying negative behavior in the lunch line, I turned around to address her and Thomas held out his hand to her. She took it, got up, and went to the back of the line. Thomas always addresses my students in a positive manner. Upon hearing from one of my students that peanut M & Ms were my favorite, he brought me a bag at lunch the other day. He is a positive influence at Northwest. Crystal Firestone

SOPHOMORE Shawn Smith is a great young man in my Algebra 1 class. Shawn participates actively and is a great role model for the class. He takes his education seriously and works with such effort to do his best. He loves knowing what his current grade is at and works to bring it higher every single day. I am proud of this young man for his effort and for his great attitude in class every day. Shawn is proud of his work and we need more students like him. Christopher Garza

JUNIOR Christina Peterjohn is a bright spot in my day. She checks in with me to see if I need help with any projects. She has assisted me by hanging up posters and sealing envelopes. These are small tasks that need to be completed and she is the perfect person for the job. Plus, she is always positive and joyful! Danea Cramer

SENIOR Keyanna Patterson goes above and beyond to include one of our students that has trouble integrating with her peers. Keyanna notices when the student isolates herself and encourages her in the classroom and includes her in lunch socialization time. Kyla Tibbetts

Grizzly Pride
The spirit theme for the homecoming game on October 6 is "PINK Out". Grizzly Pride will be giving away PINK eye black stickers to the first 200 NW students through the gate. Support your Grizzlies football team and get there early to receive your FREE pink eye black stickers.

Please join us for our next Grizzly Pride meeting on Monday, October 9 at 6:30pm in the NW library. Come find out what goes on behind the scenes to help your student at NW. Hope to see you there!
Homecoming Week Activities

**Monday- Pajama Day**
Just come rolling out of bed. Be sure you are still within dress code.

**Tuesday - ICT Day**
Support Wichita and Kansas and sport your ICT wear. Kansas and Wichita gear will count for COTY.

**Color Wars Wednesday**
Support your class! Wear your class color, or better yet, your class shirt! What's your class year? 21, 20, 19, or 18?

**DISNEY Thursday**
#DISNEY DAY and yes Star Wars is Disney! Wear your favorite princess shirt, Mickey ears, or Star Wars gear. No costumes!

**PINK OUT FRIDAY!!!**
Come decked out in all pink to be ready for the homecoming football game Friday night.

**What counts for COTY?**
• All of the spirit days total for points at the end of the week
• Class floats (Friday, October 6 at 6:00)
• Voting for homecoming royalty (during both lunches 10/4-10/6)
• Homecoming assembly (Friday, October 6)
• Attending the dance (Saturday, October 7)

Homecoming Dance
Saturday, October 3rd from 8-11 pm
• Tickets on sale during both lunches Wednesday, October 4-Friday, October 6th
• $10/ticket ahead of time; $15/ticket at the door the night of the dance
• Guest pass forms must be completed before you can purchase a ticket for guests that do not attend NW
• Must have ticket and ID to purchase a ticket and to enter the dance
• Formal Wear for the dance