



November 2020 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

The first quarter of the year is now behind us and we reach a stretch in November where the number of our activities seems to slow down a bit. Our fall activities teams have either completed their seasons or are looking forward to district and state competition. We continue to excel in many of our activities and sports and are extremely proud of the dedication and efforts of all of our students who take part in our various activities.

Congratulations go out to all of our students involved in a fall sport or activity. Not all seasons end with an appearance at the state competition, but our students compete hard and at the highest level. The Viking softball team enjoyed an outstanding season by finishing in the top four teams at the State Tournament. Our football team has enjoyed a very good season and qualified for the state playoffs. The Viking volleyball team is having a very good season and hopefully will be stretching their season into the post-season with wins in their tournaments. The Girls Golf team had a great season and finished 7th as a team at State. Our Cross Country team has both boys and girls team members competing at the State Meet in Kearney. Many hours of practice and competition were devoted to their successful seasons. The Viking Marching Band has done very well with their limited competition season. They also provide a great deal of spirit and pride to our games and pep rallies. We want to thank parents for their fantastic support of all of our programs.

The Northwest Speech, One Act, and Mock Trial teams are diligently preparing for their seasons and have done well in their competitions, thus far. We are extremely proud of the efforts of all of our students in all activities. The coaches and sponsors of these activities devote a great deal of time and effort to making our teams successful. We are proud of all of you and your achievements. The time commitment and dedication needed to have successful activities is forever

increasing on the part of students, coaches/directors, and parents. Know that your efforts are acknowledged and appreciated. A great deal of research has been conducted about the success of students in school and its correlation to participation in activities. This research indicates that students who are involved in activities generally do better academically than students not involved in activities.

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.

Tim Krupicka, Principal
Northwest High School



Wrestling Fundraiser

Once again the Viking wrestlers will be selling Village Pie Maker pies as a fundraiser for our program. We have a couple of new flavors this year. **PUMPKIN and CRANBERRY APPLE**. This is in addition to **Apple, Strawberry Rhubarb, Cherry, Peach, Raspberry Peach, Berry Medley, Blueberry, and Black Cherry**. Cost again will be \$15. Wrestlers have already started selling pies. Pies will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. Please contact Coach Sybrandts or Coach Paige if you want some pies and have not been contacted by a wrestler. We appreciate your support for our wrestlers!!!

Report Cards

In order to maintain efficiency in communication and sharing, Northwest Public Schools will utilize the PowerSchool Parent Portal for accessing student report cards. Report card will be available in your parent account for 60 days. You also have the option to download the report card if you desire. Report card publication notifications and alerts will come via text or be posted on social media. At that time, you will be able to login to your parent portal account and view/download the published report card.



Please Note: You will not be able to view report cards on a mobile app. The report card is only viewable on a web browser at <https://ps.ginorthwest.org/public/home.html> in the SwiftReach SwiftK12 icon. For information on how to access the documents, please review Accessing Documents in Parent Portal Account or the PowerSchool Parent Portal Guide. If you need assistance with your account, please contact Stacey Pawling at spawling@ginorthwest.org or 308-385-6389 ext. 5138

Weather Related Closings

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 parent 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.

Important Dates to Remember

November 4 th		No School
November 5 th	Regular School Day	8:10-3:36
November 6 th	Fall Break	No School
November 25 th		Noon Dismissal
November 26 th	Thanksgiving Day	No School
November 27 th	Thanksgiving Break	No School

Yearbook Sales

The 2020-2021 yearbooks are now for sale! They cost \$65/book first semester and \$70/book second semester. The staff is also selling old yearbooks at a discount price. For more information on either option or to place your order, contact Advisor Kirsten Gilliland at kgilliland@ginorthwest.org or stop by room 332.

College Prep Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 in auditorium for parents with students in 10th & 11th grades.

Counselors will present basic information on types of colleges, financial aid, college visits, and other items to start preparing your student for college.

Library Happenings

We just finished putting identifying marks (on books and their records) for the "recommended reading" compiled from several **ACT/SAT lists**. This is reading aimed at helping students raise their test scores.

In addition to the **ACT/SAT identifiers** (hot pink rectangle on the spine), we also have: APUSH, Culinary, A & P, High Interest, Graphic Novels (check out the **legends** posted around the library. . and tells the letters to search such as APUSH)

Reminder. . . .

All of these (and everything else) can be searched in our **online catalog**:

District web page/Library Resources/NW-Researcher-Circulation/search/**change "smart search" to "series" and type in what you are looking for.--ie. APUSH, SCIAP

Students can make lists of books, put holds on books etc. if you "log in" to our database. **Students** use their Google short name (email address w/o the [@ginorthwest.org](mailto:ginorthwest.org)) and their Google (email) password.

AND. . . .

I have put some **"book club" videos** on our Bulletins page (District web page/Library Resources/NW-Researcher-Circulation/Bulletins) that are entertaining discussions that hit on key points of the books.

AND. . . .

Don't forget we have the **"self-checkout" machine** to use if students wish. Student barcodes (student numbers) are in the laminated sheets--find grade level/scan student barcode/hit return/scan book library barcode/hit return/"I'm done" :-). Instructions are also posted on the computer.

AND. . . .

If you are researching--the bulletins have some "safe" (as in you can trust the information) links (unfortunately not live) AND there are links on our bulletins to our **City Library** (tons of databases--again, safe!) and **NeAccess** (state-funded databases). If students need a library card, send them to me--I have applications and I will run the app to the library and get the card for them (15 and under need a parent signature). **ALL students are eligible** for the databases at the very least--great for college and live tutoring too.

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](#)

