



November 2019 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

The first quarter of the year is now behind us and we reach a stretch in November where the number of our activities seems to slow down a bit. Our fall activities teams have either completed their seasons or are looking forward to district and state competition.

Congratulations go out to all of our students involved in a fall sport or activity. Not all seasons end with an appearance at the state competition, but our students compete hard and at the highest level. Our football team has enjoyed a very good season and qualified for the state playoffs, so congratulations to the team and football coaches. Our Viking volleyball team is having a great season and hopefully will be stretching their season into the post-season with wins in their tournaments. Many hours of practice and competition were devoted to their successful seasons. The Viking Marching Band has done very well this year with their Excellent ratings in marching and field competitions. They also provide a great deal of spirit and pride to our games and pep rallies. We want to thank parents for their fantastic support of all of our programs.

The Northwest Speech, One Act, and Mock Trial teams are diligently preparing for their seasons and have done well in their competitions, thus far. We are extremely proud of the efforts of all of our students in all activities. The coaches and sponsors of these activities devote a great deal of time and effort to making our teams successful. We are proud of all of you and your achievements. The time commitment and dedication needed to have successful activities is forever increasing on the part of students, coaches/directors, and parents. Know that your efforts are acknowledged and appreciated. A great deal of research has been conducted about the success of students in school and its correlation to participation in activities. This research indicates that students who are involved in activities generally do better academically than students not involved in activities.

It takes teamwork to make education a 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.

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. The format and time for these meetings will change to encourage greater participation. The topic for this meeting will be school safety. These meetings will generally be held on the first Wednesdays of the month. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 6. The meeting will be from 7:00-7:45 AM in the NWPS Board Room.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School



Report Cards

In order to maintain efficiency in communication and sharing, Northwest Public Schools will utilize the PowerSchool Parent Portal for accessing student report cards. Report card will be available in your parent account for 60 days. You also have the option to download the report card if you desire. Report card publication notifications and alerts will come via text or be posted on social media. At that time, you will be able to login to your parent portal account and view/download the published report card.



Please Note: You will not be able to view report cards on a mobile app. The report card is only viewable on a web browser at <https://ps.ginorthwest.org/public/home.html> in the SwiftReach SwiftK12 icon. For information on how to access the documents, please review Accessing Documents in Parent Portal Account or the PowerSchool Parent Portal Guide. If you need assistance with your account, please contact Stacey Pawling at spawling@ginorthwest.org or 308-385-6389 ext. 5138

Weather Related Closings

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 parent 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 allow a student to leave the building. Please report absences, or early dismissals to the Central Office 308-385-6394.

Important Dates to Remember

November 14 th		Noon Dismissal
November 15 th	Fall Break	No School
November 27 th		Noon Dismissal
November 28 th	Thanksgiving Day	No School
November 29 th	Thanksgiving Break	No School

Yearbook Sales

The 2019-2020 yearbooks are now for sale! They cost \$65/book first semester and \$70/book second semester. The staff is also selling old yearbooks at a discount price. For more information on either option or to place your order, contact Advisor Kirsten Gilliland at kgilliland@ginorthwest or stop by room 332.

One Act

Northwest One Act's production of *The 146 Point Flame* will perform for the public at their dessert



night on November 25th at 7 PM in the Northwest Auditorium. Admission is \$5.00, and we will have dessert served afterward in the lobby. The play focuses on the story of the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.

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](#)

