



APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Principal

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2015-16 school year. With the end of school just around the corner, it is very important to remember that just because the calendar indicates April, it doesn't mean are work here is complete. Students are being challenged to keep up their academic work and fulfill obligations of activities and end of the year functions. Our juniors will also be participating in the extremely important NeSA state tests for Reading, Math, and Science. These tests and positive results are very important to our high school, especially in regard to maintaining a high rank among Nebraska high schools. We really appreciate our strong parent support in keeping students focused and to maintain the academic progress that we have achieved to this point in the school year. We all need to do our part to keep students on target with their academic goals in order to complete the school year successfully. As a school, we welcome the efforts of our parents to impress on all of our students the importance of doing well on the NeSA tests.

The parents of our juniors and seniors have put in a great deal of effort to provide our students with safe post prom and post graduation alternatives. Many other parents provide safe, non-alcoholic events for their young adults and their friends at their homes. Thank you parents for the caring and effort that you show for your students and their friends. We know that because of you our juniors and seniors are provided with happy and safe prom and graduation events. We always want the memories of these events to be joyous and not tragic. Toward that end, the administration and staff of Northwest High School are very grateful for all of your efforts as parents and non-parents who care

enough about our students to provide these alternatives. We all want the best for our students.

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 advice, or just chat. These meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, from 10:00-11:00 AM.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School



We will be sending out registration forms mid April via email for the 2016-17 school year. Please contact the central office with your current email address to ensure you receive the forms.



The Quiz Bowl team consisting of Katie Arndt, Arthan Bhatt, Nick Kozisek, Cory Newell, Caleb Jacobsen and Brent Lucke came home with a 2nd place trophy from the ESU10 Quiz Bowl Tournament. The field of competing schools came from 32 different schools.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Northwest Activities Office is looking for volunteers to help with the Dave Gee Invite at Northwest on April 21st and the Central Nebraska ALL- Area MEET at Northwest on April 25th. Please contact Kate Marron at 308.385.6394 if you would like more information or are available to volunteer.

Graduation-2016

Commencement Exercises will be held on May 15, 2016 at 2pm.

Northwest High School

Rosencrants Gymnasium.

Class Song: 100
Years ~Five for Fighting

Class Colors: Silver and Teal

Class Flower: Gerbera Daisy

Class Motto: We didn't realize we were making memories we just knew we were having fun.

A representative from JOSTENS was at Northwest on March 18th to handout announcements that were ordered through their company. Caps and gowns will be handed out May 9 - 13 in Mrs. Mazour's room. **If your**



student has NOT ordered their cap and gown, they need to do so ASAP. They would have received an email from Mrs. Mazour if we have not received their cap and gown. **Please call JOSTENS at [402-733-0300](tel:402-733-0300)** and they would be happy to assist you with your order.

SENIOR CLASS DUES are \$10 and need to be paid to MRS. MAZOUR, or MRS. BROWN by May 1, 2016.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Mazour at 385-6395.

MOS Certifications

Congratulations to Information Technology students who earned their Microsoft Office Specialist

Certifications in Word 2013! Students who got certified from 7th Period Info Tech Class are Sierah Dickinson, Jarod Fox, Sydney Holmes, Mason Janky, Nelson King, Matt Lucas, Sarina Smith, Grace Stratman, Jacob Strong, and Mikayla Visnaw. Students who got certified from 8th Period Info Tech Class are Alexis Cunningham, Jalyn Johnston, Garrett Olsen, Tyggre Ross, Spencer Staroscik, and Kaylee Stoppkotte. Also earning her PowerPoint 2013 Certification was Mikayla Visnaw.

These students have demonstrated their computer application skills by passing a difficult 50-minute hands-on test! Certification looks impressive on a resume and helps when signing up for college classes. Anyone wanting some more information about Certification can contact Mrs. Cooper at 308-385-6394 Ext 5217 or at lcooper@ginorthwest.org. Also, the counselors can get any student registered for an Info Tech class!

FBLA Speaker/Program

Northwest's FBLA Chapter had a representative from Men's Wearhouse speak at our March meeting. The main topic discussed was "How to Dress for Success". Other informative topics discussed were, understanding what to look for when purchasing a suit jacket, learning what colors are important when trying to impress, and learning how to tie a tie.

Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA for short, is available to any student taking a business class.

Elections for the 2016-17 officers will be held before the end of the school year. Applications will be available soon.

Careers Classes to College Visits

The Sophomore Careers Classes recently visited the campuses of UNK and CCC in Hasting this past March. Northwest Students are fortunate to have these opportunities that explain more about colleges and the differences between 2-year campuses versus the 4-year campus.

National Honor Society

The Northwest Chapter of National Honor Society held their candle -light induction ceremony on Tuesday, March 22. Dr. Kent Mann was the speaker for the National Honor Society Induction.

Dr. Mann is an Associate Professor of Practice at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has been a member of the faculty in the Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education and Human Sciences since 2011. Prior to going to the University, Dr. Mann was the principal at Grand Island Senior High School for 19 years. Dr. Mann spoke about the importance of character. His speech focused on George Washington Carver's quotation: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these."

The chapter officers also spoke about the four pillars of National Honor Society: Nicole Phinney spoke on Scholarship; Hannah Klanecky shared thoughts on Leadership; Taylor Gannon spoke about Service; and Rylee Bahe gave her thoughts on Character. The audience also learned about the history of National Honor Society from Allie Carlini.

The following students were chosen for induction: Madison Bahe, Whitney Bicknase, Lindsay Borer, Katelyn England, Wyatt Eriksen, Morgan Garrett, Jessica Hoffman, Lucas Kneeland, Madison Mazour, MacKenzie McNeel, Sophia Mittelstaedt, Reagan Ostdiek, Addison Simmons, Dalton Wicht, Megan Bartz, Merriah Bockman, Grace Butler, Abigail Campbell, Shelby Davis, Makenzie Hageman, Taylor Hageman, Allie Hartman, Anna Korte, Brent Lucke, Dylann Luther, Taryn Mayfield, Matthew Meyer, Deanna Montanez-Mendoza, Caitlyn Parr, Dalton Quandt, Kelsey Ritchie, Rebekah Saddler, Halle Samples, Sydney Simmons, Kate Springer, Jadeyn Stutzman, Nakia Wilkerson, Morgan Urbanski, and Ryan Zimmerman.

Post Prom

The Junior Parents are again hosting the Post Prom Party, which will be held at the Fieldhouse. It will be on April 23rd right after Prom from 11:30 – 2:30. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at school during lunch and after school on April 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th and 20th. Everyone attending must have a ticket.

There are many activities planned including inflatables, photo booth and a hypnotist. Prizes available to win include TVs, Keurig's, luggage and many more items.

Just as a reminder, you do not need to go to Prom to attend the Post Prom Party. If you have any questions, or if there are any junior parents that would like to help, please contact Kathy Lierman at ktlier@msn.com, Lisa Wicht at lwicht@fnni.com or Sharon Placke at splacke@ginorthwest.org.

FBLA

Tianna Nelson, a junior, entered in the 2016 Online STAR events, Level 1. Her entry, FCCLA Chapter Website has qualified for Level II competition during the 2016 National Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA from July 3-7, 2016.

Counselor's Corner

SENIORS

Honors Convocation is being planned for May 9th. This is a ceremony where we acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our students. Hopefully, many of our seniors may have already received scholarships from their college or another organization. The counseling office may not be aware of some of these, so if your senior has been awarded a scholarship from any college, club or organization, please share that information with us so they can be recognized on May 9th. Seniors can bring their letter to the counselors' office and we will make a copy. These scholarships will be included in the Honors Convocation list and will also be included in the graduation program and the Grand Island Independent.

TOP 15% RECOGNITION

The Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, the school board, the administration and staff of Northwest will honor the top 15% of Northwest students on Wednesday, April 6th. This event will be held in the high school auditorium and a small reception will follow with cake and drinks. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend this year.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Attention all senior males. Don't forget to register with the Selective Service by your 18th birthday. All males are required by law to register and not registering can sometimes hold up scholarship funds or cause you not to get a job. The process can be done online at <http://www.sss.gov> or a Selective Service registration card can be picked up at any US Post Office. Parents, please encourage your sons to register.

NCAA CHANGES FOR THE CLASS OF 2016

The requirements have changed for students who enroll full time at an NCAA Division I school to play a sport. Please visit their website at NCAA.org/student-athletes for all the new guidelines. See your counselor if you need help.

CCC CLASSES

Students planning to take a Central Community College class THIS SUMMER can apply for a \$150.00 scholarship toward one 3-hour class. Applications can be downloaded at [www.cccneb.edu/Summer\\$](http://www.cccneb.edu/Summer$) or pick up one in the counseling office. The application needs to be returned to the counseling office by March 31. A representative from CCC will be here to register students and enroll them in their classes on April 7th. Students will also register at this time for a FALL class and can apply for the ACE scholarship if they qualify for Free/Reduced lunches. The ACE scholarship will cover the cost of tuition for the fall classes.

Community Service Hours

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

Class of 2016

Jennifer Adams, Alyssa Ahrens, Katelyn Archer, Katelin Arndt, Kayla Bachle, Rylee Bahe, Kyra Baker, Austin Bartlett, Kengy Boersen, Ryleigh Brandt, Brook Brown, Garrett Byerly, Alexandra Carlini, Nick Chada, Isaiah Daws, Breana, Dobesh, Desarae Dramse, Emily Earl, Hannah Eberl, Hayley Ehlers, Christian Ellsworth, Jacob Evans, Jayden Falldorf, Justin Fay, Kodi Fletcher, Austin Fransisco, Brandon Gannon, Taylor Gannon, Riley Glause, Colton Granger, Alexis Green, Blake Grossart, Blake Gustafson, Stetson Guyette, Mikayla Heckathorn, Colton Helgoth, Jared Hilderbrand, Sarah Hoban, Zachary Holmes, Taylor Hovie, Derrick Hudnall, Madison Johnson, Kip Jones, Madison Jussel, Keoni Kelly, Brayden Kiser, Connor Kissler, Hannah Klanecky, Trevor Koepp, Aleesa Korell, Macey Kroeger, Adriana Hulinsky, Emily Kruse, , Bryan Landenberger, Michael Larson, Emily Laub, Jack Lewis, Olivia Loghry, Monica

Lopez, Cydney Lounsbury, Noah MrKvricka, Calley Mayer, Ashlee McCulla, Tyler McIntyre, Emily McKinney, SydneyMcVicker, Allison Mehring, Raigan Mettenbrink, William Mettenbrink, Alyssa Meyer, Nicole Michalski, Nicholas Mohler, Shelby Mueller, Emily Niedfelt, Jose Nuno, Eric Ostermeier, Bailey Parr, Tressa Payton, Joshua Peterman, Rachel Phinney, Heather Pohlmeier, Audrey Quandt, Sarah Rathman, Jonathan Rayfield, Michael Ready, Jordyn Retzlaff, Laramie Reyes, Spencer Ritchie, Beatriz Rodriguez, Kadin Romans, Gabrielle Rowe, Sarah Ruzicka, Seth Salter, Jonathan Sandoval, Bradly Schmidt, Madison Schultz, Hope Scroggin, Miranda Smith, Wyatt Socha, Samantha Sonnenfeld, Tyler Steinacher, Brittany Stevenson, Alex Stocker, Preston Sundermeier, Devin Tatro, Ashtyn Tuttle, Alyssa Vanosdall, Kaitlin Warner, Taylor Wieland, Ryan Wiese, Mark Zepeda

Class of 2017

Hilario Alcorta, Rachel Atkins, Blake Beran, Madison Beran, Lindsay, Borer, Emily Broadwell, Kylie Broich, Bailey Bryant, Jerald Buettner, Emily Bykerk, Jaydon Casillas, Coleman Cooper, Quinn Cruz, Nolan Dennhardt, Miranda Eastman, Katelyn England, Joel Erdmann, Wyatt Eriksen, Tanner Fieldgrove, Matthew Fredricks, Morgan Garrett, Zach Harris, Jessica Hoffman, Trevor Holcomb, Sierra Holliday, Secret Homolka, Amelia Iversen, McKenna Johnson, Ashley Kenyon, Lucas Kneeland, Maddie Mazour, Aaron Levering, Joseph Lind, Katey Loman, Dakota Martin, Ryan McDermott, Nate Mead, Alisha Michalski, Dawson Nellson, Andrean Olson, Andres Ortega, Reagan Ostdiek, Kelsey Placke, Christopher Rosenlund, Rebekah Saddler, Sydney Schumm, Brady Semm, Kristen Setlik, Addison Simmons, Taylor Smith, Jeffrey Sokol, Mikel Schlick, Andrew Streck, Arik Streck, Luke Sutherland, Jadeyn Trejo, Dalton Wicht, Daniel Velasquez

Class of 2018

Wyatt Ames, Brandon Armstrong, Megan Bartz, Erika Bennett, Merriah Bockmann, Kayla Bourland, Abigail Campbell, Preston Ellworth, Brady Glause, Megan Gydesen, Taylor Hageman, Chance Hall, Tyler Hedman, John Hosch, Caleb Jacobsen, Brennin Leach, Keaton Ludwig, Taryn Mayfield, Matthew Meyer, Rebecca Peterson, Dalton Quandt, Kelsey Ritchie, Sydney Simmons, Katie Springer, Jadeyn Stutzman, Luke Thiessen, Kylie Vodenhal, Nakia Wilkerson, Ryan Zimmerman

Class of 2019

Sydney Holmes, Louis Loman, Jared Rosenlund, Ashlyn Sutherland, Alexis Zlomke



April 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Br. Chicken Pattie OR Spaghetti	2	3
4 Pancake/Sausage OR Cooks Choice	5 Pizza OR Teriyaki Chicken	6 Hamburger OR Hot Dog	7 BBQ Redi Rib OR Spicy Chicken	8 Nachos OR Chicken Salad	9	10
11 Corn Dog OR Chili w/crackers	12 Popcorn Chicken OR Meatloaf	13 Pepperoni Pizza OR Polish Sausage	14 Br. Beef Pattie OR SW/Sour Chicken w/rice	15 Taco OR Tuna Salad	16	17
18 Hamburger OR Hot Dog	19 BBQ Pork OR Teriyaki Chicken w/rice	20 Pepperoni Calzonettes OR Cooks Choice	21 No Lunch at NW 12:39 Dismissal	22 No School	23	24
25 No Lunch at NW 12:39 Dismissal	26 Chicken Nuggets OR Tuna Salad	27 Pizza OR Hoagie Sandwich	28 Burrito w/cheese OR GenTSO Chicken	29 Stromboli OR Chicken Fajitas	30	31

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.

Two Students Nominated for the March Teenager of the Month and One Nominated for the March Student of the Month at Northwest High School.

The Teenager and Student of the Month program is one of many youth recognition programs provided through the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Our local Lodge, Grand Island Lodge # 604, began the program in February of 2015. Students are nominated by their teachers or counsellors each month on the basis of multiple achievements — character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic. These nomination forms are then reviewed by our committee. We then select two Teenagers of the Month and two Students of the Month, one female and one male in each group. The Teenagers of the Month will be students in seventh, eighth or ninth grade and the Students of the Month will be students in tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade.

We have had some pretty impressive nominations sent in to us this past year. We are excited to get more involvement from our local schools in the future. Spread the word and talk to your friends, teachers and counsellors and give us the opportunity to recognize your hard work and dedication.

With that in mind, allow us to introduce our March 2016 Teenagers and Student of the Month.



Heidi L. Cooper—Teenager of the Month

Heidi is a Freshman at Northwest High School in Grand Island. She attended Elementary School in Moses Lake, Washington. She was on her Middle School Yearbook Staff and a member of the Student Council. Heidi is a member of the Track team and competes in 4X4, 4X1 and the Triple Jump. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Heidi is also a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. She dances at Smitty's Performing Arts Center and was part of the 2015 National Champion team. Heidi is also a member of the Vikettes Dance Team and the 14 Carat Gold Show Choir.

Heidi's hobbies include going to the lake and camping, being with friends, being outside, cooking and reading good books.



Nykola Blue — Teenager of the Month

Nykola is also a Freshman at Northwest High School in Grand Island. He attended Engleman Elementary School. Hard work and persistence helped him earn all A's for this year's first semester. He is a member of the Northwest Band and Marching Band. During the summer break he would rather work than play, which helped him earn nearly \$600 this past summer.

Nykola is fascinated with nature and enjoys being outside to enjoy the world around him. He also enjoys weight-lifting, playing video games, reading and spending quality time with family.



Kayla L. Bourland — Student of the Month

Kayla is a Sophomore at Northwest High School in Grand Island. She attended Wasmer Elementary School. Kayla has been active in sports since Middle School. She was on the Track team and Volleyball team in seventh and eighth grades and is currently on the Cross Country team this year. She has been part of the Concert Band since fifth grade and is a member of the Marching Band the past two years.

In her free time, Kayla loves to be artistic and show who she is in art. She is very active with church and helps out where possible, which takes a lot of her free time. She participates in service projects with church and has been on 4 mission trips. She will depart in June for her fifth mission trip. When some free time comes available, Kayla enjoys running and reading.

If you know any of these students, please join us in congratulating them for their selection as Teenagers and Students of the Month.

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

April 2016

Seniors ... it's decision time!

Follow our advice to decide on the college that's the right fit for you.

First, compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications and campus visit notes. Write down pros and cons for each school you're considering using the following criteria:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in student and parent loans will you need to cover expenses?

Academic program – Does the college offer the program that interests you? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? Do you like the living arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** – and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and any financial aid, to another student.

Juniors ... start looking for scholarships

Follow these tips to begin the scholarship application process:

Start searching! Check in often with your school counselor, and visit free sites including [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships.

Get involved in extracurricular activities and community service - a critical component for many scholarships. Track your involvement using the [Activities Resume](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Do your best to get good grades in school and good scores on ACT/SAT exams. These factors are especially important for college-based scholarships.

Determine if you will qualify for need-based scholarships by completing the [College Funding Estimator](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Learn about scholarships and tuition assistance programs offered by colleges that interest you. Programs such as [Collegebound Nebraska](#) at the University of Nebraska, [NSCS Advantage](#) offered by the Nebraska State College System, and [Access NWU](#) at Nebraska Wesleyan University, cover the cost of tuition if you meet income and academic criteria.

Scholarship warning...

If you receive offers for scholarship and financial aid services, investigate them if they charge a fee. EducationQuest will help you complete financial aid forms **for free** and will guide you to free [scholarship resources](#). To learn more, talk to your school counselor or contact EducationQuest.

College Fairs coming up in Omaha and Lincoln

If you live near, or plan to visit, Omaha or Lincoln on the following dates, attend a college fair!

The [Omaha Area College Fair](#) is Sunday, March 20 from 1-3 p.m. at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Sapp Fieldhouse.

The [Lincoln Area College Fair](#) is Sunday, April 10 from 1-3 p.m. at Southeast Community College in Lincoln.

If you plan to attend, register for a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#). Print the barcode and take it to the fair so that college reps can scan it to retrieve your demographic information.

April “To Do” List

Seniors

- ___ Continue applying for scholarships.
- ___ Start purchasing dorm essentials now to avoid sticker shock in August.
- ___ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

- ___ [Register](#) by April 8 for the May 7 SAT.
 - ___ [Register](#) by May 6 for the June 11 ACT.
 - ___ Schedule campus visits while colleges are still in session.
 - ___ Start looking for scholarships.
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