



September 2017 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

As we begin the 2017-18 school year, it brings thoughts to mind of looking forward to the future and also looking at past school years. The memories of the past may include friends and acquaintances, past achievements, and teachers who have played a large part in who we are now. When we look forward, we may be excited and also a bit apprehensive about what lies ahead for us. Any sort of change may be difficult, but the start of a new school year should also be filled with anticipation of what may be. Our goal at Northwest High School is to prepare each student for the choices and the challenges they face after they leave our halls and classrooms.

At Northwest, we believe the students who are the best-prepared are the students who are actively involved in all our school has to offer. Statistics indicate that the students who achieve the most in high school are the students who are involved in some type of extra or co-curricular activity. We offer many opportunities for students at Northwest to get involved. Please utilize the opportunities to the fullest because it will make your high school years a much richer experience. Our Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff support and invest a great deal of time and resources into these activities and realize how important they are for our students.

We at Northwest High School also know that student success does not occur without a great deal of effort and teamwork. The greatest success comes when students, parents, teachers and administrators all work and communicate together to reach the common goal of student achievement. Everyone has a unique role to play in this success and we all must respect each other's efforts to make education work well. We encourage

students and parents to ask questions if something is not understood. Communication works best when it travels in both directions. This year we welcome some new staff members to the Northwest Viking family. New teachers this year will be: Janet Burger-Spanish, Kristen Damman-Math, Kurt Harders-Science, Anthony LaRosa-Health Sciences, Chris Trampe-Social Studies. We all welcome these educators to Northwest High School and our hopes are for all of them to have successful and rewarding careers serving the students of this district.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the halls and at activities throughout this school year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at Northwest High School on Wednesday, September 20 and Thursday, September 21 in the Northwest High School gym. Times for conferences will be 3:30-8:00 PM on both days. We really appreciate the parents that attend the conferences and the input that you provide for us for



completing the parent survey that will be available online at the conferences. We remind all parents to take an active role in making communication with teachers regarding your student's progress in school. The educational process cannot be a success unless we have the teamwork of students-teachers-parents. If you feel that more time is needed to discuss matters relating to your student, please make arrangements with the teacher to meet during the teacher's planning period or at another arranged time. We also encourage parents to actively follow your student's progress on Powerschool and also to be a frequent visitor on the Northwest High School website. It is on the website that you will find our school activity calendar and also, with the click of a handy button, the daily announcements.

Meeting with the Principal

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 productive input, or just chat. These meetings will normally be held on the first Wednesdays of the month. However, I will be out of the building on that first September Wednesday. The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 7. The meeting will be from 10:00-11:00 AM.

Junior & Senior Parent Meetings

It is never too early to start making preparations for this year's Prom and Graduation celebrations. This year we will try to have the meeting on the same night, Wednesday, September 20. The senior Post Graduation meeting for parents will be at 7:00 pm in the Northwest Media Center. The junior Post Prom meeting for parents will be Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 pm in the Northwest High School Media Center. All parents of junior and senior students are encouraged to attend the scheduled meetings.

Freshmen Academy

Hello to the graduating class of 2021 and our newest Vikings in the building. The 2017-2018 school year is underway. I still cannot believe that I am entering my 23rd year in the education profession. There is nothing better than the first day of school when all of the kids return. It was great to see all of the new freshmen show up for orientation on August 9th with new clothes, new

shoes and new hairdos. We have an awesome group of new freshmen here at Northwest. We are very excited to start another year and to work with your child(ren) each and every day. Since this is the third year for the Freshmen Academy, we want to keep working to make it better each and every year. It was so much fun to talk with the freshmen during the orientation and to see them get to know each other through opportunities built into the presentation. If you have any suggestions to make the orientation better for next year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I know that all of the freshmen did not get their chromebook the first day, but I believe almost the entire class received them within a week of school starting. These devices allow our students to stay current with technology and help them to learn at any hour and day of the week. Be sure to talk with your children at home about Internet safety, check that they have their chromebook with them before heading to school and that the chromebook is sufficiently charged each and every night.



The freshmen have most of their core classes (English, Math, Science & Social Studies) during periods 3- 6 (9:32 - 2:00). We understand that it is impossible to always schedule doctor's appointments around these times but if it is at all possible, please try to do so. When your child does miss school, be sure to call the main office so they can mark their attendance correctly. After five absences to any class in a semester, a parent will receive a letter from the school, regardless if they are excused absences or not. This is in accordance with state statute while also allowing us to effectively communicate with parents. If your

child is late to a class (tardy) three times, they will owe a detention for that teacher. Please call or e-mail me to discuss any attendance questions you might have.



During the first month of school, the freshmen and

sophomores will be given MAPS tests. Students will be tested in Reading, Language and Math. These tests are norm-referenced tests, which help our district to place children in the appropriate level class. These tests also help us to show how our students compare nationally to other kids, along with giving us data to show if there is yearly growth. These tests are given in August / September and then again at the end of the year in April / May. Some of the freshmen may have had their Math class adjusted, depending on how they score on this test. We will be sure to call parents if that is the case.

We will again run an after school study hall for freshmen. This will be available on M, T, Th & F from 3:40 - 4:10 each of those days. A different academy teacher staffs this each week, and I make sure that I help cover this study hall from time to time too. The study hall is there as a support for students who may not be able to get answers from home or just a quiet place to get assignments done so they won't have homework. Students can be assigned to attend this study hall as a consequence though if they are not getting work done. If your child does need to stay after school on Wednesday nights, there is a study hall provided by the school due to the early dismissal each Wednesday.

As I conclude my newsletter, I want to make sure that all parents know how to get ahold of me. My phone number and extension at the school is 308-385-6394 (Ext. 5123) and my e-mail address is mmoser@ginorthwest.org. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have. The goal

of the Freshmen Academy is to make sure that your child is supported and that they have a good base after their freshmen year so that they stay on track to graduate in 2021. Let's have a fantastic school year. Go Vikings!!!!

Marty Moser
Freshmen Academy Director / Assistant Principal

Financial Aid Night

EducationQuest will be here Wednesday, September 27th at 5:30pm, in the High School Auditorium, presenting information on how to file the FAFSA as well as providing other financial aid information. SENIOR PARENTS are encouraged

to take this opportunity to get answers to their questions about

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ABOUT THE FAFSA?

financial aid if their son or daughter is planning to attend college. JUNIOR PARENTS are also welcome to attend this worthwhile event.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, September 14th in the school cafeteria. Order forms are available in the Central Office or you may order online by clicking on the [ONLINE ORDER FORM](#)

Forms

Students/parents, please make sure to check out the school website for the availability of forms. For your convenience many of the forms are available for you to download and print straight from our website, <http://www.ginorthwest.org> just go to the **PARENTS TAB**, and then **FORMS**. A few examples of forms available for you to print are: Option Forms, Travel Release Forms, Transfer Forms, Physical Forms, etc. We will have forms available in the office if you are unable to print them.

Parent Teacher Conferences



Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 20th & 21st from 3:30pm-8:00pm each day, in the new gym.

Lunch will not be served on these days.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND.

Counselor's Corner

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

When applying to college, students will be required to send a transcript. Transcripts should be requested by emailing the counseling secretary, Brenda Dunn at bdunn@ginorthwest.org this should be faster and more convenient for seniors. We recommend that seniors set up a new email account if they plan to attend college, use this email when applying and check it frequently. The counseling office will be using email to send seniors messages through their Northwest email accounts, such as new scholarships, reminders, etc. so they should check this often, as well. We want seniors to become familiar using their email, as colleges will use email as their main source of communication with students. **Students that want or need help with their applications can work with counselors and EducationQuest on October 4th in the library during "Apply to College" day.**

PSAT/ASVAB TESTING:

Juniors will have the opportunity to take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship (PSAT/NMSQT) on October 11th. The test measures reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and is the first step in entering the National Merit Scholarship competition for scholarships and recognition. Students wanting to take the test can register in the counseling office by bringing in their check by October 9th.

Juniors may also take the ASVAB test on October 17th. This is an optional test. If your

son/daughter wants to take this test, they can sign up in the Counselors' Office.

Community Service

2018

Wyatt Ames, Brandon Armstrong, Tyler Baker, Megan Bartz, Erika Bennett, Merriah Bockmann, Kayla Bourland, Katherine Brown, Fletcher Bydalek, Abigail Campbell, Michael Coffey, Liv Connally, Gage Evans, Preston Ellworth, Kayla Ensz-Darrough, Daniel Fisher, Hunter Fogle, Jamie Garrison, Brady Glause, Megan Gydesen, MaKenzie Hageman, Taylor Hageman, Chance Hall, Tyler Hedman, Tanner Hodson, John Hosch, Caleb Jacobsen, Aleah Johnson, Trevor Jones, Miranda Kemery, MacKenzie Knapp, Anna Korte, Brennin Leach, Brent Lucke, Keaton Ludwig, Dylann Luther, Adam Mason, Taryn Mayfield, Matthew Meyer, Trenton Meyer, Kyrstin Milligan, Deanna Montanez-Mendoza, Jacob Mueller, Avianna Papazian, Madison Pierce, Dalton Quandt, Kylie Reis, Jackson Richling, Kelsey Ritchie, Rebekah Saddler, Halle Samples, Damon Sanders, Jordan Sandoval, Michael Schomer, McKenna Schrunk, Caitlyn Shafer, Sydney Simmons, Gavin Sliva, Haile Smith, Hope Smith, Kyleigh Smith, Katie Springer, Lakota Starke, Kirkland Steffen, Violet Stryker, Wyatt Stueven, Jadeyn Stutzman,, Luke Thiessen, Sharilyn Tuttle, Nakia Wilkerson, Ryan Zimmerman

2019

Kayla Bornemeier, Sam Beran, Brook Buhrman, Alison Burger, Jaryk Cole, Heidi Cooper, Megan Cooper, Alisha DeHart, Katelyn Douglass, Angel Duran, Carlos Duran, Arianna Elstermeier, MaKaela Fletcher, Jarod Fox, Alena Hernandez, Sydney Holmes, Madison Jankovitz, Whitney Jensen, Marissa Kaminski, Celia Knox, Ethen Kuhn, Jake Larson, Abigail Leigh, Louis Loman, Matthew Lucas, Krystal O'Brien, Emily Panowicz, Ana Pascual, Courtney Pedersen, Sam Rademacher, Tyler Rinkol, Jared Rosenlund, Alexia Schulte, Treosten Schwarz, Lindsey Sonnenfeld, Ashlyn Sutherland, Carter Terry, Carlyn Willis, Alexis Zlomke

2020

Bailey Adams, Zaden Baier, Whitney Brown,
Blake Byerly, John Campbell, Avery Goc, Caleb
Harb, Ryan Hillman, Aaron Kelley, Benjamin
Kelley, Elijah Kelley, Ethan Kelley, Lauryn
Kershaw, Madyson Ludwig, Mark Meyer, Lydia
Molt, Avery Palu, Alesar Parra, Addison Warner

2021

