



Principal's Newsletter

Principal's Message



I trust you found time to rest and relax during the Thanksgiving holiday. I know I did. As I relaxed and recharged my batteries, I also took some time to reflect on all of the positives we have going here at Northwest High School. Please allow me share just a couple of positives.

Generosity

The generosity of our students and staff never ceases to amaze me! This year we have already conducted several fundraisers and charity drives in which our Northwest family has volunteered time, donated items, and raised thousands of dollars. Multiple sports and fine arts fundraisers, United Way drive, Turkey Drive, and our current "Soles for Souls" drive, are just a few examples. As a district, we collected more than 2,500 turkeys, 17,000 side items, and \$12,800 for the Turkey Drive alone! It has been an absolutely remarkable year thus far!

Behavior

Our student behavior, for the most part, has been exceptional this year. Through November our 1306 students had only 332 office referrals. That's a bit less than one write-up for every four students. For perspective, another Wichita high school has 1573 office referrals through the same time period—almost five times as many! All of this is to simply say, Northwest students know how to behave at school and do a great job of acting appropriately. For this I am very grateful!

I look forward to a strong finish to the semester this month. We need to encourage our students to continue to focus on school, complete assignments, study for tests, and have good attendance. This is especially important since there are less than two weeks remaining before finals. It is this momentum that will carry us over to second semester, when student participation and engagement in the classroom will prove vital to continue to exceed last year's academic goals.

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DECEMBER

- 1 Guys & Dolls Musical @7pm in Auditorium
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- 4 Student of the Month Reception @2:50pm in Library
- 5 Cap & Gown Retakes @8am in Auditorium
Holiday Orchestra Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 6 Jostens Class Ring Delivery during lunch in Commons
Site Council Meeting @5:30pm in A5
- 7 Holiday Band Concert @7pm in Auditorium
- 8 Improv Show @7pm in Auditorium
- 9 ACT Test @8am
- 11 Grizzly Pride Meeting @6:30pm in Library
Project Grad Meeting @7pm in Commons
- 14 Winter Choir Concert @7pm at Central Community Church
- 15 NO SCHOOL-Staff Work Day

NO SCHOOL:

December 18-29 &
January 1-2
Winter Recess



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All students will take finals at the end of this first semester. Our finals dates and times are: Wednesday, December 13th—all students will take their B Day finals (2, 4, 6, 8). On Thursday, December 14th—all students will take their A Day finals (1, 3, 5, 7). Students will be allowed to leave at 2:40 pm each day after their 7th/8th hour final if they have transportation. We will have 9th hour Advocacy for students who do not have transportation or have a make-up final. The last day of school for students is Thursday, December 14th. Please be aware that we will ***not*** allow early finals. **If approved by an administrator, any student who does not complete their finals will receive a zero on the final until they are able to make up the final the week they return from winter break.** A grade change will be made at the completion of the final. Any conflicts or requests must go through your student's grade level administrator for approval.

Semester report cards will be handed out to students when they return from winter break. However, grades will be posted by December 15th and can be viewed after that date by using your ParentVue account. Anyone having trouble accessing ParentVue can contact Monica Mullens at 973-6008 or by email at mmullens@usd259.net for assistance.

Have a great December 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 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.

ACT TEST DATES

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

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.

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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.

December 5th Kansas Wesleyan University

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY ACT PREP WORKSHOPS

ACT Prep (all four subjects)

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

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.

FRESHMEN ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS

Freshmen recently participated in USD 259's new career assessment tool called Xello. Xello helps students discover the pathway that's right for them, whether it involves a trade, college, university, entrepreneurship, or other training. Make sure and ask your freshman student what career paths have been discovered for them.

During the first week of December, freshmen students will be meeting one-on-one with their counselor, Ms. Terriere, and college career coordinator, Ms. Cramer, to discuss the results of their Xello assessment and begin planning for enrollment and selecting electives that relate to their career path of choice. This is an exciting time as it begins to lay the foundation for coursework for their high school career!

PRE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in January with enrollment presentations in your student's advocacy class and the Elective Fair (Jan. 3rd – 8th) during which students have the opportunity to visit elective teachers and get more information about elective classes that they might be interested in taking next school year.

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PRE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION CONT'D

Schedule for enrollment information is below:

Grade Level	January 3 rd	January 4 th	January 5 th	January 8 th
Freshman	Enrollment Overview Video	Assembly	Department Enrollment PowerPoints	Elective Fair
Sophomores	Enrollment Overview Video	Elective Fair	Assembly	Department Enrollment PowerPoints
Juniors	Enrollment Overview Video	Department Enrollment PowerPoints	Elective Fair	Assembly

A parent signature is required on the pre-enrollment paperwork which is to be turned in to the grade level counselors when they come to the social studies classes starting **Jan. 16th**. Please discuss with your student the selections they are making for the upcoming school year. Pre-enrollment is how the master schedule for the school is developed. The district is becoming more strict on changing courses prior to each semester's beginning. Please help your student make wise choices, as the chance to change from their electives (or alternates) is slim.

Counselors will be meeting with students from Jan. 16th – Feb. 9th through social studies classes to re-view graduation requirements and complete the enrollment process.

Incoming freshman will be enrolled by Kyla Tibbetts at their current middle school.

8th Grade Open House will be Monday, January 29th from 6-7:30pm @ Northwest High School.

SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGE PROCEDURES

All students can view their second semester schedule in Advocacy or on Student Vue. If a student is requesting a change to their 2nd semester schedule and their request meets the guidelines below, they need to sign up with their appropriate counselor by **Friday, December 1st.**

Schedule change requests MAY occur for the following reasons:

- Schedule does not have a course for every period of the day;
- Duplication of course;
- Class incorrectly sequenced or student does not meet prerequisite;
- Student lacks a class needed for graduation;
- Inappropriate skill level for class (teacher recommendation).

Schedule change requests are NOT made for the following reasons:

- Request withdrawal from Advanced Placement Course(s);
- Preference for a different teacher, period or semester;
- Preference to be with a family member or friend;
- Change of mind about taking a course;
- Student or Parent request.

Per Board of Education Policy 1227, schedule change requests are to be discouraged except for valid educational reasons.

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NEWMAN UNIVERSITY ADVANCED STANDING (CONCURRENT COLLEGE CREDIT)

Current sophomores, junior and seniors enrolled in Northwest courses approved by Newman University have the opportunity to earn college credit if they have a 3.0 GPA. The courses are listed below:

- Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry
- FST (Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry)
- Honors English 4
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition
- Speech
- AP US History 2
- Teaching Observation

The charge for the concurrent credit is set by the university and therefore is subject to change. If you have questions regarding requirements, please contact Kyla Tibbetts @ 973-5983.

- Newman University Enrollment is on-line
- Enrollment meeting: Friday, January 19th
- When: 9th hour Advocacy
- Where: Northwest Auditorium
- Eligible students will receive a pass in their class for the meeting.

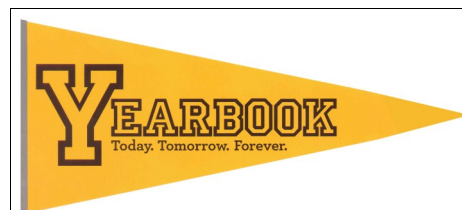
Girls Who Code

Calling all girls! We want you in Girls Who Code, a new club starting in January. Get involved in computer science, solve real-world problems and build a sisterhood with other young women while learning to code. The club will meet most Mondays from 3:30-5:00 in room H6. Questions? Contact club facilitator Rebekah Morse at rmorse@usd259.net.



Northwest Yearbook

Have you ordered your Northwest yearbook yet? Parents of seniors may also want to check into creating a senior tribute for an additional cost. Space for tributes is extremely limited, so don't wait on this. Go to <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02760435> to order your yearbook and <http://jostensadservice.com/?REF=A02760435> to order your senior tribute today!



Miss Kansas Teen USA



Congratulations to Senior **Hailey Colborn** who was crowned Miss Kansas Teen USA and will represent Kansas in the Miss Teen USA Pageant next year.

Hailey competed as Miss Greater Wichita and won the title over 27 other girls at a pageant at the Kansas Star Event Center in Mulvane. Hailey has been competing in pageants since she was 9. She's won several titles, but this one is the most prestigious, she said. Contestants must undergo an interview with judges and compete in an evening gown competition. Instead of modeling swimsuits, contestants are asked to model sportswear. Hailey was extremely excited to win the interview portion of the pageant as she wants to study journalism after graduation. Congratulations, Hailey!

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 November:

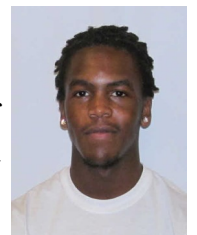
FRESHMAN Jonathan Turner is an amazing young man who is driven by a desire for knowledge and excellence in everything he does. Jonathan is a leader in my Algebra 1 class and a model student. When it is time to work, he has a laser focus on figuring out every problem and is not afraid to ask when he is uncertain about a problem. His great work ethic is what has him at a 96% in the class. Amazing! I suspect Jonathan has the Honor Roll in his future and would do well as a future engineer. Christopher Garza



SOPHOMORE Lee Williams has struggled with grades, attendance, and being on time since he started school here. However, this month he has made some amazing progress. He is missing significantly less school and is much more punctual. He has really worked hard to raise his grades as well. He has always been polite, kind and respectful. He told me that he hasn't felt proud of himself like this before and that it feels good. I'd like to show him that we are proud of him too and to encourage him to keep making progress! Trasa Castillo



JUNIOR Jahbreel Rounds is one of my Anatomy & Physiology students. Regardless of whether the classroom material is easy or challenging, Jahbreel always brings a smile and a positive attitude to class. He has never let the tough material get him down and always gives his best effort. He is very quiet yet not scared to come to me and ask for help when needed. He definitely has resilience. Meagan Vogel



SENIOR Jaedyn Florio has the kind of academic focus and tenacity that will benefit her long after she graduates. As a student, she is prepared, willing to help others understand difficult points, and able to look beyond the obvious answer to a more meaningful one. Additionally, she's pleasant and genuine. Lizanne Minerva



Youth Entrepreneurs Market Days

Youth Entrepreneurs Market Days were a huge hit with students and staff and a great learning experience for YE students. Special visitors at Market Days this year were: **Eric Hofer-Holdeman**, Principal; **Jeff Darr**, Youth Entrepreneurs Teacher; **Krystian Fish**, Miss Kansas and NW Alum; and **Chris Heivly**, Founder of MapQuest and currently involved in Techstars and The StartUp Factory.



Way to Go Northwest DECA Students!

