



Principal's Newsletter

APRIL

- 3 Spring Instrumental Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 4 AVID Family Night @6:30pm in Commons
- 7 PROM at Abode @8pm
- 9 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
Project Grad Meeting @7pm in Commons
- 12 Final Senior Class Assembly @2:45 pm in Auditorium
- 13 NO SCHOOL
- 14 ACT Test @8am
- 16 NO SCHOOL-District Inservice
- 19 Site Council Meeting @5:30pm in Room A5
- 24 Jazz in the Round @7pm in Commons
- 26 NW Area Orchestra Concert @5pm in Gym/Commons
- 29 NHS Stoling/ Induction Ceremony @1:30pm in Auditorium/Commons
- 30 Student of the Month Celebration @2:50pm in Library

Principal's Message



Springtime is upon us and with it, *the countdown* has begun! Whether we like it or not, students are beginning to count down the days until Summer Vacation (**31** for 9th-11th grade and **24** for Seniors). Of course, truth be told, there are many *adults* that are beginning the countdown as well! It's ok to begin looking toward vacation, but what's *not* ok is to begin shutting down early. There is still much learning to do! There are still important assessments on which to excel! There are still essential projects to complete and present! There are still papers to write and equations to solve and novels to analyze! Again, there is still much learning to do!

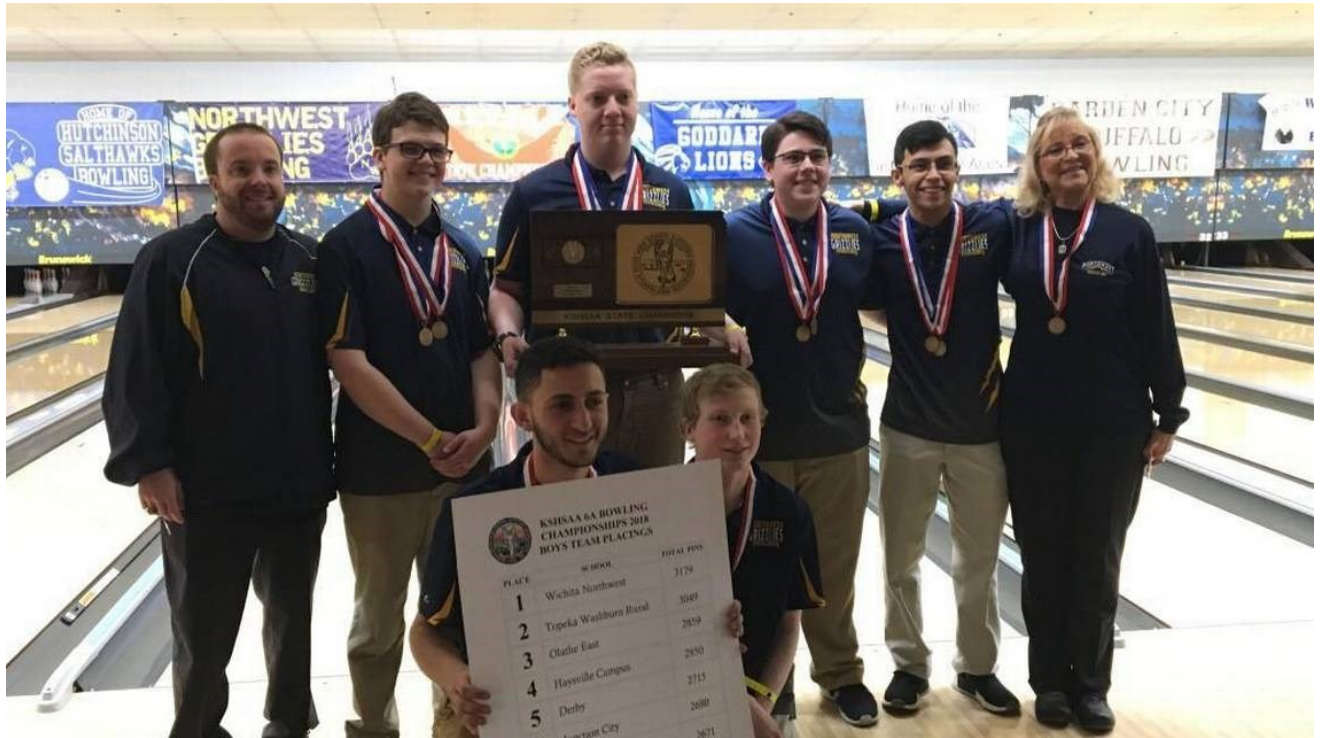
Parents and families, we need your help. As tiring as it is to ask your students every night whether there is any homework, please continue to do so. As frustrating as it is to check **ParentVUE** for missing assignments, please continue to do so. As time consuming as it is to follow up with a teacher call or email, please continue to do so.

We here at Northwest will continue to do what we have been doing since the first day of school; educate your sons and daughters to the best of our abilities. **Together** we can avoid the early shutdown prior to Summer Vacation. **Together** we can continue to provide the best High School education in Wichita, if not the state!

Senior Parents: 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 the next two months.

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!

6A BOWLING STATE CHAMPS



Congratulations to the boys bowling team on a very successful season; West Acres Cup Champions, Great Plains Champions, City League Champions, Regional Champions, and STATE CHAMPS!!!! From Left to Right: Assistant Coach Brian Latta, Curtis Miller, Caleb Fahring, Brandon Bonta, Gabe Alvarez, Head Coach Jodi Floyd, Ronnie Turley and Michael Altgilbers.

Prom 2018

Northwest's Golden Age of Hollywood Prom will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 8pm to 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 purchase of tickets.

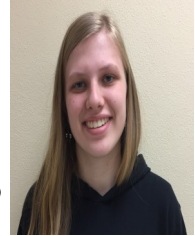
Tickets will be sold during both lunches on April 4, 5, and 6 and before school (7:15-7:40) April 6 for \$25 each. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 (cash only). Students must present ID and prom tickets at the door.

Since prom is Hollywood theme, 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.

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 Hallee Hartley transferred to Northwest in the middle of last semester and was placed in my regular world history class. I noticed that her work was always top notch and so I asked her if she'd like to switch into my honors class if her schedule allowed it. She said she would be willing to make the switch and do the extra work, and she has fit in seamlessly. She always comes in with a smile and a positive attitude, and I am so happy to have her in my class! Jennifer Pickler



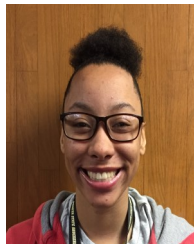
SOPHOMORE Kat Willis is one of the most positive, kind, thoughtful students I have ever had the good fortune of having in class. She is continually professional and directable, and is frequently willing to take on added responsibility in the form of doing cast photography (which she also studies here) and taking on leadership positions in technical theatre. Zoe Burke



JUNIOR Josh Carter has missed 0 days in Zero hour this whole year. Waking up for workouts at 6:30 in the morning, being a great student in the classroom, and maintaining a 3.4 GPA throughout high school is impressive. He was a Top 22 Football player, finished 3rd at State Wrestling, and has a chance to win a 6a Shot Put championship. This is great and all, but he is also one of the best leaders we have in this school. Steve Martin




SENIOR D'Aja Burch has developed a great voice, both as a speaker and writer, during her four years at Northwest. She's not only articulate, but funny, authentic, and wise. If classwork doesn't go her way, she makes a note to herself and focuses on the next challenge. This ability to prioritize and rebound will be advantageous in any field she pursues after high school. I will miss her bubbly, enthusiastic presence in class. Lizanne Minerva



Good Apple Award Winners

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

David Dennis Shane Munro Business Department Instructors		<p>These instructors have collaborated to develop, promote and kick-off the creation of the Northwest High Information Technology Academy. The first of its kind in the district, the IT Academy will attract students that have been previously underserved in their educational talents and interests.</p>
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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.

SENIORS! It's time to start reporting your scholarship offers! Please visit the link at <https://goo.gl/forms/5bFo9Z34yAMfjC0I2> to enter that information before April 30th. The highest earners will be recognized at an upcoming BOE meeting! Have questions? Contact Ms. Paschal at (316)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
June 9	May 4	May 5-18
July 14	June 15	June 16-22

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/wsui

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 (from 2:44–3:43pm) to visit with any junior or senior student interested in learning more about a particular institution. Interested students will need to sign up with Ms. Paschal in the College and Career Center (CCC), Room A24, for a pass.

April 12thKansas University

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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 after payment for the class is made to get started working on their class. The Learning Center is open 3:40 – 5:40pm Monday through Friday in B15. For questions and an application, see your student's grade level counselor or 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.

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. More information will be available in the Guidance office in mid-March.

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.

SUMMER LEARNING CENTER @ NORTHWEST

Dates and times: May 18th – June 14th & 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

Summer Learning Center is only available for 9th-12th grade students

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.

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

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WICHITA SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

Summer School will run from May 29th – June 14th at East High School (820 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

Boys State

Boys State is an opportunity for male juniors giving thousands of young Kansans powerful introduction to civic responsibility. This year's Boys State will take place at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Dates: June 3rd – 8th, 2018

Fee: \$325.00 per delegate

Delegate Qualifications are: Junior in high School (2017-18), be in the upper half of your class, be a self-starter and be involved in extracurricular activities in the school and community.

If you are interested in Boys State, contact the American Legion Boys State Office at 1.866.241.9920 or please email us at kansasboysstate.org. Application deadline is April 30th, 2018.

Girls State

Girls State is an opportunity for female juniors to participate in a non-partisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and patriotism. Girls will spend an intensive week of studying, working together as self-governing citizens. They learn how to participate in the functioning of their city, county, and state government in preparation for their future roles as responsible citizens.

Dates: June 3rd – 8th, 2018

Location: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Fee: \$300.00 per delegate

Registration deadline: May 1, 2018. Questions: e-mail director Rachel Barnes at sunflower-girlssate@gmail.com, www.ksgirlsstate.org

JUNIOR DAYS

<u>WSU</u> Black and Yellow Day April 14	<u>KU</u> Junior Days More dates into April	<u>K-State</u> Junior Days April 9, 13, 26, May 4	<u>Fort Hays State</u> Tiger Day April 4
<u>Butler</u> April 25	<u>Newman U</u> April 7	<u>Friends U</u> May 7	

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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.

SUMMER 2018 NIGHTINGALE EXPERIENCE

The Nightingale Experience is a two day event for sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are interested in the field of nursing.

Dates: July 17th -18th

Day one: Visit the Department of Nursing at Fort Hays State University.

Day two: The participants will be transported to HaysMed where they get a glimpse of a day in the life of a nurse.

Room and board materials, activities, and attendance at HaysMed are all included. Students will stay in the residence hall.

Registration Fee: \$75.00

It's easy to apply. Simply follow these steps:

- Download the application from <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/>
- Click on Nightingale Experience
- The due date to return applications, including references, is **April 1, 2018**
- **Early application is highly encouraged due to space availability!!!!**
- Notification of applicant's acceptance will be mailed on April 21, 2018.

More information: www.fhsu.edu or contact: Shauna Keil @ slkeil@fhsu.edu or Michelle VanDerWege @ mlvanderwege@fhsu.edu

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.

GRIZZLY PRIDE

Have you been wanting to get more involved at NW but just don't know how? Please come to our next Grizzly Pride meeting on April 9 at 6:30pm in the NW Library. We're a fun group of people who work together to 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 have any questions, please feel free to contact the Grizzly Pride President, Kathy Darnell, at kathydarnell@cox.net.

SENIORS! Be sure to check with the CCC about applying for one of the Grizzly Pride scholarships. Let us know how you and/or your parents have contributed to the NW community. You will find out if you've won at the Senior Honors Recognition.

Follow us on Twitter @NW_GrizzlyPride and on Facebook @nwgrizzlypride
You can't hide that Grizzly Pride!

Senior Calendar

April	7.....	Prom @8pm at Abode Venue
	12.....	Final Senior Class Meeting during 9th Hour in Auditorium
	14.....	ACT Test @8am
	29.....	NHS Stoling Ceremony @ 1:30pm
May	3-4.....	Bearlesque @ 7pm
	4.....	Learning Center Deadline
	4, 7.....	Senior Finals
	7.....	Senior Honors Night @7pm (wear graduation gowns)
	8.....	Senior Breakfast & Program @8:30am/Finals Make-up
	15.....	Graduation Practice at WSU Koch Arena @9am
	15.....	Graduation @ 7pm at WSU Koch Arena
	15.....	Project Graduation @ 10:30pm



Northwest Soccer

Our 16TH Annual Northwest Invitational Soccer Tournament will be played April 25, 27, 28. There will be a total of 32 teams competing. The JV Division will consist of 16 teams and the C-Team Division will have 8 teams playing. Championship Games will be played on Saturday, April 28. Grizzlies look for your support as they challenge to win a Northwest Soccer Championship!

Future Educators Fundraiser

Northwest Future Educators are selling t-shirts to raise money to send 5 students to our national conference in Orlando this summer. The shirts were designed and will be printed by NW's student print club (Bear Bones) and promote all of the student clubs at Northwest. Each shirt is \$15. If you're interested, please email Paul Kitchen at pkitchen@usd259.net for pre-order information. Money needs to be received at Northwest by April 12.

