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## District welcomes New Staff for 2013-2014

Northwest Local welcomes 14 new faculty members for the 2013-2014 school year. That number includes a new Director of Special

Services, 3 middle school teachers, 7 high school teachers and 3 tutors.

Mrs. Victoria Hessey comes to Northwest from the Cloverleaf Local School District where she was the Director of Special Services, District Test Coordinator and Director of Professional Development. She had also worked as a Special Education and Curriculum Director at Chippewa Local Schools. Mrs. Hessey has ten years of experience as an Intervention Specialist at Chippewa and Coventry, covering grades K-12.



Victoria Hessey

Hanging in her office is a quotation from George Washington Carver, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." She says this quote reinforces her belief that she can best support others by trying to

see situations through their perspective. By adhering to this approach, Mrs. Hessey's will work "to provide the best possible services for our students."

Three teachers have joined the middle school staff. Jason Frantz, a Malone University graduate, is teaching sixth-grade

Jason Frantz, Jessica Morgan, and Lisa Cook

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

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social studies. Miami University graduate, Jessica Morgan, is teaching sixth-grade language arts. Lisa Cook joins the middle school staff as an intervention specialist and Life Skills teacher.

Northwest High School has the largest number of new teachers in 5 years. Gretchen Daniel, a graduate of The Ohio State University, will serve as the school psychologist. Bowling Green graduate, Maggie Thomas, will teach Spanish at the high school as well as the middle school. Walsh University graduate, Jannean Roschival, teaches science at NHS. Dan Senften, a graduate of Ohio State and Walsh University, joins the high



Front Row L to R: Gretchen Daniel, Maggie Thomas, Jannean Roschival Back Row L to R: Dan Senften, Shawn Donaldson, Aaron Welker, Michael Yokum

school staff as a guidance counselor. Shawn Donaldson teaches business education and serves as an IT assistant. He is a graduate of Kent State and Grand Canyon University. Aaron Welker, a graduate of the University of Akron, comes to Northwest as the Band Director. He worked the last 3 years as an assistant band director in Perry Local Schools. Michael Yokum is an intervention specialist and a graduate of the University of Akron.

## **Non-Discrimination Policy**

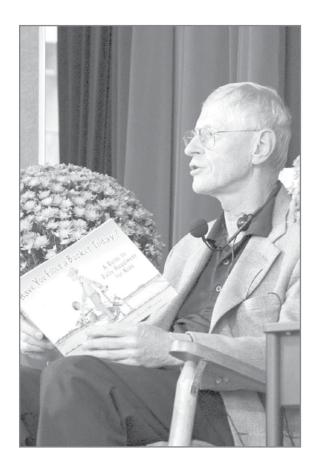
The Northwest Local School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, ancestry, disability or military service. This applies to employment and all educational programs and opportunities for students. Any questions or requests for information regarding grievance procedures should be directed to Dr. Mike Shreffler, Superintendent of Northwest Local Schools, at 330-854-2291.

## Northwest Primary's Grandparents and VIP Appreciation Night welcomes 700 Attendees



On September 12, over 700 people attended this special evening which allowed Northwest Primary students to honor grandparents as well as the very important people in their lives.





Retired Northwest Superintendent Dennis Lambes read "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" to the primary school's guests.

Northwest Primary School Principal Jim LaRiccia with Dominic Lerario and Faith Weiford who recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of Respect. The Pledge of Respect says, "I am a smart, special, valuable person. I respect myself and I respect others. My words and actions are kind and honest. I accept only my best in all I do. I am proud to be me!"

## A V.I.P.'s Motto

A V.I.P.'s eyes see miracles where others see messes.



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## Curriculum News Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

## Race to the Top Update

The August inservice was an information-packed day for all certified staff members as they attended training on the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES). The evaluation system has two components: teacher performance and student growth measures. The district's administrators have been trained on the use of the Teacher Performance Rubric and have passed a credentialing exam. Student growth is the change in student achievement for an individual student between two or more points in time. The teacher performance rating and student growth measures will be combined to determine each teacher's final summative rating.

Ohio's new learning standards will be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year. Staff members will continue to develop and use common assessments to measure student progress and use the data gathered to adjust their instruction. The district continues to prepare for the implementation of new state assessments during the 2014-2015 school year. These online state assessments will be administered to students in grades 3-11. Students will complete a performance-based assessment (PBA) and an end-of-year (EOY) assessment for each tested subject.

## **Child Find**

In an effort to serve young people with disabilities, Northwest Local is continually in the process of locating and evaluating children from 3 to 21 years of age who are suspected as having a disability. Disabilities may include developmental delays, health impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Individuals may contact the building principals or the Director of Special Services about children suspected as having a disability that may qualify for special education services. Information is available about special education policies and procedures from each building principal.

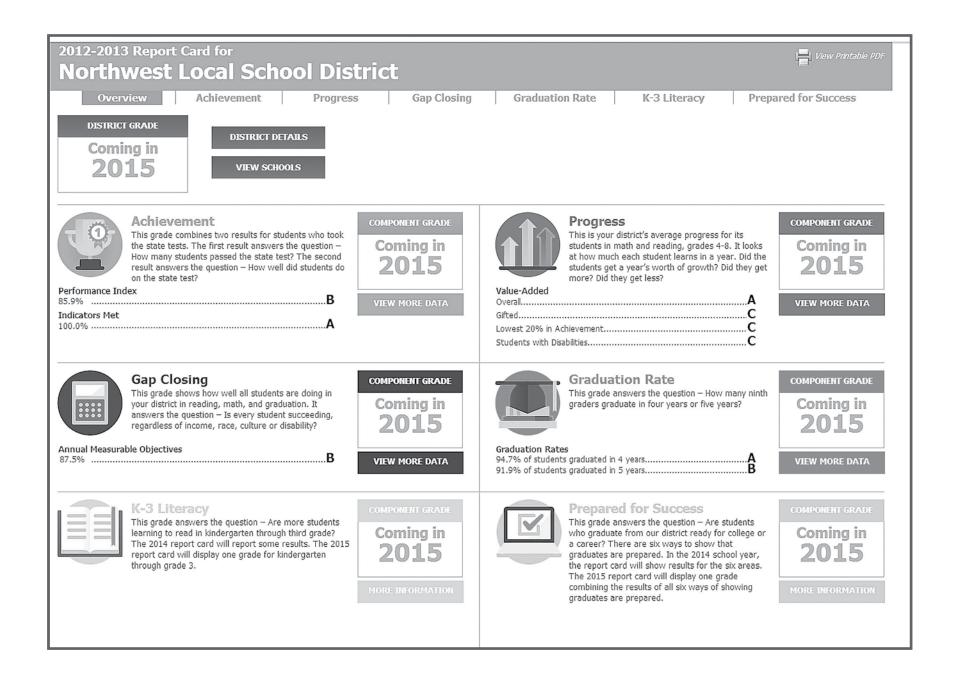
Northwest has a child identification process that includes the location, identification and evaluation of a child suspected of having a disability within and outside of district buildings. The Department of Special Services coordinates the child identification process. The Northwest staff uses a variety of community resources and systematic activities in order to identify children requiring special services. Included in this effort is consultation with appropriate representatives of private school students attending private schools located within the boundaries of the Northwest Local district to carry out this process. Northwest ensures that this process for students attending private or religious schools located in the Northwest community is comparable to activities undertaken for students with disabilities served in the public school setting.

If you have questions about the process, please call **Victoria Hessey, Director of Special Services, at 330-854-2292.** 

## District Report Card released by ODE Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

Four times a year children in the school district eagerly or anxiously await the release of their report card. On August 22nd the Ohio Department of Education released the 2012-2013 state report cards for all school districts in Ohio. The new state report card format assigns a letter grade of A to F to each identified component of the report card with the letter grade C being equivalent to the previous Excellent rating. Letter grades were assigned in the areas of achievement, progress, gap closing, and graduation rates.

Northwest was awarded three A's, three B's and three C's. The district will continue to evaluate the data, monitor student progress, and focus on strengthening areas of need. The summary chart provides an overview of the report card and further detailed information is located on the district's webpage under the "Academic" tab.



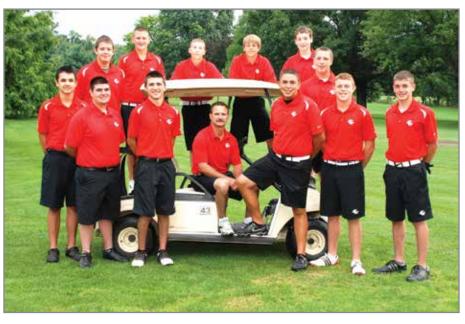
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### **Cross Country**



Front Row: Allison Kerns. Middle Row (L-R): Maurine Speight, Mackenzie Schley, Cierra Snyder, Macy Hamad, Vanessa Tudor, Grace Stockert, Olivia Culp, Jenna Worden, and Madison Worden. Back Row (L-R): Burke Kepley, Evan Petty, Alex Vales, Isaiah Hunter, Logan Eisner, and Juston Hinkle. Missing: Alicia Tudor, John Elliott, and Patrick Wells.

## Golf



Front Row (L-R): Joe Cochran, Logan Kosco, Jake Penrod, Coach Brian Ries, Matt Dudley, Colton Crihfield, and Tristan Lindeman. Back Row (L-R): Collin Rood, Tyler Foutty, Greg Geiger, Hunter Kosco, Kyle Steiner, and Brian Stevenson.

### **Boys Soccer**



Front Row (L-R): Jacob Hill, Bobby Kalail, Nathan Weaver, Trace Mollet, Noah Donatelli, Kyle Jenkins, and Jake Demaree. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Ron Varga, Kyle Murgatroyd, Ben Stoneking, Clayton Rood, Jeremy Mundell, Kyle Sabol, Zach Massengale, David Dill, Ben Salupo, and Head Coach Chuck King.

### **Girls Soccer**



Front Row (L-R): Rachel Laury, Megan Bilinovich, Holly Knight, Robyn Wyman, Madison Ross, Brittany Yurick, Jordan Smith, and Savannah Ailiff. Middle Row (L-R): Devin Kieffer, Jalyn Goddard, Jessica Demaree, Jordan Snelick, Nicole Wood, Maggie Bell, Nicole Polkabla, Madison Culp, and Neely Stark. Back Row (L-R): Head Coach Scott Green, Bailey Bloom, Assistant Coach Megan Green, Morgan King, Hannah Brotherton, Kennedy Rutt, Abbi Woodward, Madison Pollard, Olivia Rooks, Abby Bonnot, Madison Stackhouse, Hannah Gesaman, Savannah Farkas, Brynn Shirey, and Assistant Coach Dave Cooper.

### Volleyball



Front Row (L-R): Kylie Dawson, Claire Sutphin, Danielle Hearn, Abbey Harvey, Kim Zickefoose, Courtney Harris, Morgan Rearick, Kiley Turckes, Shannon Stull, and Cora Underwood. Back Row (L-R): JV Coach Megan Levengood, Anna Cihon, Haley Macko, Lindsay Thompson, Leah Luhring, Alyssa Hanes, Kaitlyn Thompson, Celsie Channell, Abbie Swaino, Maria Kolinoff, Hannah Gordon, and Head Coach John Rafailedes. Missing: Assistant Varsity Coach John Johnson.

### **Varsity Football**



Row 1 (L-R): Mayson Stroh, Zach Massengale, Chad Hill, Jordan Radcliff, Andrew Colon, Tristan Mullane, Johnny Masters, Jerrad Cox, T.D. Culp, Colton Hershberger, Will Stevenson, Kyle Brosch, Mike Bechtel, Angelo Kolinoff, and Jackson Schultz. Row 2 (L-R): Courtney Ridenour, Clayton Freed, Chuck Kirkpatrick, David Dill, Michael Zervos, Cody Wilson, Matt Ramsey, Drew Schroeder, Spencer Carrico, Dale Hazard, Nick Hearn, Lawrence Ruthraff, Jeff Shimko, and Hannah Pullen. Row 3 (L-R): Josh Stover, Mike Roman, Jim Waring, James Nicholson, Kyle Lott, Cameron Huscusson, Jacob Robinson, Briar Barabasch, Kyle Meyers, Nate Gissinger, Dalton Cox, and Darian Short. Row 4 (L-R): Justin Helman, Nasir Martin, Eric Frye, Karlos deGuia, Trevor Coughlin, Joe Waring, Brian Hull, Matt Fennell, Scott Beers, Austin Cundiff, Noah Donatelli, and Broc Minné. Row 5 (L-R): Annie Stull, Cassidy Spencer, Kelly Walker, Meredith Fennell, Brooke West, Madison Grogan, Alli Loretto, Kelsey Kincaid, Alyssa Barbita, Abby Cundiff, Taylor Lawrence, Molly Ogg, Gracyn Loper, Breanne Kushnir, and Aubrey Walker. Row 6 (L-R): Coach Tyler Harris, Coach Mike Calcei, Coach Jordan Pellikan, CoachDave Maculaitis, Head CoachVic Whiting, Coach Shane Minné, Coach Mike Bechtel, CoachShane Donaldson, Coach Zaid Abueteen, and Coach Travis Stroh.

### Freshman Football



Row 1 (L-R): Jacob Klein, Riley Fulks, Logan Waggoner, Ryan Gregorich, Jack Bender, and Zach West. Row 2 (L-R): Evie Aaron, Christian Walker, Trevor Summers, Michael Flemming, Josh Smith, Colton Rhodes, Travis Johnson, and Emily Jackson. Row 3 (L-R): Kelsey Francis, Tim Brosch, Nasir Martin, Joe Waring, Brian Hull, Brandon Weigand, Chad Belles, and Caitlin Ross. Row 4 (L-R): Eric Frye, Karlos deGuia, Broc Minné, and Noah Donatelli. Row 5 (L-R): Coach Jordan Pellikan, Coach Tyler Harris, Coach Zaid Abueteen, and Coach Mike Bechtel.

### **Northwest Marching Band**



Row 1 (L-R): Jared Buwala, Sarah Buchtel, Josh Hazlett, Deborah Licknes, Stacy Houser, Justin Hagen, Isaac Canfield, Matthew Ham, Brian Jones, and Brian Ingram-Peters. Row 2 (L-R): Trever Davis, Zachary Wilson, Maurine Speight, Brooke Wilson, Charles Campbell, Katie Bender, Gina Buchtel, Cody Greenwalt, Sarah Hoffman, and Kylie Collmar. Row 3 (L-R): Holly Knight, Mikayla Hazlett, Matthew Wilson, Chara Kellerman, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Abby Gillig, Cecily Lent, Emily Casto, Jamie Schlitt, Mary Durkin, and Morgan Harless. Row 4 (L-R): Rylie Johnson, Casey Kosa, Emily Licknes, Debbie Long, Brandi Shearer, Madelyne Magazinni, Kelsey Milinkovich, Mackenzie Hawkins, and Kassandra Fager.Row 5 (L-R): Emma Canfield, Chuma Roberts, Cassandra Watkins, Heather Butti, Sarah Butti, James Durkin, Katlyn Fager, Morgan Burnell, Zachary Woodrum, Madison Black, and Ben Boni. Row 6 (L-R): Grace Stockert, Sarah Kosa, Katie Joyce, Sam Weinland, Abby Woodward, Ben Finefrock, Brian Stevenson, Alicia Tudor, Simon Keatley, Mike Colgate, and Cevanah McCoury. Row 7 (L-R): Kiera Hollosy, John Inks, Mike Finney, Matthew Doyle, Kim Zickefoose, Lucas Ostronisky, Morgan Szeckley, Ben Stoneking, and Mackenzie Schely. Row 8 (L-R): George Workinger, Julie McLaughlin, Kim Good, and Aaron Welker.

### **Aaron Welker named Band Director**

Aaron Welker has been named the new band director at Northwest High School. Welker worked as an assistant band director at Perry High School for 3 years before joining the Northwest staff. He is a graduate of Glenoak High School and the University of Akron where he played the tuba in the marching band and orchestra.



He plans to expand the instrumental music department: "I want to continue to grow an already established program by keeping students enthusiastic about the band and teaching kids about music education. The present number of band members is 80 students, and I hope to increase the size of the band."



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## District is Committed to Safety for Students and Staff

Canal Fulton Police Officer Dennis Muntean will serve as the district's School Resource Officer (SRO) this school year. Officer Muntean has been a patrolman for 15 years, and nine of those years have been with the Canal Fulton Police Department. He also served in the Air Force for four years as a firefighter/medic after graduating from Canton South High School. He is also a graduate of the University of Akron Police Academy.

Officer Muntean will patrol the district buildings during school hours, enforce the law and serve as a role model for students. He will work with the school district to improve safety measures and work to open the lines of communication between the police department and the district.

Dr. Mike Shreffler believes that school resource officers "serve as such a positive role model. The students get a chance to see a police officer in a positive light. They get to see the officer as a human being."



Ptl. Dennis Muntean

## District Security Changes Staff and Visitor Badges

All school buildings across the district are implementing several security measures beginning December 1, 2013. All staff members who work in the district will be required to wear identification badges, including substitute teachers.

**Visitors** to any district building will be required to follow these procedures:

- Sign in at the building's main office upon arrival,
- Leave a valid driver's license or state ID with office personnel,
- Obtain and wear a visitor's badge while in the building,
- When leaving the building, please return the visitor's badge to the office, and your driver's license or state ID
  will be returned.

While these changes may be a minor inconvenience for parents or community members, we believe that the extra diligence will provide better protection for our children. Student safety remains our main priority. Dennis Muntean, the School Resource Officer for the district, states that in the event of an emergency situation it is critical for safety personnel to be able to quickly account for all individuals who are in the building.

"We believe that the extra diligence will provide better protection for our children."

## **Veterans Day 2013**

## **Schools honor Veterans November 8**

All Northwest schools will hold Veterans Day programs on Friday, November 8. The middle school is hosting a breakfast for students with family members who are veterans from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. The primary school program will begin at 10 a.m., and Northwest High School will hold their program, which is open to the public, at 10 a.m. in Puffenberger Hall. Stinson Elementary will host the seventh-grade choir for Veterans Day. This program is not open to the public.



## A CALL TO GRATITUDE!

Third Annual Community Veterans Day Program

To be held Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013,
In the Northwest High School Commons at 1:00 p.m.

Participants: Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #699

Northwest High School Band Chesty Puller Young Marines

Ronald Schwachenwald, Col. U.S. Army Ret.

Lorain High School Jr. R.O.T.C. Akron Pipe Band Bagpiper Canal Fulton VFW Post #9795 Canal Land Girl Scouts

Canal Fulton Boy Scout Troop #925

Sts. Phillip & James essay winner "Growing up in a military family"

**Speakers**: Congressman James Renacci

Lt. Governor Mary Taylor

Captain Carla Cavanagh, Aviation P.A., Ohio Army National Guard

#### **Ceremonies honoring:**

Gold Star families Recipients of Silver Star

Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor Military Order of the Purple Heart

Marlboro Volunteers will once again bring their mobile Museum of U.S. Military History, lots of tanks, jeeps, half-tracks, and living historians. Added this year, a reproduction of the Statue of Iwo Jima and trailer with Combat Veterans' graphics.

Refreshments will be served.

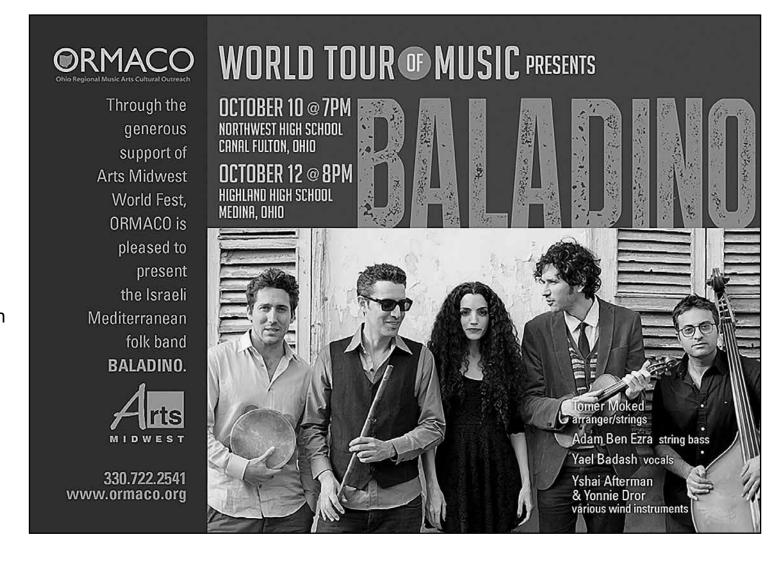
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# Israel World Music Ensemble at Puffenberger October 10

Baladino, a fresh and exhilarating Israeli world music ensemble, will visit Northwest High School as part of a multicity Midwest tour coordinated by Minneapolis-based Arts Midwest. The five-member ensemble takes its audience on a joyful journey through music of the Mediterranean region—music carried to Israel by people from Spain, Eastern Europe, Turkey, and Arabic countries. The ensemble name, "Baladino," is actually a combination of two words. "Baladi" is the name for the most popular rhythm pattern in Middle Eastern music, and the word also means "my land" in the Arabic language. The other word is "Ladino" which is the language primarily spoken among Sephardic Jews and cultural inspiration for much of the music Baladino performs.

Ensemble members include Tomer Moked, a brilliant string player and musical arranger, Adam Ben Ezra provides solid foundation and a hip sound on the string bass, Yael Badash brings rich vocals to the mix, Yonnie Dror adds wonderful color with a variety of wind instruments, while Yshai Afterman holds it all together on percussion with mesmerizing Mediterranean rhythm.

"It's not often smaller communities like ours have the chance to host international ensembles like Baladino—let alone for a full week," says Thomas Sigel, Executive



Director of Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach, the local sponsor of this amazing opportunity. "The music and culture Baladino shares will be absolutely fascinating and different from what we typically hear. Baladino will visit many schools and community locations during the week and present a public concert on October 10 at Northwest High School. . . . We expect this residency will be a delightful experience for everyone."

Baladino will offer a workshop October 10 for Northwest students in the afternoon and a performance from 7:00 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall. Tickets for the evening performance are available at Buehler's on Fulton Road in Canton or from the Northwest administrative office. Please call 330-854-2291 for more information. Advanced tickets are \$10, and tickets may be purchased at the door just prior to the performance for \$12.

The Canal Fulton Players proudly present the wonderful classic children's tale by L. Frank Baum

## The Wizard of Oz

A Tams Witmark Music Library Production Produced by David Van Gaasbeek Directed by Sandra Schmeltzer Musical Director- Margie Metcalf Choreographer- Anita Artzner



#### **STARRING**

Amiee Jarzenski Craig May Austin Healey Boser Jeremey Followay **Cindy Bagocius** Gary Gallagher Christine Gingerich Ray Olivera Theresa Graves Jennifer Neal and 29 Northwest students and friends

November 8-10, 15-17 at 7:30 pm Northwest High School's Puffenberger Auditorium

8580 Erie Avenue NW, Canal Fulton, Ohio Admission - \$12.00 for adults \$10.00 for seniors (65+) and children under the age of 12

Tickets- Call 330-854-3639



### **PLAY**



#### Before and After School Fall 2013

- Children grades K -5 enrolled in Northwest Schools
- NW Schools will 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

#### Fun Club (Jackson Local School days off)

For children grades K-5 enrolled in Before and After School Child Care, located at the David Y in Jackson. Hours: 6:45 am - 6:30 pm

#### Contact Lyndsay Gatto for more information:

## **IT'S NOT**



#### **Adult Group Exercise Programs**

- Held at SALT BOX Ministry building
- Come to any or all classes for one low fee per 7 week session

FALL 1 Session: Sept. 9-Oct. 24, 2013 FALL 2 Session: Nov. 4-Dec 19, 2013 Yoga and Cardio Combo

#### SilverSneakers Exercise Classes

Held at Northwest Stark Senior Center Classes on Monday & Friday mornings from 9:15-10:15am

#### Contact Pam Leddon for more info:

330-830-6275 or pleddon@ymcastark.org

Although, the kids stuff is awesome, too!

Financial assistance available.

## SSBL Ohio Red Division 2013 Champions



Front row (L to R): Cameron Morgan , Kyle Stockwell, Bryce Munson, Joseph McGuire, Jared Szekely Back row (L to R): Mark Szekely, Corey Kohler, Parker Hrav, Logan Reeves, Josh Blankenship, Luke Fennell, Devin Todd, Joe McGuire Coaches not pictured: Bart Munson and Ron Stayer

The Northwest 12u Baseball Team won the SSBL Red Division this summer and also finished third in the Niagara "Battle at the Falls" Tournament in July.

## **ACC News**

What's New? Recycling—Don't forget to take your cans to the recycling center at the bus garage. It's good for the environment and raises money for Northwest athletics!

### Calendar of Upcoming Events-

- Nov. 2-Takedown Club Steak Fry at the VFW. Contact Kara Fitzwater for tickets at 330-620-8258.
- Nov. 23–Basketball Night at the Races

#### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

- ACC First Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m. at HS Commons
- Runners Club First Sunday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. at HS in room 107
- Touchdown Club -First Monday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. at **VFW**
- Takedown Club First Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. at
- Northwest Cheer Association First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in Home Ec @ HS
- Lady Indians Basketball Boosters Second Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. @ Middle School Library
- Lady Indians Soccer Second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. @ Middle School Library
- Girls Softball Boosters Third Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 at Grayce Ann's Family Restaurant
- Diamond Club First Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at HS Commons (www.nwindiansbaseball.com)



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## Meet a few of the Leaders of Northwest High School

## What makes Northwest High School special?



Senior **Ali Mollet** is Student Council secretary and a member of the *Repository* Teen Board. She was the 2013 state and regional champion in competitive waterskiing. Ali plans to become an orthodontist assistant and to continue with competitive waterskiing.

"Everyone knows everyone. It's a close-knit atmosphere where everyone is there for each other."



**Kaitlyn Thompson** is President of the senior class. She plans to attend college where she will continue her track career and study hospitality management, sports management or athletic training.

"When it comes to each class, we are very close. I know for a fact that when I graduate this year, I am going to miss everybody."



Senior **Madelaine Magazzeni** is a leader of the Northwest softball team. Madelaine plans to study criminology in college and become a policewoman or detective.

"Everyone knows everyone, and we always have each other's back. We cheer each other on all the time."



Senior **Johnny Masters** is Captain of the Northwest football team. Johnny plans to major in accounting/business and play football in college.

"I believe what makes
Northwest special is that
everyone is so close
because of the smaller
class size and that we
are more social with each
other."



**Jeff Shimko** is the President of the junior class. Jeff plans to become an officer in the Air Force and major in corrosive engineering.

"We have a lot of heart for all the athletics, and we have amazing teachers."



Senior **Meredith Fennell** is the National Honor Society secretary and Student Council Vice-President. Meredith plans to attend college to study physical therapy and continue her track career.

"The quality of our school: the students, staff and education are all excellent."