



January 2019 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

The start of a new semester seems to be a time for both a renewal of the old and a look forward to the new. For all of us, it should be a time that we reflect on what we did well in the previous semester and to make attempts to better ourselves for the second semester. Our winter concerts are behind us and all of our winter activities and sports are in full swing. It is a time when our students and coaches/sponsors are sometime caught up in the flurry of activities that our family time is moved to the back seat. Please make every attempt to put family time at the top of the list. This may mean, in most cases, that the entire family attends the school events. Make the best of the limited time that we have together as families.

It is very important that in spite of some dark and cold weather in the winter months that we start the second semester with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose. If grades weren't to the levels that were expected in the first semester, the second semester offers renewed hope and promise. Students should utilize every opportunity, including the Intervention period, to get the help needed for grade improvement. We strongly encourage parents to make contact with your student's teachers and to keep student progress updated with the PowerSchool system.

This is also the time for students to begin making registration plans for the 2019-20 school year. Please take note of any information in the school newsletters and the letters that come from the counseling office. It is really important to encourage your son/daughter to take a challenging course load their junior and senior years to better prepare themselves for the next level of education. Statistics indicate that the highest rate of dropouts in college occur between year one and year two. Many experts attribute this, at least in part, to a less rigorous schedule the last year of high school. Please help us to do all we can to best prepare students for their future.

Please note that second semester resumes after our winters break on Thursday, January 3rd.

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 normally be held on the first Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, because January 2 we are not back in session. The meeting will be from 10:00-11:00 AM

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School

8th Grade & New Student Orientation



SAVE THE DATE!

**Northwest High School
8th Graders & New Students
Student & Parent Orientation
NWHS Auditorium**

**Thursday, February 7, 2019
6pm - Open House / 7pm - Program**

If you are currently an 8th grade student not living in the NW district and **DO NOT** attend Cedar Hollow, 1R or St. Libory and are planning to attend NWHS next year you will need to option into NWPS. Please call 308-385-6398 or email Barb Huls at bhuls@ginorthwest.org to be added to the mailing list or with questions about the option enrollment process.



Home of the Vikings!



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



ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The registration deadline for the February 9th ACT test is **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th**! Fee waivers are available. Come to the counseling office if you would like to use one. The registration fee to take the ACT is now \$50.50. Students are only allotted 2 waivers total, so students who want to use waivers are encouraged to take the test at the end of their junior year or early senior year.

2019-20 CLASS REGISTRATION

Class registration will begin soon for students to choose classes for the 2019-20 school year. Students will be given their registration forms and they should return them to the counseling office. Students planning to register for CCC classes next year will be required to take either the ACT and should plan to take the February test.

SOPHOMORE CAREERS CLASS NOTES

Sophomore students in the 2nd semester Careers classes will meet with their counselors soon to revise their 4-year plans. Parents are encouraged to review these with their students. These students will also visit two different college campuses as a requirement for this class. Students will visit Hastings Central Community College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Students will learn more about these trips in their Careers classes.

NCAA & NAIA REMINDERS

Website addresses for NCAA or NAIA are www.ncaa.org or www.PlayNAIA.org. Come to the Counseling Office if you need help with either of these applications, need a fee waiver or just have questions about the process.

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](#)

