



December 2018 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

As we approach the time of year when we will be in between the break we take for Thanksgiving and our Winter Break, we reach a very important time of year for students. This period of the school year is vital for all students to make that last strong push for excellence to improve their academic progress. There is a great deal of debate on the importance of semester finals or tests. Regardless of what side of the issue you come down on, it is very important that all students take this time of year seriously.

Congratulations to our Viking Volleyball team and coaches for continuing our streak of 18 consecutive trips to the state tournament. Congratulations, also, to our Mock Trial team for qualifying for the state competition in Omaha. This is the 6th time in the past decade that the Mock Trial team has qualified for state. Congratulations to our Football team for qualifying for the state playoffs for the second consecutive year. We are proud of all of our teams and coaches for their outstanding efforts and achievements.

With winter activities beginning, we need to maintain a strong focus on academics. Nights are busy with practices and activities, but a great deal can be gained or lost academically this next month. For those who are doing well, the significance may not seem relevant. For those students who are experiencing some academic difficulty, this time offers an opportunity to get things turned in or work toward a higher grade. I encourage all students and parents to take this time seriously and see this time as an opportunity to make improvement to move closer to high academic standards. Continue to work hard to balance activities and academics to make this semester and its achievements memorable. Students at Northwest have a time built into the school day to get extra help from teachers in their classes. This time is called Intervention and it is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:58 to 9:28. Some students are assigned to this Intervention, but students may also be there voluntarily for the purpose of getting

extra help in a class. Please encourage your student to use this time where teachers are available to help.

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 will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 5. The meeting will be from 10:00-11:00 AM.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School

Winter Break

No School	December 22-January 2 nd
School Resumes	January 3 rd

Enjoy Winter Break!



Semester Exam Schedule

Periods highlighted in yellow indicate the period testing on that day.

Wednesday, December 19th

Period 1 FINAL	8:10-9:20
Advisement	9:24-9:54
Period 2 FINAL	9:58-11:08
3rd Period	11:12-11:52
4th Period	11:56-1:12
1st Shift Lunch	11:56-12:28
2nd Shift Lunch	12:19-12:51
3rd Shift Lunch	12:41-1:12
5th Period	1:16-1:56
Culture Day Awards Pep Rally	2:00-2:23

Thursday, December 20th

Period 3 FINAL	8:10-9:20
Advisement	9:25-9:50
Period 4 FINAL	9:55-11:05
6th Period	11:10-11:54
7th Period	11:59-1:29
1st Shift Lunch	11:59-12:31
2nd Shift Lunch	12:26-12:58
3rd Shift Lunch	12:53-1:29
Period 5 FINAL	1:34-2:44
8th Period	2:52-3:36

Friday, December 21st

6th Period FINAL	8:10-9:20
7th Period FINAL	9:30-10:40
8th Period FINAL	10:50-12:00

School Closing Information

Northwest High School will announce school closing information on radio stations KRGI AM/FM, KSYZ, KZ100 and TV stations KSNB, KOLN/KGIN, NTV AND KLKN. Northwest will remain in session whenever possible. Parental/guardian decisions, with the respect



to the ability of the child to get their child to school safely, or return home from school

safely will not be questioned. We do require parental/guardian notice before we will excuse a student, or all a student to leave the building. Please report absences, or early dismissals to the Central Office 308-385-6394.

Counselor's Corner



SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors, please check out the scholarship spreadsheet on the school website, new ones have been added. Two scholarships worth noting that students should consider applying for are the Warren and Velda Wilson and the Susan Thompson Buffett scholarships. Several of our students receive these each year. There is an income stipulation with the Buffett scholarship, students/parents must first complete the FAFSA and must not have an EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) of more than \$10,000. Both of these scholarships require students to attend college in Nebraska. Come see us in the counseling office if you need help with these or any other scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

We know applications can be confusing and we don't want students to be discouraged and not apply because they are frustrated, so here are some suggestions to make the process less stressful. **1.)** Our Common Application is used for many scholarships and easy to fill out, so just complete this once, save it and then just change the scholarship name at the top for each one you are applying for. **2.)** TYPE applications and proofread, neatness counts! **3.)** Do **NOT** use your **school** email address, your school email is deleted after you graduate. **4.)** Complete the FAFSA now because scholarships may ask for your SAR (Student Aid Report). The FAFSA opened Oct. 1. **5.)** Ask for 2 to 3 recommendation letters now. **6.)** Use another computer if you can. Some scholarships are not compatible with Chromebook. **7.)** Plan ahead for computer or Powerschool glitches. Ask for transcripts in advance by emailing Mrs. Dunn at bdunn@ginorthwest.org

NOTE: The counseling office will be closed over the holidays so ask now if you think you will need a transcript before then. Updated transcripts with the 1st semester will not be available until late January after grades are finalized.

FEE WAIVER REMINDER

The NCAA, NAIA and ACT all provide fee waivers for their registration fees. Come to the counseling office if you want a waiver. If you are unsure if you qualify, see the district office. If needed, they will have your parent complete a free/reduced application AND waiver form and return it to the district office. The ACT is now \$50.50, the NCAA is \$70 and the NAIA is \$80, so it is worth checking to see if you qualify.

ACT REMINDER

The next ACT registration deadline is **JANUARY 11th** with a late registration date of Jan. 18th. The late registration fee is now \$29.50. Fee waivers do not cover late registration fees. Come to the counseling office if you need help registering. Reminder, UNL and UNK do accept February scores for scholarship and admission consideration.

NCAA/NAIA REMINDERS

Juniors and seniors should start a NCAA or NAIA application now if they plan to play a sport in college. Apply online and let your counselor know so they can be checking their email for transcript or recommendation requests. **These emails may go to their spam email so make sure they know to look for yours.**

Community Service Hours

Students need to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service as part of their graduation requirements. If you are in question of how many hours your student has completed, please contact the counseling office.

Community Service Form

