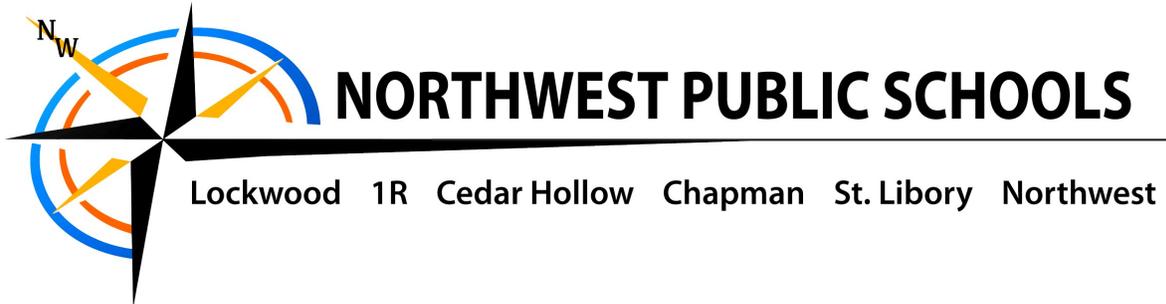




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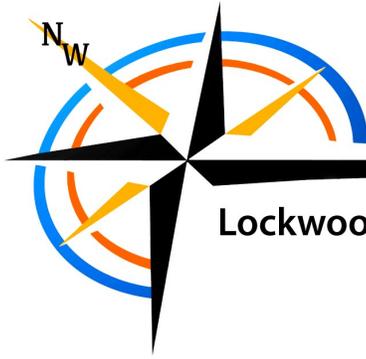
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Mission Statement

Northwest Public Schools are committed to maximizing learning for all students while fostering a safe environment that promotes positive citizenship.



NORTHWEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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District 82
Matt Fisher, Superintendent

As the Northwest school district wraps up another school year we find the district once more taking on the challenging discussion of how to best serve the needs of our middle school students. In December the school board made a commitment to putting a middle school structure in place to better serve the needs of our students. During the latter part of April and into the first week of May the school brought together a Task Force consisting of sixty some people from our public to discuss this topic.

The school had arranged for a facilitator to conduct three-hour meetings with this group on three separate evenings. The Task Force was given a review of the information the board has been compiling for the past several years. This information included a review of what other districts provide for middle school electives, various options that might be considered, financial data, and even a review of the district history. Armed with this information, the Task Force was asked to consider existing options, as well as any new ideas, and provide input to the board of education about what project should be considered for creating a middle school setting for our students.

The Task Force spent a good deal of their time deliberating in small groups. The intent was to have these small groups work toward a general agreement and then share their thoughts with the larger group. Ultimately, the hope was that general agreement could be arrived at by the larger group. While I don't know that I could say that the notion of general agreement was exactly reached I think some valuable information was gained.

The greatest support from those involved in the Task Force was for building a new free standing middle school. Well over half the participants supported this project. A second option of building a scaled back 7-8 building in conjunction with the high school was the choice of about a quarter of those involved in this process. The other option getting some support was the idea of lowering our high school numbers and bringing the middle school into the existing high school building. The group noted that with all options the financial impact will be a critical factor.

The board did a review of the information collected from this process at their May 14th board meeting. They will be meeting several times prior to the June 11th regular board meeting. Their hope is to be able to determine what project they will pursue at that time. The board has devoted considerable time and effort to the study of this needed change in our structure over the past several years. Much public input has been sought. This is one of those weighty decisions that the board realizes needs to be made. They recognize that whatever decision is made it will not make everyone happy. In the end, they will weigh all the information gathered and make a decision that is in the best interest of our students. When you get a chance make sure you thank them for all their dedicated effort on behalf of the district.

Matt Fisher, Superintendent

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Looking Ahead....

July 1-8	Moratorium
July 17-18	Class Schedule Changes for High School, 8am - 12pm and 1 - 4pm
August 9	Northwest Public Schools 2018-19 First Day of School
September 4	First day for Option Enrollment for 2019-20 School Year

Our Story, Our Voice...

Patrons of Northwest Public Schools have been able to take advantage of StrivTV to watch activities such as concerts, sporting events, and graduation from the comfort of their home. Not only is this an opportunity for patrons to stay connected but also an opportunity for students to apply skills they have acquired in our Digital Broadcasting classes.

Last year Northwest Public Schools began working with Taylor Siebert from @StrivTV and Class Intercom on a tool that helps manage our social media while providing opportunities for student voice in our story. One of NWPS goals with social media is to share our story and also focus on doing so via students' perspectives. Class Intercom not only allows this but also incorporates authentic digital citizenship lessons while allowing students to demonstrate digital leadership.

Northwest High School has also been working to increase work-based experiences like job shadowing and internships for their students. StrivTV and Class Intercom are a natural fit with increased use of social media in marketing and news reporting. StrivTV has given students a work-based experience to stream live events while Class Intercom has proven to be an awesome internship opportunity as well as a platform that empowers students to be digital leaders. This makes social media management and creation easier and allows us to incorporate student voice in our social media interactions and stories. Heather Callihan, Technology Integrationist for NWPS, has built a social media team of six student interns who are helping her create and share content, which must be approved by her before it's published.

The Class Intercom interns maintain several social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and most recently NW has incorporated the use of an Alexa skill. By enabling this skill in your Alexa app you can hear weekly news and updates related to Northwest Vikings. How exciting to be able to say "Alexa, what's my flash briefing" and hear news, updates and announcements related to your Northwest Vikings!!

Taylor Siebert and his team at Striv have made this skill possible. Your weekly flash briefing will be created and executed by a team of Northwest students who have an interest and passion for this form of digital media. We are thrilled to be able to offer another authentic educational opportunity for students.



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Northwest High School Honor Graduates of 2018



The following is a list of the students who are in the top 15% of the Class of 2018. Academic achievement is the primary goal of schools, and these students are to be congratulated for their hard work and efforts during their four years of secondary education.

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Garrett Ames	Randy & Kate Ames
Megan Bartz	Tim & Lisa Bartz
Destiny Blatchley	Erick & Catheryn Norvell
Merriah Bockmann.....	David & Kim Bockmann
Shelby Davis.....	Michelle Davis/Jason Davis
Samantha Dramse.....	Carrie Poehler/Donald Dramse
Brady Glause	Jackie Glause
Taylor Hageman	Matt & Carrie Hageman
Allie Hartman	Thomas & Carlotta Hartman
John Hosch.....	Kevin & Susan Hosch
Caleb Jacobsen	Darrin & Bonnie Jacobsen
Alexander Jares.....	Darin & Janice Jares
Brennin Leach.....	SaDonna Manfull/Bill Leach
Brent Lucke.....	Rhett & Karla Lucke
Keaton Ludwig	Dirk & Laci Ludwig
Dylann Luther	Amber Jensen/Jeremiah Jensen
Matthew Meyer	Tim & Shellie Meyer
Kienna Norgaard.....	Jody Norgaard/Erin Norgaard
Caitlyn Parr	Duane & Gloria Parr
Emma Pearson	Tommy & Cary Ummel
Brittney Salter	Jim & Melissa Salter
Halle Samples.....	Jeni Charron/Brad Samples
Sydney Simmons.....	Darin & Erin Ehlers/Brian Simmons
Morgan Urbanski	Jason & Shannon Urbanski
Nakia Wilkerson.....	Larry & Debra Wilkerson
Ryan Zimmerman	Stacey & KaCee Zimmerman

Thank You!

The administration, faculty, and staff at Northwest Public Schools would like to thank the parents and patrons for their support during the past school year. The commitment to your children and Northwest Public Schools is sincerely appreciated. Your positive involvement with our District has provided many successful experiences and opportunities for students this year.