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COMMENCEMENT 2014



“The controlling checks and gentle guidance that fixed our paths, which held us throughout our high school years, are gone, and we now have the freedom to write our own novel, to forge our own path. Knowing this, we look forward to the future with eyes open, mind set, and heart readied.”
Matt Wilson, Tri-valedictorian

Defeat of Earned Income Tax RENEWAL

The **renewal** of the 1% earned income tax was defeated May 6 with 1,136 in favor of the levy and 1,190 opposed. The issue was a five-year renewal of the tax passed in 2010. The choice of a 1% earned income tax was made by the community after many months of community surveys, meetings and coffees prior to its passage in 2010. This tax generates 2.4 million dollars for the operation of the district, funds which are essential if the district is to be maintained in its present form. Dr. Mike Shreffler, Superintendent of Northwest Local Schools, and Treasurer, Dan Levengood, will discuss the defeat of the levy with the board of education at their next meeting June 23.



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

Graduation moved to Umstattd Hall

Dear Stakeholders of the Northwest Local District,

This past year, all of the school districts in Stark County that hold graduation in a church received notification from the Freedom From Religion Foundation asking us to move graduation to a different venue and letting us know they would be filing a lawsuit against us if we did not. After obtaining several legal opinions in this matter, we made the decision to move graduation from the Akron Baptist Temple. The reason for our decision is a financial one. For several years, the federal courts have been hearing cases about schools holding graduations in places of worship. Both United States Circuit Courts adjacent to our Sixth Circuit Court have ruled that a public school district CANNOT hold graduation in a church. The districts that fought this case spent millions of dollars in legal fees and lost the case nonetheless.

When we were notified that we had to move the graduation ceremony, we investigated several options and looked at several venues. We decided to reserve Umstattd Hall at McKinley High School in Canton. The hall is beautiful with modern technology, and it holds over 1,500 people. The Canton City Schools were very generous in their proposal to us as well.

While there will be many individuals who would encourage us to fight this threat, we must realize that previous court decisions offer us little, if any, chance of winning the lawsuit. As Superintendent of the school district, I must make this decision based on practicality and legal advice. I can assure you that we will continue to provide our graduating seniors with the best commencement ceremony possible. I hope that you understand that this decision was not made lightly. Should you have questions about this issue, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Shreffler

Superintendent of Schools
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BUS ROUTE INFORMATION FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Northwest Schools will resume on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. New bus schedules will be mailed to parents beginning Friday, August 8, 2014.

In order to schedule routes, have pick-up and drop-off times as accurate as possible and complete the printing of the route sheets and student mailers, parents need to notify the bus coordinator of any changes to their child's schedule (caregivers, daycares, etc.) NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014. After this date routes will be finalized for the start of the school year. Any changes received after this date may not be reflected in the schedules mailed to parents.

Parents are reminded to have their children at their designated bus stop approximately ten minutes before the posted time for at least the first seven to ten days of school until the route times are more established. Students are expected to be outside waiting at their bus stop for the bus. Please dress your children accordingly. If you have any concerns or questions, please call the bus garage at 330-854-3301, or e-mail Gesaman.r@northwest.sparcc.org. Please be sure to include your child's name, grade, school, daytime phone number, and change request. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

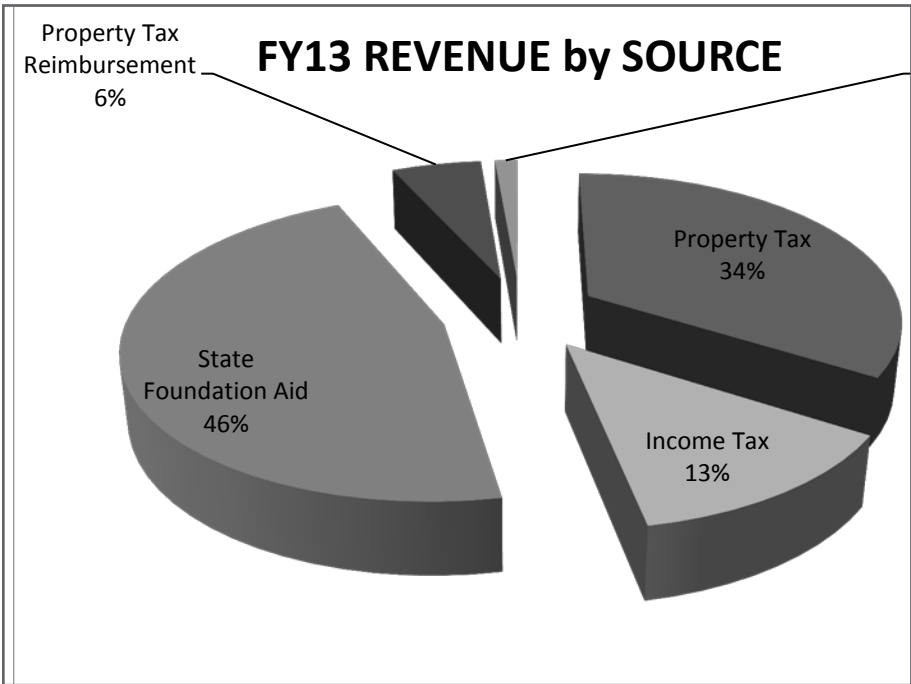
The Facts about the Finances of Northwest Local Schools

How much do school districts in Stark County spend for the education of one student each year?*

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Canton Local SD | \$11,404 |
| Canton City SD | \$10,648 |
| Massillon City SD | \$10,296 |
| Alliance City SD | \$10,228 |
| Marlington Local SD | \$9,896 |
| North Canton City SD | \$9,529 |
| Sandy Valley Local SD | \$9,422 |
| Osnaburg Local SD | \$9,361 |
| Fairless Local SD | \$9,116 |
| Perry Local SD | \$8,990 |
| Plain Local SD | \$8,849 |
| Lake Local SD | \$8,825 |
| Louisville City SD | \$8,700 |
| Jackson Local SD | \$8,566 |
| Northwest Local SD | \$7,959 |
| Tuslaw Local SD | \$7,809 |
| Minerva Local SD | \$7,566 |

**Ranking based on Ohio Department of Education data on finances from fiscal year 2013.*

What is the source of revenue for Northwest Schools?



Property taxes generate \$6.2 million.

The 1% earned income tax generates \$2.4 million or 13% of the total budget.

The State of Ohio provides \$8.5 million.

*The property tax reimbursement adds \$1 million.

Other revenue provides \$.25 million.

The property tax reimbursement refers to the money received from the State of Ohio from the Homestead and Property Tax Rollback legislation. The legislation reduces the real estate tax burden on the individual property owner, and the amount of the reduction is then reimbursed to the school district by the State of Ohio.

IF THE 1% EARNED INCOME TAX IS NOT RENEWED, NORTHWEST WOULD HAVE 2.4 MILLION FEWER DOLLARS TO SPEND ON OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. WE WOULD FALL TO THE **LOWEST PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE IN STARK COUNTY.**

According to the Ohio Department of Education, Northwest ranks among the 20% of 617 public school districts with the lowest operating expenditures per pupil.



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CURRICULUM NEWS

Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

Summer Reading Adventures

Campfires, s-mores, bike rides, flashlight tag, and swimming are just a few of the many activities children anticipate as they eagerly think about summer! They are ready to leave behind school assignments, homework, and tests for time outdoors with family and friends. Summer time provides children with the opportunity to travel down the tranquil Mississippi River with Tom and Huck, discover the true value of friendship and loyalty with Wilbur and Fern or the burden of the impossible secret Marty bears to ensure Shiloh's safety. Relaxing in a backyard tent, lounging in a hammock or leisurely floating on a pool raft provide the perfect place to get lost in a book or experience an adventure.

"The more that you READ, the more you will KNOW. The more you LEARN the more PLACES you'll go!" Dr. Seuss. As your family relaxes and enjoys the summer months take some quiet time to read with your children, fostering the love of reading might just be one of the greatest gifts you could ever give to them.

Tips for Summer Reading:

Read aloud together with your child.

Let kids choose what they want to read.

Buy or rent books on tape for long car trips.

Take family visits to the library.

Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Send vacation postcards to family and friends.

Northwest Primary Students Meet Reading Goal

The Northwest Primary Reading Club started in September with the theme of "Snuggle up with a good book." The club's goals were to promote family reading time, encourage visits to the Canal Fulton Public Library and instill the love of reading. Students who met monthly reading goals received reading charms and those who reached their year-end goal of reading 2,400 minutes received the official reading club t-shirt.

The reading goal for the entire school was to read 1,300,000 minutes, and their success in reaching this goal meant that Mr. LaRiccia, Principal of Northwest Primary, would have his hair buzzed on the last day of school. Thanks to teachers, parents and other adults who worked with the primary school children, Mr. LaRiccia has a new haircut. To see Mr. LaRiccia's haircut, please [click here](#).



Mrs. Meghan Schenz and the newly shorn Mr. LaRiccia.

NORTHWEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Lesson in Compassion

The staff of Northwest Local Schools are known for their compassion for their students, and this spring the staff taught students the importance of showing compassion for a family of birds that moved onto the playground. Here is the story of life's lessons from Donalee Krug.

SHARING THE PLAYGROUND

For the last two weeks of school the Northwest Primary students got to share their playground with an unexpected guest. A Killdeer bird had decided to lay her eggs in the mulch. With a perfect blend of light and dark browns the mulch is the ideal hiding place for her and her eggs. Several times the kids would ask if she had left her nest because they couldn't find her.

The eggs will take anywhere from 24-28 days to hatch so the blessed event would not happen until school was out. To insure the safety of the nest and the students, cones and crates were set up as boundaries. The students quickly learned not to go inside the cones or mama bird would get upset.

After a few close calls with a football, a hoola hoop and a basketball, the daddy bird was close at hand for support. After a couple of surveillance passes at half hour intervals he was assured all was well with his little family. Any time we had to get any equipment out of her area she would puff up, screech and leave the nest to draw us away from the eggs. Killdeers will often pretend to have a broken wing so predators will follow them because they think they are vulnerable.

Right before we were ready to leave for the long weekend, we watched as the attentive daddy bird came in and exchanged places with the mom to sit on the nest and give her a break.

I know the kids, staff and parents are excited for the end of the year, but there are a couple of birds who will be even happier.



Plastic crates were used to mark the area of the Killdeer nest.

Courtney Powers serves as “Principal for the Day”



Courtney Powers was “Principal for the Day” May 22. Courtney had the opportunity to say the announcements, visit classrooms, monitor recess, and lead over 400 students on the Campus March.

Munchin’ with Mom

Over 150 second-grade students and parents attended Munchin’ with Mom at the Elm Ridge Party Center. In the photo, Marissa Dubina from “Realm of the Reptile” is showing off her 8-foot python to all the attendees.



DISCOVERY TIME PRESCHOOL Canal Fulton United Methodist Church

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|------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Three-year-olds | Tues/Thurs | 9-11:30 a.m. | \$105 |
| Four or Five-year-olds | MWF | 9-12:00 p.m. | \$155 |

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CHARACTER MATTERS at NORTHWEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



The second-grade students in Ms. Ann Brunner and Mrs. Ann Dingler's classes presented a musical entitled "Character Matters" May 23 for parents, grandparents, family and friends. The children performed scenes from fairy tales that taught lessons of character. The photo on the left shows three little pigs, played by Mikhayah Morris-Evans, Hunter Langenfeld and Josh Baker. The witch is Anna Popovic. The prince is Gael Carmona, and Rapunzel is Kelsi DeFrank.

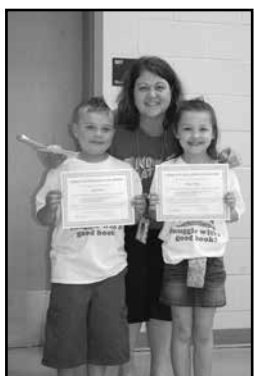
NORTHWEST PRIMARY ROCKED PUFFENBERGER

The first-graders rocked Puffenberger Hall May 8 with a performance, "Let's all go to the Bandstand," that included favorite oldies dating back to the Fifties. Students were dressed in brightly colored outfits and wore colorful sunglasses that matched their ensembles. Joining the fun were singers and dances from the staff, as well as parents and grandparents. Board President Jim Gindlesberger, his wife Dee and Jill Butler also joined in the fun. The concert was directed by Dr. Alex Christ. If you wish to see a song from the concert, please [click here](#).



LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZES SECOND-GRADERS

Second-grade teachers of Northwest Primary school chose a boy and girl in each class who showed character in their behavior during the school year. Students received a certificate in recognition of their good citizenship.



Joey Prexta
and Kaylee
Turley with
Ms. Brunner



Ayden Albright and
Annaleise Lattimer
with Miss Poppovich



Ellie Grinder
and Cody
Tackett with
Mrs. Hanic



Han Tran and Emily
Thouvenin with
Mrs. Frase



Jessie
Aneshansel and
Trevor Pitsch
with Mrs. Keith



Joshua Baker and
Sophia Richards
with Mrs. Dingler

STINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Second-graders visit Stinson

All second-grade children participated in a third-grade orientation on May 13th and 14th. The students were able to spend a morning with their future teachers, in their future classrooms, and learn all about Stinson Elementary. “We realize the transition from Northwest Primary to Stinson can be overwhelming for the children. We’d like to do everything we can to ease any anxiety the children and parents may have about third-grade,” stated Mrs. Mariani.

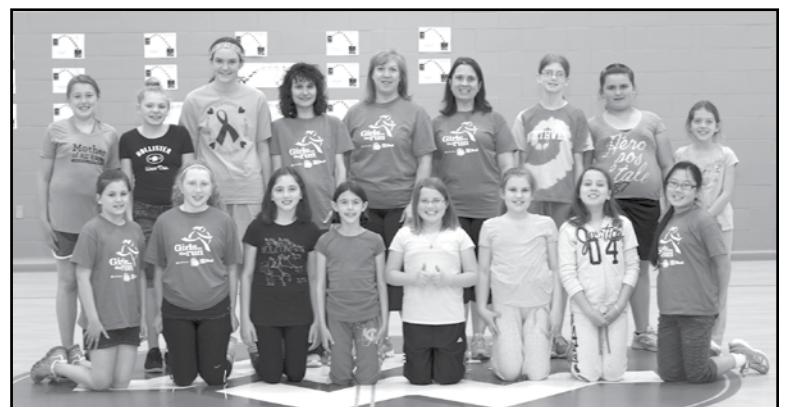
When children come to Stinson they are faced with many new challenges, such as new teachers, an increase in homework, the Third Grade Guarantee, and Ohio Achievement Assessments. This combination can create some apprehension about attending Stinson. Although those challenges cannot be avoided, the staff can foster a smooth transition. The first step in this process is making sure they have time in the building before this school year ends, so they are not anxious over the summer about the move to third-grade.

When the children visited, they had the opportunity to meet their special teachers, school counselor, intervention specialists, and principal for next year. The students rotated five times and participated in mini-lessons in physical education, music, and art. They spent time in the library with the school counselor and principal to ask questions and to allow time for the counselor and principal to get to know them. Taking a tour was also a highlight of their morning, as they became familiar with their new building, and the day wouldn’t have been complete without spending some time on the exciting and adventurous playground.

“It is our hope that we provided a level of comfort for when they return in August and most importantly got the children excited about attending Stinson Elementary!” said Mrs. Mariani. “Based on their smiles, excitement, and positive comments, I think we did just that.”

Stinson Girls on the Run

Three years ago, Mrs. Rebecca Wirfel observed the Girls on the Run (GOTR) 5K at Walsh University. The experience moved her to begin a chapter at Stinson Elementary where she co-coaches with fellow educator, Mrs. Donna Pellikan. Wendy Reynolds and Heidi Cowley serve as assistant coaches. After going through the coaches’ training and learning the curriculum, the coaches began the ten-week program with 14 girls who are enthusiastic members. As one girl said, “I want to feel better about myself.” The after-school program, designed to build self-esteem, was 90 minutes, two days a week. Each session began with a lesson about empowerment, such as a discussion of the pressures young women feel about their appearance. Each session concluded with a run, which allowed them to prepare for the culmination of the program, a 5K run held May 31st at Walsh University.



These extraordinary coaches receive no financial compensation for the program, but they say their rewards come in a different form. Mrs. Pellikan explains, “It’s something we’re passionate about. It’s not about our teaching. It’s about connecting with the kids on a personal level.” Mrs. Wirfel adds, “We may be dragging after the end of the school day, but we leave the program with smiles on our faces.”

Congratulations to all the Stinson fifth-graders headed to Northwest M.S.



Fifth-grade Celebration



Fifth-grade Band



Riley Cudnik and
Mrs. Mariani

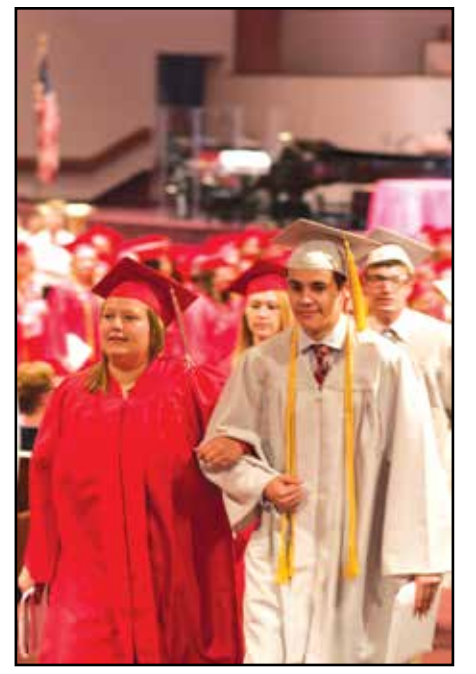


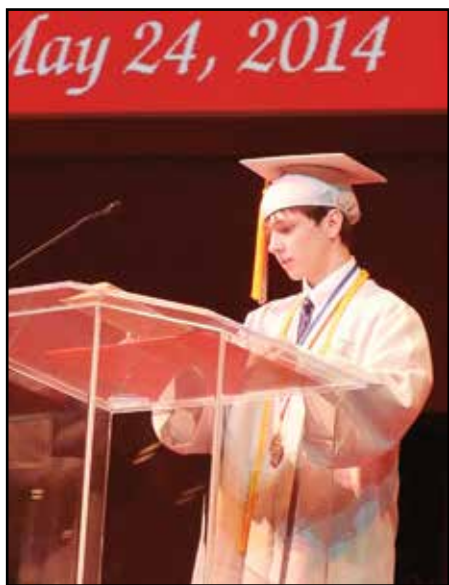
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NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

On Saturday, May 24, 2014, at the Akron Baptist Temple, 164 seniors graduated from Northwest High School. The Tri-valedictorians were Matthew Brigham, Macy Hamad and Matt Wilson. The Salutatorian was Cody Greenwalt. If you wish to see the graduation speeches, [click here](#).





Valedictorian Matt Wilson



Valedictorian Matthew Brigham



Valedictorian Macy Hamad



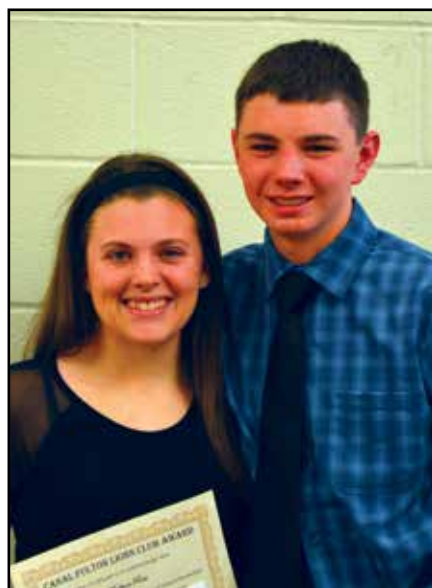
Salutatorian Cody Greenwalt



Joan Cogan, Scholarship Winner Savannah Ailiff and Mrs. Amy Lower



Miss Northwest Meredith Fennell and Mr. Northwest Jacob Hill



Lions Club Citizenship Award winners Madison Ross and Jacob Hill



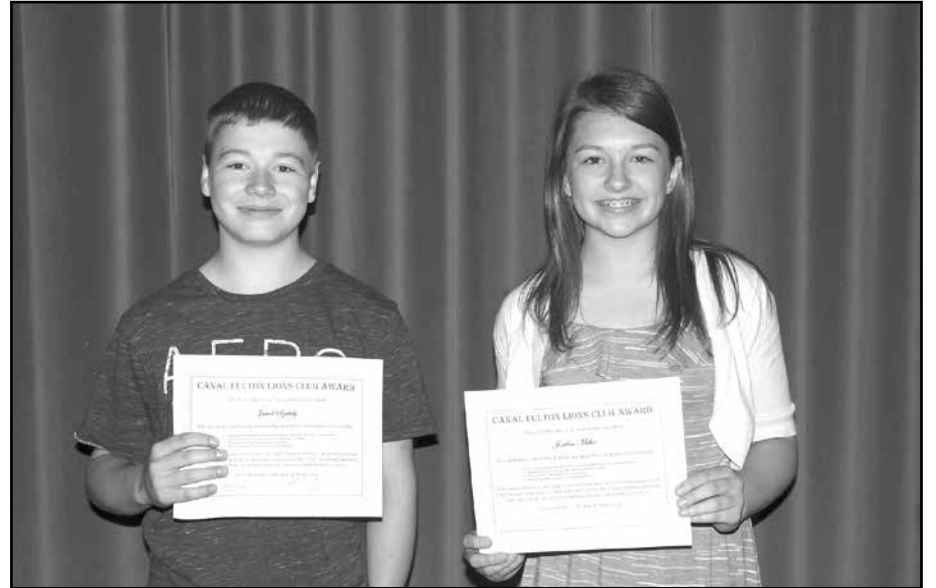
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NORTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNITION



Archie Griffin Award: Kendall Schenz and Ethan Lower



Lions Club Award: Jared Szekely and Jordan Miller



Outstanding Eighth-graders: Olivia Wiles and Josef Chiboroski



Sixth-grade Students of the Month



Seventh-grade Students of the Month



Eighth-grade Students of the Month

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

SWORD 2014: Northwest Seniors give back to the Community May 22



The Class of 2014 participated in SWORD, the annual “Thank You” to the community that has supported them in their years of schooling. SWORD, which means Seniors Work Out Reach Day, sends students to various locations in the school district where they are able to provide a helping hand. This year seniors worked at Echoing Ridge, the Canal Fulton Police Department, Lawrence Township Police Department, the Youth Sports Complex, Clinton Historical Society, Clinton Village Hall, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Northwest Music Programs SUPERIOR



While the May Fiesta, Cinderella and the spring band concerts dazzled the school district’s residents, the symphonic band and the varsity choir impressed state judges. Both groups earned the highest possible rating of “Superior” at state competition. In addition, the seventh and eighth-grade bands traveled to North Canton Hoover High School where they were awarded superior ratings. Congratulations to the band and choir students and their directors. If you wish to see a small portion of the May Fiesta, [click here](#). For “Cinderella,” [click here](#).

Northwest Band Boosters: Build our Band Program

The band boosters are sponsoring a program to help students join the band program. Due to the economy, many families do not have the financial means to purchase or rent an instrument for their child. The boosters wish to support every student who has a desire to be in the band. Community members can help in a variety of ways:

- Donate your no longer used instrument.
- Donate money to repair and maintain donated instruments.
- Donate money to purchase instruments that have been gently used.
- Donate money to help with the cost of reeds, books, oils and necessary cleaning accessories.
- Any donation is tax deductible and will help enhance the educational experience of children in our community.

Please contact any of the Northwest music staff if you wish to help.



Band Director Aaron Welker receives Connor Doyle’s donated trombone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOPHOMORES AND NORTHWEST STAFF AS NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL’S PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PASSING THE OHIO GRADUATION TEST ON THE FIRST ATTEMPT RANKED FOURTH IN STARK COUNTY. ONLY JACKSON, LAKE AND NORTH CANTON HOOVER SCORED HIGHER.



Mark your Calendar

THE CITY OF CANAL FULTON'S "Perfect birthday party"! THE BICENTENNIAL

**It's "the big one" – Sunday, August 3rd from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm
St. Helena Heritage Park & South Canal Street**

EVENTS

Fireworks Spectacular
Electric Light Parade
Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides
Car, Truck & Tractor Show
Fireman's Muster
City vs. Township Tug of War Challenge Cup
"After Party Party" with band
Four minute Model T assembly
"Sweet Revenge" Dunk Tank
Historic Walking Tours

CONTESTS/TOURNAMENTS

"Hydrant Hysteria" Fire hydrant painting contest
"Lord of the Wings" Wing eating contest
Brothers of the Bush: Beard & Mustache contest
Chip & Putt Challenge
"Fulton's Finest Apple Pie" baking contest
"Your Canal Fulton" photo contest
"Impersonate the King" Elvis look-a-like contest
"Stuck on You" duct tape creations contest
"Trash to Robots" recycle container contest
"Baker's Delite" Birthday cake decorating contest

GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

Kan Jam Tournament – Trash Can Frisbee
Vintage Baseball Exhibition
Family Fun Kickball pickup
Children's activities

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

"Fiddlin N Grinnin Down Home"- Bluegrass
Cedar Valley Cloggers
UniverSoul Beat Dancers
Canal Boat rides with live music
Brighter Side Band-"Juke Joint Rockin' Blues"
Dave & the other Guy – Acoustic classic Rock N Roll
Canal Fulton Community Band
"In your face" Magic
Red Skelton Impersonator
Canal Fulton Theater Players
Pennyfarthing Riders

RACES

"Sweet Dreams" Bed Race
"Rock the River" Cardboard Boat Regatta Race
First Annual "Stiletto Sprint" High Heel Race
First Annual "Wife Carrying Contest"

HISTORIC DISPLAYS

Vintage Fire Engines
American Bicycle Museum
Massillon Museum "Canal Fulton"
Stark County "Then and now"
Time Capsule

FOOD AND DRINK

Canal Fulton Rotary Chicken Dinners
Canal Fulton Lions Hot Dog Cart
Ice cold bottled water – Canal Fulton Fire Explorers

SOUVENIRS

Bicentennial logo t-shirts
Bicentennial logo car window clings
American Traditions Picnic Basket with Bicentennial logo raffle

Dedication of Baseball Field

The new baseball field was dedicated Saturday, May 10, prior to the varsity game against Canton Central Catholic. The dedication was held in honor of the late Chad Crawford, a longtime supporter of the Northwest athletic program who passed away last fall. Crawford was instrumental in collecting funds to renovate the football stadium. Aaron Schley represented Crawford and the Athletic Charitable Committee by throwing out the first pitch. A new baseball field was essential because of ongoing drainage problems at the previous site.



A moment of silence was held in honor of the late Chad Crawford.



Aaron Schley threw out the first pitch.



And the field is officially dedicated.

Athletic Charitable Committee

The Athletic Charitable Committee will be starting bingo in the Stinson cafeteria on September 10th. Bingo will be held the second Wednesday of every month. More details will be coming soon.

Cheerleaders will hold a car wash July 26th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Northwest bus garage. They will also offer a youth cheer camp August 4th-6th. Call Sheryl West for details at 330-417-9623.

Touchdown Club will hold Family Fun Day at Clay's Park July 20th.

Nancy Kepley is the new President of the Runners Club. Club meetings are held the third Monday of every month in room 107 at Northwest High School at 7 p.m.

STATEBOUND!

Congratulations to four members of the Northwest High School track team who qualified to the state track meet. Meredith Fennell was the Division II regional champ in the long jump (17-feet, 1-inch) and the 100 meter hurdles (14.94). Meredith is also a member of the 400 meter relay team with Clara Beadle, Amanda Crites and Kaitlyn Thompson. The relay team qualified to the state meet by finishing first at regionals with a time of 49.18 seconds.

At the state meet, Meredith Fennell finished second in the 100 meter hurdles and tenth in the long jump. The 4 x 100 meter relay finished third in the state finals.



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Kevin Peck Memorial 5K Run/Walk

This year the Northwest Runners Club is excited to organize the first annual Kevin Peck Memorial 5K Run on Saturday July 19th, 2014.



Kevin Peck was a 1998 graduate of Northwest High School. He earned a B.S. in Computer Science from Akron University and worked for Susquehanna International Group in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. Kevin was killed in an accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in December, 2011. He left behind his wife, Lesia, and two children.

High School friend Paul Schanz remembers Kevin: "Kevin ran cross country his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was a distant track runner. In cross-country Kevin started out on junior varsity and, truthfully, was not very good, but he was the hardest worker and most determined runner I've ever met. Between his sophomore and junior year, he improved tremendously, and by his senior year he was phenomenal and went to State. He literally ran everywhere. To school. From school. Carrying a backpack, trumpet, and wearing band shoes. He ran all the time, even during school. When he had study halls, he was running around the track. He also went to State his senior year in track, but cross country was his passion."

When Kevin passed away, his friends created the award in his name and funded the scholarship. Now this race will become an opportunity to provide scholarship support to a deserving Northwest runner who displays Kevin's work ethic and determination:

"The Kevin Peck Perseverance Award goes to the senior runner, cross country or distance track, who has made the most career improvement, spanning a minimum of 3 years. It should be awarded to someone whose performance dramatically improved from their first season running through their last. It does not necessarily have to be the fastest runner, nor the MVP, but oftentimes this may be the same person, and that is fine too. The recipient should reflect the determination, focus and drive that Kevin had to persevere, and become the outstanding runner that he was. Kevin had the biggest improvement over the course of his career because of his hard work and perseverance. The award reflects much of what cross country teaches: Perseverance. Never giving up."

The Kevin Peck Memorial Run and Walk will be held in beautiful downtown Canal Fulton. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Kevin Peck Perseverance Award Scholarship and the Northwest Runners Club. The event is a part of the Subway Challenge Series events, and you can sign up online at www.nwrunnersclub.org or go to www.ohiochallengeseries.com.

2014 Canal Fulton Mother of all Races

The Canal Fulton Rotary Club held its "Mother of all Races" Saturday, May 10. The race offered a scenic combination of road and towpath run through Canal Fulton for the 5K and Clinton for the 10K. Grant Baughman from North Lawrence won the overall 5K for men, and Jocelin Zimmerer of Wadsworth won the women's race. The overall 10K winners were Aaron White of Canton and Sabrina Donatelli of Akron.



For a complete listing of the results, go to <http://www.ohiochallengeseries.com/> and click on the "All Events and Results" link at the bottom of the page and go to Saturday, May 10, to "Mother of All Races."

Save the Date!

Northwest Runners Club Kevin Peck Memorial 5K Run/Walk Saturday, July 19, 2014

Information at www.nwrunnersclub.org



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SUMMER Y FUN DAYS

- Summer Program for children grades K-5th grade.
- Come make friends, have fun and get active with weekly themes, arts & crafts, playground fun, field trips and more!
- Tues/Thurs from 9am-2pm at Northwest Primary School
- June 2-August 15 (no program week of July 4th)
- Registration available online at:
<http://www.ymcastark.org/summer-programs2>

Before and After School Child Care

- Children grades K-5th enrolled in Northwest
- 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

Silver Sneakers Exercise Classes

- Northwest Senior Center
- Mon. & Fri 9:05-10:05am

Adult Group Exercise Classes (2 locations)

1. Saltbox Ministry Building
-Cardio: Thurs. 9:30-10:30am
2. NW Middle School
-Yoga: Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm
-Cardio: Wed. 6:00-7:00pm

LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Many young parents wish to have their students become involved in local sports programs, but often their biggest challenge without a local newspaper is finding the proper contacts. For that reason, we are listing the contacts for various programs available to the youth of the Northwest Local School District.

NJBSL – Northwest Junior Baseball and Softball League

Website: NJBSL.org
Contact: Randy Hyrne
Phone: 330-353-4975
Email: rhyrne@shearers.com

T-Ball up to Hot Stove

Registration – January
All games are played at the Youth Complex on Erie Avenue

NJSL – Northwest/Jackson Soccer League

Website: NJSL.org
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NorthwestJacksonSoccerLeague>
Boys and Girls – Ages 4-18
Registration – Early May
Games are played at various soccer fields throughout the communities of Northwest and Jackson.

Northwest Bantam Basketball

Contact: Mark Szekely
Phone: 330-904-1106
Email: zekevm@sssnet.com
Boys and Girls – Grades 2-6
Registration – Begins in September
Games are played November through February in various gyms in the community with the majority of the games played in the elementary and middle school gyms.

Youth Wrestling

Website: www.nwwrestling.com
Contact: Tim Earnsberger
Phone: N/A
Wrestling matches are held on Sundays in January and February in the high school field house or the middle school gym.

Youth Football and Cheerleading

Contact: Rich Wright
Phone: N/A
Ages 5 up to 6th Grade
All games are played at the Youth Complex on Erie Avenue.

2014 Boys Basketball Camp Sessions

Contact: Mike Lower
Phone: 330-409-3269
Email: lower.m@northwest.sparcc.org
Grades: 2nd – 12th Grades
Camp will be held in the high school gym.
Registration forms are available in the Northwest High School Athletic Office.

2014 Northwest Girls Basketball Camp Sessions (grades based on 2014-2015 school year)

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| Grades 3, 4 and 5 | June 16th – 19th | 9:00 am – 11:00 am |
| Grades 9 – 12 | June 16th – 19th | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm |
| Grades 6, 7 and 8 | June 16th – 19th | 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm |

Cost will be \$40 and includes a camp T-Shirt. You may register at the door.



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SPRING SPORTS



VARSITY SOFTBALL

Row 1 (L-R): Abby Siegenthaler, Morgan Bass, Hannah Gordon, Ashley Kittinger, Madelaine Magazzeni, and Regen Morgan.
Row 2 (L-R): Caitlyn Hamrick, Ashley Sees, Anna Sharier, Erika Juersivich, Katie Joyce, Courtney Harris, and Mayson Stroh.



JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Row 1 (L-R): Kiley Turckes, Shellby Jansen, Madison Markus, Emily Jackson, Madison Culp, Neeley Jones.
Row 2 (L-R): Coach Jim Chrsity, Lizzy Butler, Brooke Miletich, Abbie Swaino, Kylie Dawson, Emily Meister, Morgan Rearick, Abby Francis, and Kelsey Milinkovich.



VARSITY BASEBALL

Front (L-R): Jacob Hyrne, Cole Rearick, Tristen Lindeman, Matt Dudley, John Markus, Cory Earnsberger, Beau Workman, Colton Carihfield, and Tyler Devenport.
Back Row (L-R): Johnny Masters, T.D. Culp, Jackson Schultz, Nate Haut, Matt Fennell, Zach Earnsberger, and Will Stevenson



JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Front (L-R): Coach Dave Maculaitis, Cory Carpenter, Spencer McCulligan, Greg Geiger, Carter Antal, Justin Hagen, Dylan Bolyard, and Brian Stevenson.
Back Row (L-R): Chad Belles, Ethan Zellers, Chris Barbita, David Dawson, Michael Hanes, Patrick Glaser, and Zach West.



JUNIOR VARSITY "B" BASEBALL

Front (L-R): Coach Dave Maculaitis, Jakob Lauder milk, Dylan Bolyard, Greg Geiger, Chris Barbita, Noah Donatelli, Justin Hagen, and Brandon Weigand.
Back Row (L-R): Chad Belles, Kyle Steiner, Ethan Zellers, David Dawson, Michael Hanes, Patrick Glaser, and Zach West.



VARSITY TRACK

Row 1 (L-R): Austin Slusser, Hannah Brotherton, Vanessa Tudor, Taylor Lawrence, Alyssa Hanes, Kirsten Mitchen, Meredith Fennell, Kelsey Kincaid, Clara Beadle, Kaitlyn Thompson, Mike Bechtel, Chad Hill and Matt Brigham.
Row 2 (L-R): Madison Pollard, Danielle Hearn, Claire Sutphin, Neely Jones-Stark, Morgan King, Alayna Penrod, Brynn Shirey, Marisa Wood, Caitlin Ross, Abbey Harvey, Lindsay Thompson, Cierra Snyder, and Olivia Rooks.
Row 3 (L-R): Jessica Demaree, Aaliyah Greek, Haley Pullen, Jordyn Fye, Abby Bonnot, Clayton Freed, Drew Schroeder, Broc Minné, Jeff Hensal, Burke Kepley, Logan Eisner, and Riley Fulks.
Row 4 (L-R): Emily Casto, Kyle Lott, Audra Sims, Evie Aaron, Rachel McClung, Grace Stockert, Angelo Kolinoff, Tristan Mullane, Cameron Huscusson, Nathan Weaver, Alex Vales, Patrick Wells, and Jack Bender.
Row 5 (L-R): James Waring, Morgan Burnell, Mike Fleming, Taylor Heard, Logan Wagonner, Nasir Martin, Joe Waring, Jared Tomsik, Stephen Zeh, Toby Eisenmann, Evan Petty, and Justin Hinkle.
Row 6 (L-R): Alicia Tudor, Isaiah Hunter, John Elliot, Matt Knight, Ryan Gregorich, Charlie Kieffer, Trevor Coughlin, Dale Hazzard, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Michael Zervos, Nick Hearn, and Justin Helman.
Row 7 (L-R): Coach Tyler Coughlin, Head Coach Brian Armstrong, and Coach Mike Calcei.

