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School recognized
as one of the
'BEST HIGH
SCHOOLS'
in US News and
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Athletic Hall of Fame: Class of 2018

Twenty one outstanding athletes, coaches, and contributors were inducted into the Northwest Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, January 13th. The inductees of 2018 comprise the second class inducted to honor the rich athletic heritage of the district. Each has preserved his or her name in Northwest athletic history and has set a standard of excellence for future Indian athletes. It is the hope of the Hall of Fame committee that this honor will continue to gain support within the Northwest community, ensuring that it will become an annual event. A special thanks to the Hall of Fame committee members: **Chris Brady, Laura Distell, Jason Hathaway, John Hexamer, Steve Jones, Gary Woods**, and committee chairman **Rich Workman**.

Gary Dial, Coach & Administrator

Gary received his Bachelor of Science degree from Ashland in 1972 and his Master in Education degree from The University of Akron in 1978. He taught at Fairless, Akron Hoban, and Canton McKinley high schools before coming to Northwest in the fall of 1981. As head football coach, his teams from 1981 to 1983 were an impressive 24-5-1. The 1983 All Ohio Conference team won the conference title with a 9-0-1 record—Northwest's first undefeated football team. Gary also coached from 1986 to 1989 with continued success. He gave up his coaching duties to become a district administrator. Sadly, Gary was taken from us in December 2012 after 37 years in education. The road leading to the high school and middle school, Dial Way, has been named in his honor. (*Bonnie Dial, pictured above, accepted the award for her late husband, Gary.*)



Ben Easterling, Contributor

A 1968 graduate of Barberton High School, Ben was a 4-sport athlete and a leader on his teams and in his school. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky. While employed at Babcock and Wilcox as a cost engineer, he was also employed by Campfield Hickman Collier Funeral Home in Barberton. He became a licensed funeral director and joined forces with Glen Swigart to found Swigart-Easterling Funeral Home in Canal Fulton in 1978. Ben has become one of the community's greatest philanthropists and leaders supporting local entities with his time, talents, and finances. During Northwest's financial crisis, he was a leader on the Independent Finance Committee that recommended financial strategy to save the district and put it on sound financial footing.



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Board of Education



From left: Bob Schilling, Vice-President John Hexamer, Board President James Gindlesberger, Victor Colaianni, Stephen Jones.

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Northwest Board of Education

The Northwest Board of Education held its organizational meeting on Monday, January 10, 2018. The Honorable Judge Edward Elum led board members James Gindlesberger, Victor Colaianni, and Bob Schilling in the oath of office. James Gindlesberger was selected to serve as the Board President and John Hexamer was selected to serve as the Board Vice-President. The Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at Northwest High School in Room 302. The Board of Education agendas, meeting minutes, and board member contact information is available on the district website under the Board of Education link.

Gifted Identification

While all children have gifts and talents, not all children are considered “gifted.” Northwest Local understands the need for educational opportunities for students who demonstrate exceptional cognitive and academic skills. Gifted identification begins as young as kindergarten. Students who qualify for services in grades K-3 have access to enriched curriculum opportunities in reading and mathematics. Students in 4th and 5th grade who qualify for services have access to our gifted ELA and math courses. Students in middle school and high school have access to enriched courses, AP courses, and College Credit Plus courses. All students in kindergarten through eleventh grade participate in whole-grade academic screening. In addition, second and fifth grade students participate in whole-grade gifted screening in the area of superior cognitive abilities and creative thinking. Parents may refer their child for gifted testing by requesting a referral form from their building administrator and returning the form by May 1, 2018. For additional information regarding gifted identification and screening, please contact Debora Clark, Gifted Coordinator at (330) 854-2291 or clark.d@northwest.sparcc.org.

Alumni of Distinction Dr. Brian H. Lower

Dr. Brian H. Lower, a 1990 graduate of Northwest High School, is currently an associate professor for the School of Environmental and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University. He earned his Bachelor Degree from Kent State University and holds a Ph. D. in chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Education Award and the college’s Rodney F. Plimpton Outstanding Teacher Award, which is the highest honor given to faculty by the college. Dr. Lower most recently received two awards this past year: The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) 2016 Excellence in College and University Teaching Award for Food and Agricultural Sciences and the 2017 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. Dr. Lower continues to conduct research in the field of microbial biogeochemistry. He engages students and builds excitement in his field. Lower joined OSU in 2008 and within a year of teaching, his class sizes doubled! He has taught over 30 courses to almost 6,000 students. Even students who claim they don’t like science list Brian H. Lower among their favorite professors.



Antique Appraisal

by professional appraiser Andrew Richmond

March 10, 2018 • 9:30 am - noon

at Warehouse on the Canal
(239 Canal St. North), Canal Fulton

Registration required by March 9 at 330-854-3808 or email office@cfheritage.org with name, phone, and item(s). \$5 per item (max. of 3). Sponsored by Canal Fulton Heritage Society.

Holiday Celebrations throughout the District



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High School News



Vocal Program: Proud and Growing!

By Ethan Lower, Choir President

The Northwest choir program is among the top programs in the state. In a short and work-filled four years, our members, directors, accompanists, voice teachers, boosters, parents, students, school, and community have turned a small school's choir into a truly great group. For me and our current seniors, it started in Concert Choir. Concert Choir is a place where a lot of different people meet and predominantly feel awkward the first few weeks singing next to strangers. Somehow, though, these strangers made beautiful music.

Varsity Choir, our top choir during my first few years, is where talent and skill truly begin to culminate into something special. You see, Varsity Choir is where everyone begins their path to becoming their own leader. It takes confidence and a lot of hard work to be in a top choir, and everyone must do their part. Concert is a stepping stone to the responsibility we all take on in Varsity.

My junior year, we created a new, even more highly-trained choir: Chorale. Only juniors and seniors who had been in the choir program for at least one year were permitted to try out. Chorale is something unique; we made it, and it is special. Chorale is where I realized that I could never have lived fully without music. But the choir family, and it is indeed a family, goes beyond the large group choirs that most people recognize. Men's and Women's Chorus, unique in their own right, are yet another product of our students' determination and love of choir. They take time out of their mornings to come in and work on music, and now, we are planning to take them to contest alongside the other choirs. Still, however, there are more choirs. Kokopelli, an acapella group, has grown and developed to take on more challenging and unique music. Vocal Muse, which was started this year, is a female acapella group. This group was needed! We had so many talented and willing singers vying for Kokopelli we were able to start an entirely new group!

Recently, four boys, including myself, started a barbershop quartet which intends to perform in our spring concerts. Last but not least is Northwest Singers, a close-knit group that is also very different from traditional choir, incorporating less classical music and choreography. Singers also competes in Solo and Ensemble.

The Northwest choirs are numerous, talented, skilled, and strong, led by amazing directors, Mr. Beery and our newest middle school director, Mr. Busby. Our students are creating something powerful and beautiful through the choirs here, and we invite you all to come see what we are talking about!



Mrs. Beery, Advisor.



*2017-2018 Student Officers of Thespian Troupe 8517: **Isabel Gill**, President; **Rachel Caniglia**, Vice President; **Gabrielle Zink**, Treasurer; **Natalie Savage**, Secretary.*

New at NHS: International Thespian Society

Twelve students were inducted into the very first International Thespian Society Troupe 8517 and Drama Club at Northwest High School under the leadership of Mrs. Maria Beery. Members of the Thespian Society must demonstrate a deep dedication to the performing arts through their promotion of theatre as a collaborative art form. They are held to the highest standards in performance, technical work, and production in educational theatre and are committed to the advancement of theatre in their school and in the greater community.

The induction ceremony on December 11th included a presentation of pins and certificates, a speaker in the performing arts, and refreshments afterwards.

Inductees Include: Seniors **Rachel Caniglia**, **Ethan Lower**, **Gabrielle Zink**, **Hannah Huffman**, **Logan Sundheimer**, **Leah Koval**, and **Jennifer VanCamp**. Juniors **Alex Glauthier**, **Natalie Savage**, **Olivia Harbaugh**; and Sophomores **Isabel Gill** and **Victoria Monaco**.



CHOIR OFFICERS:
Angelia Nicolardi, Business Manager; **Rachel Caniglia**, Secretary; **Hannah Knight**, Vice-President; **Ethan Lower**, President.

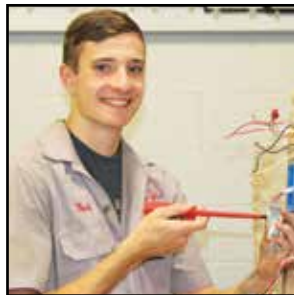
Choir Events

Feb. 16-18	School Musical	
Mar. 1	Winter Concert in Puffenberger Hall	7:00 pm
Mar. 2-3	District Large Group Adj. Event (TBA, Lake HS)	
Apr. 27-28	State Large Group Adj. Event (TBA, Jackson HS)	
May 3	Spring Concert in Puffenberger Hall.....	7:00 pm
May 11	Showcase Concert in Puffenberger Hall	7:00 pm
May 15	Choir Banquet/Awards Ceremony in Commons/Puffenberger Hall.....	6:00/7:00 pm.

Northwest Students thrive at R.G. Drage Career Technical Center

Students attending R.G. Drage Career Technical Center gain “real world” career training in addition to academics while graduating from their home school district. Currently, 65 Northwest students are enrolled at R.G. Drage. Programs range from auto collision, machining, building, and welding to sports medicine, health technologies, agriculture, and cosmetology. R.G. Drage proudly houses a student-operated restaurant and a preschool. Next school year, R.G. Drage will

Zach Cutlip is in the Building Construction program. He enjoys the hands-on learning in the lab and feels that RG Drage focuses more on his career and less on homework. After graduation, Zach plans to attend an electrical apprenticeship school to become an electrician. He has been employed by Rohr Stock Farm Sugarcreek Construction for 2 ½ years. Zach is proud of the work he has done on his lab projects.



Amiya Engleman is gaining valuable experience in the Early Childhood Education program. She enjoys learning new skills from her teachers, stating that the preschool has given her hands-on experience and has made her fall in love with her career choice. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue an early childhood education career at Stark State College of Technology and one day teach first grade. Amiya is a member of FCCLA and is working as an intern at Epworth Daycare. She is most proud of earning Early Placement in her field and earning good grades.



expand its 17 programs to include Sports Turf & Landscape Management and Engineering. Many students are eligible for job placement during their senior year, often leading to full-time employment after graduation. Students can also take advantage of opportunities to earn college credit while attending R.G. Drage. By taking the necessary college prep courses, students are prepared and encouraged to further their education beyond high school.

TJ Knight is part of the Metal Fabrication & Welding program. He likes everything about RG Drage, especially the new people he has met. He plans to attend Ohio State University after graduation to become a welding engineer. TJ gained experience at a summer job at Cramers' Custom Metal Fabrication. He has also been employed at Buffalo Wild Wings for over a year. TJ is proud of his accomplishments, which include scoring a 26 on the ACT, having perfect attendance for the past two years, and earning a 4.0 grade point average for the past two years.



Liberty Minne is studying Cosmetology. She loves working with people and making them feel beautiful. She appreciates the opportunity she has had to make new friends from different districts. Liberty currently interns at a salon and after further experience, she hopes to open her own salon and start her own make up line within the next three years. Liberty is proud of her internship experience and her good grades.



Calendar of Events

Feb. 11	COMMUNITY DAY	1-4 pm
Feb. 16-18	School Musical <i>Les Misérables</i>	
Feb. 22	P/T Conferences	2:30-7:30 pm
	Senior Information Parent Meeting @ Puff	6 pm
Feb. 27	ACT Juniors	
Mar. 1	Winter Choir Concert @ Puffenberger Hall	7 pm
Mar. 20	ACT make up day for Juniors	
Mar. 23	Man of the Year @ Puffenberger Hall	6-8 pm
Mar. 26-30	No School –Spring Break	



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Bryan Echols, Soccer

A 1999 graduate of Northwest High School, Bryan was a big part of Northwest's one-two punch (with teammate Jon Parfitt) in soccer over his 4-year career. For his efforts on the field, Bryan was selected All NBC for four consecutive years culminating with back-to-back First Team honors in 1997 and 1998. In 1998, he was selected as a First Team member of the All Stark County soccer team. Bryan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Mount Union College and played soccer for the Purple Raiders for four years. In 2002, he was selected Academic All Ohio Athletic Conference for his outstanding academic accomplishments. Bryan currently serves as operations manager for Echols Heating and Air Conditioning.



Rachel Green, Volleyball & Basketball

A 2005 graduate of Northwest High School, Rachel was a standout in both volleyball and basketball. An outside hitter for Coach John Rafailledes' teams, she helped the 2004 team carry their NBC title to the Regional Finals. In basketball, she currently ranks 5th in scoring (958 points) and 2nd in rebounding (690 boards) in the annals of Northwest Girls Basketball history. She was a 3-time All NBC selection, 2-time District IV and NE Inland District selection, and a Second Team All Ohio player in her senior season. Her "Player of the Year" status is a tribute to her hard work. Rachel received a full basketball scholarship to The University of Akron where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work, and she recently completed her Master of Health Administration degree at Ohio University.



Dakota Harkins, Volleyball & Basketball

A 2010 graduate of Northwest High School, Dakota was class valedictorian. She set and still holds many records for the Lady Indians, including career kills (1201), block kills (245), and spike attempts (2472). The Lady Indians dominated the NBC over her 4-year career with a 53-3 record and three undefeated first place finishes. Her honors include three Division II All State selections and First Team honors her junior and senior year. Dakota received an athletic scholarship to the University of Toledo where she earned four letters for the Lady Rockets and was team captain for three years. She was a 3-time All MAC selection and received the prestigious Randolph C. Downes and Mid American Conference's Academic Presidential Award. Dakota earned a degree in anthropology and history, and she earned her Master's degree from Appalachian State University.



Dave Howard, Cross Country & Track

A 2002 graduate of Northwest High School, David distinguished himself in both cross country and track. He was NBC "Runner of the Year" in 2000. He was the Stark County Champion in both 2000 and 2001 and was a District Champion in 2001. His senior year, he was the NBC Champion at 1600M, 3200M, and 4x800M relay. A three-time All Ohioan, he placed second in the 1600M in 2001 and fifth in 2002. He was also a State Medalist in the 3200M run in 2001 and 2002. He currently holds school records in the 3200M and 4X800 relay. David received an athletic scholarship to The University of Akron where he earned four letters in both cross country and track. He was the cross country team's MVP each year and was selected as the MAC's "Newcomer of the Year" in 2002. He became



only the second male in Zip's history to earn Cross Country All MAC Second Team honors in 2004 & 2005. In track, he still holds the school record in the 3000M and the 5000M. David works for MK Morse as an Edge Prep Operator.

Tyler Krzynowek, Golf & Basketball

A 2008 graduate of Northwest High School, Tyler distinguished himself in both golf and basketball, earning four letters in each sport. He was a member of the 2006 State Qualifying golf team that finished seventh at the State Tournament. He was named All NBC three times. In basketball, the Indians were NBC Champs in both 2006 and 2008. He was named All NBC in 2006, 2007, and 2008, All District IV in 2007 and 2008, and NE Inland District in 2006, 2007, and 2008. He captained the 2008 basketball team that finished in a three-way tie for first in the NBC. He finished his career as a member of the program's 1000 Point Club amassing 1070 points. This total currently ranks him fifth on the Tribe's all-time scoring list. After high school, Tyler earned his degree in Business Administration from The University of Akron.



Kim Kumer, Volleyball, Basketball, & Softball

A 1989 graduate of Northwest High School, Kim was class valedictorian and a three-sport athlete. She earned seven varsity letters: three in volleyball and four in softball. On the volleyball court, she was named First Team All Ohio League her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She helped Northwest win three consecutive AOL championships. As a Lady Indian softball player, she helped to guide Coach Russ Sherhag's teams to three straight AOL and Sectional Championships. She was selected to the First Team AOL and Stark County for her efforts. Kim received a softball scholarship to Kent State University and was a catcher for the Lady Golden Flashes. Today, Dr. Kim Kumer is a Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force where she is medical director of the Mental Health Flight division. She is stationed at Ramstein Air Force base in Germany.

Paul Kunkle, Basketball, Track, & Club Volleyball

A 1989 graduate of Northwest High School, Paul distinguished himself in two varsity sports and one club sport for the Tribe. As team MVP in basketball, he led the team in scoring, rebounding, and free-throw shooting in both his junior and senior seasons. These efforts earned him league and district honors as a First Team selection in the AOL and District IV both seasons. In 1989, he represented Northwest in both the Rotary All Star and the CYC All Star games. In the late eighties and early nineties, Northwest fielded a Club Men's Volleyball program. Paul was recognized as a First Team All Ohio Club Volleyball selection his senior year. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine and Secondary Education from Heidelberg College. After a brief teaching and coaching career, he became a Special Agent for the FBI.



Laura Lybarger Amison, Volleyball, Basketball, & Softball

A 1989 graduate of Northwest High School, Laura distinguished herself in three sports for the Lady Indians. Her volleyball prowess earned her First Team Honors in the AOL, Stark County, and District IV. She was selected as the team's MVP in 1988. Her basketball teams went 52-15 over the course of her varsity career and were



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ranked second in the final AP Girls Basketball poll. In softball, she earned Second Team All District and First Team All Stark County honors her senior season. Laura received her Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University majoring in physical therapy. She continued her education at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia and earned a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Jerry May, Football, Basketball, Baseball, & Track

A 1961 graduate of Northwest High School, Jerry earned a total of twelve varsity letters. He was an outstanding two-way football player, playing quarterback and safety and handling the kicking chores as the team's punter and placekicker. He was selected First Team All County in 1958, 1959, and 1960 on the Stark County Class "A" League Champion Northwest Indians. His play in his senior year earned him Honorable Mention All State honors. In basketball, he was a four-year starter, and the 1960 and 1961 teams were Stark County Class "A" league champions. The 1961 team earned a District championship. His play that season earned him Third Team All State honors. Jerry attended Ohio University and The University of Akron earning a degree in finance. Today, he is a retired mortgage banker.



Bob McFarland, Football, Basketball, & Track

A 1959 graduate of Northwest High School, Bob was an outstanding three-sport athlete for the Indians in their first years of existence. In football, he was selected All Stark County from Northwest's league championship teams of 1957 and 1958. His senior year, he became Northwest's first All Ohio Football honoree with a First Team selection as tackle. In basketball, the Indians competed in the county's Class A league. The 1958-59 team advanced to the OHSAA Class "AA" tournament. Bob received a football scholarship to the University of Cincinnati where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in education. He turned his talents to coaching and became a legendary football coach at Medina Highland High School compiling an impressive 34-9-2 record for the Hornets. He later became the winningest coach in his seventeen-year career coaching Wooster High School Generals.



Mark Musleve, Football, Wrestling, & Baseball

A 1977 graduate of Northwest High School, Mark earned ten varsity letters for the Tribe. He earned three football letters and was selected First Team Senate League in both 1975 and 1976. He co-captained the 1976 team and earned the prestigious Tom Culp Award given annually to Northwest's Best Offensive Lineman. In wrestling, he was a two-time Senate League Champion and a District Qualifier. He was an integral part of the wrestling program that dominated the Senate League from 1974 to 1977 winning three league titles. He was named Most Valuable Wrestler at the 1977 Northwest Invitational. On the diamond, he earned four varsity letters in baseball as a pitcher, a first baseman, and an outfielder. Mark is a thirty-eight year employee of Ohio Edison.



Jon Parfitt, Soccer

A 1999 graduate of Northwest High School, Jon distinguished himself on the soccer field as a forward. He was the leading scorer on the school's 1998 State Runner-up team. In 1997 and 1998, he was selected NBC, Stark County, and District IV First Team. He was awarded "Player of the Year" both years for all three aforementioned groups. He was selected Second Team All State as a junior and First Team All State as a senior. He finished his career with two school



records: goals scored in a season (30) and in a career (64). Both of these records still stand today. John earned an Associate Degree in Sound Engineering from Ontario Institute of Recording Technology. He is currently a sound and music producer for games and interactive media.

John Rafailides, Coach

In his twenty-eight years of coaching the Northwest Lady Indians volleyball team, John compiled an amazing 470-205 record. His teams won eleven NBC championships, eight District championships, and made eight Regional with four Regional Finalist appearances. John was a ten-time NBC "Coach of the Year," eight-time Stark County "Coach of the Year," and twelve-time District IV "Coach of the Year." In 2004, he received the State Volleyball Coaching Achievement Award. Destined for the OHSVCA Hall of Fame, he amassed over 500 victories with a winning percentage of 65.8 in his thirty-one year volleyball coaching career. John earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in education from The University of Akron and his Master of Administration degree from the University of Dayton. He is currently coaching at Massillon Washington High School.



Dan Ritzman, Basketball & Baseball

A 1995 graduate of Northwest High School, Dan was an outstanding two-sport athlete for the Indians earning varsity letters in both basketball and baseball. He earned District IV honors basketball in 1993, 1994, and 1995. He represented Northwest at both the Rotary and CYC All Star Classics in his senior season. He ended his career with 1148 points, currently ranking him fourth on the All Time Career scoring record for the Tribe. He was part of the World Sports Exchange Basketball program and took his talent to both Spain and France. As a baseball pitcher, his outstanding performance in the 1995 Stark County East-West All Star game earned him MVP honors for his team. Dan earned his degree in Business Marketing and Management from the University of Toledo.



Don Shalmo, Contributor

Don has been a fixture on the Northwest Athletic scene for nearly sixty years. He and his wife, Carol, have helped to build our programs and improve our facilities in numerous ways. He was instrumental in the construction of the Annex. He, his son Kenny, and Schalmo Builders donated to the stadium scoreboard. Most recently, he served as project general contractor and spearheaded the installation of artificial turf in the stadium. Former athletic director Gary Woods probably sums it up best when he says, "If there was something that needed done to improve Northwest as a school district or as a community, Don and Carol were the first in line to help. They have always been there for the Northwest community—its students, its athletes, and its citizens." Don, who long ago learned the value of giving, is a fifty-seven year member of the Canal Fulton Rotary. *Ken Schalmo accepted for his father Don, who was out of town.*

Cara Shiplett Rich, Cross Country, Basketball, & Track

A 2004 graduate of Northwest High School, Cara was one of our most decorated Lady Indian athletes. She was selected All NBC in both cross country and basketball for three consecutive years. Her senior season, she was named District IV and AP NE Inland District "Player of the Year." She earned Special Mention All Ohio Honors in 2004 and was selected as an alternate to the prestigious



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Middle School News

Calendar of Events

Feb. 15 Conferences2:40-8:40 pm

Mar. 26-30 No School –Spring Break

Science Fair

Over 50 Northwest Middle School students participated in the seventh and eighth grade Science Fair. **Lucie Doubet** earned the top award with her project investigating whether there were more bacteria on the shoes of kids in a daycare setting vs. kids in the middle school. As part of his Science Fair project, eighth grader, **Brady Aneshansel**, visited Mrs. Pellikan's science classes. His Marshmallow Challenge encouraged creative problem solving skills as students aimed to build the tallest tower in 18 minutes using spaghetti, tape, string, and a marshmallow. The fourth graders were excited to have Brady in the classroom and rose to the challenge presented! The teamwork and designs were very creative, with the tallest tower measuring 18 inches! Way to go, Northwest students!



*Lucie Doubet
and her winning project.*



Middle School Students Strum their Stuff



At Northwest Middle School, the guitar program is in its fifth year. Participation in the program is open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students on a first come, first served basis. No prior experience is needed, and a limited number of school-owned guitars are available for use. The program is funded by outside grants and is taught by **James Marron**, the professor of guitar at The University of Akron, and his assistant, **Henry Spencer**. Many students return each year of their middle school career to take advantage of this great opportunity.

This year, **Michael Adams, Camille Fowler, Madison Garside, Ryan Hazlett, Mark Kaufman, Charolette Knicley, Emilee Kyser, Christian Markus, Mikael Paulson, Gage Price, Claudine Sanopao, Riley Satterfield, Colton Sparks, and Isabella Wish** are participating. The eight-week program concludes with a performance at The University of Akron Guitar Day. Our students will have a unique opportunity to join students from other area middle schools and high schools as well as university students. They will experience what it is like to perform on a concert stage. Guitar Day will be on **Friday, March 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Guzzetta Recital Hall** (across from EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall).



Sixth Grade Seventh Grade Eighth Grade



**Jayla
Skelley**



**Abbie
Thomas**



**Karlie
Demchock**



**Logan
Slegus**



**Logan
Soptelean**



**Mario
Zito**

Students of the Month

Each month, the middle school staff honors trustworthy, hardworking students who accept responsibility and do their work promptly and efficiently. These students respect authority and respect their peers, demonstrating honesty and fairness. They are dependable and often do more than is required of them. Congratulations to NMS students of the month!

Momentum Awards for NW Middle School and Stinson Elementary

The Momentum Award is presented by the State Board of Education and recognizes schools for exceeding expectations in student growth for a year. To receive this recognition, a school must earn straight A's on all Value-Added measures on the state report card. Value-Added analysis helps educators measure the impact schools and teachers have on students' academic progress rates from year to year. **Northwest Middle School and W.S. Stinson Elementary received the Momentum Award for the second straight year.** There were seven schools in Stark County who received this award. We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our students and staff members.

W.S. Stinson Elementary News



Stinson Students Showcase their Talents

Talent in all forms took to the stage on December 12 at Puffenberger Hall. Stinson students auditioned and practiced to fine-tune their acts. Teachers and students entertained the audience with acts ranging from basketball tricks and karate demonstrations to violin and piano performances and dance routines. A special thanks to Stinson music teacher **Mrs. Meffan** for helping our students showcase their talents.



Calendar of Events

Mar. 22 Conferences 3:30 pm
Mar. 26-30 **No School** –Spring Break



Stinson Change Bandits

When Stinson students are asked to give back and help others, they always step up to the plate! Stinson Elementary students were Change Bandits for the “Have a Heart, Do Your Part” 98.1KDD Radiothon benefiting Akron Children’s Hospital. **Logan Wish**, a fifth-grade student, wanted the school to raise money for a good cause, so he became the student leader for this fundraiser. Each day he counted the money and kept a running total of the amount collected. Logan was impressed every time he saw how generous the students were with their coins and dollar bills and thrilled when classroom totals started to climb! A big thank you goes out to our students, parents, staff, and Logan for raising more money than we could have ever hoped! Stinson has participated in this fundraiser for several years and has never reached \$500.00. We surpassed the \$500.00 mark when we still had six more days to raise money. Stinson students are amazing and always step up to help other children!



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Northwest Primary News

Calendar of Events

Feb. 13 Last Day for Kiss the pig contest
Feb. 15 Valentines Day parties
Feb. 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45 pm-5:45 pm
Feb. 23 Rescheduled Multicultural Day
Mar. 1 Family Science Fair 6 pm
Mar. 15 Spring Pictures
Mar. 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences.....3:45-5:45 pm
Mar. 26-30 **No School** –Spring Break

Kindergarten Screening Day

April 13, 2018

at Northwest Primary

(Must call 330-854-5405 for an appointment)

Screening day is used to assist children with the transition into kindergarten in the fall.

Screening day is in the spring to give parents time, before kindergarten starts, to address any concerns.

✓ Free vision screening (Dr. Knight)

✓ **Free** hearing screening (Deb Cowgill, Speech Pathologist)

✓ **Free** immunization record screening (Bonnie Paridon, Stark County Nurse)

✓ **Free** transportation screening (Deanna Gesaman, Transportation Coordinator)

✓ **Free** letter and number screening (Northwest Primary Kindergarten Teachers)

✓ *All screenings will be completed in 30 minutes.*

Each student attending the screening day will receive a 'Kindergarten Survival' kit.

Hope to see you there!



Kindergarten Registration

To be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2018 your child must be five on or before September 30th.

Registration packets will be available through March 23, 2018, at the District's Central Office or on the district website.

Completed registration packets should be returned to the District's Central Office by April 3, 2018.



Copies of the following documents should be returned with the completed packets:

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| ✓ Birth certificate | ✓ Parent's Photo ID |
| ✓ Proof of residency | ✓ Immunization record |
| ✓ Child's social security number | ✓ Custody papers (if applicable) |

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North-South All Star game. Cara received a basketball and an academic scholarship to Baldwin-Wallace College. She was selected "Freshman Player of the Year" in the OAC. She transferred to Malone and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. At Malone she was awarded All-AMC First Team, Malone and conference Scholar Athlete, and a berth on the NCAA Mideast Regional All Star team. Cara is a quality coordinator for the Post Acute Division of Aultman Hospital.

Scott Stephan, Cross Country, Basketball, & Baseball

A 1990 graduate of Northwest High School, Scott distinguished himself in three sports, earning eight varsity letters. As a freshman and sophomore cross country runner, he was named the team's Most Valuable Runner. He co-captained the 1990 basketball team that advanced to the District Finals. In baseball, he was a two-time All NBC selection. Scott was awarded the prestigious Bolton Scholars Award and Scholarship for four years from Case Western Reserve University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. After working as a Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care nurse for the Cleveland Clinic, Scott became a special agent for the FBI and is currently serving in that capacity.



Lisa Veneziano, Basketball & Softball

A 1989 graduate of Northwest High School, Lisa excelled in both basketball and softball. Her senior season, she guided the Lady Indians basketball team to an outstanding 18-2 regular season record and a number two AP state ranking. In softball, the 1988 and 1989 teams combined to win 41 games, and they advanced to the District Championship games both years. Lisa received a softball scholarship to Kent State University where she earned four varsity letters. She was a crucial member of the team's MAC championship and qualified for the Women's College World Series. In 1993, she became the first Golden Flash to be named MAC "Player of the Year," earning her First Team All MAC. She was selected to the All-Midwest Regional team for her play in the College World Series and was inducted into the Kent State Athletic hall of Fame in 2004 as an individual and again in 2013 as a member of the 1990 College World Series team.



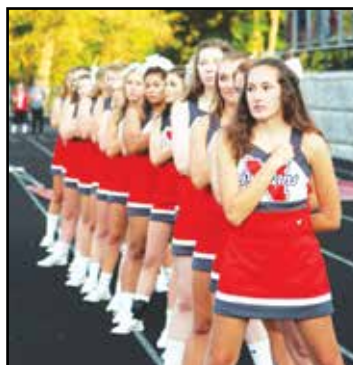
Scott Weber, Football, Wrestling, & Track

A 2006 graduate of Northwest High School, Scott earned ten varsity letters, ranking him among the most decorated of all Indian athletes. He set the career county scoring record in football with 74 rushing touchdowns and 446 points and amassed 4,891 yards rushing. He was four-time NBC selection, two-time NEO Inland District, and two-time All Stark County. A two-time All-Ohio honoree, he was selected Second Team as a junior and First Team and Offensive Player of the Year as a senior. Scott also excelled in both wrestling and track and field. As a wrestler, he was a two-time state qualifier. In 2013, he was inducted into the Northwest Wrestling Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. Scott received a football scholarship to Baldwin-Wallace College, and he later received his Master of Business Administration degree from The University of Akron.



Spring, Summer, Winter, Fall — Cheerleaders Never Take a Break at All!

Cheerleading begins with tryouts in the spring. Potential athletes are not only taught skills and routines, but they make a commitment to participate in a busy year! As soon as school is out, cheerleaders practice three times a week. They participate in a week of Cheer Camp for their own squad and also run a very popular Youth Cheer Camp. They participate in car washes and other fundraisers and are active in Canal Days. Fall, of course, brings football games! Weekly practices, workout schedules, team nights, fundraisers, and volunteering fill their weeks. Some girls try out for the competition squad, bringing a whole new level of commitment. Winter brings competitions. This year, Northwest Competition squad will be competing on February 18 at Warren G. Harding High School. Basketball season begins, and practices, team nights, fundraisers, and volunteering continue as well! The girls organize their Christmas Sock Party and their Cheer Banquet. During both seasons, cheerleaders make signs, decorate cars and locker rooms, and make treat bags. For these dedicated athletes, the time and effort is worth it.



Kendall Schenz

Varsity Cheer Captain (basketball)
"Being involved in cheerleading since I was five years old has helped me become so much more outgoing and confident. I'm so thankful for that and for all the girls that I cheer with who have become like a second family to me."



Lauren Kujath

Varsity Cheer Captain (football)
"I am truly blessed that I had the opportunity to be a Northwest cheerleader. Everyone was so accepting. I couldn't imagine not having my teammates by my side."



NORTHWEST NEWS

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Northwest Local Schools will host

Community Day

Sunday, February 11, 2018

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Northwest High School

Vendors, food, games, and raffle baskets will be just a few of the activities available for families and community members.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

A YMCA for the Community!

When you ask someone what the Y means to them, you will probably get many different answers. For some it brings back memories of swimming or playing a sport as a child. For others, it is a place to sweat off a few pounds or manage stress. For Kristen and her family, the Y was a place for them to participate when they were working through medical struggles. When you ask Kristen she will tell you, "The Y is more than a facility, it is a family to us!" The Y is all these things and more.

In Canal Fulton, the Y means possibilities for the future. It will be a place for youth to come to swim, play, and learn new skills in the afterschool, on the weekends, and in the summer. For adults, it will be a place to meet up with friends to work out and stay healthy. For families, it will be a place to have fun together participating in activities, playing, and of course swimming. For seniors, it will be a place to socialize and stay connected while remaining active. For the community, the Y will be a place to gather.

The Y has been offering programs in the community for over six years including Before and After school child care, group fitness classes, and fourth grade swimming lessons for the students of Stinson Elementary. The City of Canal Fulton, community partners, businesses, and individuals have come together to plan for a Y facility in Canal Fulton. A committee of volunteers being chaired by Ben Easterling and Becky Crawl are working with the community to raise the \$2,082,000; to date they have raised over \$1.4 million. The Y will have a state-of-the-art wellness center, program studio, gymnasium, pool, child watch, locker rooms, preschool play room, teen room, and a community room with a kitchen. The Y will be located on seven acres of land off Erie St. in the Canal Fulton Park. We need everyone's help to make this Y a reality – so how can you help? Join in by committing to the project! For more information visit www.ymcastark.org/canal-fulton. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents with the Y, contact Pam Leddon at 330-830-6275 or pledton@ymcastark.org.

I think Don Schalm sums it up the best: "Future generations will do better and the community will grow because of having a Y."



On Stage!

Les Misérables, the musical, is based on the 1862 historical novel by Victor Hugo. Set in Revolutionary France, the story follows the struggle of Jean Valjean and his quest for redemption as he is

tracked down by the relentless Inspector Javert after serving 19 years in jail for stealing a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. This sung-through musical presents a new challenge for the students of Northwest High School, and they are truly excited to showcase their hard work and talent, under the direction of Mrs. Maria Beery.

Northwest High School will perform *Les Misérables* on **Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17 at 7:00 pm**, and a matinee performance on **Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 pm**. Pre-Sale Ticket cost is \$10 for Adults and \$8 for Students. All tickets sold at the door are \$10. All ticket sales are through the Puffenberger ticket booth.



Teen Institute Promotes a Drug Free Community

NHS Teen Institute has determined that if we do not directly address the opioid epidemic in our community NOW, we are ultimately part of the problem. We hope to form a community united against this problem through this year's t-shirt theme. This year's shirt logo sends a clear message that one person can make a difference. One child that says "NO" matters. All of the Northwest schools are united in this cause. As a community committed to impacting youth ONE at a time, we create powerful ripples in the universe.

