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THANK YOU!



Thank you for your support in renewing the 1% earned income tax on the November ballot. Its renewal means that we are able to maintain the school district as it presently operates without making large cuts in staff, programs

or activities. We will continue to operate with fiscal responsibility in order to offer a quality academic program. That's a promise we have made and we will continue to keep.

FROM OUR NORTHWEST FAMILY TO YOURS

I would like to take this opportunity to extend wishes for a very happy holiday season to you and all of your family. I hope you will take time together to share memories and make new ones with those who are dear to you. No matter if you are celebrating at home, across town or far away, please have a safe holiday season.



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Board of Education



From left: Steve Jones, John Hexamer, Rita Gearhart, Vice-President Bruce Beadle and Board President Jim Gindlesberger.

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Curriculum News

Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

Northwest Staff and Students Prepare for Ohio’s New Statewide Assessments

Public schools in Ohio will transition from the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) and the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) to Ohio’s New Assessments, during the 2014-2015 school year. The new state assessments have two testing cycles: a performance based assessment (PBA) and an end-of-year assessment (EOY). Since 2011, Northwest staff members and students have been preparing for this transition by implementing Ohio’s new learning standards into our curriculum content and evaluating and updating the district’s technology devices and infrastructure.

The district determined that additional devices were needed in order to administer the new online assessments. However, no additional funding was available from the state to defer costs for local school districts. We are committed to ensuring our students have access to the necessary equipment and pursued a funding option, which enabled the district to purchase eight mobile computer carts. The carts will be used during classroom instruction, as well as for online assessments. Staff members are working with students to strengthen their technology skills and online assessment skills.

Testing Schedule 2015:

Performance Based Assessments:
February 16 – March 20

End-of-Year Assessments:
April 13 – May 15

Grade Levels and Subjects:

- Third Grade – Reading, Mathematics
- Fourth Grade – Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies
- Fifth Grade – Reading, Mathematics, Science
- Sixth Grade – Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies
- Seventh Grade – Reading, Mathematics
- Eighth Grade – Reading, Mathematics, Science
- High School – (Starting with the class of 2018)

English 9, English 10

Algebra 1, Geometry, or Math 1, Math 2

Physical Science

American History, Government

Twelve Days of Christmas Family Activities

The busy holiday season can be hectic and stressful, often overwhelming us all! Please set aside some time to spend making lasting memories with family and friends.

1st	Write a letter to Santa or family Christmas cards.	7th	Bake and take Christmas goodies to a nursing home, senior center, youth center, police station or fire station.
2nd	Make and decorate a gingerbread house.	8th	Take a winter walk through the neighborhood to view Christmas lights.
3rd	Hold a family game night.	9th	Make and decorate Christmas Cookies.
4th	Curl up with cocoa and read Christmas books next to the Christmas tree.	10th	Go Christmas caroling in the neighborhood.
5th	Make paper snowflakes and decorate windows.	11th	String popcorn and cranberries and then hang them on pine trees to provide a Christmas treat for area wildlife.
6th	Go sled riding, ice-skating or make a snowman.	12th	Enjoy a family Christmas movie night marathon.

NORTHWEST COMMITTED TO BULLYING PREVENTION

Northwest Local School District is entering its third year of an anti-bullying program. The last two years have allowed district personnel to train employees with the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program, incorporate class meetings and reflect on the program and student needs. This fall Elec Simon performed in an assembly for each school building to reinforce the need to stop bullying. To better understand the commitment of our staff, we felt you should hear directly from a few members of the Northwest Bullying Prevention Program.



Marcy McKendry,
Chairman of the
Northwest Bullying
Prevention Program

“When I first came to Northwest the state had mandated that all school districts have some type of program to address bullying, intimidation and harassment. After spending a lot of time researching programs, I found Olweus to be the one with the most research supporting its success. However, the cost of the training was too much. Then an opportunity came about through our county where the cost was going to be covered through a grant through the Sisters of Charity foundation, and my training would allow me to come back and train our district. The program has allowed us to become better educated about the difference between bullying and other forms of mistreatment. In my opinion, I feel that the implementation of this program and the classroom meetings has brought to light the importance of teacher-student relationships. I hope that the program can maintain momentum as we continue to move forward. It’s important to me that we focus on the positive, like promoting kindness, acceptance and belonging, rather than the negative like bullying, harassment, and intimidation.

We are in our third year of Olweus and will be phasing into our own program, basically just the Northwest Bullying Prevention Program. We wish to develop a program that suits our specific needs with the continuation of some of the aspects of Olweus.”



Scott Burnett,
High School
Asst. Principal

“It is important that we emphasize a bullying prevention program to enhance our relationships. Such a program cultivates an atmosphere of tolerance and empathy which will prepare our students for the opportunity to succeed.”



Rick Woods,
High School
Teacher

“Two years into the program reported incidences of bullying and physical altercations on school grounds have declined at the high school. Students are listening, and the culture appears to be less tolerant of the types of bullying that were commonplace two years ago. Still, the Olweus committee did not feel that we had total “buy-in” on our anti-bullying program. Enter Elec Simon.

I became aware of Elec Simon and Friends several years ago through a performance that he did at the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and it was absolutely energizing and inspiring! I wanted to bring Elec in to energize our student body and hear his impassioned message hoping that would leave a lasting impression. My goal was to start the year with his impact and use that momentum to fuel our programming for the coming year. I called Elec and made my plea. He obliged and I was then tasked with funding the performance. Thanks to the very generous donations of several Canal Fulton Rotarians, we were able to bring Elec to the high school.



Elec Simon



Student and staff response has been overwhelmingly positive. Both staff and students have communicated that it was one

of the best assemblies we’ve ever had. The students could be heard talking about it for days, and they were especially excited to see the band eating school lunch with them in the Commons after the show! We’re very thankful to have had the opportunity to bring Elec and Friends to Northwest and deeply grateful to those who made it possible.”

For more information on Elec Simon, please go to <http://video.ideastream.org/video/2365247879/>. This link will take you to a PBS video on Elec Simon’s battle against bullying.



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SHANREN RECEIVES WARM WELCOME AT NORTHWEST

Northwest Middle School students enjoyed a concert by Shanren, a folk fusion band from Southwestern China November 20. In keeping with the Chinese



tradition of presenting welcoming gifts, Dr. Mike Shreffler and Northwest Middle School Principal Larry Tausch presented gifts with a local flavor to band members.

The concert was made possible through the Ohio Region Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO). ORMACO will be presenting another concert Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall as part of its 2014-15 World Tour of Music Concert series. This concert will feature Paulo Padilha and Group, which will be brought to the region with the generous support of Art Midwest's World Fest grant program.

Catch the swing and rhythm of urban Brazil with Paulo Padilha and Group. Highly acclaimed as a musician and clever lyricist with a mischievous sense of humor, Paulo Padilha performs songs take interest in everything from mother-in-law as muse to philosophic ramblings on art. A little samba, a little pop—you'll dance all the way home! Tickets are available at the Northwest Local Schools District Office and Buehlers in Jackson Township or online at www.ormaco.org. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

In case of school closings, Northwest Local Schools posts information on all of the major news channels—NBC, ABC, CBS and FOX. We also announce closings on WHBC. In addition, we post the closing immediately on our website. You can sign up for an automatic text message by going to the school website. Under the link for “parents,” click on the link for “mobile app.” From that link, you can put in information to get the text message. Also, the district calls students' homes with information about the closing.

In the spirit of expressing gratitude this holiday season, Bountiful Gifts wishes to thank those individuals and groups who have donated both time and money to the various programs sponsored throughout the year, such as the lunch program and book bag giveaway for students in need as well as the Christmas Outreach. For more information about Bountiful Gifts, visit www.bountifulgifts.org or call 330-828-NEED (6333). We wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Don't forget that “Christmas on the Canal” is Saturday, December 6. For details on the festivities, go to DiscoverCanalFulton.com.

Christmas on the Canal
Saturday, December 6th

WAREHOUSE
ON
THE
CANAL

and
Canal Fulton Arts Council
presents
An Evening of Entertainment
7:00PM - 9:00PM

Enjoy the *Extended Holiday Cheer*
After the Christmas Tree Lighting
Light Refreshments Available

Warehouse On The Canal
239 N. Canal Street
(next to the VFW)
330-949-1717

More details, visit the web site:
www.DiscoverCanalFulton.com

Northwest Local Schools will host the annual Community Day Sunday, March 22, from 1-5 p.m. at Northwest High School. If you, your business or your organization is interested in participating, please contact Dr. Mike Shreffler at 330-854-2291.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 11	Middle School Band Concert	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Christmas Break	No School
Jan. 9	End of Second Nine Weeks	
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day	No School
March 22	Community Day	1-5 p.m.

NORTHWEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten students at Northwest Primary School celebrate Thanksgiving with a feast.

News from NW Primary Cafeteria

Kids are going BANANAS over Breakfast and Lunch here at NWP. The new government guidelines are in full swing and although they are challenging, we are adapting quite well. We are offering more menu items fitting within the guidelines such as whole grain noodles, whole grain breads, various sweet potato products, different vegetables and adding fresh fruit for choices. Children are trying these new items, and most of the students seem to like them.

We are also building a smart snack program. These items are lower in calories, fat and sugars. We hope children will understand how eating healthy at an early age can be of great benefits to them now and in the future.

The kitchen staff is excited to have your children eating with us. We look forward to seeing them each day and they are all GREAT kids. Eat smart and be healthy!



CANAL FULTON YMCA

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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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330-830-6275

THE MISSING PIECE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Before and After School Child Care

- Children grades K –5th enrolled in Northwest Schools
- NW Schools transport Stinson students between buildings. Program site is NW Primary School's Library
- Hours: 7:00 am – 8:55 am, 3:20 pm – 6:30 pm
- Care available only on scheduled school days

Contact **Lyndsay Gatto** for more information:
330-830-6275 or lgatto@ymcastark.org



Adult Group Exercise Programs

- Morning classes held at SALT BOX Ministry building: 9:30-10:30am Tue & Thurs
- Evening classes held at NW Primary School 6-7:00pm Tue & Wed; yoga & Cardio Combo
- Come to any or all classes for one low fee
- Call for session dates

SilverSneakers Exercise Classes

- Held at Northwest Stark Senior Center
- Classes on Monday & Friday mornings from 9:05-10:05am

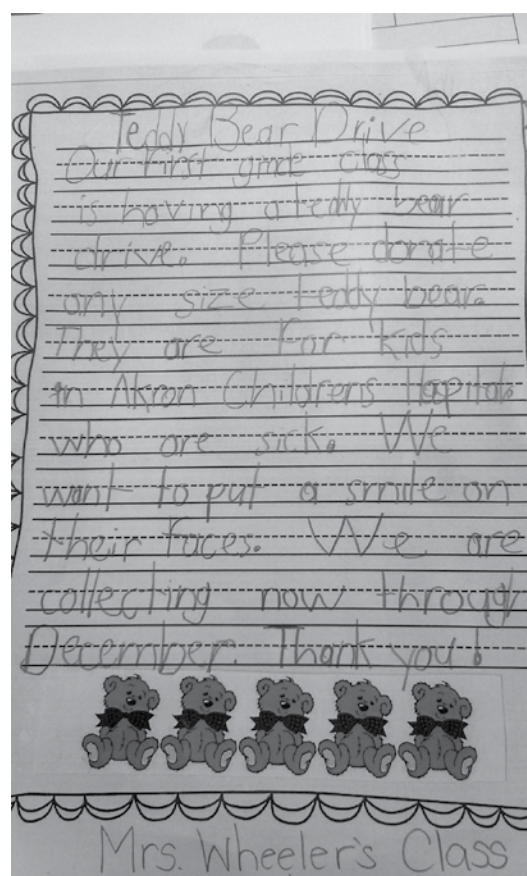
Contact **Pam Leddon** for more info:
330-830-6275 or pleddon@ymcastark.org

**IT'S NOT
JUST KIDS
STUFF**



Although, the kids stuff is awesome, too!

Financial assistance available



**Here is a letter from
Mrs. Wheeler's
first-grade class:**

Teddy Bear Drive

Our first grade class is having a teddy bear drive. Please donate any size teddy bear. They are for kids in Akron Children's Hospital who are sick. We want to put a smile on their faces. We are collecting now through December. Thank you!

Teddy bears can be donated in the main office at Northwest Primary School. Thank you for your support.



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VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2014

STUDENTS FROM NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NORTHWEST PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD PROGRAMS TO HONOR THE VETERANS OF OUR COMMUNITY NOVEMBER 11th.

Northwest High School held a breakfast for the first time, hosted by students in Mrs. Mary Nelson's family and consumer science class. The day continued in Puffenberger Hall with a program presented by the Student Council, showcasing the high school symphonic band and choir and honoring the veterans for their service to our country.



Northwest Middle School held their annual Veterans Day program with students greeting the veterans and taking them to the cafeteria for breakfast. Mr.Tausch, Cailin Chumita, Devine Portis, and Christian Hooligan spoke, followed by performances by the middle school bands and the seventh-grade choir.



Northwest Primary School welcomed honorees with the annual parade through the hallways with students waving flags. The program continued in the gymnasium with a program honoring veterans as well as safety forces.



**“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”
Joseph Campbell**



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W.S. STINSON ELEMENTARY

SCOUTING OUT GENEROSITY

Girl Scout Troop #196 has done some amazing things worthy of recognition. This troop, led by Jodi Owsiany and co-led by Bethany Swogger, works hard to give back to the community. Troop members include Kendall Carpenter, Kassidy Kimler, Olivia Ellis, Anna Nicholson, Kaylin and Macie Cargould, Madison Zellers, Megan Swogger, and Paige Owsiany. Their theme this year is working toward a year of healthy living and service. They just recently made blankets for Wags 4 Warriors, located in Brecksville, Ohio. The mission of Wags 4 Warriors is to unite veterans, who upon returning home from war suffer PTSD or TBI, with a dog to help lessen their struggle. The troop has also made patriotic quilt squares, collected items for the S.A.L.T. Box Ministries, volunteered at the Akron Goodwill and sung at the high school Veterans Day program.

When asked what it means to be a Girl Scout, Megan Swogger responded, "Being a Girl Scout means that we do things that can help others and spread our kindness. It's interacting with the world around us in a positive way."

Paige Owsiany added, "The most rewarding thing about being a Girl Scout is making people feel happy. Last year we donated pop tabs to raise money for food for the Ronald McDonald house. The smiles on the faces of the workers was so neat to see. We also got a tour of the house."

The girls also shared their desire to raise money for the Children's Hospital cancer ward, as they continue to live a life of service.

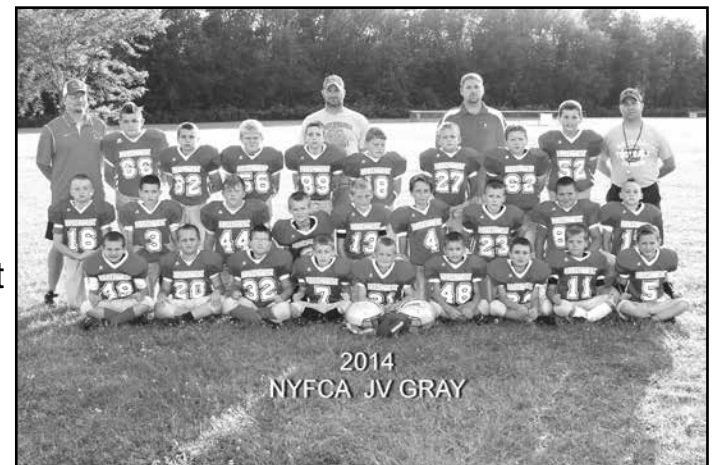


Troop 60196 made patriotic quilt squares as part of their Year of Service project. Left to Right of girls: Kassidy, Anna, Olivia, Madison, Paige, Kaylin, Megan, Kendall and missing is Macie.

NORTHWEST GRAY GOES TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Congratulations to the Northwest gray youth grade 3-4 football team. The team led by coaches Jimmy Dawson and Mike Juersivich, assisted by Chad Satterfield, Rick Wright and Dave Ziegler ended their season with an 8-2 record, defeated in the championship game by Tallmadge Gold, 13-12.

When asked what stood out the most this season with this group, Coach Juersivich responded, "Teamwork. We emphasized all year how important each person was to the success of the team and how taking plays off hurt the team, which we started to refer to as 'The Family.' This group really bought into or understood the family concept. As the season



continued the unity grew stronger and the term 'family' to these boys started to spread. It spread to the other Northwest teams, their classmates and most noticeably to the community. The support that showed up in the cold to watch them play was amazing. Not only were families present, but teachers, administrators, other Northwest teams, and high school and junior high players. It was a great show of support for these boys. This is a special class that is a very tightly knit group of kids all the way around. If they continue their togetherness, their hard work and perseverance, the future of Northwest football looks very bright!"

Coach Dawson adds, "The other 3-4 grade team was 6-3. This fourth-grade group is fun and the third-graders can learn a lot from them. They have such rare camaraderie and friendship."

Travis Barcheck, one of the players, shared, "It was tough, and it was hard because it was cold, but it was fun. We had great coaches and the moms made awesome posters and gave us some yummy snacks."

Many of these boys say that they can thank Mr. LaRiccia for helping them with their football passes for all the time he spent on the playground playing catch with them. I guess we never know how much our time spent with children will pay off!

NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL: CHANGES IN ACADEMICS

By Elora LaFay and Katie Flickinger
7th-grade students at NWMS

Northwest Middle School has started using a new website, my.hrw.com as a part of our new challenging curriculum to help enrich the learning process. My.hrw.com is a website that is partnered with the new “Collections” book series. The website is great practice for the PARCC, a new rigorous test with higher standards to replace the Ohio Achievement Assessment. My.hrw.com is much easier and faster than just answering questions in the book. Students don’t have to carry their books around because they can access them online. Although there are a few issues with the website, such as glitches of students’ work not saving, we are learning to work out these issues and make the site a success. My.hrw.com also benefits the teachers by giving them easier access to the students’ work, at home or at school. Mrs. Dauterman, sixth-grade teacher, says “The stories are more challenging. The kids are reading things that they never would before.” Teachers can access the answers and annotations that the students submit to them. It also lets them know when a pupil is currently on the website and active. Also, students are now able to listen to the audio version of the story that they are reading in the class. The students also seem to enjoy these stories more than the ones in the old books because they are more engaging and modern.



Honor Roll Students – First 9 Weeks

By Ryan Davis and Austin Keller 8th grade, William Rouse 7th grade

Honor roll students are the best in their class. They are the ones who show exemplary skills in all subjects. It is one of the highest awards Northwest Middle School offers. To achieve this award, you must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. However, you still can get a merit roll with a grade point average of 3.0-3.4. The highest possible grade point average for middle school is 4.0. The difficulties of each grade are going up every year and it gets more rigorous every day. Northwest still gets many honor roll students despite the fact that the work is getting harder. Parents and students should be proud. Students have worked hard to get here.

The students who achieved honor roll the first 9-weeks are:

Chloe Barcheck	Connor Smith*	Morgan Lower	Autumn Freer
Natalie Bender	Nicholas Smith*	Kyle Luhring	Alexander Glauthier*
Tyler Bilinovich	Cassie Stewart	Ronald (Trey) Miletich	Drew Goddard
Avery Brockmeyer*	Nathan Swope	Karissa Norton	Rylan Gray
Josie Conyers*	Connor Underwood	Jack Null	Olivia Harbaugh
Riley Cudnik*	Kami Vargo	Julie Ovendorf	Jaclyn Harman*
Kassidy Dagnen	Zoey Walsh	Samuel Paydock	Payton Harris
Maria Dangelo*	Lillian Wise	William Rouse*	Zachary Hawkins
Leeann Dolensky	Morgan Ailiff	Kaitlyn Rusk	Lindsay Herold
Austin Donaldson	Audrey Aneshansel	Hailie Sandoval	Christian Houlehan
Ian Donohue	Darren Armstead	Paige Shackelford	Abbie Howard*
Emily Ellison	Maddison Barabasch	Jack Shanor	Austin Kelleher
Rachel Finefrock	Nathaniel Bowman*	Chloe Sickman	Maci King
Briana Followay	Ayden Burgner	Jaden Skelley	Molly Klein
Marina Foulk*	Taylor Caldwell	Heidi Smith	Rebekah Knight
Kara Galley	Madison Cheshire	Jacobi Smith*	Emma Kurtz*
Taylor Glass	Cailin Chumita*	Zoey Soles*	Madison Kurz
Ethan Hyrne*	Hannah Crasi	Devin Stockwell	Caleb Malboeuf*
Shiann Jansen	Kamryn Culp*	Tylor Strong*	Morgan Manns*
Richard Joyner	Matthew (Owen) Cunningham	Kiersten Trompower*	Tyler Marecek*
Abigail Jubara	Alexia DeFrank	Grace Villers*	Lauren May*
Kennedy Kraft*	Joseph Dolensky	Alyssa Wise	Lauren Michel*
Kayla Kremer	Natalie Feaser*	Ethan Wise	Jensen Miller*
Caroline Kuhn	Joseph Finney*	RaMir (Gracie) Woodall	Lucas O'Brien*
Kelsey Lawrence*	Katherine Flickinger	Macquaide	Ashley Owsiany*
Kiersten Lawrence*	Emily Garside*	Mason Woodruff	Liam Roach
Noah Lovett	Allison Giroux*	Hayley Woodrum	Joshua Robinson
Jordan Maracek*	Felicia Goggins	Meghan Badger	Rachael Ross
Patrick McKelroy*	Caleb Gramsey Halpin	Taylor Badger	Jessica Smith
David Meister	Makayla Hall	Grant Baughman	Kati Snook
Dominick Metzger*	Malia Hamad*	Ryleigh Beichler	Lauren Spradling*
Skyler Miller	Sidney Harbaugh	Macie Bell	Joseph Stockert
Hannah Mitchell*	Jessica Hollenbaugh*	Joshua Blankenship*	Joseph Stockert
Ryan Moellendick*	Collin Houser*	Nicholas Bowyer	Samantha Swogger
Zachary Morton	Sarah Hughes	Collin Croasmun*	Lauren Waggoner
Olivia Murillo	Nathan Huscusson	Ryan Davis*	Erin Walker
Ashton Nair*	Dean Hutzell	Ayla Deguzis*	Faith Wallenhurst
Hayley Prager	Alayna Jones	Corrine Donohue	Jarod Weigand*
Malik Rawson	Tanner Jones	Josie Estlock	Anna Welsh*
Nicholas Ridenour*	Maria Kremer	Luke Fennell*	Katherine Wise
Eilene Robinson*	Zachary Kunkel	Keely Fightmaster*	Ethan Workinger
Jack Rood	Elora LaFay*	Reagan Fincher*	Erin Yoder*
Ashton Schwiger	Amber Lantz*	Olivia (Shaye) Foutty*	Brady Zink*
Jerni Shankland		Isaac Fowler*	Kailee Zito

NEW CHALLENGES AT NORTHWEST

By Abbie Howard

8th-grade student at NWMS

This year at Northwest Middle School, some challenging changes have been made in order to help the students succeed later in life. In eighth-grade algebra, the teacher, Sandra Vogel, who is in her 27th year of teaching at Northwest, has her students working hard in order to take the exam at the end of the year. Passage of the exam means the class will count towards their high school transcript. In Spanish class, taught by Christine Heatherman, the students are also studying in order to get a jumpstart on a language requirement for college. Also, it is very important that the students do well on the PARCC test for sixth grade on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th, seventh grade on March 7th, 9th, and 10th, and eighth grade on March 11th, 12th, and 13th.

In high school, transcripts will help students to get into a good college, and they must earn at least 20 credits in required courses, and credits from algebra and Spanish will allow for those credits in high school. With these classes, students can choose to get a jump on their high school transcript early, in order to help better their education in school. Mrs. Vogel, who is retiring next year, says “I think the test is going to be incredibly difficult, and our students have a lot of work left to do until the test.”

These classes will provide students with a wonderful advantage in high school as they prepare for college.



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NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



National Honor Society Inductees for 2014



Current members of National Honor Society with Mrs. Matoszka

Northwest High School's National Honor Society recently inducted 15 new members. The senior inductees are Kenneth Aronson, Shellby Jansen, Sarah Kosa, John Markus, Molly Ogg, Jamie Schlitt and Madison Stackhouse. The junior inductees are Nathan Booth, Matthew Fennell, Leah Luhring, Hayley Macko, Madison Pollard, Alexis Ropchock, Kristin Sobie, Kelly Walker, Nathan Weaver and Brooke West. These students were picked for this honor based upon their character, scholarship, leadership and service.

Cassidy Spencer is the president of the National Honor Society, Grace Stockert is the vice-president, Lauren Stover is the secretary and Jordan Snelick is the treasurer. Current members of National Honor Society include Hannah Brotherton, Emma Canfield, Matt Campbell, Emily Liknes, Kaitlyn Joyce, Lauren Stover, Maurine Speight, Cierra Snyder, Kelley Smith, Jeff Shimko and Abigail Woodward.

Mrs. Heather Matoszka is the Advisor for the Northwest Chapter of National Honor Society.

SHREK THE MUSICAL COMING TO PUFFENBERGER HALL



Northwest High School will present *Shrek the Musical* March 6, 7 and 8 in Puffenberger Hall. Over 80 students will perform in the musical which promises fun and laughter for the audience. The leads are Shrek – Tyler Ferrebee, Donkey – Justin Trompower, Fiona – Cassidy Spencer, Lord Farquaad – Brian Jones, Pinocchio – Kenny Aronson, Dragon – Rachel Caniglia, and Gingy – Riley Johnson.

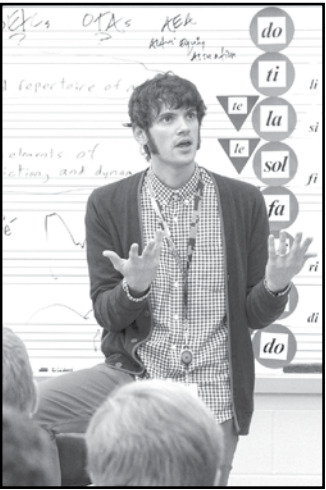
Tickets, which will go on sale Monday, February 23, can be obtained by calling the Puffenberger Ticket Line at 330-854-2205, ext. PUFF (7833).

Anyone interested in helping with costumes or sets can contact Mrs. Leslie Haynam at Haynam.L@northwest.sparcc.org.



STUDENTS MEET ACTOR AND SINGER PEDAR BENSON BATE

Northwest High School music and drama students recently enjoyed a visit from actor and singer, Pedar Benson Bate. The 2005 Glenoak graduate was a classmate of Northwest Band Director Aaron Welker, who arranged the speaking engagement. Bate had been performing as Marius in *Les Miserables* at the Great Lakes Theater in the Hanna Theatre in Playhouse Square.



Pedar Benson Bate

Bate, who received a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance at The Ohio State University, shared with students the challenges and rewards of life in the theater. He expressed his pleasure in being able to talk to students about his work, and he stressed that “the arts are beneficial to society as a whole.”

Justin Trampower, a Northwest student, said, “He was amazing. It’s really cool to see someone who can give us good insight into music and theater.”

Bate is currently performing in *A Christmas Carol* at Northern Stage in the Goodspeed Opera House in White River Junction, Vermont.

ACC: Athletic Charitable Committee

The Northwest Lady Indians Soccer Booster Club will be hosting a Blood Drive December 4th in the Domino’s parking lot. The proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the Turf Project in addition to Helping Save Lives. The Booster Club will return to selling their stadium cushions during winter sporting events. Our last booster club meeting of 2014 will be held Thursday, November 20. At that time we will be electing new officers and finalizing any outstanding business. The booster club will not have a meeting in December, and the next meeting will be January 15, 2015. We wish all families a safe and happy holiday.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

- ACC – first Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m. at HS Commons
- Runners Club – third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at HS in room 107
- Touchdown Club –first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW
- Takedown Club – first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW
- Northwest Cheer Association – first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in HS Home Ec
- Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in MS Library
- Lady Indians Soccer – second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in MS Library
- Girls Softball Boosters – third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Grayce Ann’s Family Restaurant
- Diamond Club – first Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m. in HS Commons (www.nwindiansbaseball.com)

SYMPHONIC BAND AND CONCERT CHOIR EVENTS FOR 2014-2015

BAND

December 6	Christmas Parade 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.
December 7	Holiday Concert at 3:00 p.m.
January 17	Solo & Ensemble All Day
March 10	Pre-District Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall
March 13/14	District Band Contest TBA
April 24/25	State Band Contest TBA
May 16	Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 p.m. at NW High School Commons
May 24	Commencement at Umstattd Hall
May 25	Memorial Day Parades 10:15 a.m. – 2:15 p. m.

Some dates and times are subject to change

CHOIR

December 7	Holiday Concert at 5:00 p.m.in Puffenberger Hall
January 17	Solo and Ensemble Adj. Event at Massillon Washington H.S.
March 6, 7, 8	Musical at 7:00 p.m. Fri./Sat. and 2:00 p.m. Sunday
March 12	Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall
March 13-14	District Large Group Adj. Event
April 24-25	State Large Group Adj. Event
May 8-9	Spring Concert/May Fiesta at 7:00 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall



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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	JV TIME	VAR TIME
SAT. 12/06/14	NORTON	A	6:00	7:30
TUES. 12/09/14	CANTON SOUTH	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 12/13/14	AKRON NORTH	A	6:00	7:30
TUES 12/16/14	COPLEY	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 12/27/14	GARFIELD	H	6:00	7:30
TUES. 12/30/14	COVENTRY	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/03/15	LAKE CENTER	A	6:00	7:30
TUES. 01/06/15	AKRON KENMORE	H	6:00	7:30
FRI. 01/09/15	BARBERTON	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/17/15	FAIRLESS	HOOVER		2:00
TUES. 01/20/15	HOBAN	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/24/15	ST THOMAS	H	6:00	7:30
TUES. 01/27/15	ORRVILLE	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/31/15	ALLIANCE	A	6:00	7:30
TUES. 02/03/15	MARLINGTON	H	6:00	7:30
TUES. 02/10/15	FAIRLESS	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 02/14/15	CARROLLTON	H	6:00	7:30
TUES. 02/17/15	TUSLAW	H	6:00	7:30
FRI. 02/20/15	JACKSON	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 02/21/15	RAVENNA	A	6:00	7:30
WED. 02/25/15	CLOVERLEAF	A	6:00	7:30
FRI. 02/27/15	CANTON CC	A	6:00	7:30

WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SAT. 12/06/14	CAMBRIDGE INVITA.	A	9:00 AM
FRI. 12/12/14	MARLINGTON DUALS	A	4:00 PM
SAT. 12/13/14	MARLINGTON DUALS	A	9:00 AM
FRI. 12/19/14	HOOVER TOURNAMENT	A	5:00 PM
SAT. 12/20/14	HOOVER TOURNAMENT	A	9:30 AM
MON. 12/29/14	BRECKSVILLE TOURNEY	A	10:00 AM
TUES. 12/30/14	BRECKSVILLE TOURNEY	A	10:00 AM
THUR. 01/08/15	TUSLAW-S. VALLEY-NW	H	5:00 PM
FRI. 01/16/15	ALLIANCE TOP GUN	A	9:30 AM
THUR. 01/22/15	WASHINGTON-COVENTRY-NW	H	6:00 PM
SAT. 01/31/15	RIEMAN INVITATIONAL	A	9:00 AM
THUR. 02/05/15	BARBERTON	A	7:00 PM
WED. 02/11/15	WAYNE DALE-JACKSON-NW	H	6:00 PM

Schedules may change due to inclement weather.
Check the school district website for updates.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

VAR DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	JV TIME
FRI. 11/28/14	ST THOMAS	H	6:00	7:30
MON. 12/01/14	NORWAYNE	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 12/06/14	ORRVILLE	H	6:00	7:30
MON. 12/08/14	NORTON	A	6:00	7:30
WED. 12/10/14	C. SOUTH	A	6:00	7:30
WED. 12/17/14	MAYORS CUP	CANTON CC	---	6:00
SAT. 12/20/14	MAYORS CUP	CANTON CC	---	TBA
SAT. 12/27/14	CLOVERLEAF	H	12:00	1:30
MON. 12/29/14	BARBERTON	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/03/15	AKRON KENMORE	A	1:00	2:30
WED. 01/07/15	LAKE	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/10/15	COVENTRY	A	1:00	2:30
MON. 01/12/15	MARLINGTON	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 01/17/15	TUSLAW	A	1:00	2:30
WED. 01/21/15	DOVER	H	6:00	7:30
THUR. 01/29/15	LOUDONVILLE	H	6:00	7:30
WED. 02/04/15	JACKSON	A	6:00	7:30
SAT. 02/07/15	WAYNE DALE	A	1:00	2:30
MON. 02/09/15	COPLEY	A	6:00	7:30
MON. 02/16/15	FAIRLESS	H	6:00	7:30
SAT. 02/21/15	SMITHVILLE	A	1:00	2:30

ALEX VALES STATE QUALIFIER IN CROSS COUNTRY

After qualifying to the state cross country meet as a junior, Alex Vales entered his senior season with high expectations. He met those expectations with an outstanding year. Alex was the top runner for the Northwest team in all but two meets. He recorded top ten finishes in seven meets and again qualified with the team for the regional meet in Boardman. His top-ten finish at regionals qualified him once again for the state meet at National Trail Raceway. Running under extremely poor weather and course conditions, he still managed to place 80th. He repeated as a First Team All Stark County honoree and was selected by his coach as the team's Most Valuable Runner.

