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High School/Middle School \$3.00

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Milk \$.50

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Board Names Interim Superintendent

The Northwest Board of Education welcomes Dennis Lambes as our interim-superintendent for the 2019-2020 school year. Dennis has thirty plus years of experience in education including the roles of teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent, superintendent, and state support team nine consultant. He most recently worked as the administrative pastor of Grace Bible Church. He and his wife live in the Northwest community.



A Message from Dennis Lambes, Interim Superintendent

Historically school districts passed levies that essentially raised a set amount of money. During the years that levy was in effect, it generated basically the same dollars it generated when it was passed. Therefore, as inflation and the cost of doing business went up, the school district income could not keep up. The income tax levy, on the other hand, reflects the economy. Therefore, the school district has the needed income to meet rising costs when the economy improves and likewise struggles along with the community when the economy is struggling.

A democratic society cannot survive without educated individuals. Children are the future of our country and Northwest is providing a quality education. This quality would certainly be in jeopardy if we could not maintain and improve our programs as a result of losing the funding this earned income tax levy has provided since 2010.

As a thirty-year member of this community, I strongly urge and encourage you to consider renewing this levy.



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

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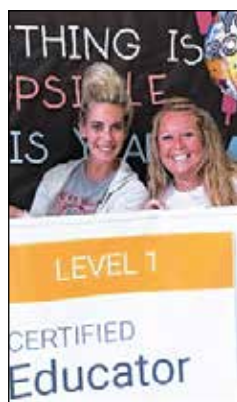
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“Just Google It”

How many times have you heard that expression? Well, some Northwest teachers are doing just that! Mrs. Nicole Salle, Technology Integration Specialist for Northwest Schools, has been working with teachers in the district who are looking for ways to add new lessons and expand the technology learning potential for Northwest students. We all realize technology is here and is here to stay. With that in mind, these staff members have agreed to make a year-long commitment on their personal time to become trained as Google Certified Teachers. They attend monthly meetings and implement the skills they learn into their daily classroom activities for the growth and enrichment of their students. Seven of the participants from last year took their training one step further and took the test required to become Level 1 Google Certified Teachers. Congratulations to the following teachers whose hard work and commitment will be reflected in their classrooms and in their ease of use of technology in their daily lessons:



Tiffany Cocklin



Jessica Ventosa & Krystle Nichols



Shelly Dinkins



Amy Lower



Laurie Traganza



Pam Kurz

New Faces in the District

Northwest Primary



Liza Lower
Art Teacher



Angel Makowski
Intervention
Specialist Tutor

W.S. Stinson Elementary



Stacy David
Intervention
Specialist Tutor



Jennifer Huston
Head Cook



Kelly Kirkbride
Reading Tutor



Rebecca Nezbeth
Instructional
Coach

Northwest Middle School



Krista Kieffer
Title I Tutor

Central Office



Kelly Garrett
Administrative
Assistant



Jason Norris
Payroll Clerk

Bus Drivers



*Jerome “Butch” Krug, Sheila Alsbaugh,
and Sue Pribonic*

2019 Christmas Assistance

A Community Christmas of Stark County, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization with a mission to help Stark County Families during the Christmas season. If you are in need of food, toys, clothing, and books for Christmas, here is information on how you can apply for assistance. Applications are taken in October at the American Legion Post 44 on Cleveland Ave. The dates, times, and information needed are listed below.

SIGN UP DATES FOR CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE FROM A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS of STARK COUNTY, INC. - **2019**

**AMERICAN LEGION CANTON POST 44
1633 CLEVELAND AVE. N.W. - CANTON**
(Only park on the gravel lot at the south west side of the building)

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Monday	October 7	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	October 9	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Friday	October 11	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Tuesday	October 15	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	October 16	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday	October 18	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Monday	October 21	9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wednesday	October 23	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday	October 24	9:30 am – 12:30 pm

YOU MUST APPLY IN PERSON & BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Social Security Card and Photo ID for all adults. Those single adults (not part of a family unit) must be 55 years of age or disabled to qualify.
- Proof of residency (a utility bill or rent receipt with your name & current address printed on it)
- Proof of all income, current pay stub(s), current benefit letters, OWF, food assistance, unemployment, etc.
- Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, OR Medical card for each child in household (ages 0–18/19). All school-age children must attend school. Children 18 or 19 must attend a high school – not college. Proof of enrollment in high school is required. Legal Guardianship proof is required.

All who sign up with A Community Christmas should not apply to other Christmas providers in Stark County and will be cross-checked to eliminate duplications. You may also go on line at: www.acomunitychristmas.org and complete an application, print it out and bring it with you, along with the supporting documents, and apply for assistance on any of the above dates.

- QUESTIONS?? CALL A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS AT 330-454-3841



Thank You!

The backpack drive was wonderfully successful this year! We had 110 students who were provided with backpacks filled with EVERY item on EACH school supply list. While most of the students involved in the program attend Northwest Local, there are others who attend Saint Philip and James School while some are home-schooled.

Multiple churches, organizations, and individuals contributed to this incredible effort. In addition to the backpacks themselves, fundraising efforts by Bountiful Gifts and NW Middle School allowed us to disperse a \$30 clothing voucher to each student as well. Thanks to all who helped our students have a strong start to the 2019-2020 school year.



Come join the Canal Fulton Concert Band, your friends and neighbors as we honor those who served and are serving our country on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 3pm at Puffenberger Hall.

Presented free by the Friends of Canal Fulton Library & Canal Fulton /Lawrence Twp. Talk About Potential Commission.

Interested in Earning Your High School Equivalency/GED?

A preparatory course will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Canal Fulton Christian Fellowship, 2021 South Locust Street - **start date to be determined.** Space is limited; to register, email cfcfhighschoolequivalency@gmail.com or contact Jenny Donohue at (330) 353-9568. Childcare available.

Northwest 2019 District State Report Card

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released the 2019 Ohio School Report Cards for districts and schools in September. Report Cards are designed to give parents, communities, educators, and policy makers information about the performance of their school district and schools – to celebrate success and to identify areas for improvement.

Districts and schools are assigned an overall letter grade. The overall grade is calculated using results in six components: Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers, Graduation Rate, and Prepared for Success.

We are proud of our 2019 Report Card results! We will examine the district report card data and identify those areas in need of improvement. Report Cards are only one part of the story in our district. To get a fuller picture, we encourage

you to visit our schools; talk to educators, parents, and students; and review the school's or district's web page. A lot of great things are happening every day in Northwest schools!

The Northwest 2019 State Report Card reflects the following grades for each component:

- Achievement Component: B
- Gap Closing Component: A
- Progress Component: A
- Graduation Rate Component: A
- Prepared for Success Component: D
- K-3 Literacy Component: C

A link to the district report card is available on the district website under the academic pull-down menu. Questions regarding the district's state report card results should be directed to Dennis Lambes, Interim-Superintendent or Debora Clark, Director of Instruction at (330) 854-2291.



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HOW WILL THE 1% EARNED INCOME TAX

If the Issue Passes:

- Retirees and unemployed residents will not pay.
- Only those residents actively EARNING a paycheck will pay.
- Your pensions, income from retirement savings, rental property income and social security WILL NOT BE TOUCHED. Only earned income.
- Residents concerned about losing their jobs would not pay if the unfortunate job loss occurs.
- The school district will be able to provide the minimum services required to operate.

Who Pays:

- Farmers do not pay this tax on their land.
- The tax will not affect retired community members.
- The tax will not affect the unemployed.
- Only people who live in the district pay the tax.
- A person who loses his or her job will not pay the tax.

Go to www.northwest.sparcc.org

to learn additional information on the November 5th Issue

AFFECT NORTHWEST'S RESIDENTS?

Earned Income Tax Taxes the Following:

- Wages and Tips
- Self-employed
- Partnership Income

Earned Income Tax DOES NOT Tax the Following:

- Interest
- Dividends
- Capital Gains
- Pensions
- Annuity Income
- Rental Income
- Lottery Winnings
- Unemployment
- Income from Estates
- Social Security Benefits
- Incorporated Businesses

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FACTS**

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for more information

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The School District Income Tax Frequently Ask Questions

- ***What has the school district done with the money collected from the income tax?***

The first issue addressed with the income tax proceeds was to become current with our bills. When the district was placed in Fiscal Caution by the Department of Education, we worked with some vendors to schedule necessary payments over a longer period of time. We were able to do this with some amounts due without incurring any interest charges that may have added to our problem. Recently we have been able to purchase new curriculum and textbooks for our students, purchase chromebook computers for all grades, improve student and staff safety in the district, replace old busses that were beginning to be unreliable, and complete some needed building repairs and renovations.

- ***Why are you asking for more money when students are going hungry because they cannot charge a lunch?***

The school district income tax is General Fund revenue, which means the tax collections are used for the operating of the school on a day to day basis. The day to day basis includes paying for utilities, transportation, textbooks and other instructional materials, salaries and benefits, basic building upkeep, technology needs, and other services provided to our students. The cafeteria operations are kept separate in its own fund as established under state law. Revenues from meal sales and federal and state reimbursements for Free/Reduced meals are the only recognized forms of income that we have. All food service costs are paid from these revenues. Per state law the cafeteria fund must have a positive cash balance at the end of the school year or we are in violation of the law.

- ***I thought the school district tax was a temporary tax?***

There has never been any consideration of this tax being a temporary tax. When the Independent Finance Committee first proposed a school district tax be placed on the ballot, there was a recommendation that the tax be a permanent tax. When the issue was placed on the ballot, the decision was made for it to be for a five-year period and ask for renewals as time went by. The school district has exercised financial responsibility in all cases to earn your support for its renewal.

- ***Why is the tax still required?***

It has been almost ten years since the school district income tax was first passed. In this time our school funding from the state has remained relatively stagnant while our operating costs have risen. The income tax provides a funding base that can change with the economic climate of our community and the students' needs. Without the tax, we would not have been able to stay current with our students' present day requirements and opportunities.

Northwest High School



Senior Sunrise

The dawn of senior year—it's a fresh new page to begin their last chapter as students of Northwest. The Class of 2020 gathered to celebrate and reflect on the dawn of their senior year on Friday, August 23. Seniors shared a breakfast and watched the sunrise, an idea brought to fruition by senior **Madison Barabash**: "I feel so fortunate to start the year off with people who make me feel happy, positive, and joyful. This is just the beginning for the class of 2020, and we are excited for what is to come." The seniors also plan to close their senior year with a Senior Sunset.

A sincere thank you to McDonald's for providing breakfast for our seniors. One phone call was all it took, and they were ready to donate and be a part of this new tradition!



Maddie Barabash
starts a new tradition



Thank you McDONALD'S!



Kicking Off a New School Year

NHS students celebrated the start of the school year with spirit and unity at the second annual *Get Ready Rally* on Thursday, August 29. Students and staff joined together to participate in games, an inflatable obstacle relay, dancing, and cheering. Students recognized their fall sports teams and concluded this special afternoon by singing the Alma Mater. On Friday, August 30, seniors claimed their spot at the front of The Reservation, cheering on their team and celebrating their new prime place in the stands and a big win for the season home opener!



THE RESERVATION

Dates to Remember

October

9	Jostens class rings and senior graduation information	
12	Homecoming Dance	
14	Waiver Day — NO SCHOOL	
17	Choir Concert	7pm
18	Jostens order date	
25	<i>End of 1st Grading Period</i>	
28	Lifetouch picture retakes	

November

10	Community Veterans Assembly	3pm
11	HS Veterans Assembly	10am
26	Vision and hearing screenings	
27-12/2	Thanksgiving Break — NO SCHOOL	

December

5	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	2:30-7:30pm
5	CCP Night	6pm
8	Choir Concert	3pm
17	Band Christmas Concert	7pm
23-1/3	Winter Break — NO SCHOOL	



2019 Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates (l to r):
Jay Aaron, Garrett Weaver, Jaden Skelley, Chloe Sickman, Haley Woodrum

Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates

Deemed “A week to shape a lifetime,” Buckeye Boys and Buckeye Girls State programs have been shaping lives since 1936. Each year, select junior girls and junior boys earn the high honor of being selected to participate in the eight-day, hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic government. This year, Buckeye Boys State was held June 9-16 at Miami University. Girls State was held June 16-22 at Mount Union. Joining students from nearly 600 Ohio high schools, these Northwest students expanded their leadership skills; learned about city, county, and state government; experienced living on a college campus; and formed friendships and networks that may last a lifetime. Each year, Northwest students are generously sponsored by the American Legion, Massillon Post No. 221.



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NORTHWEST FOOTBALL

(l to r) Row 1 - Cheerleaders: **Khloe Dagnen, Ava Meredith, Rileigh Schreffler, Kylee Cottrill, Brooke Barrett, Emma Barnes, Kayla McKinney, Chloe Barcheck, Kate Finefrock, Abbey Guenther, Cailin Chumita, Lindsay Fether, Eileen Robinson, Alyssa Pavick, Cassidy Young, Olivia Lazarus, Kamryn Golden;** Row 2: **Layloni Thornton (trainer), Mason Wise, Sam Paydock, Dean Hutzell, Collin Houser, Jordan Beers, Trey Miletich, Tanner Jones, Jacobi Smith, Colton Weber, Cody Logan, Remington McClung, Chase Tackett, Katie Krulik (trainer);** Row 3: **Brady Simone, Cooper Barnby, Austin Donaldson, Aiden Clark, Cody Steiner, Logan Wise, Zach Morton, Adam Wenhart, Nick Dinkins, John Welsh, Hunter Harbaugh, Mason Kunkle, Austin Sweet, Brigham Hunter;** Row 4: **Noah Harper, Jason Greenfield, Brenden Craig, Connor Ramsey, Zach Kurz, Isaac Lafay, Joey Powers, Zack Gainer, Brandon Macko, Riley Plotner, Alex Prexta, Braden Mick, Ethan Nickey, Ella Meeks (trainer);** Row 5: **Brady Sanford, Jordan Mick, Anthony Grossnickle, Billy Crookston, Carter Magyarics, Ray Stokes, Austin Wright, Logan West, Brennon Markham, Caden Beichler, Logan Soptelean, Cody Workinger, Max Wood, Ryan O'Harrow;** Row 6: **Will Matisak, Jimmy Cunningham, Luke Greenfield, Owen Reinford, Chris Reynolds, Caden Skinner, Otto Gearhart, Travis Barcheck, Carter Morris;** Row 7 - Coaches: **Shawn Lazarus, Jim Shiplett, Mike Juersivich, Joe Harbour, Shane Minne, Todd Barkan, Chad White, Travis Stroh.**



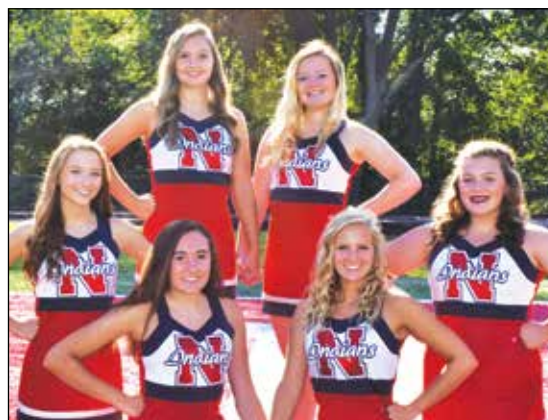
GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

(l to r) Front Row: **Jessica Cliff, Maddie Kovachick, Maria Dangelo, Carrie Wyman, Maddie Barabasch, Natalie Geiger;** Back Row: **Ashton Schwiger, Tess Woodall, Chloe Waggoner, Coach Kim Boggs, Lydia Woodward, Lillie Plumb, Mackenzie Brown.**



GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

(l to r) Front Row: **Gwen Lower, Kendall Demchock, Heidi Smith, Emily Garside, Grace Villers, Lydia Hitchcock, Deborah Decker, Caitlynn Edwards, Elle Jubara;** Row 2: **McKayla Justice, Karlie Demchock, Ashlyn Stark, Macie Cargould, Paige Owsiany, Emily Adkins, Alexis Decker, Madeline Snyder, Natalie Stough, Jayla Smith;** Row 3: **Coach Madison Ross, Coach Jordan Smith, Abby Ross, Alexis Denver, Peyton Harter, Rachel Finefrock, Madelyn Harbaugh, Kathy Thouvenin, Brianna Barna, Riley Meredith, Abby Jubara, Coach Roy Dodd.**



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

(l to r) Front Row: **Abbey Guenther, Cailin Chumita;** Middle Row: **Kate Finefrock, Lindsay Fether;** Back Row: **Chloe Barcheck, Cassidy Young.**
Not pictured: Head Cheer Coach: **Kaitlyn McCallin.**

Jr VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

(l to r) Front Row: **Rileigh Schreffler, Kylee Cottrill, Emma Barnes, Mercedes Carnifax, Brooke Barrett;** Middle Row: **Alyssa Pavick, Eileen Robinson, Kayla McKinney;** Back Row: **Kamryn Golden, Ava Meredith, Olivia Lazarus, Khloe Dagnen, Noell Lovett.**



BOYS VARSITY GOLF

(l to r): **Coach Bob Foutty, Branden Anderson, Tate Miller, Jack Rood, Zach Husscusson, Jared Lyons, Luke Schwendeimon, Mason Carmany.**



BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

(l to r) Front Row: **Trey Hutzell, Luke Micklos, Dominic Metzger, Garrett Baughman, Ryan Mollendick, Jay Aaron, Cody Harris, Lucas Wilson, Evan Schmeltzer, Ryan Wilson;** Row 2: **Max Zink, Ryan Hazlett, Christopher Wilson, Ian Donohue, Aidan McCoy, Jacob Metzger, Nathan Huscusson, O'Rion McAvinew, Jonas Calderhead, Mahlon Lorenz, Jonathan Hetrick;** Row 3: **Head Coach Dave Cooper, Micah Prickett, Garrett Weaver, Steve Szekely, Mason McMullen, Mikael Paulson, Luke Kager, Cameron Rhodes, Gavin Lauder milk, Connor KilKenny, Caleb Holliday, Jacob Barna.**



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

(l to r) Front Row: **Arianna Kendrick, Madison Smith, Emma Ritchey, Taylor Fightmaster, Cassie Stewart, Anika Okolish**; Middle Row: **Olivia Ellis, Briana Followay, Leeann Dolensky, Ashton Nair, Sophia Wyles, Lucie Doubet, Emma Weaver, Kairalee Zito, Camille Fowler, Rylei Booth**; Back Row: **Lucas Metzger, Elijah Amiot, Luke Micklos, Mario Zito, Owen Cunningham, Nathaniel Bowman, Jack Shanor, Mason Goliath, Mark Kaufman, Joe Dolensky, Megan Swogger, Anna Thompson, Coach Brian Armstrong.**



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

(l to r) Front Row: **Kamryn Culp, Alyssa Wise, Kennedy Kraft**; Back Row: **Head Coach Jeff McDivitt, Morgan Lower, Chloe Sickman, Carly Spradling, Riley Cudnik, Ashley Cudnik, Elora LaFay, Coach Megan Levengood.**



Jr VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

(l to r) Front Row: **Kate Cunningham, Kaylin Cargould, Alexa Bell, Sammi Rogers, Anna Thompson, Sydney Aman**; Back Row: **Coach Jeff McDivitt, Gianna Kuhn, Torie Strong, Lexi Lamb, Lily Bottomley, Kimee Stemple, Halle Taggart, Brooke Kovacs, Rachel Shoemaker, Coach Megan Levengood.**



(l to r) Front Row: **Dr. Laura Distel** (Class of 1998: softball, cross country), **Alexis Harkins** (Class of 2008: basketball, volleyball), **Cody Butzer** (Class of 2004: football, wrestling, track), **Erin Eckroad** (Class of 2003: volleyball, basketball), **Steve Jones** representing the late **Russell "Sarge" Sherhag** (football & softball coach); Back Row: **Bruce Jacobs** (Class of 1976: football, wrestling, track, basketball), **Tim Snyder** (Class of 1975: wrestling, football), **Heather Everhart Johnson** (Class of 1990: softball, basketball), **Scott Crossland** (Class of 1984: football), **Tracy Williams Spradling** (Class of 1988: volleyball, basketball, softball), **Brian Ries** representing **Martin Smilek** (Class of 1980: wrestling, football, golf).

The Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019

The 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were introduced to the community on September 20 at the halftime of the Indians vs. Tuslaw football game. The banquet and the induction ceremony were held on Saturday, September 21. The eleven inductees of 2019 comprise the third 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. A special thanks to the Hall of Fame committee members: **Chris Brady, Laura Distell, Jason Hathaway, John Hexamer, Steve Jones, Jim Kunkle, Gary Woods, and Rich Workman.**



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Front Row: Rachel Deininger, Robyn Rowles, Natalie Harmon, Johnathan Hetrick, Jessica Cliff, Tara Johnston, Mary Paydock, Sarah Hughes, Grace Popovic, Davinee Rohr, Salma Abueteen, Mallory Kovachick, Airabella Stewart, Claudine Sanopao, Sammi Gainer, Alexis Pitsch; Row 2: William Campbell, Kenny Stewart, Katelynn Popovic, Christopher Wilson, Grant Tomcsik, Aidan Chumita, Trey Hutzell, Avery Brockmeyer, Olivia Ellis, Katlin Hall, Camille Fowler, Ryan Hazlett, Omar Hamad, Malia Hamad; Row 3: Gracie Huth, John Derry, Peter VanBlargen, Joey DeLauder, Caleb Gramse-Halpin, Carson Fox, Lydia Woodward, Adam Hamad, Mark Kaufman, James Ricker, Kassidy Dagnen, Natalie Feaser, Kendall Carpenter, Payge Rohn, Ethan Herald, Cassie Davis; Back Row: Mrs. Julie Heddy-McLaughlin, Mrs. Kim Good, JT Friedrichsen, Garrett Johnson, Colton Sparks, Ms. Michelle Riendeau (Head Director).



Majorettes

Front: Rachel Deininger; Back: Cassie Davis, Alexis Pitsch, Gracie Huth.



Band Officers

Malia Hamad, President;
Natalie Feaser, Secretary/Treasurer;
Garrett Johnson, Vice President.

Northwest Marching Indians

The Marching Indians have had an excellent 2019-2020 season so far! This was the first year band camp was offered off campus at Camp Wakonda in Sherrodsville, Ohio. The students bonded over Gaga Ball, Bonfires, and S'mores for an educational and team-building fun time!

In a true spirit of collaboration, our Marching Indians performed *America the Beautiful* with the Akron Ellet Marching Orangemen on Friday, September 13 in remembrance of 9/11, and to honor the service men and women who continue to protect us. Finally, The Marching Indians also performed once again with The University of Akron Zips on Saturday, September 21. The members of the band continue to work hard and create lasting memories of their marching season!



Summer Band Camp at Camp Wakonda



Middle School Bands The Beginning of the Band Family

The middle school bands are off to an awesome start this year! We are happy to welcome back last year's band members, some new students who have attended NW previously, but were not in the band program, and some students new to the district. Participation in the band is open to any NW student in any grade, no prior experience needed.

The eighth-grade band and the jazz ensemble will be taking a day trip on February 1, 2020. They will be touring the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, enjoying some social time at Corner Alley Downtown, and attending a performance by the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall.

The fifth through eighth-grade band members had a great time participating in the half time show with the HS band at our first football game. It was a real treat to have our entire band family on the field at one time!

We would like to extend an invitation to our NW Community to come and enjoy one or all of our performances this year. Please visit Mrs. Good's website for a list of performance dates and times for the 2019-2020 school year.

Northwest Middle School

Automation and Robotics



New Class at Northwest Middle School

Project Lead the Way's Automation and Robotics class has kicked off at Northwest Middle School. The class, taught by Mr. Shiplett, replaces the Modern Tech class that he previously taught.

Through the PLTW organization, Automation and Robotics is a course that introduces the principles of engineering. Students in this course (primarily 8th graders) will explore mechanical systems, the transfer of energy, automating machines, and computer control systems. Using a specially designed robotics software system, students will eventually design their own robotic devices.

In order to help fund the program, staff members Mr. Shiplett and Mrs. Krajcovic applied for and were awarded a large startup grant from Arconic manufacturing company. This grant allowed Northwest students access to this amazing classroom experience.

Middle School Fall Play



Ahoy! This year the Northwest Middle School Drama department will set sail on their 2nd Annual Fall Play... *Anchors Aweigh!*

Our story takes place aboard the rickety S.S. Flounder, a cruise ship owned and operated by the elusive Captain Creeg. This show is full of amazing one-liners, and a plot that will have you laughing, as well as searching for those tissues, at the end of the night's voyage.

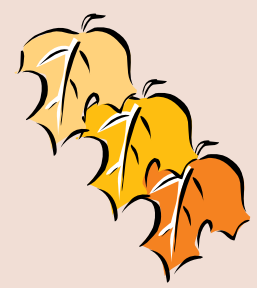
Anchor's Aweigh casts its sails on November 15 and 16 in Puffenberger Hall at 7pm. Tickets will be available ahead of time through the Middle School main office, or at the door each night for \$5. We look forward to taking our audience on the cruise of a lifetime without ever having to leave their seats!

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Every year, September is set aside to raise awareness for children fighting cancer. During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Northwest Middle School students collected character band-aids and small toys. Donated items were delivered to Akron Children's hospital by Mrs. Martin. Thanks to all of those who donated and gave these special children one little thing to smile about during a very difficult time in their lives.

Dates to Remember

October	
3	Parent/Teacher Conferences
14	Waiver Day — NO SCHOOL
25	End of 1st Grading Period
November	
7-9	Washington DC Trip
11	Middle School Veterans Day Program
16-17	Middle School Fall Play (Puffenberger Hall) 7pm
27-12/2	Thanksgiving Break — NO SCHOOL
December	
17	Holiday Band Concert (Puffenberger Hall) 7pm
18	Holiday Choir Concert (Puffenberger Hall)..... 7pm
23-1/3	Winter Break — NO SCHOOL



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W.S. Stinson Elementary School

Grandparents Visit Third Grade

Stinson's third grade classes celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 13 with a special performance. Students performed several songs and read a poem. They spent time with their grandparents enjoying a snack and having their pictures taken. Grandparents were also given the opportunity to write a special note to their grandchild. A great time was had by all based on all the smiling faces!



Dates to Remember

October

- 4 "Count on Me" Kick-off
- 14 Waiver Day — **NO SCHOOL**
- 22/23 Third Grade ELA State Assessment
- 25 End of 1st Grading Period
Halloween Party

November

- 7 Conferences.....3:30-8:00pm
- 8 Veterans Day Program (4th Grade)
- 27-12/2 Thanksgiving Break — **NO SCHOOL**

December

- 5 Family Living (5th Grade)
- 10 Talent Show (Puffenberger Hall)7:00pm
- 20 Christmas parties
- 23-1/3 Winter Break — **NO SCHOOL**





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 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 in each building by contacting the 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 evaluation 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 is comparable to activities undertaken for students with disabilities served in the public school setting. If you have questions about the process, please call Scott Burnett, Director of Special Services, at 330-854-2292.



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Northwest Primary School

Celebrating Grandparents and VIPs

Who was your favorite teacher?

What did you play at recess?

Did you walk to school?

What was your favorite lunch?

What did you want to be when you grew up?"

These are just a sampling of the questions that grandparents and VIPs answered when they visited their students at Northwest Primary. Students and VIPs listened to stories, visited classrooms, completed scrapbook activities, and decorated donuts.

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Dates to Remember

October

3	First grade Dinner w/Dad.....	6:00pm
11	Fall Party Day	
14	Waiver Day — NO SCHOOL	
21	Picture Re-take Day	
24	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	3:45-7:45pm
25	End of 1st Grading Period	
29	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	3:45-7:45pm

November

11	Veterans Appreciation Day.....	10:00am
27-12/2	Thanksgiving Break — NO SCHOOL	

December

20	Christmas parties	
23-1/3	Winter Break — NO SCHOOL	



New Additions to NWP's Outdoor Space

This summer, the Canal Fulton Lions Club dedicated a bench to Northwest Primary to honor members **Herb Blachly** and **Floyd Gottsman**. Both men are being recognized for their significant long-term service with the Lions Club. In particular, Floyd Gottsman served many students and families by providing vision screening and glasses.



A new pavilion is also a welcome addition to the NWP playground. **Sharon Blankenship** and the Northwest Primary PTO donated the pavilion to assist students during hot days at recess and to provide a shady spot for students to enjoy outdoor learning opportunities.



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