



March 2020 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

As the end of the 3rd quarter quickly approaches, our attention should be drawn to student progress and continuing to monitor the progress of our own students. Our PowerSchool system that is used by Northwest, allows parents a great opportunity to view student grades and get information about missing assignments in classes. With parent help and support by monitoring grades, the process of educating becomes a more effective team effort. In order to move students toward the finish line, (Graduation) it takes communication and effort between students, parents and teachers. We appreciate parent support in working toward the goal of getting all of our students a quality education here at Northwest High School.

We are all very busy with activities this time of year and we know that we need the support of parents to be successful in the many activities that we offer at Northwest. The hours devoted to practices and summer work pay dividends during the season. In a recent informal study done with our students it was concluded that over 70% of our student participate in **more than one** activity. Research indicates that students who are active in school activities also tend to be better in the academic area. Students learn valuable skills of collaboration, self-confidence, teamwork and time management. One overlooked aspect of participation is that many lasting friendships are built through the process of practicing and competing together.

We are extremely proud of the efforts of all of our students who participate in activities in and out of school. Our students in all activities appreciate the support that is given to them by the people who attend the many activities. Know that your attendance is also greatly appreciated at events that may not get the same attention as a sports activity. Students who display their talents at events such as Speech meets, One-Act competitions and Music concerts also would welcome the support of their activities. We want to thank all of our supporters of activities for their

continued support of Northwest students. Get out to any event in which Northwest students participate. You will be amazed at the talent that our students possess.

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, March 4. The meeting will be from 7:00-7:45 AM in the Northwest Public Schools Board Room that is located at Northwest High School.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School

Reminder

Just a reminder that if you currently have an 8th 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).

2020-2021 Online Registration

Be watching the Northwest website www.ginorthwest.org or your email for more information about our "online registration". Details will be posted soon.

Honors Convocation

Honors Convocation will be held on Thursday, May 7th. This ceremony celebrates the many accomplishments of our students. Students who have earned an Academic Letter, Presidential Award or are in the Top 15% will be recognized. Freshman and sophomores will be recognized from 1:15-2 p.m. and will return to class after that. Juniors and seniors will be recognized from 2-3:15 and will be dismissed when the ceremony ends.

If seniors receive a scholarship from a college or other organization we encourage them to bring their letter to the counseling office (we will make a copy) or email it to us so we may also include it in our Honors Program. The deadline to turn in documents is Monday, May 4th. Students that will be joining the MILITARY will also be honored so those students should make sure the counseling office has this information.

Important Dates

March 5 th	No School
March 6 th	No School
March 13 th	No 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.



Driver's ED will be offered this summer through the Nebraska Safety Center at UNK. The course will consist of a parent & student orientation, classroom instruction, slow speed driving exercises on the NSC driving range, and on street driving with a certified instructor.

Cost is \$330 per student. Registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to the start of class. The class will be held at Northwest High School.

Session 1 Classroom: June 22-26, 8am-12:30pm

Range Exercises in Kearney: June 25, 9am-5:30pm

Session 2 Classroom: July 6-10, 8:00am-12:30pm

Range Exercises in Kearney: July 8, 9am-5:30pm

You may sign up by visiting the school website.

New Class

Introduction to Education and Training will be offered at Northwest beginning Fall 2020. Interested students will be introduced to career opportunities and related skills in the Education and Training career field, including teaching and professional educational training. If you are planning to be a teacher apprentice/aid your senior year, this is definitely a class you need to take!

Introduction to Education and Training will explore topics related to education ... students will learn the philosophy of education, roles of educators, methods of instruction and assessment, diversity of cultures and communities related to educational settings, and development of the learner and professional.

If interested in this new class opportunity, students may contact Mrs. Cooper or their counselor, Mr. Manhart or Mrs. Merritt, at Northwest.



Counselor's Corner



Scholarships

Through the diligent work of the NW Educational Foundation we have gotten some NEW scholarships that are just for NW students. There are also many other scholarships still available that have March and April deadlines. Please note that some scholarship applications do not work with our Chromebooks so if students experience issues they should come to the counseling office so we can help them.

ACT

ALL Juniors will take the **STATE** ACT on April 7th. Juniors DO NOT register for this. Note: If they did already register to take the **NATIONAL** April ACT and would like to choose a later test date, they can contact ACT either by calling 319-337-1270 or by logging into their account and choose "Make changes to your registration". ACT does not refund fees so the only option is to choose a later test date. If students need help with this they can come to the counseling office.

Careers Class Trip Reminder

Sophomore students will be traveling to CCC on April 22nd and UNK on April 15th this semester. Students return to school before classes are dismissed. They are outside for some of the visit so they should always dress accordingly. Lunch is provided or they may bring their own.

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](#)

Graduation

The class of 2020 is proud to announce their graduation from Northwest High School on Sunday, May 17th at 2:00pm in Rosencrants Gymnasium. Doors will open 1 hour prior to graduation. Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Class Colors ~ Black & Gold

Class Flower ~ Lily

Class Song ~ Forever Young ~ Alphaville

Class Moto ~ "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life" ~ Steve Jobs



NW Class of 2020 NW

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