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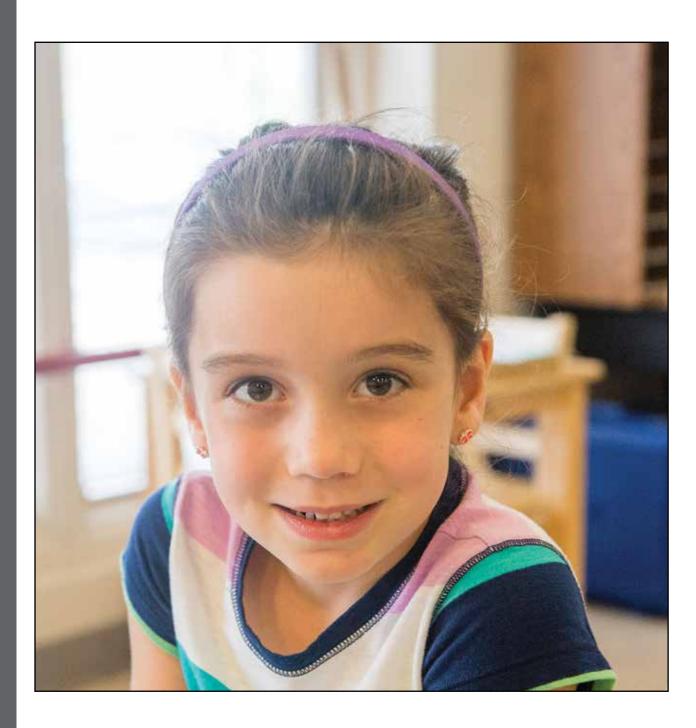
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A SCHOOL YEAR OF PROMISE



The 2014-2015 school year opened with over one thousand excited students, new staff members, new stadium turf and numerous expectations and challenges. Dr. Mike Shreffler, Superintendent of Schools, says, "We will not lose sight of what matters—forming meaningful relationships with students and teaching twenty-first century skills that will ultimately make our young people prepared to be productive citizens in our community and in the world." One of the challenges for the school district is the renewal of the 1% earned income tax. That November issue will be followed with another renewal, the emergency levy that was passed in 2011. The district has worked to win the trust of the community, and pages 8-9 will answer some of your questions.



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

District welcomes New Staff for 2014-2015



Dennis Beery comes to Northwest High School as the vocal music teacher. A veteran teacher, Mr. Beery is a graduate of Capital University, the Ohio State University and Kent State University.



Christine Heatherman is teaching one class of Spanish at Northwest Middle School, and she also teaches Spanish classes at Manchester Local Schools, Ms. Heatherman is a graduate of State University of New York, College at Brockport.



Allison Clark is teaching freshman and sophomore **English at Northwest** High School. She is a graduate of Arkansas State University. She is also the high school volleyball coach.



Judy Ryan is a specialized instructor at Northwest Middle School. Ms. Ryan is a graduate of Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University.



Amber Flores joins Northwest High School as a science teacher. She is a graduate of the University of Akron.



Monica Sigler returns to Northwest Middle School this year as a math teacher. She had previously worked as a tutor at the middle school.

D-Day Landing Reenactment

Three Northwest freshmen recently worked at the historical reenactment of the D-Day landing in Conneaut, Ohio. Ryan Tomcsik, Jared Hagen and Nick Speight, members of Boy Scout Troop 903 in Massillon, helped with crowd control, spread straw



Nick Speight,Ryan Tomcsik and Jared Hagen

in muddy areas, and placed signage to keep the over one thousand attendees away from the action. Marking the seventieth anniversary of the D-Day landing, the program involved about 600 reenactors. Jared said his participation was valuable because he learned "that freedom is not free and that these men and women were strong and brave." Nick feels the Boy Scouts have taught the three of them leadership skills, and all three young men have been involved in additional service projects. Ryan pointed out that the three of them have a Relay for Life team named Eagle Strike.



This was the third year Boy Scout Troop 903 has attended the reenactment in Conneaut

SWORD Expanded

On Tuesday, October 14, senior students from Northwest will be working in small groups throughout the school district as part of an expansion of the S.W.O.R.D. (Senior Work Out Reach Day) program that has been part of our community service activities for the past 16 years. This year's SWORD will include both a fall and a spring date. The October 14th date will focus on leaf-raking and yard clean-up for senior citizens living in the Northwest Local School District. Currently, we are creating a list of residences for scheduled clean-up. If you are interested in having students help with yard work or know of a senior citizen who might benefit by this service, please contact Dave Orr or the high school office at 330-854-2205. Please respond as soon as possible because the availability of this service is limited.

Northwest Primary grows as a Family

Northwest Primary School has always prided itself on being closeknit, but this year the staff has even more family ties.



Mrs. Wade with daughter, Evelyn Wade; Mrs. Sette with cousin, Gabe Donnewirth; Mrs. Reinford with son, Kellan Reinford; and Mrs. Fox with great nephew, Maxim Ogg.



Mrs. Szekely with nephew, Jacob Jones, and niece, Makenna Kull; Mrs. Blowers with nephew, Isaac Swartz; Mrs. Vargas with son, Vance Vargas; Mrs. Bloom with grandson, Preston Volk; Mrs. Pitsch with grandson, Luca Novakovic; and Mr. LaRiccia with granddaughter, Brooke Barkan.

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,

NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL JOIN FACEBOOK AND TWITTER.

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION, AND WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Curriculum News Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

New K-12 English Language Arts Materials

As the district's students begin the 2014-2015 school year, they will be utilizing new English Language Arts materials. The McGraw Hill Wonders Series was selected for use in grades K-5. This series uses a rich range of print materials and resources to support

- Building a strong reading foundation,
- · Accessing complex texts,
- · Finding and using text evidence, and
- Engaging collaborative conversations and writing to sources.

The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collection Series was selected for use in Grades 6-12.

This series enables students to develop their abilities in preparation for college and career by

- · Analyzing complex texts including fiction, nonfiction and informational texts,
- · Determining evidence and reasoning critically, and
- Communicating thoughtfully through interactive writing lessons.

In addition to utilizing traditional textbooks, all students will be provided with digital access to their textbooks and resource materials from home and school. The new reading series materials are rigorous, and they will challenge our students, as we remain committed to educating, inspiring and motivating our students to reach their highest potential.

Ohio's Next Generation Assessments

During the 2014-2015 school year, all public schools in the state will begin the process of implementing Ohio's Next Generation computer-based assessments. The areas assessed include English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and College and Career Readiness. The assessment design includes a performance-based assessment (PBA), which is administered after 75% of the content for a course has been taught and will focus on reasoning skills, modeling, simulations and application of content. The end-of year (EOY) assessment will be administered after 90% of the course content has been taught and focuses on demonstrating a solid understanding of the course content.

Ohio's 2014-2015 Next Generation Assessment Testing Schedule

Subject	Grade(s)	Test	Date
ELA/Mathematics	3-11	PBA	March 24 – April 11, 2015
ELA/Mathematics	3-11	EOY	May 5 – June 6, 2015
Science	5, 8, Physical Science, Biology	PBA	March 2 – March 13, 2015
Science	5, 8, Physical Science, Biology	EOY	May 4 – May 15, 2015
Social Studies	4, 6, Am. History, Am. Government	PBA	March 2 – March 13, 2015
Social Studies	4, 6, Am. History, Am. Government	EOY	May 4 – May 15, 2015

A Community that supports its Own

The recent stadium turf project is just one of many projects in the Northwest School District where community members have joined together to raise needed funds to support projects for students and families. With nearly 30 churches and a large number of service organizations in a five-mile radius of the district, the service projects are too numerous to allow us to describe all of them in one article, and we are spotlighting just a few of them. If you wish to share some information about a project that serves our community, please contact the school district

office at 330-854-2291.

Supplies for Success is a generous and giving program that allows children who cannot afford proper school supplies to receive them by charitable donations. The community of Canal Fulton and the teachers at Northwest Local Schools have volunteered their time and supplies to help provide needed materials. These teachers include Mrs. Nash, Mrs. King, Mr. Schultz, and local businesses such as the J.M. Smucker Company and Rivertree Church. "A school is measured on how well it meets the needs of its struggling and disadvantaged learners," said Mr. Larry Tausch, Northwest Middle School Principal. Volunteers made over 100 backpacks, and these were given to students in need. This project was started with the idea to help provide for the underprivileged youth, and Northwest believes that all students should have equal opportunities to receive school supplies. This ongoing project can be preserved with your generous donations. For contact information call Angie King at 330-936-5198. Together we will make Northwest a stronger and more successful school district.



School supplies and backpacks that were distributed to students.

Bountiful Gifts has collected about 14 hundred dollars to cover the cost of lunches for disadvantaged students. Mrs. Debbie Messner explained, "Dan Levengood, the school treasurer, said almost 600 Northwest students qualify for free and reduced lunches. Unfortunately, fifty students fall just above the cutoff to qualify for financial help. This project will help us make certain that no child goes hungry." She said that eight churches have donated funds to make this project possible. Interested in helping? Call 330-828-6333.

The Salt Box, located at 408 West Market Street, Canal Fulton, offers free hot meals on the second and last Sunday of each month. The meals are open to everyone seeking a good meal or simply fellowship from 4-6 p.m. Northwest High School students volunteer as servers at these dinners.

Northwest Primary School Grandparents and VIP Day

Northwest Primary School will be holding its annual Grandparents and VIP program in September. The second-grade Grandparents and VIP Day will be held on Tuesday, September 16, and the first-grade Grandparents and VIP Day will be held on Wednesday, September 17. Kindergarten Grandparents and VIP Day will be held Thursday, September 18. All programs are held at Northwest Primary School and begin at 7 p.m.

New Secretaries in District



Theresa Baughman at the middle school.



Jessica Brown at the district office.



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Cross Country



Front Row (L-R): Bekah Knight, Alicia Tudor, Grace Stockert, Cierra Snyder, Mackenzie Schley, Sammi Porter, and Austin Hunter. Back Row (L-R): Head Coach Brian Armstrong, Jack Bender, Patrick Wells, John Elliot, Alex Vales, Isaiah Hunter, Evan Petty, Logan Eisner, Justin Hinkle, and Burke Kepley. Missing: William Rouse.

Golf



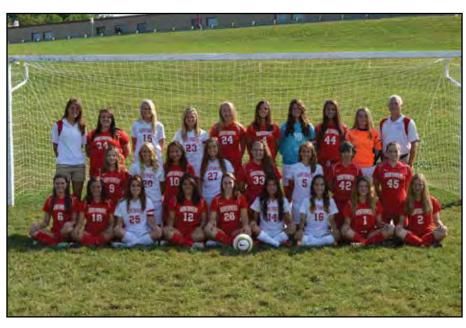
(L-R): Scott Wormald, Quaid Gatewood, Justin Gunter, Hunter Kosco, Bryer Berger, Collin Rood, Tyler Foutty, Coach Brian Ries, Kyle Steiner, Joe Cochran, Tristen Lindeman, John Markus, Brian Stevenson, Brayden Penrod, Austin Koprivec, and Josh Woodward.

Boys Soccer



Front Row (L-R): Dion Morris-Evans, Steven Zeh, Nick Jubara, Andrew Hutzel, and Kyle Murgatroyd. Middle Row (L-R): Noah Stoneking, Ethan Lower, Nathan Weaver, Jared Hagen, Nick Casto, Kyle Jenkins, Noah Donatelli, and Drew Speedy. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Dakota Wamsley, Dillon Petty, Ian Yoder, Alex Savatt, Mike Zervos, Brian Belles, Jack Ungashick, Jake Demaree, Tristan Short, Jacob Hyrne, and Head Coach Dave Cooper.

Girls Soccer



Front Row (L-R): Morgan King, Maggie Bell, Hannah Brotherton, Bailey Bloom, Savannah Farkas, Hannah Gesaman, Nicole Polkabla, Neeley Stark, and Jessica Hagen. Middle Row (L-R): Erin Giroux, Jaylyn Goddard, Brynn Shirey, Kennedy Rutt, Abby Bonnot, Madison Stackhouse, Anna Dills, and Amber Bowyer. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Megan Green, Taylor Lostaglia, Olivia Rooks, Jessica Demaree, Madison Pollard, Rachel Caniglia, Jordan Snelick, Olivia Wells, Nicole Wood, and Head Coach Scott Green.

Volleyball



Front Row (L-R): Abbey Harvey, Morgan Rearick, Courtney Harris, Ann Cihon, Jordan Miller, and Alexus Kyler. Middle Row (L-R): Manager Allison Slusser, Kylie Dawson, Danielle Hearn, Cora Underwood, Allysa Edwards, Elizabeth Mumau, and Jamie Cunningham. Back Row (L-R): Lindsay Thompson, Hayley Macko, Kayla Ley, Leah Luhring, Kim Zickefoose, Sidney Ailiff, Abbie Swaino, Maria Kolinoff, Breanna Earnsberger, and Head Coach Allison Clark.

Varsity Football



Row 1 (L-R): Molly Ogg, Brooke West, Marissa Wood, Claire Sutphin, Maddie Markus, Molly Hollenbaugh, Caitlin Ross, Kelly Walker, Emily Jackson, Taylor Lawrence, Cassidy Spencer, Aubrey Walker, Jenna Hutzell, Breanne Kushnir, Gracyn Loper, Evie Aaron, Kelsey Francis, and Kristin Sobie. Row 2 (L-R): Courtney Ridenour, Clayton Freed, Cody Wilson, Nick Hearn, Drew Schroeder, Matt Ramsey, Jeff Shimko, Michael Zervos, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Chance Harvey, Lawrence Ruthraff, Dale Hazzard, Trevor Coughlin, and Connor Ramsey. Row 3 (L-R): Caileigh Bennett, Carter Antal, Nate Weaver, David Dill, James Nicholson, Austin Cundiff, Josh Smith, Kyle Myers, Nasir Martin, Briar Barabasch, Cameron Huscusson, Matt Fennell, Chris Fisher, and Daryn Board. Row 4 (L-R): Breanna Snyder, Christian Walker, Jacob Klein, Riley Fulks, Brian Hull, Tim Brosch, Chris Barbitta, Eric Frye, Ryan Gregorich, Noah Donatelli, Logan Waggoner. Broc Minné, Joe Waring, Nate Gissinger, and Jason Greenfield. Row 5 (L-R): Colton Rhodes, Trevor Summers, Tom Dolensky, Dale Decker, Nick Osborn, Brian Hull, John Keller, Eli Beers, Darian Short, Karlos deGuia, Michael Roman, Jim Waring, Kyle Lott, and Nick Ridenour. Row 6 (L-R): Jordan Pellikan, Ray Keller, Shane Minné, Dave Maculaitis, Tyler Harris, Vic Whiting, Zaid Abueteen, Shawn Donaldson, Mike Calcei, Mike Bechtel, and Travis Stroh.

Freshman Football



Row 1 (L-R): Liberty Minné, Rebekah Cornell, Emily Szeckley, Gabrielle Harbaugh, Hannah Huffman, Lauren Kujath, Madison Fightmaster.
Row 2 (L-R): Tyler Schilling, Nick Osborn, Kyle Gajovski, Elijah Beers,
Dylan Board, Thomas Dolensky, and Austin Walker. Row 3 (L-R): Logan Sundheimer, T.J. Knight, Tim Gissinger, Dustin Juszli, Dale Decker, and Kirk Gilling. Row: 4 (L-R): Breanna Snyder, Carter Morehart, Spencer Fulton, Dylan Board, Quinton Davis, Joe Harbaugh, and Caileigh Bennett.
Row 5 (L-R): Coach Mike Bechtel, Coach Jordan Pellikan, Coach Zaid Abueteen, and Coach Tyler Harris.

Marching Band



Row 1 (L-R): Lauren Stover, Arianna Negulis, Samantha Miller, Gina Hoffman, Jennifer Wilson, Julie Schlitt, Katie Bender, Kylie Collmar, Sara Hoffman, Dylan Haines, Brittany Cath, Erin Giroux, Michaela Smith, Dominic Magazzeni, Catherine McKelroy, Morgan Veligis, Chara Kellerman. Row 2 (L-R): Cevannah McCoury, Mahlee Evans, Debbie Licknes, Maurine Speight, Samantha Porter, Casey Kosa, Bailey Smith, Kelsey Milinkovich, Olivia Kulp, Michael Colgate, Kassandra Fager, Sara Boles, Emma Bender, Jedidiah Stewart, Jessica Hagen, Jenna Graves. Row 3 (L-R): Morgan Harless, Stacie Houser, Sarah Buchtel, Becca Schaub, Katlyn Fager, Mary Durkin, Nick Speight, Brooke Sombati, Cecily Lent, Abby GIllig, Kenzie Hawkins, Mikahayla Hazlett, Emily Casto, Emily Licknes, Jamie Schlitt, Matthew Campbell, Hannah Knight. Row 4 (L-R): Justen Williams, Richard Hanus, Trevor Davis, Sarah Kosa, Olivia Wyles, Nick Rutt, Collin Brockmeyer, Sheby Metz, Jennifer VanCamp, Madison Black, Simon Keatley, Riley Johnson, Abby Francis, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Kim Zickefoose. Row 5 (L-R): Emma Canfield, Morgan Burnell, TJ Knight, Grace Stockert, Abby Woodward, Ike Canfield, Jared Buwala, Sam Weinland, Michael Finney, Lucas Ostronosky, Cody Kosa, Mogan Szekely, Alicia Tudor, Zach Wilson, Justin Hagen. Row 6 (L-R): Miranda Kibler, Julie McLaughlin, Kimberly Good, Mackenzie Schley, Ben Stoneking, Gabe Patison, Aaron Welker, Jeff Weygandt.

Directors



Front Row (L-R): Jeff Weygandt and Aaron Welker. Back Row (L-R): Miranda Kibler, Kim Good, and Jewellette McLaughlin.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RENEWAL OF THE 1% EARNED INCOME TAX

- 1. While the district is trying to pass a renewal of the 1% earned income tax, we have heard that another levy is coming. Is this for additional money? No, this is simply a renewal of a levy passed over 20 years ago. In 1992 the voters of the Northwest School District passed a 12.8 mill "Emergency levy" to raise \$1.5 million. This levy was originally for a period of 5 years. School district voters have renewed this issue every five years since its initial passage. Starting in November of 2015 that issue can again be placed on the ballot to be renewed. In 2010 the levy slogan "Your Plan. Your Vote" was coined to represent a long term strategy that was built on the passage of both of these levies, which are essential to maintaining the present programs of the district.
- 2. One of the promises made in 2010, when the original earned income tax was passed, was that the district would not rehire staff that had been laid off, but I know someone who was rehired.

We did bring back several laid off staff members but it occurred when existing staff members retired. The staff members brought back were on the Reduction in Force (RIF) list and were qualified to fill the opening that occurred as the result of a retirement or resignation.

3. What is the status of student fees?

We didn't eliminate classroom fees; students are continuing to pay fees at all grade levels. We eliminated pay-to-participate and added the activity fees, which now all students pay.

4. What would we need in a property tax to match the income from the earned income tax?

We would need approximately 9.75 mills to match the 1% earned income tax, which generates roughly \$2.3 million.

5. Is the earned income tax a permanent tax?

No, the earned income tax is a five-year renewal.

6. What is the school district's role in installing new turf on the stadium field? What would the district have done if the citizen group had not begun the turf project?

The turf project is a community-led project that has been seeking private funds from individuals and businesses. If the turf project had not been started, the district would have needed to install a new drainage system.

7. Why does the school continue to buy traditional textbooks instead of digital texts?

This option presents two areas of concern: students who do not have access to a computer at home and the cost of the digital subscription. We have researched the cost of digital textbooks in relation to the cost of traditional textbooks. The cost of a traditional textbook ranges from \$65 per book to \$90 per book. The digital textbooks' costs range from \$20 to \$30 per student annually. The district keeps textbooks for 6-8 years, so if a traditional textbook is purchased the cost is a one-time expense. If a digital textbook is purchased annually, the cost over eight years could be as high as \$240. The district has made a commitment to be fiscally responsible while providing a quality academic education as part of our strategic plan. Therefore, with that commitment in mind, the district will be moving forward with the plan to purchase traditional textbooks that are supported with digital presentation materials, online assessment tools, and writing components. The district is committed to providing quality academic education to meet the needs of our students while remaining fiscally responsible with our purchasing decisions.

8. How is the earned income tax administered, and what are the requirements?

The Ohio Department of Taxation administers all school district income taxes in the State of Ohio. A Northwest District resident files an income tax return and makes any necessary tax estimated payments with the Department of Taxation. The Department of Taxation collects all tax payments and reconciles the receipts to the taxpayers and then remits payments to the school on a quarterly basis. The Department of Taxation contact who can answer your questions is Sylvester Monroe at 614-466-0090.

9. Why did the school district resign from the Northeastern Buckeye Conference?

In May of 2009, the district announced that it would have to exit the NBC if the levy did not pass because there would not be enough funding to keep the athletic program solvent. Bylaws set by the NBC require districts to give a two-year notice if they plan on exiting the league. With the failure of the May 2009 levy, the district officially resigned from the NBC. By an agreement made when we joined the conference, our district would have been forced to pay penalties from breaking the contract. We didn't believe it is ethical to break a contract, and we certainly didn't want to pay a financial penalty. The district is working to find a new conference for our student athletes. That being said, passage of the earned income tax is essential to maintaining an athletic program.

10. Why aren't we bringing back all the programs that were cut prior to passage of the earned income tax in 2010?

The income that is generated by the earned income tax allows us to maintain what we have, not add new programs or restore previously cut programs.

11. How do our students perform academically in comparison to students in Stark County?

One way to consider our students' academic success is to compare them to other high school students in the county. In the past year, we have had the highest ACT composite score in Stark County. Also, more of our students enroll in college during the first year after high school than the county average. Finally, more of our students who enrolled in college the first year after high school returned for a second year (freshman to sophomore persistence) than the county average.

12. How many other districts have some form of income tax?

Nearly 200 school districts have an income tax. Ohio has a total of 617 school districts.

13. My employer does not deduct the 1% earned income tax from my pay. Where can I find out more about estimated tax forms?

Go to the school district website: www.northwest.sparcc.org. Under "Departments" go to the "Office of the Treasurer." You will find the "2014 School District Estimated Income Tax Forms."

14. Class sizes were not to be reduced following passage of the earned income tax, but I know there are smaller classes?

We did not reduce class size because of finances, although we did alter the number of classes at certain grade levels but it was based on enrollment numbers rather than finances. The average number of students in classes has remained in the 26 - 32 range.



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Renewal of the 1% Earned Income Tax returns to November 4th Ballot

Northwest residents have asked how the district's taxes compare to the other school districts in Stark County. Because it's impossible to compare property taxes and income taxes, one excellent indicator is the amount of money each school district spends on a pupil's education. In other words, what does it cost in dollars to educate one child in the listed school district? This cost is commonly referred to as "per pupil expenditure." A ranking of all the Stark County school districts shows that Northwest is third from the bottom. Only Tuslaw and Minerva spend less.

Canton Local	11,403
Canton City	10,647
Massillon	10,296
Alliance	10,228
Marlington	9,897
North Canton	9,528
Sandy Valley	9,422
Osnaburg	9,361
Fairless	9,115
Perry	8,991
Plain	8,848
Lake	8,824
Louisville	8,701
Jackson	8,566
Northwest	7,959
Tuslaw	7,809
Minerva	7,566

We are joining Twitter and Facebook!

Keep up on school activities and levy information.

We will be making our debut September 16th. Watch www.northwest.sparcc.org for details!

Shanren comes to Puffenberger November 20

Northwest Local Schools will welcome yet another ensemble to Puffenberger Hall in November, a concert made possible through the Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO).

Concert-goers will experience the joyful music of Shanren—literally "mountain men." Hailing from ethnic minority groups who live in the beautiful mountains of Yunnan and Guizhou provinces, this Chinese folk-fusion band presents the rich but largely unknown heritage of Southwestern China. Through original compositions and traditional songs, the four musicians fuse their indigenous music with modern styles from around the globe, creating a fresh sound in China's increasingly diverse music scene. Since its founding in 2000, Shanren has earned critical and popular acclaim at major music festivals in China, Indonesia, New Zealand, Japan, Australia, Canada, and Spain.



"We're thrilled to have another Arts Midwest World Fest group coming to our area. We've already hosted groups from Québec and Israel and look forward now to experiencing Shanren's music and culture," says Thomas Sigel, Executive Director of ORMACO. "It's not something we get to hear and enjoy very often. Shanren will visit many schools, libraries and community locations during the week and present two full public concerts as well. We expect this residency will be a delightful experience for everyone."

Shanren will perform a concert Thursday, November 20, for Northwest Middle School students at 1:00 p.m., and a public concert will take place at 7 p.m. at Puffenberger Hall. Another local concert will be held Saturday, November 22, at 8 p.m. at Highland High School at 8 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 330-722-2541 or online at www.ormaco.org.

ACC: Athletic Charitable Committee

Bingo will start on Wednesday, November 12th. It will be the second Wednesday of the month. If all goes well, we will add dates throughout the year. It will be held in the Stinson cafeteria.

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

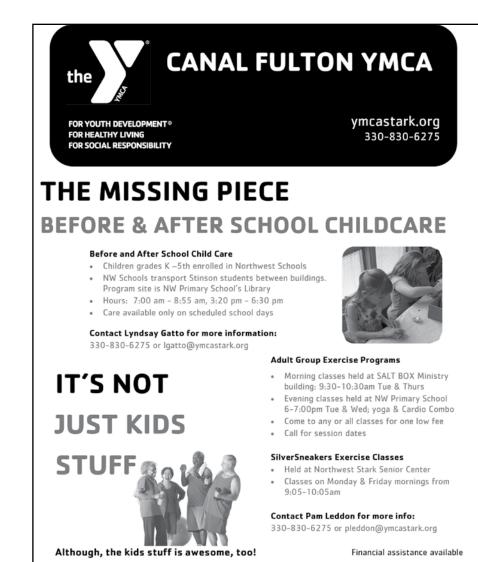
Northwest Cheer Association – first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in HS Home Ec

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)



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TURF Committee Dedicates new Field

The recent success of the T.U.R.F. Committee is a good civics lesson for Northwest students. The dedicated committee members believed that the stadium turf was unplayable and unsafe for students due to heavy use and drainage problems. Thanks to the leadership of Don Schalmo and John Barabasch, these individuals not only raised the private funds essential for completion of the project but also volunteered countless hours to make certain Northwest students would have a



new turf field for the new school year. The culmination of their efforts was the dedication of the field Friday, August 29, prior to the football game between Northwest and Cloverleaf High Schools. It was a fitting end to the night as Northwest won the game, shutting out Cloverleaf 19-0.



John Barabasch



Don Schalmo



TURF contributors



Northwest cheerleaders



Introduction of the football team



Cheering section