



December 2019 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 19 consecutive trips to the state tournament. Congratulations, also, to our Mock Trial team for qualifying for the state competition in Omaha. This is the 7th time in the past decade that the Mock Trial team has qualified for state. Congratulations to our Football team for qualifying for the quarterfinals of the state playoffs for and also for posting the best season record since 1985. 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. The format of the meetings will change, as we will focus on one topic before we have our chat. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 4. The meeting will be from 7:15-7:45 AM in the NWPS District Board Room. You may enter through the Central Office doors.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School

Winter Break

Noon Dismissal	December 19 th & 20 th
No School	December 21 st -January 3 rd
School Resumes	January 6 th

Enjoy Winter Break!



Semester Exam Schedule

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

Wednesday, December 18th

Period 1 FINAL 8:10-9:20

Period 2 FINAL 9:30-10:40

3rd Period 10:44-11:09

4th Period 11:13-11:38

5th Period 11:42-12:54

1st Shift Lunch 11:42-12:14

2nd Shift Lunch 12:05-12:37

3rd Shift Lunch 12:22-12:54

6th Period 12:58-1:23

7th Period 1:27-1:52

8th Period 1:56-2:23

Thursday, December 19th

3rd Period FINAL 8:10-9:20

4th Period FINAL 9:30-10:40

5th Period FINAL 10:50-12:00

NO LUNCH SERVED

Friday, December 20th

6th Period FINAL 8:10-9:20

7th Period FINAL 9:30-10:40

8th Period FINAL 10:50-12:00

NO LUNCH SERVED



Girl's Basketball Fundraiser

The Lady Vikings basketball program is one of the best in Nebraska and we need your help to keep us at the top. Our girls are having a 'shoot-a-thon' to raise money for HUDL (the essential scouting, recruiting and messaging platform used nationwide). Players will shoot 50 shots and you can support us by making a per-shot pledge or a flat donation. The campaign is online through 99Pledges (<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/northwestGBB>) and will end on December 19th.

As Northwest Hall of Famer Mike Shafer says, *"It's a great day to be a Viking!"* –make our future days great as well by making a contribution to our campaign. Our players are blessed to have incredible support from our families and the NW community-your ongoing support is truly appreciated!

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.

Student/Teenage of the Month

Congratulations to the following for being selected as the Elk's Club Student/Teenager of the month!

Jed Walford - September Student of the Month

Ryan Waldmann - September Teenager of the Month

Justine Eickhoff - October Student of the Month

Kallie Cornelius - October Teenage of the Month

FAFSA Resources

Students who have not yet completed the 2020/21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), it's not too late! There are free Resources to help you and your parents complete the form!

- The [FAFSA Demo](#) explains the 6 parts of the form.
- Additional [FAFSA Tools](#) are available on our website.
- For free one-on-one help, families can call EducationQuest to make an appointment:
 - **Omaha** – 888.357.6300
 - **Lincoln** – 800.303.3745
 - **Kearney** – 800.666.3721
 - **Scottsbluff** – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654

NSCS discontinues Advantage program

If your student is interested in attending Chadron, Peru, or Wayne State College, be aware that the Nebraska State College System (NSCS) recently discontinued the NSCS Advantage and the Governor's Opportunity Award.

According to NSCS, this change will allow the colleges to award need-based awards and merit-based scholarships to more students. Students currently participating in the discontinued programs will not be affected.

For an overview of tuition assistance programs offered by other colleges and organizations in Nebraska, see our [Tuition Assistance Program](#) handout.

For Sale

The Industrial Technology department has a 8' x 12' Storage shed for sale. The shed has a gable roof with white metal Soffit and Facia. The shed is not sided so the buyer will have to complete the siding. The cost for the shed is \$950. Any questions you can contact Mr. Kinne by email ekinne@ginorthwest.org or call the high school at (308) 385-6394

Counselors Corner

SCHOLARSHIPS: Seniors, please check out the scholarship spreadsheet on the school website, new ones are always being added. Two scholarships worth noting are the Warren and Velda Wilson and the Susan Thompson Buffett scholarships. These applications will

open soon and are online application only. 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 attending college in Nebraska. Come see us in the counseling office if you need help with these or any other scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS: Applications can be confusing and we don't want students to be discouraged and not apply because they are frustrated. Here are some suggestions to make the process less stressful. **1.)** Try not to use your Chromebook to complete scholarship applications; you may have issues with some that are not compatible with this system. **2.)** Plan ahead for computer glitches. Ask for transcripts in advance by emailing Mrs. Dunn at bdunn@ginorthwest.org **3.)** The Northwest Common Scholarship Application is used for many local scholarships and easy to fill out. Type all your information in once, save it and then just change the scholarship name at the top for each one you are applying for. **4.)** Yes, TYPE your applications and proofread, neatness counts! **5.)** Do **NOT** use your **school** email address; your school email is deleted after you graduate. **6.)** Complete the FAFSA now! The FAFSA opened Oct. 1. Scholarships may ask for your SAR (Student Aid Report), which you will receive via email after you submit your FAFSA. **7.)** Ask for 2 to 3 recommendation letters now. Give your references time to work on a good letter for you. **8.)** Most importantly, COME SEE US if you have questions, we want to help you succeed. **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 7th 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 need a waiver. If you are unsure if you qualify, go to the district office and they will give you the information you need. A parent may need to complete a free/reduced application AND waiver form and return it to the district office. The ACT is now \$5 2.00, the NCAA is \$90 and the NAIA is \$80, so it is worth checking to see if you qualify.

ACT REMINDER: The next ACT registration deadline is **JANUARY 10th** with a late registration date of Jan. 17th. The late registration fee is now \$30.00. 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***).

