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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

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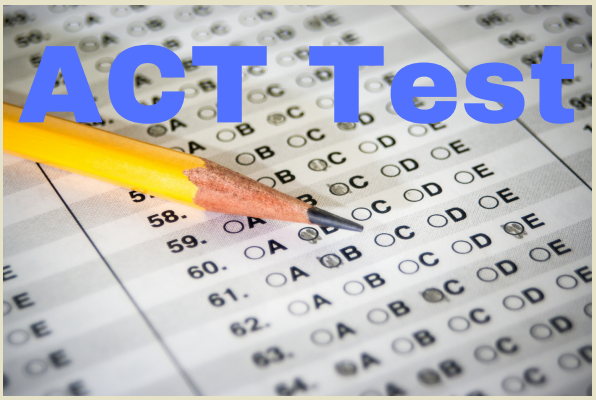
As the end of the 3rd quarter quickly approaches, our attention should be drawn to student progress and continuing to monitor the progress of our own students. Our PowerSchool system that is used by Northwest, allows parents a great opportunity to view student grades and get information about missing 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 students participate in more than one activity. Research indicates that students who are active in school activities also tend to do 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. As some of the DHM's get altered on high school 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.

March 5th - NO SCHOOL
March 10th-End of 3rd Quarter-2:23 Dismissal
March 11th & 12th - NO SCHOOL
March 23rd TESTING DAY - *SENIORS* NO SCHOOL



On Tuesday March 23, 2021 all ***Juniors*** will take the ACT as required by NDE, ***Sophomores*** will take the PreACT, and ***Freshmen*** will complete NWEA MAP Growth tests. Most testing sessions will end by 12:45 pm. No lunch will be served. ***Seniors*** will not have school that day and are encouraged to take advantage of the day to schedule a college visit. Students are not able to leave for appointments this day.

March 23, 2021
8:00 AM-1:00PM

Juniors - ACT Testing

Sophomores - PreACT Testing

Freshmen - MAP Testing

Seniors - NO SCHOOL

John Baylor will be at NWHS, Wednesday March 17 form 9:00-11:00am for an ACT test prep review session. This session is for the junior cohort only, students interested in attending will need to sign up via a google formed which has been shared with them through email. All students at Northwest HS have access to ontocollege.com, which is an ACT/PreACT prep site. 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. Most juniors set up an account on the ACT Academy earlier this year. If a student is having trouble logging on to the On to College test prep site, please contact Mrs. Ramsey for login help at jramsey@ginorthwest.org.

JOHN BAYLOR PREP

HONORS CONVOCATION

Honors Convocation will be held on Tuesday, May 11th. 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. Please note, these awards are all based on cumulative GPAs and Ranks earned by the end of the FIRST semester. Academic letters are earned by freshmen, sophomores and juniors by achieving a GPA of 93% or above, seniors must achieve a 92% or above. Presidential Awards are only given to seniors that have a GPA of 90% or above and an ACT score of 26 or above in Math or Reading. 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 p.m. and will be dismissed when 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. We ask that you get your lists to us by Wednesday, May 5th. We would also like to honor students that have signed with the MILITARY. Their military branch may not provide this information to us so we ask students to please let us know if this is in their future plans.

The NW Education Foundation has some NEW scholarships that are just for NW students. Check these out and many others 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.

Driver's Education

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 Student/Parent Orientation May 24 8am
Classroom: May 24-28, 8am-12:30pm
Range Exercises in Kearney: May 27, 9am-5:30pm

Session 2 Student/Parent Orientation June 21 8am
Classroom: June 21-25, 8:00am-12:30pm
Range Exercises in Kearney: June 23, 9am-5:30pm
You may sign up by visiting the school website.