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Students prepare for Ohio Achievement Assessments

As the school year winds down and temperatures warm, educators are challenged to find ways to help students focus and prepare for the all-important Ohio Achievement Assessments. These tests measure how well students in grades 3-8 have learned reading, math and science concepts.

On April 23 students in grades 3, 4, 6 and 7 will begin taking assessments in reading and mathematics. Students in grades 5 and 8 will be tested in reading, mathematics and science.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 set testing expectations for all schools.

For educators, the challenge is finding a way to help students prepare and review for the achievement tests. Principal Lori Mariani of Stinson Elementary has planned a pep rally complete with cheer-leaders and members of the high school band “to thank students for their hard work leading up to the tests and to motivate them to do well.” The pep rally April 19 will be followed with a volleyball game between staff members and fifth-grade students.

Northwest Middle School Principal Larry Tausch has borrowed an idea from Mrs. Wendy Minne, a teacher in the Barberton City School District. The idea is called “Tribal Island,” a spin-off from the popular television show, “Survivor.” Mr. Tausch explained, “Tribal Island is a school-wide program intended to help prepare students for the Ohio Achievement Tests and to energize and inject enthusiasm into the school culture.”

The program is simple. Each homeroom is a tribe, and the tribes face three competitions: Think, Play, Survive. Every Monday each tribe member takes a short assessment that mirrors the OAA. The tribe in each grade that attains the highest class average for the week wins the Think competition.

The tribe selects 3 or 4 members to represent the tribe in Play, which takes place every Thursday during student lunch mods. Play consists of physical challenges that are simple and entertaining. The tribe that wins is the champion for the week. When the scores for Think and Play are added together, the tribe that achieves the highest score for the week is crowned the Survivor champion.



Northwest Middle School teachers begin Tribal Island.

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Mrs. Ellen Tollett named to All-County Teaching Team

Mrs. Ellen Tollett, an eleven-year veteran of Northwest Local Schools, has been chosen for the All-Stark County Teaching Team for 2013. Currently Mrs. Tollett teaches physical education at Northwest Primary School. She is humbled by the honor, "I am so very thankful to be recognized by the Northwest Local School District for the All-County Teaching Team. I feel blessed every day to be able to work with such a dynamic, supportive and compassionate staff that truly teaches out of love for the children."

Principal Jim LaRiccia nominated her for this award, "She displays exceptional character and is a role model to all with her organization, positive attitude and flexibility."

A 1980 Northwest High School alumna, Mrs. Tollett received her B.S. and M.A. from Miami University. She worked as an Assistant Director of Recreational Sports at the University of Texas in Arlington and as a substitute teacher in Wadsworth Local Schools. She says that working as a substitute teacher helped her recognize "the positive impact she could have on children." She adds, "I enjoyed the challenge of having different personalities with a variety of interests in my classroom. The biggest reward is when I see a student work hard to figure out how to do something and then feel the joy of success. Getting to experience learning with them is the biggest perk of my job!"



Mrs. Ellen Tollett

Mrs. Tollett and her husband, Ken, have two children, Katey, a junior at Miami University, and Kenny, a senior at Wadsworth High School. Mrs. Tollett will be honored at a recognition dinner April 29 at the R.G. Drage Career Center.

Mr. Travis Stroh named "Rookie of the Year"

Seventh-grade science teacher, Travis Stroh, has been selected as "Rookie of the Year" for the Northwest Local School District. A graduate of Northwest High School and Kent State University, he is enjoying his first full year of teaching at Northwest Middle School and coaching football and wrestling:

Mr. Stroh expresses his enjoyment of being in our district, "Northwest is an awesome place to be. I have been blessed with this opportunity to begin my career here. The students are very hardworking and respectful. The staff has been helpful with any question I might have and everyone I have encountered truly has the best interest of the student always at the forefront. Everyone is easy to approach and willing to help."

As a young educator, Mr. Stroh recognizes the importance of meeting the needs of all his students: "The biggest challenge has to be the things that you can't learn in a college classroom. The emotions, problems, and social life of a seventh-grader can and will change daily and vary for all 25-30 students in your classroom. Having to try and focus all of these different personalities on the task at hand for a 45-minute class can be a challenge. At the same time though, it can be the most rewarding part of the job when you are able to reach students and have an impactful effect on them."



Mr. Travis Stroh

Students prepare for OAA

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Students keep track of their tribe’s success through the use of totem poles located in the cafeteria. These totem poles consist of boxes stacked in the order that each tribe stands in the Survivor category.

Mr. Tausch calls Tribal Island “an effective and yet entertaining twist to the preparation process.” He adds, “There is no doubt when the test arrives later this month that our students will stand tall. They will show everyone how they, not only survived, but conquered the Ohio Achievement Assessments and were the last ones on the island!”

OSFC funds over \$29.2 Million for Construction Project

Dan Levensgood, Treasurer

Have you driven by the Northwest campus now that the construction is almost complete and admired the view? Have you had the opportunity to go inside any of the three buildings that have either been renovated or had a small expansion added to them? The buildings are technologically advanced, energy efficient, eco-friendly, and safe. And the Ohio School Facilities Commission provided \$29,285,796.00 for the construction.

Beginning in December 2009, the OSFC began making quarterly payments to Northwest to cover the costs of construction for the next three months. Every quarter we would receive a deposit in an amount equal to what the OSFC had predetermined would be the cost of construction for the next three months. Most of the time the deposit was slightly more than the actual cost of construction, allowing us to earn some interest on the excess funds. Since the beginning of the draw downs from the OSFC, we have earned approximately \$15 thousand in interest on the excess funds. The interest earnings go back into the project and are allocated to the construction costs. We have received our last draw down from the OSFC, and as construction comes to a close it is satisfying to know that Northwest was able to accomplish all of this with the help of over \$29 million from the Ohio School Facilities Commission.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Since the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), testing has become an important aspect of education. NCLB required that each state “establish academic standards to show what students should know and be able to do in reading and mathematics at the end of each grade,” according to the Ohio Department of Education. Exams allow the school district to determine if each child is meeting his or her potential. A student who falls behind can then be offered support and practice in order to move on to more advanced material.

Third-Grade Reading Guarantee

Recent legislation by the Ohio Legislature strengthened the longstanding Third Grade Guarantee (once called the Fourth Grade Guarantee) to give a greater emphasis to reading instruction and intervention in the early grades. Through this initiative, school districts and community schools will diagnose reading deficiencies in students at grades kindergarten through three, create individualized reading improvement and monitoring plans and provide intensive reading interventions.

For the 2012-2013 school year, student must score 390 on either the fall or spring administration of the Grade 3 Reading OAA. The district must select one of the following options for students not reaching the designated score on the third grade reading Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) (ORC 3313.608(A) (1)):

- Promote the student to the fourth grade if the principal and student’s reading teacher agree that the student is prepared academically for Grade 4, based on another evaluation of reading skill;
- Promote the student to the fourth grade, but continue to provide intensive intervention services in Grade 4; or
- Retain the student in the third grade.

Parents who have questions about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee are encouraged to contact the building principal of their child’s school or Ms. Debora Clark, Director of Instruction.



Curriculum News

Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

What Parents Should Know About Ohio's New Local Report Cards

Ohio is changing how it reports the academic progress of local school districts to parents and community residents. The new Local Report Card System, approved by the Ohio General Assembly in December, is based upon A to F letter grades, similar to what most of us received when we were students. This new system will make it easier for everyone to know just how schools and districts are performing.

Previous report cards were mostly based on how well students performed on state assessments. While assessments will still be a major part of school and district grades, the new report card will show the results in a different way. The new approach takes the place of the existing system that used six ratings to describe school performance: Excellent with Distinction, Excellent, Effective, Continuous Improvement, Academic Watch and Academic Emergency.

How will it work?

Schools and districts will receive letter grades in six broad categories:

Achievement: How well are students doing against national and state standards of success?

Gap Closing: Are students in all demographic groups making gains in reading and math?

Graduation Rate: Are all students graduating on time?

Progress: Are students of all abilities growing academically?

K-3 Literacy: Are students in kindergarten through third grade reading at or above grade level?

Prepared for Success: Are students ready for college and careers?

An overall grade for the school and/or district will be the combination of grades of all six categories.

When does it start?

While grades in most categories begin in August 2013, an overall grade for each category and the school and district will not be issued until August 2015. This date gives schools time to adjust to the new system and focus their efforts on being successful in all areas being measured.

Race to the Top Grant Update

Northwest Local School District is currently finishing the work outlined in year three of its Race to the Top Grant. All certified staff members were trained on the creation and utilization of Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) on February 15, 2013. The staff is working collaboratively in grade level/content area teams to design SLOs that will be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year. The district is finalizing the piloting of the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) and will implement this new tool during the upcoming school year.

The district continues to focus on implementing the Formative Instructional Practices (FIP) initiative. Grade level and department level teams are continuing their collaborative work to identifying clear learning targets for each content area, and developing and deploying common assessment practices that promote student engagement and learning.

The Race to the Top transformation team met on Friday, April 5th. The team focused on the feedback provided from the February 29 StockTake meeting with the RttT Regional Coordinator Ivan Wilson. The team also worked on the district's staff development plan for the 2013-2014 school year.

The district is currently on track to meet its identified RttT goals and performance measures.

Open Enrollment Expanded

Northwest Local Board of Education members voted to expand the open enrollment policy at the February meeting. The previous policy allowed students from adjacent school districts to attend Northwest. The new policy will allow students from any school district in Ohio to now enroll.

According to Dr. Mike Shreffler, "We will make sure that we only take students if and when there is room for those students without adding staff. We feel that with the drop in enrollment we have experienced, this option will help our district grow."

The Northwest Local School District is attractive to students and parents thanks to its designation of "Excellent with Distinction" by the Ohio Department of Education. In addition, thanks to the support of local residents, the district has recently upgraded its campus through the Ohio School Facilities Commission, and students have classrooms and labs that enhance learning.

Jennings Grant: Educators return from Chicago Conference

Five Northwest Local educators attended the March ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) conference in Chicago, thanks to a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Grant. The emphasis was on differentiated instruction, the adaptation of classroom learning to meet the diverse individual needs of students. These five educators will lead workshops where they will help other Northwest teachers develop student-centered classrooms.



Heidi Cowley, Amy Lower, Debora Clark, Becca Wirfel and Pam Kurz

“One of the best things about the conference was networking with colleagues from around the world and around the country. It was comforting to know that they face many of the same challenges that we do as educators. Even though it seems like we are constantly adapting to changes in education, the presenters were so realistic and understanding. They shared many different strategies that will be easy to adopt in creating a differentiated environment where students can learn in the style that will help them achieve their best potential. I am looking forward to sharing with the rest of the staff!”

Mrs. Becca Wirfel

“The one thing I was impressed with at the conference was how down to earth the speakers were. They would take the time to take your questions and talk with you one on one or in a small group. It made it an awesome experience! There was so much that we learned. The big idea that I learned was to really try to get student to not just know the material, but to truly understand what the material is. When they understand the material, they can apply it and it is something they have learned that will stick with them throughout their lives.”

Mrs. Heidi K. Cowley

“This conference was a great experience! Differentiating instruction will meet the needs of every student and challenge them to do their best. We were introduced to ways to help motivate students to become more accountable for their own learning.”

Mrs. Pam Kurz

“It was an unforgettable experience to collaborate with my team as we joined other educators from around the country and world to learn better differentiation models that can be used in our classrooms. What impressed me the most was there is no one way to do differentiation. It is a process that is combined with a quality classroom environment, trust between teacher/student, a growth mindset from all individuals involved, and a passion to inspire kids through engaging, motivating lessons. Differentiation is not giving advanced kids more and struggling kids less. We’re trying to raise the bar for all kids and meet targets for our grade level. There are just different journeys to meet this challenge. That’s where the teacher’s knowledge comes in.”

Mrs. Amy Lower

“The opportunity to attend the Differentiation and 21st Century Thinking Skills Conference enabled the team to experience and learn instructional strategies that will be utilized to create differentiated classrooms, enabling students to achieve their highest potential. The differentiation team will provide embedded professional development for all of the teachers in the district by modeling instructional strategies and providing classroom support as teachers implement differentiated classrooms.”

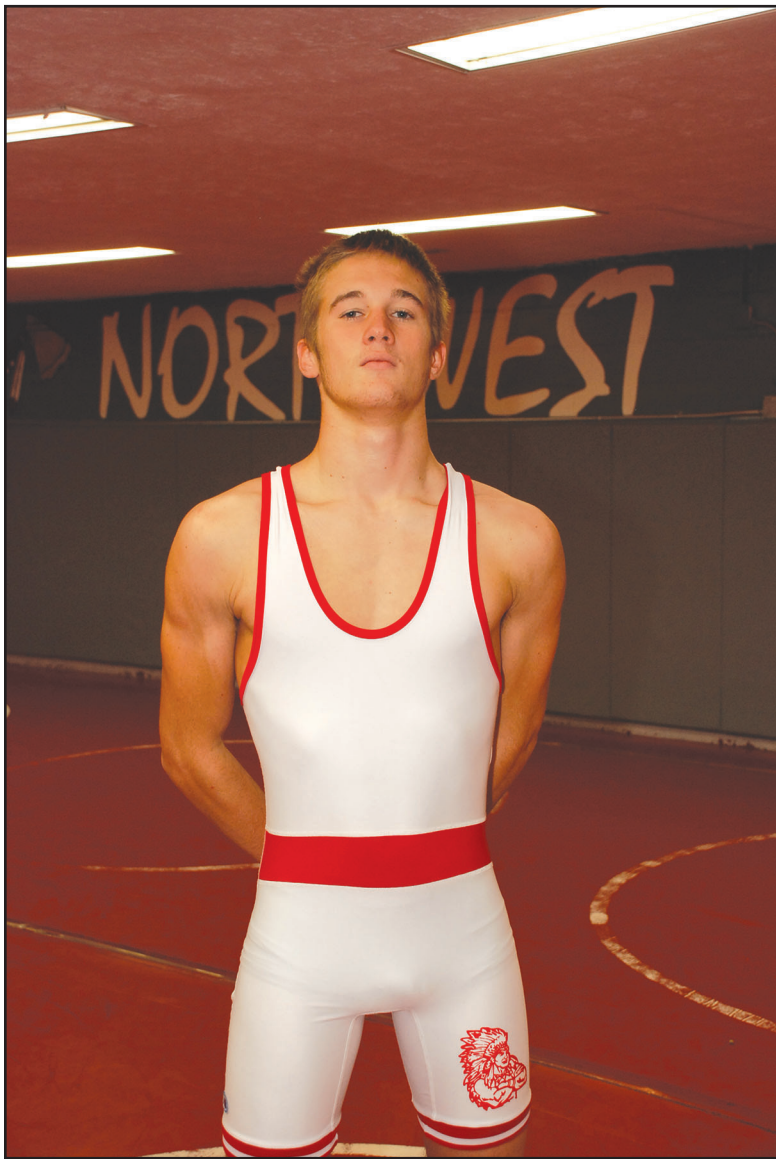
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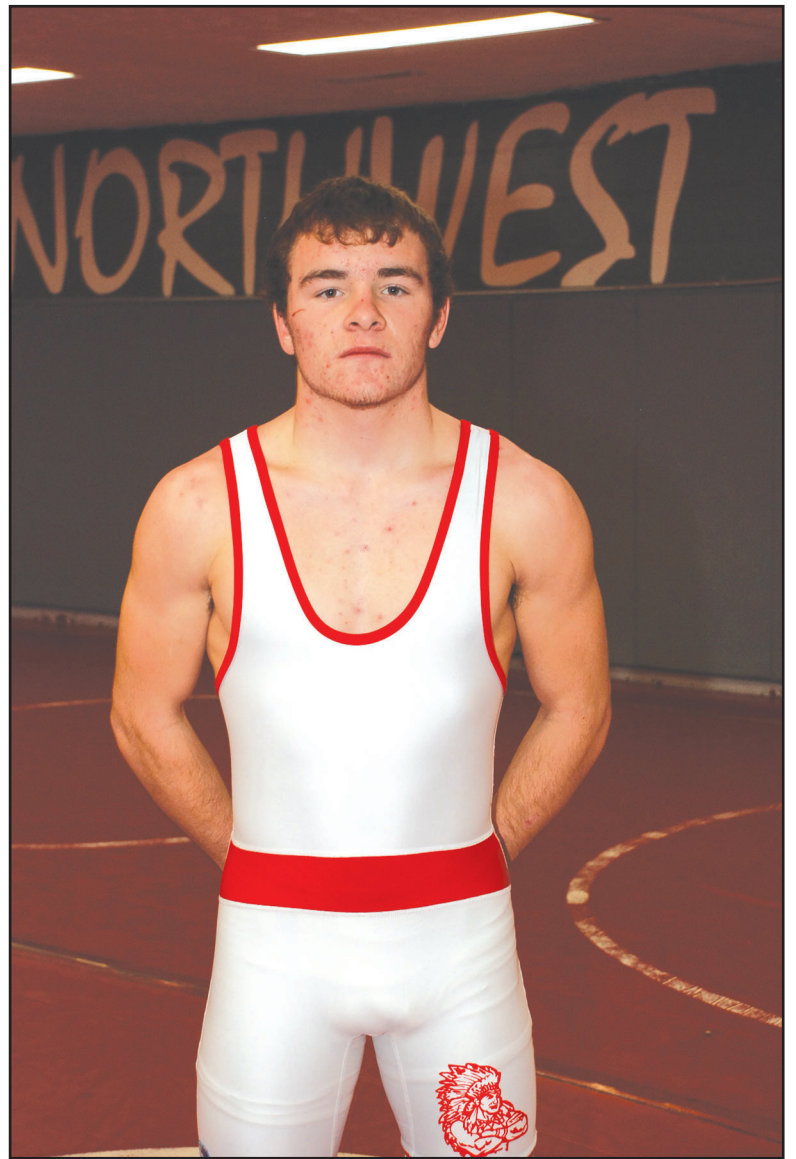
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Justin Smith and Kyle Harris at State Wrestling Tournament



Justin Smith



Kyle Harris

Seniors Justin Smith and Kyle Harris finished their wrestling careers in style, as both young men qualified for the state wrestling tournament. While both young men had excellent careers, they will also be remembered for their leadership and dedication.

Over the past two seasons, Justin Smith has broken three records. Last year he broke the pin record with 24 pins. This year he broke the single season win record with 48 wins and the single season takedown record with 237 takedowns. This season Justin was the champion at 138 lbs. at the Cambridge Tournament. He also took third places at the Hoover Holiday Tournament and the Top Gun Tournament. He finished second at sections, third at districts and eighth at the state meet.

“Justin has impressed me with his great improvement over the past two seasons I have coached him,” said Mr. Zach Meissner. “He has turned into quite a leader and an example for the younger boys on the team. He is respected by the community, and he has done great things for this program and Northwest High School.”

A state qualifier in 2012, Kyle Harris had high expectations for himself this year. Coach Meissner said injuries hampered his ability to compete at times: “He missed a lot of time with shoulder issues and was still able to qualify for the state meet, a huge accomplishment considering his injuries.” This season Kyle, wrestling in the 145 lb. weight class, finished second at Cambridge and third at Hoover. After finishing fourth at districts, Kyle qualified for the state wrestling match.

“Kyle has also impressed me with his leadership and help working with the younger less experienced kids on the high school team. He is a very honorable young man who has much respect from the other athletes because of his demeanor,” said Coach Meissner. “I will miss both young men a great deal, and I appreciate the way they represented our program and our school.”

Northwest High School Spring 2013 Sports Schedules

2013 Varsity Baseball Schedule

Sat.	3/30	Coventry	Home	12:00
Sat.	3/30	Coventry	Home	2:00
Fri.	4/05	Fairless	Away	5:00
Sat.	4/06	Canton McKinley	Away	11:00
Mon.	4/08	Carrollton	Away	5:00
Tue.	4/09	Dover	Home	5:00
Wed.	4/10	Alliance	Away	5:00
Mon.	4/15	Barberton	Home	5:00
Wed.	4/17	Can. Central Catholic	Home	5:00
Thu.	4/18	Fairless	Home	5:00
Fri.	4/19	Barberton	Away	5:00
Sat.	4/20	Tuslaw	Away	11:00
Mon.	4/22	Canton McKinley	Home	5:00
Tue.	4/23	Kidron CC	Away	4:30
Wed.	4/24	Alliance	Home	5:00
Sat.	4/27	Marlington	Away	11:00
Sat.	4/27	Marlington	Away	1:00
Mon.	4/29	Carrollton	Home	5:00
Thu.	5/02	Dalton	Away	4:30
Fri.	5/03	Norton	Home	4:30
Mon.	5/06	Orrville	Away	4:30

2013 Junior Varsity Baseball Schedule

Sat.	3/30	Coventry	Away	12:00
Sat.	3/30	Coventry	Away	2:00
Fri.	4/05	Fairless	Home	5:00
Sat.	4/06	Canton McKinley	Home	11:00
Mon.	4/08	Carrollton	Home	5:00
Tue.	4/09	Dover	Away	5:00
Wed.	4/10	Alliance	Home	5:00
Mon.	4/15	Barberton	Away	5:00
Wed.	4/17	Can. Central Catholic	Away	5:00
Thu.	4/18	Fairless	Away	5:00
Fri.	4/19	Barberton	Home	5:00
Sat.	4/20	Tuslaw	Home	11:00
Mon.	4/22	Canton McKinley	Away	5:00
Tue.	4/23	Kidron CC	Home	4:30
Wed.	4/24	Alliance	Away	5:00
Sat.	4/27	Marlington	Home	11:00
Sat.	4/27	Marlington	Home	1:00
Mon.	4/29	Carrollton	Away	5:00
Thu.	5/02	Dalton	Home	4:30
Fri.	5/03	Norton	Away	4:30
Mon.	5/06	Orrville	Home	4:30

2013 Softball Schedule

Sat.	3/30	West Branch	Away	12:00
Sat.	3/30	West Branch	Away	1:30
Mon.	4/01	Norton	Home	5:00
Tue.	4/02	GlenOak	Away	5:00
Thu.	4/04	Fairless	Away	5:00
Fri.	4/05	Cuyahoga Falls	Away	5:00
Mon.	4/08	Canton McKinley	Home	5:00
Tue.	4/09	Dover	Away	5:00
Thu.	4/11	Can. Central Catholic	Home	5:00
Fri.	4/12	Alliance	Away	5:00
Sat.	4/13	Tuslaw	Home	1:00
Mon.	4/15	Marlington	Away	5:00
Thu.	4/18	Fairless	Home	5:00
Fri.	4/19	Chippewa	Home	4:30
Sat.	4/20	Coventry	Away	11:00
Sat.	4/20	Coventry	Away	1:00
Tue.	4/23	Kidron CC	Home	4:30
Wed.	4/24	Our Lady of the Elms	Away	4:30
Thu.	4/25	Washington	Home	5:00
Fri.	4/26	Smithville	Away	4:30
Sat.	4/27	Cuyahoga Falls	Home	11:00
Thu.	5/02	Washington	Away	5:00
Fri.	5/03	Barberton	Away	5:00
Tue.	5/07	Canton McKinley	Away	5:00
Wed.	5/08	Our Lady of the Elms	Home	4:30
Sat.	5/11	GlenOak	Home	11:00
Mon.	5/13	Marlington	Home	5:00



Senior Matt Heitger pitched a perfect game against Lake Center Christian last year.

Please double-check the school district website to make certain that games have not been canceled or postponed due to inclement weather.



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Northwest Middle School Track 2013 Spring Schedule

Wed.	4/03	Coventry	Home	4:30
Wed.	4/03	Lake	Home	4:30
Fri.	4/05	Rittman	Home	4:30
Fri.	4/05	Orrville	Home	4:30
Mon.	4/08	Tuslaw	Tuslaw	4:00
Thu.	4/11	Dover Invitational	Dover	4:30
Mon.	4/15	Meyers Lake	Home	4:30
Thu.	4/18	Dalton	Home	4:30
Mon.	4/22	New Philadelphia	New Philly	4:30
Mon.	4/22	Harrison Central	New Philly	4:30
Sat.	4/27	Meyers Lake	TBA	12:00
Mon.	4/29	Manchester	Manchester	4:15
Sat.	5/04	Lake Invitational	Lake	9:00

Northwest High School Track 2013 Boys and Girls Track Spring Schedule

Sat.	3/30	Sandy Valley Relays	Away	9:00
Thu.	4/04	Coventry	Away	4:30
Sat.	4/06	Falcon Invitational	Away	10:00
Tue.	4/09	Washington	Away	4:30
Sat.	4/20	St. Thomas Big Ox	Away	10:00
Sat.	4/27	Stark County Meet	Perry	9:00
Fri.	5/03	Marlington Relays	Away	5:00
Tue.	5/07	Canton Central Catholic	Home	5:00
Fri.	5/10	Lake Relays	Away	4:00
Wed.	5/15	Barberton	Home	4:30
Sat.	5/18	Canton CC Manse Relays	Away	10:00

Please check the school district website to make certain that meets have not been canceled or postponed due to weather.

Athletic Charitable Committee (ACC)

The Athletic Charitable Committee (ACC) is actively seeking new officers to fill open board positions this spring. The ACC is a committee of volunteers dedicated to improving our local Northwest sporting facilities in order to continue our commitment to excellence for future generations. If you are interested or know individuals that would be good candidates, please have them contact Eric Bornstine (bornstine.e@northwest.sparcc.org) or Larry Murgatroyd (larrymurgatroyd@att.net) for more information. Get started, get involved, start now!

Please don't forget the Touchdown Club Spring Draw Down at Hillside on April 27 and the Diamond Club's Scotch Doubles bowling fund-raiser at Charger Lanes in Norton May 4.

ACC	First Sunday of the month	5 p.m.	High School Commons
Runners Club	First Sunday of the month	4 p.m.	High School: Room 107
Touchdown Club	First Monday of the month	7 p.m.	VFW
Take down Club	First Tuesday of the month	7 p.m.	VFW
NW Cheer Association	First Tuesday of the month	6:30 p.m.	Home Ec Room
Lady Indians BB Boosters	Second Monday of the month	6 p.m.	Middle School Library
Boys Soccer Boosters	Second Wednesday of the month	7 p.m.	Northwest High School
Lady Indians Soccer	Second Thursday of the month	6:30 p.m.	Middle School Library
Girls Softball Boosters	Third Wednesday of the month	6 p.m.	Grayce Ann's Restaurant
Diamond Club	First Sunday of the month	7 p.m.	High School Commons

NW Jr. Golf Scramble

Sponsored By:
NW Golf Development Program
and the Lyons Family

Saturday, April 20, 2013
4:00 p.m.

\$20.00 for all NW Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
Dinner, Prizes, Open House following Play

For Questions Contact Carrie Foutty at 330-854-9253
Or Andy Lyons at 330-605-2750
Or Lyons Den Golf Course at 330-854-9910

Olweus Anti-Bullying Campaign

Since the Olweus Anti-bullying Campaign was kicked off in January, Northwest faculty and staff members are continuing their effort to extend the foundation of the anti-bullying program. Staff members are taking part in a voluntary Olweus refresher training geared toward positive reinforcement and ways to encourage students to take responsibility for their behavior. Teachers are also working on ideas for successful classroom meetings. In addition, bus drivers are receiving further training in the Olweus program because of the challenges of monitoring student behavior on buses. The school district views this program as an ongoing commitment to prevent bullying in our district.



Stinson Anti-bullying poster winners
Front row: Alex Goddard and Kennedy Kraft
Back row: Kelsey Milkey and Natalie Freaser with Mrs. Marcy McKendry

Northwest Swim Program returns for Fourth-grade students at Stinson

The fourth-grade swim program has been reinstated this April. Students will visit the Paul and Carol David YMCA for six weeks. The one-hour weekly lessons will be taught by the highly qualified aquatic staff at the Jackson YMCA..

The swim program had been cut during the school district’s financial difficulties. According to Dr. Mike Shreffler, “The Y has partnered with us in various ways, and they have given us an unbelievable deal this year that will allow us to continue the program.” Fourth-graders are charged \$10 to participate in the swim lessons, and the district has obtained some donations to cover the expenses of those students unable to pay the \$10 fee.

Mrs. Laurie Traganza, a fourth-grade teacher at Stinson Elementary, is pleased to see the program return. “Some of the children are afraid of the water, and it’s very important for them to have swimming lessons.”

Northwest Primary School holds its annual “Kiss the Pig” Fund-raiser



Jenelle Vargas is holding the goat for Megan Poppovich to kiss

Northwest Primary School held its annual “Kiss the Pig” fund-raiser recently. Each class had a collection jar that looked like a pig, and students were encouraged to “feed” their piggy with change. Students and teachers raised approximately 13 hundred dollars to donate to the Airfare Assistance Fund. This fund assists soldiers in paying for their plane fare home. Teachers from the classrooms that collected the most change were invited to kiss the pig, which looks remarkably like a goat.

Sounds of Sousa Band In Concert

To be a featured performing ensemble with the Northwest Middle School Band, Kim Good, conductor

Sunday, May 5th, 2013 – 2 p.m.
Northwest High School Puffenberger Hall
8580 Erie Avenue NW, Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614
Event admission: Free

Marcus Neiman, artistic director-conductor
Mark Tryon, associate conductor
Kim Good, guest conductor
Michael Willard, cornet soloist
Bruce Nist, xylophone soloist
Program – subject to change

Overture, *Festive Overture* (1954)Shostakovich/Hunsberger
ENCORE – *Hail to the Spirit of Liberty* (march) (1900)Sousa
Cornet Solo, *Carnival of Venice* (1864)Arban/Leidzen
Michael Willard, soloist
ENCORE, *Pie in the Face Polka* (from *The Great Race*) (1965)Mancini/Vincent
Featuring the clarinet section
March, *Washington Post* from *Carmen* (1889)Sousa
Kim Good, guest conductor
Xylophone solo, *Fluffy Ruffles* (1919)Green
Bruce Nist, soloist
Popular, *Benny Goodman 'King of Swing'* (2009)Goodman/Murtha
ENCORE, *Footlifter* (march) (1935)Fillmore/Blatti
Characteristic, *Bones Trombone* (1922).....Fillmore
Dance, *Wedding Dance*Press/Johnson
March, *The Stars and Stripes Forever* (1896)John Philip Sousa

Visit The Sounds of Sousa Band website: <http://www.soundsofsousa.com/>



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School Calendar for 2013-2014

August 2013						
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Northwest Local Schools Calendar 2013-2014

August
16 Convocation Day
19 First Student Day
30 Building In-Service
September
2 Labor Day
October
14 In-Service On Your Own
25 End of 9 Weeks (47 days)
November
11 Waiver Day
28-29 Thanksgiving Break
December
2 Teacher Exchange Day
23-31 Christmas Break
January
1-3 Christmas Break
10 End of 9 Weeks (43 days)
End of Semester (90 days)
20 Martin Luther King Day
February
14 Waiver Day
17 Presidents Day
March
21 End of 9 Weeks (48 days)
24-28 Spring Break
April
18 Teacher Exchange Day
May
26 Memorial Day
29 Last Student Day
End of 9 Weeks (43 days)
End of Semester (91 days)
30 In-Service Day

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
1st Day – May 30, 2014 – consecutive
weekdays as needed

-  First & Last Student Day
-  No School
-  No School – Teacher In-service Day
-  No School – Teacher Exchange Day

Student Days - 181
Teacher Days - 184

-  OGT Testing
-  OAA Testing

February 2014						
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June 2014						
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July 2014						
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Save these important Dates for Spring 2013!

Northwest Primary School

April 30	Physical Education Show	2:30 p.m.
May 2	Physical Education Show	2:30 p.m.
May 7	Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.
May 9	Second-grade Munchin' with Mom	6:00 p.m.
May 10	Primary School Field Day	

Stinson Elementary School

April 15-19	Agricultural Mobile Learning Lab	
April 19	OAA Pep Rally	2:00 p.m.
April 23	Ohio Achievement Assessments	
May 17	Fabulous Fitness Day (grades 4,5)	
May 22	Fifth-grade Track and Field	
May 24	Fifth-grade Celebration	10 a.m.

Northwest Middle School

April 19	Tribal Island Final Challenge	1:00 p.m.
April 23	OAA Reading	
April 25	OAA Math	
April 30	OAA Science	
May 15	Student of the Month Banquet	6:30 p.m.
May 23-24	Academic Exams	
May 23	NW MS Awards Assembly	1:00 p.m.
May 24	Last day for students	

Northwest High School

April 15	Senior Class Photo	7:35 a.m.
May 1	Annual College Fair	6:00 p.m.
May 4	Prom at Prime 93	7:30 p.m.
May 13	Honors Banquet	6:30 p.m.
May 13	Awards Ceremony	7:30 p.m.
May 15-17	Senior Exams	
May 20-22	No school for seniors	
May 22-24	Underclassman Exams	
May 23	SWORD	
May 24	Graduation Practice	10:00 a.m.
May 24	Last day for students 9-11	
May 25	Graduation Akron Baptist Temple	2:00 p.m.

Northwest Band Performances

The Northwest High School Instrumental Music Department has a number of events scheduled for the spring. Bands will host a Jazz Night April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Puffenberger Hall. One of the new groups performing this year is the Dixieland Ensemble, directed by Kim Good. On May 5 a free community concert, "Sounds of Sousa," will be held at Puffenberger Hall. The annual spaghetti dinner will be held May 11 from 5-8 p.m. with all middle school and high school bands performing.



Members of the Dixieland Ensemble include Abigail Woodward, Debra Long, Kiera Sparling, Heather Butti, Rachel Gatsios, Emily Liknes and Ben Finefrock.



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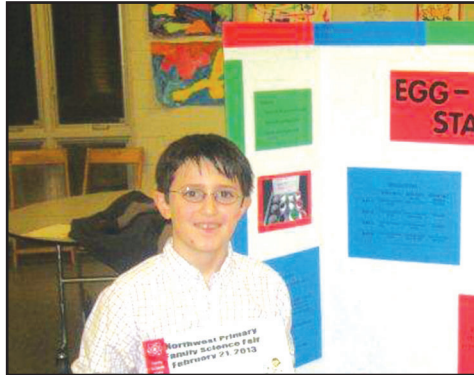
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Northwest Primary School holds Annual Science Fair

Northwest Primary School held its Eleventh Annual Family Science Night. Students and family members created a science fair project that was displayed that evening. All participants received a special certificate in recognition of their hard work.



Mason Humphrey



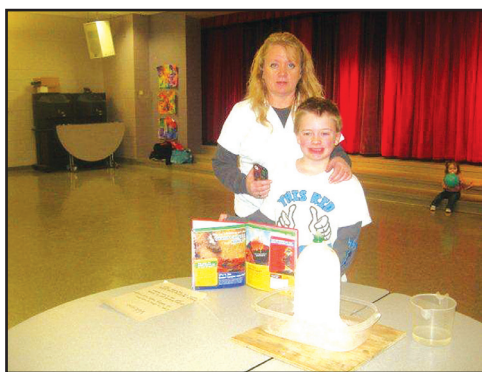
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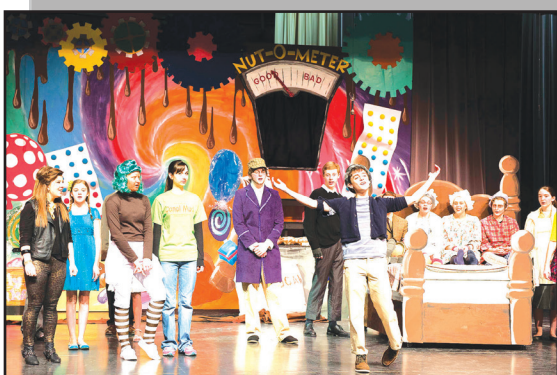


Caden Skinner



Madison Fox

Northwest High School Students will present "Willy Wonka: The Musical" this Weekend: Please join us!



NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS *Rosald Dahl's*

Willy Wonka THE MUSICAL

SCRUMDILYUMPTIOUS

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
Puffenberger Hall - Entrance "F"
8580 Erie Ave. NW
Canal Fulton, Ohio

For full details, please call
NHS @ 330-854-2205 ext. 7833 (PUFF)
or visit our school website at:
www.northwest.sparcc.org

Get your tickets early for this
SCRUMDILYUMPTIOUS
musical event.
Seussical 2012
sold out
all three shows!

\$8.00 Adult
\$6.00 Student/Sr. Citizen
Reserved Seating

Friday, April 12 🌟 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 13 🌟 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 14 🌟 2:00 pm

Please visit the ticket booth in Puffenberger Hall - Entrance F, Saturday 4/6 from 10 AM to 2 PM or Thursdays 4/4 & 4/11 from 5 PM - 8 PM or call Dian Mollet at the ticket booth at 330-854-2205 ext PUFF(7833).
Tickets may also be purchased at the door one hour before show times based upon availability.