



## February 2020 Newsletter

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### **From the Desk of the Principal**

It may be hard to believe but we are quickly reaching the mid-term point of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. I know a great number of parents are frequent visitors to PowerSchool to check on your student's progress at Northwest. If you are not, please consider the benefits of becoming and avid PowerSchool user. In days gone by, in not so hectic times, it was possible to make more frequent contact with our children's teachers about student progress. Now with students and parents not being able to discuss these things at length, a student information system such as PowerSchool becomes a valuable resource of information. Please become a frequent user of PowerSchool. The students, parents and teachers will all benefit in the long run.

Another educational issue of importance is now upon us. Our entire junior class is currently encountering a very important and somewhat stressful time of year. Namely, the statewide tests. As was the case last year, again this year, Juniors will be taking the ACT test in school. The Nebraska Department of Education has established the ACT as the statewide assessment to be given to all Juniors in Nebraska public schools. The ACT scores of our Juniors will become part of the state accountability process known as AQuESTT. On Tuesday, April 7, our Freshmen and will be taking the MAP tests, our Sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT, while our Juniors will be taking the ACT. **Northwest High School Seniors will not have school on April 7.** We are encouraging our Seniors to use this day as a Future Day. In other words, use this day to schedule a college visit, consult with a military recruiter, or make arrangements to visit some occupations that they may be interested in pursuing in their future.

The statewide assessments are similar to a photo being taken at one point in time during the school year. In addition to the ACT and MAP tests, we also pay close attention to student progress based upon our own local (classroom) assessments. We believe that the more information that is available regarding student progress the better. Multiple forms of student progress give us a

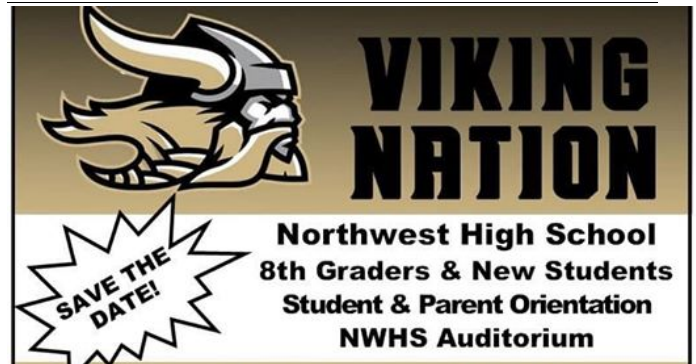
more accurate view of how students are doing at Northwest.

### **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, February 5. The meeting will be from 7:15-7:45 AM.

Tim Krupicka, Principal  
Northwest High School

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade & New Student Orientation**



Please join us Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> for an open house beginning at 6pm. Students and parents are welcome to tour the school during this time, visit with teachers and explore all opportunities that Northwest High School has to offer.

A short program begins at 7pm in the auditorium. If you would like more information, please contact Barb Huls at 308-385-6398 ext. 5168 or you may email her at [bhuls@ginorthwest.org](mailto:bhuls@ginorthwest.org)

## Reminder

Just a reminder that if you currently have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who is planning on attending Northwest High School for the 2020-2021 school year and the student is NOT attending a K-8 Northwest School you will need to fill out an option enrollment form. Please call the District Office if you have questions, [308-385-6398](tel:308-385-6398).



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

## Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in the new gym Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm-8:00pm

School will have a 12:39 dismissal that day. Lunch WILL NOT be served.

Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> will be a regular school day at the High School 8:10-3:36.

There will be no school Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Industrial Tech Department

The Industrial Technology department has a 8' x 12' Storage shed for sale. The shed has a gable roof and has 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](mailto:ekinne@ginorthwest.org) or call the high school at (308) 385-6394

## Summer Weights 2019

Please read through the following information regarding the Northwest 2020 summer weight program. **The summer weight program begins on May 26.** You will be required to submit both the registration form AND the payment. Please note these are two different links.

All dates, times and permission information is noted below. Please complete the form below and submit payment by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Note: Junior High Summer Weights Camp (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) will run July 13-24, 2020 ONLY and be limited to the first 60 registrations.**

\*There will be a \$80 lifting fee per participant in grades 9-12 and \$60 for those in grades 7/8. This fee is for equipment maintenance and equipment purchases.

Times: Coach McNeil will assign your lifting time (grades 9-12) and post it May 13<sup>th</sup> in the weight room.

We start Tuesday, May 26.

6:00-7:00 AM Football

7:00-8:00 AM Football/Boys

Basketball/Wrestling

8:00-9:00 AM Softball/Cross Country

9:00-10:00 AM Volleyball

10:00-11:00 AM Freshman Boys

11:00-12:00 AM Freshman Girls

11:00-12:30 Junior High Camp July 13-21

5:00-6:30 PM Open Lift

A summer lifting shirt will be awarded if you meet or exceed the required amount of supervised lifting AND running/agility sessions. The coaching staff will set amount of days.

Please register using one of the links below (submit form for each participant please)

Register for HS summer weights [here](#).

Register for Junior High Weight camp [here](#).

Please submit your payment by Friday, April 17 one of the two ways as noted below

1. Cash or Checks payable to "Northwest High School" can be mailed to:  
Troy McNeil  
2710 N. North Rd.  
Grand Island, NE 68803

2. Submit online payment here: <https://payments.efundsforschools.com/v3/districts/55789/>

\*Note: payments subject to small convenience fee.

**\*Payments must be received by FRIDAY, April 17th (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

Questions regarding HS athletes can be directed to Coach McNeil: [tmcneil@ginorthwest.org](mailto:tmcneil@ginorthwest.org)

## Junior ACT Testing

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - All juniors will take the ACT as required by NDE, sophomores will take the PreACT, and freshman will complete NWEA MAP testing. All students at Northwest HS have access to [ontocollege.com](http://ontocollege.com), which is an ACT/PreACT prep site formally know as John Baylor Test Prep. This site contains videos with test taking strategies by John Baylor, skills practice and practice tests. Students can also create a free account on <https://academy.act.org/>. The ACT Academy site provides students with an individualized learning path based on previous ACT or PreACT scores; or diagnostic quizzes students complete if they do not have a score to enter. All juniors set up an account on the ACT Academy earlier this year. Students can contact Mrs. Ramsey for a login at [jramsey@ginorthwest.org](mailto:jramsey@ginorthwest.org).

## Student/Teenage of the Month

The Grand Island Elks Lodge #604 would like to recognize the following students for being selected as Teenager or Student of the Month for November & December 2019.

Keyara Caspar	November	- Teenager of the Month
Nolan Moorman	November	Teenager of the Month
Hannah Fjeldheim	November	Student of the Month
Ethan Hansen	November	Student of the Month
Avery Hermesch	December	Student of the Month

## Counselor's Corner



### HONORS CONVOCATION

We want to honor our seniors for their hard work and accomplishments. In preparation for Honors Convocation we encourage seniors that are planning to enter the military or who have received a scholarship from an organization or college to please bring that information to the counseling office or email your letters to Brenda at [bdunn@ginorthwest.org](mailto:bdunn@ginorthwest.org) so we can include them in our program. We will make copies of your letters. **We cannot accept phone calls.** The deadline will be May 1<sup>st</sup> to turn these in. Honors Convocation will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### BOYS' STATE and GIRLS' STATE

Applications for Girls'/Boys' State are available and can be picked up in the Counselors' Office. This is for Juniors only. The deadline is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Boys' and Girls' State is a weeklong program, held in June, that provides training in practical citizenship, leadership and character development. It is designed to motivate young citizens to learn about and maintain our form of government.

### ACT REGISTRATION

When registering for the ACT make sure to enter our school code (280-953) to have scores sent to Northwest. Most importantly, also enter 4 of your college choice codes. **Most colleges now require ACT scores be sent DIRECTLY from ACT.** ACT charges an additional fee to send them later; the cost is \$17 and is not covered by a fee waiver.

### ACT FOR JUNIORS

All juniors will take the required ACT on April 7<sup>th</sup>. This takes the place of NeSA test assessments for juniors. There will be a makeup day for any students that are ill or gone (date to be determined later). Juniors do not register for this and there is no test fee. Juniors can use this as a regular test date so they do not need to take the April NATIONAL test. They will choose their top

4 college choices and enter these codes to send their scores just like the national test registration.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND FAFSA**

**Whether you think you will qualify for government assistance or not, any student planning to attend college needs to complete the FAFSA.** This determines how much financial aid or scholarships colleges will offer. The FAFSA opened on October 1 so anyone who hasn't applied yet should do so as soon as possible. The FAFSA may also be required by some scholarships for their application.

**Here is the information again for those who still need to apply.** First, you and a parent will need to create usernames and passwords at **fsaid.ed.gov**. You will need email addresses for each of you (**not your school email**). Then go to **fafsa.gov** to complete the application. These are the only official websites, *there are copycat sites so make sure you enter the right one, be careful with your information!* You will use your 2018 tax information. You can make an appointment with EducationQuest if you need assistance filling this out or follow their tutorial online. They have locations in Kearney, Lincoln or Omaha.

### **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](#)

