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October 2017 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

We are off to a great start here at Northwest High School. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were welcoming back students to the building and now we are nearly to the end of the first quarter. I am impressed with our students and their desire to achieve academically and in all activities. Students and teachers need to put in the commitment to education to in order for us all to achieve and we have the type of building that does just that. The administration appreciates the support that we receive from families in to make our work with students productive.

It takes teamwork to make education as success and the support that we receive from our parents, students, teachers, and community is essential if the process is to work well. We urge all parents to stay active and involved with the education of their students. Ask questions of your students when something appears to be wrong or out of character. Consult with teachers, counselors, and administration if there are issues that may be difficult to solve on your own. We are here to support your efforts with your children.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences were well attended this year with the earlier conferences. As we started the school year earlier this year, naturally PTC was also earlier. We really appreciate the parents that attended the conferences and the input that you provided for us and for our staff. We want to be the best partners possible in educating your students. 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 be held on the first Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 4. The meeting will be from 10:00-11:00 AM.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School

Homecoming Royalty

Congratulations to the 2017 NWHS Homecoming Royalty: Megan Bartz, Emma Bockmann, Kelsey Ritchie, Karsen Sears, Preston Ellsworth, Danny Fisher, Brady Glause, Riley Schliep, and Payton Stein.

King, Danny Fisher, and Queen, Megan Bartz, were crowned at the Homecoming dance.

Senior Cap/Gown Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Seniors on OCTOBER 9th in the auditorium concerning graduation. If you are unable to attend, please see Mrs. Mazour, or Mr. Manhart AFTER the 9th to receive information given at the meeting.

PARENTS OF SENIORS: On October 9th, your senior will be given the opportunity to receive information about ordering CAPS/GOWNS as well information concerning graduation announcements during ADVISEMENT. Ordering caps/gowns is your responsibility and the information on how to do that will be in the packet shared with your senior.

Please ask your senior for the packet that they will receive during that meeting on October 19th.

Orders for graduation announcements and for caps/gowns will be taken on OCTOBER 19th during the lunch hour by the cafeteria. If you have any questions, please see Mrs.Mazour, or Mr. Manhart.

New Math Curriculum

This school year, Northwest is implementing a new math curriculum. Big Ideas Math is used for students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Cengage Math is used for students in Trigonometry and Calculus.

Big Ideas Math provides all students with a "Student Journal" which is a place for students to take notes, as well as work on guided practice problems and homework. In addition each student has an online account which students can access the entire book, examples, videos, and their homework assignments. The online homework allows the student multiple opportunities to get the question correct; some questions even have a "live tutor" available to the students to answer any questions they may have. Quizzes and tests can be offered online – however most of the math teachers are still giving these paper/pencil as students are more familiar doing math on paper. Parents can access the student edition of the book by going to bigideasmath.org and clicking on the blue button that says "Easy Access Materials"

So far this school year students have said this is harder than in the past because you are expected to remember more (this is a good thing). Immediately finding out if you are correct on the homework is nice and builds confidence. Students also like that the quizzes and tests are still on paper.

Cengage math provides each student with an online account. Students can access the entire book, examples, videos, and their homework assignments. The online homework allows the student multiple opportunities to get the question correct. Each problem on their online assignments has a "Read It" option which takes them to the appropriate part of the text for help. Select problems also provide a "Watch It" option. Quizzes and tests are given paper/pencil.
Students go to https://www.webassign.net to log in.

Powerschool

As a parent, we are sure you will want to keep up with what is happening at school. With the help of PowerSchool you can keep track of your student's grades, attendance and school announcements.

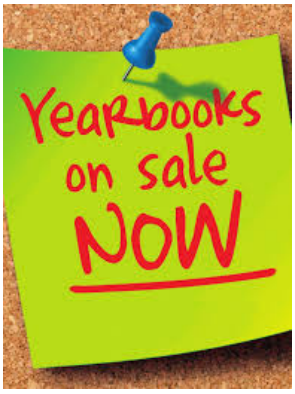
Open your web browser to www.ginorthwest.org. There you will find an icon at the very bottom of the front page that says PowerSchool, click on this. If you have not yet set up an account please click on ***"create account".*** This is where you will create a user name and password. You will then scroll down to link students; in this portion you will enter the access ID and password that was given to you during parent teacher conferences. You will also have the options of adding additional students. The staff in the central office will be happy to assist in obtaining your ID's and passwords if you were unable to attend conferences.

Once your account is set up you will be taken to a page that shows your student's attendance, as well as their grades. Click on a specific grade to see all the assignments that have been recorded. When you click on the teacher's name it will take you to your email programs. You can then send the teacher an email with your questions or concerns.

PowerSchool is also available as an app on your cellular device or tablet.

2017-18 Yearbook Pre-orders

Pre-order your 2017-2018 Viking yearbook before it's too late!! If you do not pre-order your book, there is no guarantee that you will be able to purchase one in the fall. Yearbooks are $65, payable to Northwest High School. Please print the form that is included with this article and turn into Mrs. Kavan, room 332. You may also place your order online at www.yearbookforever.com
There is a $2.00 extra charge to order online. Prices will go up to $70 after 1st semester!! Don't miss out on the memories!! Questions please email Mrs. Kavan at bkavan@ginorthwest.org.



Year Book Order Form

Viking Saga Subscriptions

Buy a subscription to the Viking Saga!! For $15, we will send you each month's issue of the Viking Saga. See what's going on in school and support student journalism! Submit this form with a check or cash for $15.00. *Make checks payable to Northwest High School.*

Blood Drive

The National Honor Society and FBLA will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, October 10th, from 7:30am-2:00pm. Parental-Consent-Blood-Donation forms are needed for students who are 16 years old. Parents and community members are invited to donate. You may sign up online FBLA/NHS Blood Drive Sign-Up or by contacting Kenzie Mollring at kmollring@ginorthwest.org. Please take this opportunity to save a life!

Freshman Academy

It is amazing that it is going to be October already. The weeks seem to be flying by and all of the freshmen keep adjusting to high school at their own pace. I encourage you to have regular conversations with your son / daughter about how their classes are going, if they are staying on track to graduate and if they keep giving thought to what they want to do after graduating. By no means do kids have to know what they want to do for the rest of their life during their freshmen year, but we do want them passing all of their classes and then taking classes that might help them discover a career path that they might not have originally thought of.

The other area that I need all parents to discuss with their children is in regards to cell phones / social media. If you do not regularly look at your child's phone, I encourage you to do so. It is critical that students promote themselves in a positive manner through social media. Future employers, colleges, and scholarship committees are all looking at how individuals are portrayed in the cyber world. During the first part of October, I will be having a short assembly with all of the freshmen to address all of the school and legal consequences that can happen if they make poor decisions. I also am going to have several upperclassmen talk to the freshmen about all of the good decisions they have made with social

media. This area is constantly changing and is very hard to stay caught up with. One of the things I just recently learned about was the "My Eyes Only" in Snap Chat. This takes a four-digit code to get into and I encourage you to look into this on your child's phone. Pictures that they do not want others to see can be hidden here. Your child's phone is an area that you need to make sure is a safe place for them, just as you would want them to be safe if they went to a concert or a part of town that you knew was not safe.

Our freshmen academy team continues to supervise an after school study hall for freshmen. This is 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. Another academic support in place for our students is intervention time. Intervention is available to every student from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. every day of the week except Wednesday. A student may sign up to go to a teacher's room or the teacher may sign up the student to come in and work.

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. Go Vikings!!!!!

Marty Moser
Freshmen Academy Director / Assistant Principal

Counselor's Corner

ON TO COLLEGE PREP TEST

On to College Test Prep, formerly John Baylor Test Prep, an at home on-line test prep resource, is available to all Northwest High School students. All students have been uploaded to the site, http://www.ontocollege.com/. To login the student would use their school email as their user name and their school email password. This is a great resource to use to prepare for the ACT test. There are videos to watch as well as practice tests. If you have trouble logging onto the site Mrs. Ramsey can help you, please let her know.

ACT

All juniors will take the ACT at NWHS on April 3, 2018 as required by the Nebraska Dept. of Education.

SENIOR REMINDER

The FAFSA site opens October 1st!
Apply EARLY; you will need this information if you apply for certain scholarships, such as the Susan Thompson Buffett scholarship. If you need help getting started EducationQuest has a tutorial on their website.

SENIOR CAP/GOWN INFO MEETING

Midwest Grads will be here on October 9th to distribute information about Cap and Gown purchases and other items such as invitations. This will be held during Advisement. They will return on October 19th over lunch to pick up orders.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTES

Scholarships are posted on the scholarship spreadsheet on the school website under the Counseling Page. Scholarships will be updated

throughout the year as they become available. If students have trouble accessing a scholarship application, feel free to come see us in the counseling office.
Seniors can request transcripts for scholarships or colleges by emailing the counseling secretary/registrar Brenda Dunn, at bdunn@ginorthwest.org and state if you need a PDF sent via email or a paper transcript to pick up later in the counseling office.

COLLEGE DAYS

EducationQuest will again sponsor "Apply to College" day on Oct. 4th. Students will be able to apply to colleges online with the help of the counselors and college representatives.

JUNIOR NOTES:

Juniors may take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on October 11th. Students who want to take the test can register in the Counseling Office by bringing in a $16.00 check by October 6th.
Juniors may take the ASVAB test on October 17th. If your son/daughter would like to take this test they should sign up in the Counseling Office.

SOPHOMORE NOTES:

Sophomore students currently in a Careers class will visit UNK on October 18th.

Community Service Hours

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their community service hour requirements:

Class of 2018

Wyatt Ames, Brandon Armstrong, Tyler Baker, Megan Bartz, Erika Bennett, Merriah Bockmann, Kayla Bourland, Katherine Brown, Fletcher Bydalek, Abigail Campbell, Michael Coffey, Liv Connelly, Gage Evans, Preston Ellworth, Kayla Ensz-Darrough, Daniel Fisher, Hunter Fogle, Jamie Garrison, Brady Glause, Megan Gydesen, MaKenzie Hageman,Taylor Hageman, Chance Hall, Allie Hartman, 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, Esman Rodas, Rebekah Saddler, Halle Samples, Damon Sanders, Jordan Sandoval, Michael Schomer, McKenna Schrunk, Caitlyn Shafer, Sydney Simmons, Gavin Sliva, Haille 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

Class of 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, MaKaela Fletcher, Jakeb Larson, Abigail Leigh, Louis Loman, Matthew Lucas, Krystal O'Brien, Emily Panowicz, Ana Pascual, Courtney Pedersen, Sam Rademacher, Tyler Rinkol, Jared Rosenlund, Alexia Schulte, Tresten Schwarz, Lindsey Sonnenfeld, Ashlyn Sutherland, Carter Terry, Carlyn Willis, Alexis Zlomke

Class of 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

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