



## September 2020 Newsletter

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

As we begin the 2020-21 school year, thoughts come to mind of looking forward to the future and also looking at past school years. This school year is very unique for all students, parents, teachers and administrators. When we look forward, we may be excited



and also a bit apprehensive about what lies ahead for us. The Coronavirus has caused us to make numerous changes to how we do many things at Northwest. One thing it will not do, however, is diminish our amazing Viking Culture.

Our goal at Northwest High School is to prepare each student for the choices and the challenges they face after they leave our halls and classrooms. At Northwest, we believe the students who are the best-prepared are the students who are actively involved in all our school has to offer. Statistics indicate that the students who achieve the most in high school are the students who are involved in some type of extra or co-curricular activity. We offer many opportunities for students at Northwest to get involved. Please encourage your student to utilize the opportunities to the fullest because it will make your student's high school years a much richer experience.

The Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff support and invest a great deal of time and resources into these activities and realize how important they are for our students. We at Northwest High School also know that student success does not occur without a great deal of effort and teamwork. The greatest success comes when students, parents, teachers and administrators all work and communicate together to reach the common goal of student achievement. Everyone has a unique role to play in this

success and we all must respect each other's efforts to make education work well. We encourage students and parents to ask questions if something is not understood. Communication works best when it travels in both directions.

This year we welcome some new staff members to the Northwest Viking family. New teachers this year are: Carol Beins-Special Ed., Robbie Collins-English, Katie Hornung-Agriculture, Mike Lambert-Social Studies, Jeremy Otto-Special Ed., Jared Hansen-Voc. We all welcome these educators to Northwest High School and our hopes are for all of them to have successful and rewarding careers serving the students of this district. I look forward to seeing all of you in the halls and at activities throughout this school year.

### **Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes are scheduled for Friday, September 18th in the school cafeteria. Order forms are available in the Central Office.

### **Option Enrollment 2021-22**

If you do not live in the Northwest district and have a child that you would like to option into the Northwest School system, you may complete the 2021-22 Typed Option Form. Please complete Section 1 of the form and return it to the District Office, beginning September 1, between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm. You may also scan the form to [bhuls@ginorthwest.org](mailto:bhuls@ginorthwest.org) anytime after September 1. If your child currently attends one of the Northwest schools, their option will continue on through high school.

If you have questions or need assistance in determining your district of residence please check the Northwest District Map or contact Barb Huls at (308) 385-6398, ext 5168, or email [bhuls@ginorthwest.org](mailto:bhuls@ginorthwest.org).

Please share this information with friends, family or neighbors who may be interested in opting into the NW school district.

## **ACT/PreACT Testing Update**

The Nebraska Department of Education has rescheduled the spring ACT intended for the Class of 2021. **All Seniors will take the ACT exam the morning of September 22. This testing opportunity is at no cost to the students because it is being provided by the Nebraska Department of Education.**

The current *Junior* class will be administered the PreACT exam that they missed this past spring on the same date.

**Freshmen & Sophomores will have NO SCHOOL this day.**

## **EducationQuest**

EducationQuest will host their first-ever [virtual college fair](#) September 27-30! Students and families [who register](#) for this free event can visit college booths and watch live or recorded college-prep presentations.

## **FAFSA**

EducationQuest will also host statewide virtual events as follows:

Monday, Sept. 21: [Spanish](#) - 5:30 p.m. CT; [English](#) - 6:30 p.m. CT

Tuesday, Sept. 22: [English](#) - 12:00 p.m. CT; [Spanish](#) - 5:30 p.m. CT

Wednesday, Sept. 23: [Spanish](#) - 12:00 p.m. CT; [English](#) - 6:00 p.m. CT

Thursday, Sept. 24: [English](#) - 12:00 p.m. CT; [Spanish](#) - 6:30 p.m. CT

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30pm-8:00pm. Please watch the school website for more information.

## **Important Dates**

NO SCHOOL	Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, Sept. 21	Normal Schedule 8:10-3:36
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Seniors ACT 8:10-Noon
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Juniors Pre ACT 8:10-Noon
<b>No School for Students in <a href="#">Grades 9 &amp; 10</a> on 9/22</b>	
Tuesday, Sept. 22 3:30-8:00	Parent Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, Sept. 23	12:39 Dismissal
Wednesday, Sept. 23 3:30-8:00	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, Sept. 24	Normal Schedule 8:10-3:36
Friday, Sept. 25	NO SCHOOL

