



Principal's Newsletter

MARCH

- 2 Red Cross Blood Drive all day in Aux Gym
- 8 Spring Choir Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 10 Spring Sports Pictures @9am in Gym
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins—turn your clock forward one hour
- 12 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
- Project Grad Meeting @7pm in Commons
- 16 No School-End of 3rd Grading Period
- 19-23 No School Spring Break
- 26 Student of the Month Celebration @2:50pm in Library
- 30 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Drama Production @7pm in Auditorium
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Principal's Message



Events in Florida two weeks ago weigh heavily on my mind as I sit and type this Principal's Message, both as a principal and as a father. I struggle with the loss of young lives and those adults who attempted to protect the students in their charge. What an unbelievable tragedy.

As the principal of this exceptional school, let me assure you that we are continually doing everything in our power to assure that this sort of event *never* happens at Northwest High School. We have a Crisis Plan in place that we review annually with the staff. We conduct regular crisis drills that include lockdowns and evacuations. We use opportunities that present themselves, such as the tragedy in Florida, to review our Crisis Plan and make necessary modifications. In short, we believe that we are continually vigilant about the safety of all our students and staff!

That is not to say, however, that more can't be done, and you can help us! The help you can provide is simply to inform us if there is ever a concern. The phrase seems so simple, but it can be *so* effective; "**see something, say something**". If you or your son or daughter see something or hear of something that seems out of place, please report it. I would rather follow up on 100 bad leads than miss that one lead that could have prevented a tragedy. Thank you for your help in keeping Northwest a safe school!

Senior Parents: On 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!

Culinary Arts News

PROSTART TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Culinary Instructor Alison Draut Named Kansas 2018 Pro-Start teacher of the year!

Industry connections are an essential part of students understanding how the content in the classroom is used out in the food industry. The Kansas food industry has a community connection which understands that these high school students need to be exposed to how the industry works, knowing some of these students will go through a local culinary college, then into the career.

In Mrs. Draut's fourteen years of teaching Northwest's Restaurant and Event Management pathway, she has connected students with at least sixteen different chefs, fifteen different food establishments, Cargill's Innovation Center, four culinary colleges, three food scientists, three dietitians and two military recruiters. She has also obtained a number of monetary donations to help support the program.

A couple of alumni students have returned to mentor students through competition. These connections have impacted the students by helping them get jobs, earn scholarships and trophies from Kansas Pro-Start Invitational, answer questions about colleges and military branches, as well as improve their communication, management and culinary skills.

Mrs. Draut and her students are so grateful for representatives from the food industry who give back to students in our program.

THANK YOU TO DILLONS



The Culinary Arts 1 class wants to thank Dillons for donating \$150 for their Dinner theater event. Northwest's Culinary and drama departments teamed up to produce an excellent dinner theater show.

FUNDRAISER

Commissioner David Dennis has teamed up with three Northwest High School Culinary Arts 1 students to participate in a fundraiser for Pando Initiative called 100 Men Who Cook! The fundraising event will be April 7th at the Marks Arts building. Each chef has a fundraising page. All proceeds will go to Pando Initiative, an organization that assists students with school supplies, clothes, food, and other needs and teaches them how to be the best person they can be.



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 February:

FRESHMAN Ashleigh Lincicome is a top student in my Algebra 1 class. She takes every class seriously and has a plan for success. She currently has a 99% in my class and that is because she processes concepts amazingly well. Her grades are filled with A’s because she values the gift of education and the opportunity she has here at Northwest. She is proud to be a Northwest Grizzly and Grizzly Nation is proud of her! Christopher Garza

SOPHOMORE Gabrielle Bruner is an excellent student and wonderful human to be around. She always has work done well and turned in on time, and is always proactive about getting missed or late work. Gabby shows incredible resilience in her every day work and extracurricular activities, and always with a smile on her face. Chelsea Soetaert

JUNIOR Bree Johnson is a dynamic student who comes to class ready to work. She can light up discussions in AP Language with her strong, yet thoughtful, perspectives. Although she has definite opinions, she keeps an open mind. She listens to others, works well in a group, and has a sharp sense of humor. Lizanne Minerva

SENIOR Madison Surmeier is an all-around great kid. She is an outstanding student who prioritizes her school work. She is friendly, helpful, and a leader among her classmates. She sets a wonderful example for other students by taking pride in everything she does. Madi is always doing the right thing and is an absolute joy to be around. Monica and I are lucky to have her as our proctor! Jess Venters

99% Award Winner

SENIOR Celeste Evans is the Northwest 99% Award winner! The 99% Award recognizes high school students each semester who are making a contribution to their school and serve as a role model to their peers, but who may not be getting the recognition they deserve for doing the right thing. Celeste is unassumingly brilliant. She is a model student who is in class every day and very meticulous with her work. She doesn’t shy away from challenging content and always gives her best. Her determination is amazing. Celeste is an extremely self-motivated young lady and just does the right thing. Celeste is very serious about achieving her goals, but does so in a quiet manner that could go unnoticed. She is very kind and never boasts. Celeste just quietly goes through life always doing what is right. Doug Weaver



CTE Pathway Awards

Congratulations to the following students who won the USD 259 Career and Technical Education Pathway Award:

- McKayla Siemiller for A/V Communications
- Jaden Goter for Network Systems
- Grant Davis for Programming and Software Development

These students were recognized as the best in the district in their respective career pathways. The winners were honored at the Feb. 12th Board of Education meeting.

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 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 3 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
April 14	March 9	March 10-23
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)

March 10, 2018

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

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.

March 6thButler County Community College

March 13thWichita State University

March 15thFriends University

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.

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have questions regarding your student's pre-enrollment, please contact your grade level counselor:
Current Freshmen: Betsy Terriere bterriere@usd259.net
Current Sophomores: Scott Cathey scathey@usd259.net
Current Juniors: Brock Orchard borchard@usd259.net

High school counselor Kyla Tibbetts will be enrolling current 8th grade students. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Tibbetts @ 973-5983 or email her at ktibbetts@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 4th for any senior planning to graduate on May 15th.** See your counselor for more information if you are interested in any of these options.

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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

Volunteering during Spring Break with the United Way

Spring break is around the corner, March 19th – 23rd. Do your kids have plans? Sign them up to volunteer! Students can spend their spring break sorting clothing, helping children with crafts, mending fences, yard work and much more. Over 40 projects are available. Participants receive a free T-shirt (while supplies last). Projects are available for middle school and high school students (minimum age is 12, depending on the project).

Register online at unitedwayplains.org/springbreak. Those without computer access can call 2-1-1.

(See attached flyer for more details.)

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.
- Technical Career Fair 2018 – Saturday, March 10th from 10am–2pm at Davis Moore, 7675 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS. (see flyer attached for more info)

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

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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

JUNIOR DAYS

<u>WSU</u> Black and Yellow Days March 24, April 14	<u>KU</u> Junior Days March 2, 12, 26, 30 and more dates into April	<u>K-State</u> Junior Days March 5, April 9, 13, 26, May 4	<u>Emporia State</u> Black and Gold Days March 2	<u>Pittsburg State</u> Rumble in the Jungle March 3
<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	



Northwest Soccer

Northwest Girls soccer will be introducing their 2018 players on Tuesday, March 13. There will be a Parent/Players meeting in the Commons at 5:45 pm.

The Girls Showcase games will be played on Thursday, March 15. The JV vs C Team intra-squad game will start at 6pm followed by the Alumni game at 7:15pm. Your attendance is greatly appreciated!

GRIZZLY PRIDE

Maybe your child has mentioned the great spirit items the students have been receiving at some athletic events this year, such as pink “eye black” stickers, blue and gold spirit beads, Pink Out necklaces and more! All of these items were donated by your Northwest Booster Club - **Grizzly Pride!** If you and your student weren't aware of the giveaways, then be sure you're “in the know” by following us on our new Twitter account @NW_GrizzlyPride: https://twitter.com/NW_GrizzlyPride?s=09 to stay informed on activities, events, volunteer opportunities, and all things happening at Northwest and with Grizzly Pride.

One of the many things Grizzly Pride does for NW is run the student store before school and during lunch. Right now we are in need of a volunteer willing to work the first lunch shift (10:50-11:40am) every Wednesday. It's a fun way to get involved and help the students during their lunch hour. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Cris Carter at todd_carter2@yahoo.com.

Please join us for our next meeting on March 12 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. If you would like to get involved or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Grizzly Pride president, Kathy Darnell, at kathydarnell@cox.net.

You can't hide that Grizzly Pride!

Senior Calendar

March	9..... Senior vs. Faculty Basketball Game
	27..... Grad Supply Pickup during both lunches
	28..... Senior Speech Tryouts in Room C-21 @9th Hour
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 Recognition 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

Drama Production

The NWHS Drama Department presents William Shakespeare's “A Midsummer Night's Dream” on March 30th and 31st at 7pm. Tickets to this hilarious comedy are \$4 for thespians/senior citizens/military personnel, \$6 for students, and \$8 for adults. We hope you'll join us for this fun evening!

