



Principal's Newsletter

NOVEMBER

- 2 Project Grad Craft Fair @10am-4pm in Commons
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends @2am
- 4 Band-O-Rama @7pm at South HS
- 7 Showcase of Choices & Opportunities @5:30-8pm at Century II
- 11 NO SCHOOL- Veteran's Day Holiday
- 12 Jazz Ensemble Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 14 Once Upon a Mattress Musical @7pm in Auditorium
- 16 Once Upon a Mattress Musical @7pm in Auditorium
- 17 Once Upon a Mattress Musical @2:30pm in Auditorium
- 18 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
- 20 Improv Show @7pm in Auditorium
- 21 Orchestra Showcase @7pm
- 22 Turkey Drive @7-8am in Parking Lots
- 25 Club Pictures @8am in Aux Gym
Student of the Month Celebration @2:30pm in Library
Project Grad Meeting @7pm in Library
- 27- NO SCHOOL-Fall
29 Recess



Principal's Message

November is already upon us and we are beginning to talk about the Holidays and the end of the first semester. As we enter this season of thanksgiving, let me take a moment to thank you, our parents and families, for your continued support in partnering with us to educate our students thus far. The dedication of so many adults is an indication of our community's belief in public education and, more importantly, belief in our *students*. Thank you!

Election Season. In addition to the holidays, November is also *Election Season*. No, there are no *major* political elections this November like President of the United States or Governor of the State of Kansas, but there *are* positions on the ballot that directly affect you and Northwest High School.

An excellent website to verify (1) your own voter registration and (2) what positions you are eligible to vote for is www.myvoteinfo.voteks.org. This website will allow you to see a sample ballot ahead of time with those candidates who will be on that ballot.

Wichita Mayor and three seats on the Wichita City Council, District 2, 4, and 5, are up for election this year. For City Council positions a person must live in the district for which they are voting. *Most* of the Northwest High School attendance area lives in District 5 and would be eligible to vote for only the District 5 position, although not all; I would highly encourage you to check your address to see if you have a specific seat for which you could vote.

Three seats on the USD259 Board of Education are also up for election; Districts 3, 4, and the At-Large seats are all on the ballot. For BOE positions a person must live inside of the USD259 boundaries, but does *not* have to live in that specific BOE district. In other words, you are allowed to vote for *all three* BOE seats up for election! That's great news!

Certainly, I would never presume to influence your decision about which candidates to vote for; I would, however, encourage you to do some research into the candidates. A great place to start your research is at our district's website www.usd259.org/boe. On the left-hand side click on the 2019 BOE Election Information link.

Expected turnout for this off-sequence election is just 10% of eligible voters, which means your vote will count tenfold! Please consider voting in the November 5th Election!

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

Turkey Drive

NW Grizzlies for Change Student Leadership Organization invites everyone in the Northwest community to participate with us in the 29th Annual B98 **Turkey Drive**. All proceeds benefit United Methodist Open Door's Community Food Ministry. Grizzlies for Change students will collect money donations at school November 15-21. All students are invited to pay \$1 each on November 15 to attend the third annual turkey carnival during 9th hour to kick-off our Turkey Drive. Money donations will be accepted until 8am on November 22. Non-perishable food and frozen turkeys will be accepted at both entrances of the school from 7-8am on November 22. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Kitchen at pkitchen@usd259.net. Please consider donating a turkey, cans of food, or a monetary donation during the turkey drive. We appreciate your help providing a nice dinner for many of our Wichita families in need. Thank you in advance for your kindness.



Project Graduation

IMPORTANT PROJECT GRADUATION 2020 DATES THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Sat., Nov. 2ndCraft Fair from 10-4 p.m. in the Commons
 Wed., Nov. 6thLunch Sales
 Thurs., Nov. 14thOn the Border Spirit Night @ 11am to Close
 Mon., Nov. 25thMonthly Project Grad Meeting @ 7pm in the Library

SENIOR PARENTS!

Please donate any of the following items **all year long**:

- ◆ Water, pop, 20 oz. Gatorades, candy (no chocolate) and chips for concessions sales
- ◆ Baked cookies (2 per regular sandwich bag, please) to be sold at lunch

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 FROM 10AM-4PM
 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY....YOU WON'T BE SORRY!

Fall Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, Nov. 2
10am—4pm

Northwest High School Commons Area

Grizzly Pride

Due to a conflict with the Veteran's Day holiday observance, the November Grizzly Pride meeting will be on November 18. We would love to have you join us at 6:30pm in the NW library. Come find out what we're all about. *You can't hide that Grizzly Pride!*

WOW! YOUR DILLONS PLUS CARD IS POWERFUL!

YES, you read that right! It is POWERFUL! Grizzly Pride earns money each and every time your family or friends swipe their card when shopping at Dillons! How is that possible?! What's the catch, you ask? Excellent questions. There is but ONE catch. *The card simply needs to be enrolled in the Community Rewards Program.* That's it. Nothing else. So simple, yet so few have done it. Take a look at these numbers and you'll understand WHY we continue to ask people to register their cards!

Current enrollment at Northwest: 1,233 students
of Plus Cards supporting Grizzly Pride: 159
That's only 13% of possible NW participants.

There is power in numbers. The more cards that are registered, the more money – FREE MONEY – that Grizzly Pride receives to support our students. Imagine if even HALF of our student population had a family member or friend who would register their card. Grizzly Pride could do SO MUCH MORE. Please, take the 2-3 minutes to register your card. Ask a grandparent, or family friend, if they would be willing to register their card to support us. Grizzly Pride will be very grateful. Thank you.

Go to: <http://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"

That's it! You're done! Now, go ask your aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and friends to do it, too! With

more people contributing, Grizzly Pride can do even more for our students! **Thank you for helping your Northwest Grizzlies!**



Grizzly Pride Spirit Bus

Go Grizzlies!!! The NW football team is doing great and we are going to cheer them on to wins all the way to State! Make plans now to ride the Grizzly Pride Spirit Bus to the game at Pittsburg State on November 30.

Grizzly Pride is sponsoring a bus to take fans to the game for only \$20 per person and that includes your ticket to the game, blue and gold spirit beads, NW eyeball stickers, and a bottle of water for the ride. What a deal!

The Grizzly Pride Spirit Bus is open to students and their parents/families. The permission form for students is attached to this newsletter or you can download it from the NW website. The bus will depart the Northwest parking lot at 9:00am for the 1:00pm game. You can return your permission form with cash or check to Pupil Services, or you can pay with a card over the phone by calling the school bookkeeper, Debbie, at 973-6020.

Let's fill the bus and support our NW Grizzlies! Seats are on a first come, first serve basis.

If things don't go as planned or if we don't have enough people sign up, the bus will be cancelled and your money refunded. Deadline to sign-up is Monday, November 25 at 1:00pm. *You can't hide that Grizzly Pride!*

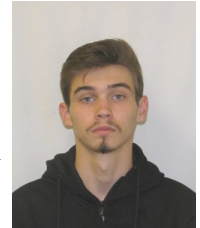
Students of the Month

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 October:

FRESHMAN Justyn Boren is in my Interactive Media Class and has taken complete ownership in learning how to create our live broadcasts. Justyn has jumped in and learned brand new industry standard equipment and has been a tremendous asset to our early broadcasts. When there is a problem with the equipment, Justyn is the first to jump in and try to find a solution rather than simply sit back and watch others figure it out. If another student is struggling, Justyn is there to walk them through the process instead of always relying on me the teacher. Shane Munro



SOPHOMORE Connor Brown - This year has been a 180 for Mr. Brown. I have watched Connor over the start of the year come to school and work hard day in and day out and he definitely needs to be recognized. I have had many teachers compliment this young man in terms of demeanor, work ethic, leadership, and respect shown to students and teachers. I know that Coach Kunz has spoken highly of this change as well as he continues to serve as a mentor to this young man during 9th hour advocacy. When a student makes such a change to show improvement in all aspects of school, it should not go unrecognized. Stephen Parks



JUNIOR Maddox Kafka - I have had the pleasure of having Maddox in my class for two years now. First, in my Honors World History class last year, and currently in my AP European History class. Maddox is a very bright, hardworking student who has excelled this year in my AP class. He does a great job of making connections between complex topics, and his writing is second to none. I have truly enjoyed having him in class and watching him grow in his academics. Jennifer Pickler



SENIOR Lauren Dodd is hilarious. She is always saying things to make people laugh and enjoy life. Lauren goes above and beyond all expectations in the classroom. She has a love for baking and helps others in class who need assistance in this area. All of her assignments are A+ material. Krista Wasinger



99% Award

The Wichita School Board recognizes students who are "doing the right things" but who would not be recognized via other means, i.e. academics or athletics with the 99% Award. Some students have overcome obstacles on their road to success; others are just very quiet in their daily pursuits.

The criteria for student selection is:

- **90% attendance**
- **Passing all courses enrolled**
- **No discipline referrals**

The NWHS 99% Award Winner, Hallee Hartley (Junior), was nominated by Ron Russell, English Teacher and Cross Country Coach. Hallee Hartley came to Northwest during her Freshman year as a transfer. She is from a military family and has had to adapt to different schools throughout her lifetime. This can be very difficult for most teens, but Hallee has handled it with warmth, enthusiasm and class. She came out for Cross Country as a sophomore and was an immediate hit on the team with friendliness and work ethic. She was competitive and yet took time to encourage all the members of the team. The classroom saw the same result. She worked hard, encouraged those around her, and was just an all-around pleasant young lady to be around. Hallee has taken a leadership role in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and also Campus Life. I'm extremely pleased to have Hallee be a part of our school for the next two years and excited to see what the future may hold. Ron Russell





Northwest Basketball Workday

Do you ever wish you had several young men to help with that household project that you've been putting off for several years?

Well now is your chance to finish those projects!

For our annual Workday, the Men's Basketball Teams at Northwest High School are offering our manual labor services on **Saturday, November 23rd, 2019.**

Payment by donation

Possible projects:

- Yard Work**
 - Raking
 - Taking down unwanted bushes/trees
 - Digging/Moving dirt
- Moving**
 - Clean out that storage room
 - Move those boxes that have been sitting in the garage for several years!
- House Cleaning**
 - Help clean up for those Thanksgiving Guests!
 - Decorating Christmas Trees
 - Vacuum
 - Dusting
- Painting**
 - Paint the kids room
 - Paint the garage
 - Paint the trim on the outside of the house/or the entire house

Your donation will go towards basketball equipment, uniforms, t-shirts, shoes, other apparel, meals, etc., for all men's basketball programs

All projects are welcome...if we can, we will!

Reserve your player(s) today!

Call Coach Hill at school (316-973-5952) cell (316-619-4396) or email at ahill2@usd259.net



Northwest Drama Department Presents its Fall Musical:



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 7 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 @ 2:30 P.M.

ADULTS: \$10

STUDENTS: \$5

Counseling News

SENIOR INFORMATION

Pass Card Applications

Seniors who are on track for graduation and would like to request pass cards for 2nd semester need to fill out a pass card application.

- Pass card applications are available in the counseling office. The application is also attached to this newsletter.
- Pass card applications have several requirements so please read over carefully and don't wait until the last minute to complete.
- A parent signature is also required.

The deadline to turn in a pass card application for seniors is Friday, November 22nd (Before Thanksgiving Break).

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Cathey (Senior Counselor) @ 973-6016 or scathey@usd259.net.

Scholarship Information

There are already scholarship opportunities available for the class of 2020. 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.

ACT TEST DATES: 2019-2020

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Fee Deadline
December 14 th	November 8 th	November 22 nd
February 8 th	January 10 th	January 17 th
April 4 th	February 28 th	March 13 th
June 13 th	May 8 th	May 22 nd
July 18 th	June 19 th	June 26 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.

ACT PRACTICE

Need some help practicing for the ACT? Check out the new ACT Academy at www.act.org/academy.

This FREE resource provides your student with videos, practice tests and personalized pacing guides to help them get the best score possible!

Counseling News cont'd.

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

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/wsu

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

FRESHMEN NEWS

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

<http://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/BCF1A04A/High-School-Freshman-Timeline-and-Checklist/>

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/blog/posts/2012-09-28/Getting-Ready-for-College-A-Four-Year-Checklist-for-High-School-Teens.aspx>

http://www.collegeprep101.com/uploads/1/1/7/2/11721368/freshman_year_checklist.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS

College Representative Visits to Northwest

Throughout the school year various college admissions representatives will be at Northwest during Advocacy (2:28– 3:10 pm) to visit with any junior and senior student interested in learning more about a particular institution. Interested students MUST get a pass in the CCC (College and Career Center) A24 before the day of the visit.

Pratt Community College Thursday..... 11/7

Paul Mitchell School Tuesday 11/12

Senior Days

Barton County Community College

November 3rd 9am – 1pm

Register at <https://www.bartonccc.edu/senior-day>

Butler Community College

November 22nd & 23rd

Register at <https://www.butlercc.edu/info/20000/admissions/685/grizzly-senior-days>

Counseling News cont'd.

STUDENT AND PARENT RESOURCES

Crisis Text Line

Crisis Text Line 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 to 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 drugs? You are not alone. "Parents Helping Parents" can help by offering hope through resources, education, and shared experience.

Parent Meetings on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month @ 7 pm
 Reflection Ridge Golf Course Clubhouse
 7700 W. Reflection Road, Wichita, KS 67205
 779-444-3380, wichita@parentshelpingparents.info



Project Lit

Please join us for the next ProjectLit meeting on December 5th at 3:45pm in the NWHS library. We will be discussing *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. If you can't attend and want to support us, please consider purchasing a book for a student using our Amazon wishlist:

(https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2U15FMUSEKG1L?ref=wl_share) or our Donor's Choose (https://www.donorschoose.org/project/projectlit-book-scythe/4485846/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=directlink&utm_campaign=teacherhub&utm_term=teacher_5292702&rf=directlink-dc-2019-10-teacherhub-teacher_5292702&challengeid=21163967).

Choir News

Northwest Concert Choir students are honored to be included in the 25th Annual Singing Quaker Alumni Concert on Saturday, November 9th at 7pm. The concert will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1958 N. Webb Road. Tickets are available from Mrs. Sessions: \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and senior citizens.

