



MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL, TIM KRUPICKA

As the end of the 3rd quarter quickly approaches, our attention should be drawn to student progress and continued monitoring of our student's progress. As I stated in last month's newsletter, our PowerSchool system allows parents a great opportunity to view student grades and get information about missing assignments in classes. With parent help and support by monitoring grades, the process of educating students becomes a more effective team effort involving students, teachers, and parents. We appreciate parent support in working toward the goal of getting all of our students a quality education.

We are all busy with activities this time of year, as well. Congratulations to our wrestlers who just concluded a successful season with two wrestlers earning state medals through the efforts of the wrestlers, their coaches and their parents. Our girls and boys basketball teams have also enjoyed a great deal of success this season, as well. The swim team also looks forward to placing high at the state meet. Our speech team represents our school very well by continuing to place high in their meets. We are extremely proud of the efforts of all students who participate in activities in and out of school. Activities are truly the other side of education. They help students to develop self confidence, teamwork and self discipline. All of these are traits that will serve us well in adult life. Keep up the great work students and thank you parents for supporting your students in all of their activities.

MEET WITH THE PRINCIPAL MEETING

In order to better communicate with the parents of Northwest students, I will be holding a monthly meeting with any parents that will be willing to discuss questions that arise, offer advice, or just chat. These meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 2. The meeting will be from 10:00-11:00 am in the office of the principal.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Anyone interested in purchasing a DVD of the Band Concert (Sundae Matinee) on February 13th can contact Connie Ross at 383-4045. The DVD's are \$10 each and all proceeds go to the Boston Band trip in May. A special thanks to Mr. George Mohr for videotaping and producing the DVD's.



BAYLOR TEST PREP CLASS

We are again excited to provide junior class students the opportunity to participate in the John Baylor ACT Test Prep class to be held at the school on the following dates: March 8, 22, 25, 29 and April 5. The class will begin at 7:15 AM and conclude at 9:30 AM. Students are required to be on time for the class to avoid any disruption. To assure optimum results from the test preparation class, students are encouraged to complete ALL assignments, get adequate rest, and eat a good breakfast prior to each session. Students who have taken the Baylor Test Preparation class have had some impressive increases in their test scores. The Class of 2011 participants in the Baylor ACT Test Prep program have increased their test scores an average of 2.95 points. Several students had increases of two to five points, with one student boasting a six point increase!

AFTER PROM COMMITTEE

The After Prom Committee would like to thank the following junior's who have paid their \$20 dues: Brooke Arends, Oksana Bailey-Nelson, Michaela Baker, Jacie Bean, Emily Blayney, Abigail Boyle, Derek Brehm, Brock Brown, Kassi Bush, Mike Cantrell, Cody Clark, Brad Durand, Alexandra Eriksen, Rebecca Flodman, Jaci Gannon, Judd Garner, Tyler Garner, Cassidy Greene, Meagan Gress, Melanie Griess, Garrett Gustafson, Brian Hargens, Bryce Hesterman, Jaden Hill, Allison Hoover, Ryan Hudnall, Emily Jones, Susie Jones, Emily Kaslon, Kyle Keene, Cassidy Keezer, Tawny King, Joshua Klein, Bryce Kneeland, Charles Knight, Todd Lothrop, Elena McConnell, Shelby McIntyre, Jessica McMahan, Anna Mendyk, Tess Merrill, Sasha Mettenbrink, Rebecca Meyer, Casey Miller, Allison Myers, Brenda Neville, Nathan Niemoth, Kelcey Norgaard, Allison Osler, Katelyn Ostermeier, Brett Parrella, Courtney Pattison, Michelle Paulsen, Kyle Payne, Ella Peterson, Kyle Placke, Kelli Potratz, Tori Preisendorf, Braya Prince, Katie Quandt, Cody Rush, Elliot Schmit, David Schocke, Kaylee Sedersten, Brittany Shriner, Stephanie Smidt, Danielle Soukup, Annalee Stebbing, Cory Steinacher, Jaimi Stelk, Evan Swartzbaugh, Rylee Terry, Rainee Thompson, Sierra Turpin, Gabby Usrey, Ashton Watson, Tiffany Weekley, Jared Wilson, Christina Zarek, Adam Zlomke. If you have not paid, make your check payable to Northwest High School-After Prom Party. Mail to Northwest High School, Attn: After Prom Committee, 2710 N North Road, Grand Island, NE 68803.

The next post-prom parent meeting will be on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Northwest High School will be conducting a State of Nebraska approved Driver Training Course in the summer of 2011. The course will consist of a minimum of 20 hours of classroom instruction, 5 hours of behind-the-wheel driving, 10 hours of driving observation and 1 hour of final drive test time. Registration will begin April 1st and will end April 29th. Classroom dates will be May 23-27, 8:00 to 12:00. The cost of the class will be \$300.00, and driving will take place in June and July. Registration forms can be picked up in the Central Office at Northwest beginning March 14th. Contact David Marron at 308-385-6394 between 2:15 and 3:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays or email to dmarron@esu10.org for more information. This course will be open to the FIRST 50 applicants.



NORTHWEST CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS



Anyone planning to try out for cheerleader must attend a **mandatory parent/student meeting on March 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm.** You **MUST** attend this meeting to tryout.

Clinic Dates: March 23, 24, 25, 28 from 4:00 to 6:00.
Tryout date: March 29th at 6:00 PM.

FROM THE DESK OF BILL MOWINKEL, SUPERINTENDENT

With plans well underway for the 2011-2012 school year, I think it is important to share information on how the district will deal with a projected \$700,000 minimum reduction in State Aid.

Classes are to have a minimum enrollment of 10 students or that class will not be offered. This will be done Kindergarten thru 12th grade, resulting in a reduction of staff and combination rooms for St. Libory and Chapman through the fifth grade. No course offerings are scheduled to be eliminated at this time.

No one is certain what the exact cuts in State Aid will be. The approach of the district is to maintain the current course offerings and expand curriculum through on line courses. The district also realized a reduction of over 80 students for the 2010-11 school year, causing an additional need for reduction in staff. The high quality of education offered by the district will not be compromised by the proposed reductions.

NEW CHICKENPOX VACCINE REQUIREMENT

New requirements have been added to the school immunization law. The law now requires evidence of 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine or documentation of history of the chickenpox disease for every student attending a Nebraska school. This applies to all grades and becomes effective July 1, 2011.



If your child has only one dose of varicella vaccine, a second dose of vaccine will be required before the first day of school in August 2011. If your child has had the chickenpox disease, documentation must be filed with the school prior to the first day of classes in August 2011. Documentation forms are available in the school nurse's office.

These immunizations are available at your physician's office. They are also available at Central District Health Dept, 1137 S. Locust, Grand Island, 385-5175.

It is the parent's responsibility to make sure the date of the shot or documentation of the disease is turned in to the school office before school starts in August 2011. As with all immunization requirements, a notarized affidavit stating religious conflicts or a medical waiver from the physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner will be accepted. Waivers are available from the school nurse.

Many students will need this vaccine. Please do not delay. The clinics will be very busy and vaccine may not always be readily available.

**SCHOOL WILL BE IN
SESSION ON
MARCH 4, 2011.**

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

ATTENTION SENIORS – SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship activity is at a peak this time of the year as we hope many of our seniors will be offered scholarships to attend college. Any senior who has received a scholarship from a college, organization, or club should consider bringing that award letter to the counseling office. At the Honor's Convocation in May, Ms. Kieselhorst will be reading a list of the scholarship winners. The list that is read that day will be the list published in the graduation bulletin as well as the graduation section of the Grand Island Independent. The counseling office may or may not be aware of the scholarship recipients so please stop in with your award letter and we will be happy to make a copy of it. We want you to be recognized for your accomplishments.

JUNIORS

In an effort to assist Juniors to make career choices, ALL Juniors will be attending the "Career Aware 2011" program at Central Community College on Tuesday, March 15th from 8:00 until 11:15 AM. Northwest will bus the students to Central Community College. The bus will leave Northwest at 8:00 am and return at 11:45 am.

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If you can't open the links above, try the following:

- Copy and paste the url into your Web browser and try opening it that way.
- Contact your school technical support to determine if it's a firewall issue at your school
- If those options don't work, contact Nancy Price at nancyp@educationquest.org or 800-303-3745, ext 6913 so that she can help provide a solution.
- The bulletins are also located on the EducationQuest website (www.educationquest.org), click on "Resources for High Schools."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senior parents are reminded of the importance of the community service requirement for graduation. Please keep in mind that the requirement needs to be completed before May 4th. Congratulations to the following students who have completed this requirement.

Class of 2011 – Montanna Akins, Steven Bartz, Aric Blender, Ethan Bloomquist, Kalee Bockmann, Kelsie Brondel, Amanda Buhrman, Logan Buhrman, Garrett Campbell, Brooke Caravan, Anthony Casto, Mitchell Chohon, Kendra Clark, Sadie Cox, Marlena Cruz, Kendra Davis, Konner Davis, Jessie Daws, Eric DeLancey, Macy Diehl, Anna Ewald, Erika Garcia, Morgan Garner, Gatkek Gatchay, Kayla Glinsmann, John Golden, Jordan Gross, Alex Hall, Ali Hall, Jessica Hargens, Amanda Hast, Jaime Helgoth, Caleb Hetrick, Brent Hilderbrand, Bethany Hoban, Vianey Holguin, Jeff Hostler, Kendall Hostler, Kelsey Hruskoci, Megan Jenneman, Danielle Jim, Aaron Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Jordan Kimbrough, Karyn Kuehl, Alexis Lakanyavong, Michael Latta, Nicholas Lau, Bailey Leaman, Casey Ledford, Kelsey Lehn, Whitney Lierman, Kayla Luft, Chelsea McDaniel, Cody McDowell, Halie McNelis, Mikayla Morgan, Christopher Murphy, Christopher Myers, Audrey Nielson, Jason Nielson, Colby Olsen, Francisco Ordonez, Mitchell Paulman, Holly Petzoldt, Sarah Phinney, Michael Plantenberg, Alec Powers, Brooke Promes, Brittany Raile, Xochil Ramirez, Sam Rasmussen, Samantha Rivera, Justin Roehrich, Jamie Rogers, Tori Ross, Brandon Salpas, Jeffrey Schneider, Jordan Schutte, Blake Soll, John Steinmann, Brady Sullivan, Brian Svoboda, Nathanael Thornton, Miranda Vlach-Buller, Chasity Vodehnal, Caleb Ward, Matthew Willford, KyRae Williams, Taylor Williby, Briana Willis, Jerry Wooden, Trey Zahm, Jennifer Zarek, Amber Zuehlke.

Class of 2012 - Madeline Atkins, Jacie Bean, Toni Birch, Emily Borrell, Derek Brehm, Brock Brown, Cassandra Bush, Anthony Davis, Brad Durand, BreAnna Ehlers, Alexandra Ericksen, Kayla Fitzsimons, Gentry Frederick, Maria Frias, Jaci Gannon, Kelsi Goebel, Shelby Golden, Melanie Griess, Crystal Hempel, Bryce Hesterman, Chelsea Hilgenkamp, Jake Horeis, Klayton Hornby, Ryan Hudnall, Katie Husman, Emily Jones, Kyle Keene, Cassidy Keezer, Bryce Kneeland, Tiffany Kopystynsky, Shelby Luft, Anthony Lynch, Alyssa Mangus, Tess Merrill, Rebecca Meyer, Maggie Michalski, Allison Myers, Brenda Neville, Nathan Niemoth, Courtney Pattison, Michelle Paulsen, Kyle Payne, Kyle Placke, Shon Pointer, Alexandria Pottorff, Torie Preisendorf, Braya Prince, Tanner Roth, Michaela Schimmer, Elliot Schmit, Ryan Scholtz, Brittany Shriner, Stephanie Smidt, Jaimi Stelk Cory Steinacher, Bo Vanis, Christina Zarek.

Class of 2013 – Joseph Bartz, Ashley Bykerk, Melanie Chohon, Brandon Cruz, Garrett Forgey, Yadira Garcia, Holly Green, Cody Harms, Shana Havenridge, Emily Heineman Alexis Iversen, Jordan Johnson, Trevor Kraft, Rene Lopez, Emmaline Meyer, Jessica Saddler, Austin Scheer, Nicole Schroeder, Margarete Sheeks, Ashley Tagart, Danielle Thiessen, Danielle Vinson, Briana Vitera, Alec Waters.

Class of 2014 – Travis Bieber, Tyler Granger, Rebecca Green.

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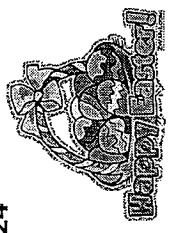


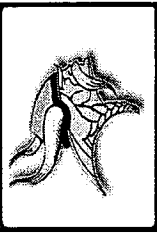
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<p>6</p> <p>Hoops Mania</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Parents post-prom mgt 7:00 Band perform at Danger FB game 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFA Chapter Mtg., 7pm 7-8 TR parent/student meeting 7:00 Jr Parents post-prom mtg, 7:00 Media Center 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Third Quarter Athletic Boosters Mtg., 7pm 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Break NO SCHOOL Boys State Basketball in Lincoln 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Break NO SCHOOL Boys State Basketball in Lincoln 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys State Basketball in Lincoln
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Speech @Aurora Board Mtg., 7pm 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Sports Pictures, 7am Career Aware for Juniors, AM Mandatory Spring Sports Mtg., Cafeteria, 7pm 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FFA District CDE Contest at Hastings, 9am 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Speech Musical, 7:30pm 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VR BA at Millard North, 2pm Musical, 7:30pm 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical, 1:30 & 7:30 pm Little Kids WR tourney
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical, 2:30 pm 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Res BA vs Fremont, 4pm Booster Club Spring Sports Jamboree, 6pm 7-8 TR practice begins 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Honor Band at Seward, 10am JV/VR G/B SC at Kearney, 4:30pm Res BA at Lincoln No Star, 5pm 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Speech JV/VR G/B SC vs Columbus Lakeview, 4:30pm JV/VR BA vs Lincoln SE, 5pm 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TR at Hastings Inv, 12pm 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV BA vs Lincoln SE, 11am Band boosters garage sale—Old Gym @ NW
<p>27</p> <p>Band perform at Danger FB game</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV G/B SC at Hastings, 4:30pm JV BA at Columbus, 5pm VR BA vs Columbus, 5pm 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BG at York Tri., 4pm VR G/B SC vs GISH, 5pm Res BA vs Lincoln NE, 5pm 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV G/B SC vs GISH, 4pm 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BG at NW Tri., 4pm JV/VR G/B SC at York, 5pm JV/VR BA at Lincoln East, 5pm 		

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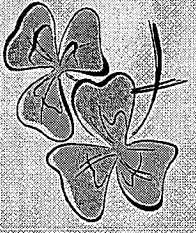
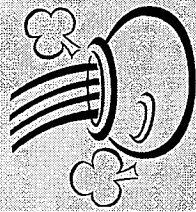
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NORTHWEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

March 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Hamburger/bun OR Hot dog/bun	2 Pizza OR Dbl Ch. Burger	3 Nachos OR Chic Salad/Croissant	4 Cooks Choice OR Crispitos/cheese	5
	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	8 BBQ Chic Pattie/bun OR Corn Dog	9 Grilled Cheese OR Cheese Pizza	10 Spring Break	11 Spring Break	
6	7 Br. Beef Pattie OR Spicy Chic Tenders					
	14 Chicken Nuggets OR Cheddar Brat/bun	15 Chili OR Sloppy Joe/bun	16 Br. Pork Pattie/bun OR Pizza	17 Chicken Pattie/bun OR BBQ Pork/bun	18 Pizza OR Tuna Salad/Croissant	19
	21 Corn Dog OR Spicy Chic Tenders	22 Burrito/cheese OR Tater Tot Casserole	23 BBQ Redi Rib/bun OR Popcorn Chicken	24 Soft Shell Tacos OR Chic Salad/Croissant	25 Tuna & Noodles OR Cooks Choice	26
20	28 Cooks Choice OR Lunch Meat Hoagie	29 Spaghetti OR Cooks Choice	30 Hamburger/bun OR Hot Dog/bun	31 Chicken Pattie/bun OR Pizza		
						

In the operation of school nutrition programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington DC 20250