



# Principal's Newsletter

## 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](http://www.myvoteinfo.voteks.org). This website will also allow you to see a sample ballot ahead of time with those candidates who will be on that ballot.

Three seats on the Wichita City Council are up for election: districts 1, 3 and 6. For City Council seats, a person must live in the district for which they are voting. **Most**, although not all, of the Northwest High School attendance area lives in district 5 and would not be eligible to vote for a City Council candidate, but I would highly encourage you to check your address to see if you have a specific seat for which you could vote.

Four seats on the USD259 Board of Education are also up for election; districts 1, 2, 5 and 6. For voting on 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 four** BOE seats up for election! That's great news!

Certainly, I would never presume to influence your decision about which candidate to vote for, however, I would 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](http://www.usd259.org/boe). On the left-hand side click on the 2017 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 7<sup>th</sup> Election!

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**NOVEMBER**

- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set clocks back one hour
- 6 Reality U @ 7:50am in Lobby of New Gym
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Jazz Band Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 8 Showcase of Choices and Opportunities @5:30-7pm at Century II  
AVID Family Night @6pm in New Gym
- 9 Turkey Drive Assembly @2:45pm in Gym  
Buff Puff Seniors vs Faculty Volleyball Game @3:45pm in Aux Gym
- 10 NO SCHOOL—Veteran's Day Holiday Observance
- 11 Project Grad Fall Craft Fair @11am-4pm in Commons
- 13 Turkey/Canned Food Drive  
First day of practice/tryouts for winter sports  
Group Pictures for Yearbook @8am in Gym  
Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library  
Project Grad Meeting @7pm In Commons
- 16 Guys & Dolls Musical @7pm in Auditorium
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- 18 Guys & Dolls Musical @7pm in Auditorium
- 20 NO SCHOOL—Conference Release Day
- 21-24 NO SCHOOL—Fall Recess

## Principal's Message cont'd.

**Homework Hotline.** By now you've surely heard of our district's new Homework Hotline. This is a wonderful resource for students to get help from real teachers on their specific homework questions! Students just need to call 973-4411 or email [homework@usd259.net](mailto:homework@usd259.net) to speak to a certified teacher for help with any subject. Encourage your student to take advantage of this amazing resource!

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

## Counseling News

### 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 Danae Cramer, College Career Coordinator, at [drcramer@usd259.net](mailto:drcramer@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](http://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

Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://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.

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
December 9	November 3	November 4-17
February 10	January 12	January 13-19
April 14	March 9	March 10-23
June 9	May 4	May 5-18
July 14	June 15	June 16-22

### 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.

November 14 .....Kansas Wesleyan University & Pratt Community College

## Counseling News cont'd.

### WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

#### ACT Prep (all four subjects)

November 11, 2017  
 January 20, 2018  
 March 10, 2018  
 May 5, 2018

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

#### ACT Math Prep

February 17, 2018

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

### 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 3:40 – 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](mailto:aharrell1@usd259.net).

### 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!

- <http://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/BCF1A04A/High-School-Freshman-Timeline-and-Checklist/>
- <http://www.cafecollege.org/freshmen/make-a-plan/freshmen-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](http://www.collegeprep101.com/uploads/1/1/7/2/11721368/freshman_year_checklist.pdf)

### REALITY U – SOPHOMORE EVENT

Date: November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Reality U brings a bit of “reality” to students, teaching them about personal finance in an interactive and engaging way. Students imagine their life as a 26 year old and complete an on-line lifestyle survey, including questions about their occupation, marital status, use of credit cards, and their current grade point average. This information is entered into a trademark software program that links their answers to a unique scenario that is individualized for each student based on their survey answers. These scenarios are distributed to them the day of the event and the students are given a budget and visit a variety of booths where they “spend” their income on groceries, insurance, housing, utilities etc.

## Counseling News cont'd.

### **LUNCH AND LEARN: TWO IN NOVEMBER!!!!**

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 Danae Cramer @ [dcramer@usd259.net](mailto:dcramer@usd259.net) or 973-6058.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Lunch and Learn**

Date: Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1<sup>st</sup> lunch 10:53 – 11:38 AM

Career: Allied Health Careers

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch and Learn**

Date: Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1<sup>st</sup> lunch 10:53 – 11:38 AM

Career: Engineering (Mechanical, Computer & Aerospace)

### **NEWMAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISIT**

#### **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>

### **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:

- 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>

### **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:

- Saturday November 4
- Friday November 17

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

# Fall Craft Show

Project Grad is sponsoring a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 11 from 11 am to 4 pm in the Commons at Northwest High School. Please come and support Project Graduation and get your holiday shopping done early! This is a come and go event with lots of vendors selling a variety of specialty and one of a kind items.

Hope to see you there!



## Do You Have SASS???

If you shop at Dillons and have a Dillons Plus Card, you can get free money for Northwest. SASS - Shop And Support Students. All you have to do is take a couple of minutes to enroll your Plus Card in the Dillons Community Rewards program and Dillons will start paying money to our school. **This does not cost you anything but can be a HUGE benefit to Northwest!** Every time you shop at Dillons and use your Plus Card, the school earns a percentage of what you spend. This does not affect your fuel points or cost you anything. Once you enroll you don't have to do anything but sit back and let Dillons donate money to NW each time you shop. It's that easy! PLEASE take just a few minutes to follow the easy steps below and start helping your Grizzly Family by being SASSy.

- Go to: [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
- Sign in or create a new account
- Click on "Enroll now"
- Enter the Northwest number 10313
- Select Northwest High School Booster Club
- Click "Enroll"

## 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 Roman Greenman** is one of my freshman advocacy students who has transitioned amazingly well to NW. For the past 7 years, he has been homeschooled and, as expected, was a little apprehensive about starting high school. He has come to 9th hour every day and worked extremely hard. In addition, he always has a friendly demeanor and is a huge asset to the positive environment of our class! Tiffany Hampe

**SOPHOMORE Jacky Lin** is such a high achiever in math class but he always takes time to help other students who might be struggling in his group. He does not talk much so to see him interact with others is so wonderful and appreciated. Jodi Floyd

**JUNIOR Ryan Phillis** is one of the hardest working students in my Digital Electronics class. He is ready to work from the moment he walks in the door until the bell rings for class to be over. This straight A student has serious plans for college and is doing all the right things in preparation for it. Given the work ethic of this young man, his engineering aspirations will bear fruit in abundance. Christopher Garza

**SENIOR Curtis Miller** works very hard in math class but he also gives up time 9th hour to help other students who need help in math. He has come to my room to help others in his class several times and it is so appreciated. Jodi Floyd

**SENIOR Charlie Jenkins** is the Northwest High School recipient of the district's 99% Award! In 2002, the Wichita Public Schools Board of Education initiated an awards program to recognize middle- and high-school students. The Board wanted to spotlight students who were doing everything right but who were often overlooked when it came to awards and accolades. I would like to nominate Charlie Jenkins for the 99% Award. Charlie (most of the time) is a very quiet senior in my AVID class. He is the type of student that keeps comments to himself, yet when he does share, they are the most amazing things or the funniest things you will ever hear. Charlie walks 2 miles every day to school, rain, shine or snow. He is always on time and doesn't use walking to school as an excuse. Charlie makes good grades. He works hard in all his classes, even takes AP classes. Charlie is the type of student that doesn't draw attention to himself. He has one job and that is to be successful in school. Right now, Charlie is applying for colleges and scholarships so he can continue his education after he graduates. He will be the first in his family to go to college, which is very exciting. I am so proud of the young man Charlie has become. That is why I feel he deserves the 99% Award. Ann Burgett



## Turkey Drive

Northwest will once again compete in the United Methodist Open Door 27th Annual **Turkey Drive** Competition. This includes collecting turkeys and/or money and competing against other high schools. We will have a large bin in front of the main office to collect canned goods from November 13-16. We'll wrap up on Friday, November 17 with volunteers collecting turkeys, canned goods, and money in the driveways from 7-8am. This is the 27th year for the turkey drive and the 11th year that students have been involved and totally revolutionized the drive! Last year, Northwest donated 349 turkeys, 1212 canned food/side items and \$350 in monetary donations. Last year, the district as a whole donated a total of 3,678 turkeys,

23,455 canned food/side items and nearly \$11,837.57 in monetary donations. It is amazing to see how much the Turkey Drive has grown since 2006 when the district collected 180 turkeys and \$760 in cash support. Please consider donating a turkey, cans of food or a monetary donation during our turkey drive. We appreciate your help providing a nice dinner for many of our Wichita families in need.



## Thanksgiving Desserts made by Culinary Arts 1

**Money orders taken Nov. 6th-Nov. 10th. Please bring money order to Mrs. Draut in E8. Desserts will be delivered on Nov. 17th during 9th hour.**

**Pumpkin Pie—\$8 (Allergens—gluten, dairy, and egg)**

**Pecan Pie—\$10 (Allergens—gluten, pecans, and egg)**

**Pumpkin Roll—\$10 (Allergens—gluten, dairy, and egg)**

**Iced Cinnamon Rolls—\$10 for 9 x 13" pan of iced and baked rolls.  
(Allergens—gluten, dairy and egg)**

**Profits go to support Northwest ProStart  
Management and Edible Garnish competition teams.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Contact Mrs. Draut by e-mail: [adraut@usd259.net](mailto:adraut@usd259.net) or 316-973-5901  
after 3:30pm on weekdays.**