



October 2020 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

One constant that always has existed at Northwest High School is that it doesn't take long after our return to school in August for it to seem as if we never left in the spring. This year, because of the extraordinary way that the fourth quarter of last year ended, the students came back with a greater enthusiasm about being in school. I am impressed with our students and their desire to achieve academically and in all activities. Students and teachers need to put in the commitment to education to in order for us all to achieve and we have the type of building that does just that. The administration appreciates the support that we receive from families in to make our work with students productive.

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.

We want students and parents to know that we are doing many things to allow all students have access to a quality high school education. Our teachers have done a great deal to create learning opportunities for our students present in classes, for those students who have had to quarantine due to Covid-19, and also for those students who have chosen, for health reasons, to learn through our Remote Learning program. All students are valued as they are all Vikings. We are the Vikings. We row together.

Tim Krupicka
Principal



Important Dates

October 7 th	Noon Dismissal No Lunch Served
October 15 th	End of 1 st Quarter
October 16 th	NO SCHOOL



Freshman Academy

It is amazing that it is going to be October already. The weeks seem to be flying by and all of the freshmen keep adjusting to high school at their own pace. I encourage you to have regular conversations with your son / daughter about how their classes are going, if they are staying on track to graduate and if they keep giving thought to what they want to do after graduating. By no means do kids have to know what they want to do for the rest of their life during their freshman year, but we do want them passing all of their classes and then taking classes that might help them discover a career path that they might not have originally thought of.

An area that I believe all parents should discuss with their children is in regards to cell phones / social media. If you do not regularly look at your child's phone, I encourage you to do so. It is critical that students promote themselves in a positive manner through social media. Future employers, colleges, and scholarship committees are all looking at how individuals are portrayed in the cyber world. Students need to know about the dangers of using social media inappropriately and how it can affect the rest of your life if you choose to send or receive things that you should not. This area is constantly changing and is very hard to stay caught up with. One example from last year is the "My Eyes Only" in SnapChat. This takes a four-digit code to get into and I encourage you to look into this on your child's phone. Pictures that they do not want others to see can be hidden here. Your child's phone is an area that you need to make sure is a safe place for them, just as you would want them to be safe if they went to a concert or a part of town that you knew was not safe.

Our freshmen academy team continues to supervise an after school study hall for freshmen. This is available on M, T, Th & F from 3:40 - 4:10 each of those days. A different academy teacher staffs this each week, and I make sure that I help cover this study hall from time to time too. The study hall is there as a support for students who may not be able to get answers from home or just a quiet place to get assignments done so they won't have homework. Students can be assigned to attend this study hall as a consequence though if they are not getting work done. If they are failing a core class at the beginning of the week, it is REQUIRED that they set up one session to work with that teacher during the week. If your child does need to stay after school on Wednesday nights, there is a study hall provided by the school due to the early dismissal each Wednesday. Another academic support in place for our students is intervention time. Intervention is available to every student from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. every day of the week except Wednesday. A student may sign up to go to a teacher's room or the teacher may sign up the student to come in and work. As I conclude my newsletter, I want to make sure that all parents know how to get ahold of me. My phone number and extension at the school is 308-385-6394 (Ext. 5123) and my e-mail address is mmoser@ginorthwest.org Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have. The goal of the Freshmen Academy is to make sure that your child is supported and that they have a good base after their freshman year so that they stay on track to graduate in 2024. Go Vikings!!!!

Marty Moser
Freshman Academy Director / Assistant Principal

Counselor's Corner

SENIOR REMINDER: THE FAFSA SITE OPENS OCTOBER 1st!

Apply EARLY; you will need this information if you apply for certain scholarships, such as the Susan Thompson Buffett scholarship. If you need help getting started EducationQuest has a tutorial on their website.

JUNIOR NOTES:

Juniors may take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on October 14th. Students who want to take the test can register in the Counseling Office by bringing in a \$17.00 check by October 12th.

Juniors may take the ASVAB test on October 30th. If your son/daughter would like to take this test they may sign up in the Counseling Office.