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Student Leadership

Northwest High School has a number of seniors who serve as strong leaders in the school and community. Leadership has taught them many lessons and the support of the faculty and staff makes Northwest is a special place.



Nathan Booth is President of National Honor Society (NHS). He also participates in soccer, basketball, pep club, Interact, and his church youth group. In his position as the NHS President, he feels, "It is important to treat everyone with respect and encourage everyone to try their best." He adds, "People need to feel like they mean something and that they can always make contributions." Nathan says Mr. Lower has had an influence on him because he has taught him the value of hard work and teamwork. He also appreciates Ms. Metzger because she taught him the importance of being himself. Nathan sees advantages to being in a small school like Northwest because "when students fall down, there will be people to help pick them up and encourage them to try harder the next time."

David Dill is captain of the soccer team, a member of Student Council and a member of the ministry team in his church youth group. David also participates in track, College Credit Plus at Akron University, Interact and youth group. He says leadership has taught him to listen more often than speaking and ways to motivate people. Mr. Johnson has had a major influence on David because "he taught me to think beyond the face value of things, whether it be homework, a test or a real-life task." To David, Northwest is like a family.



Nate Gissinger is Senior Class President and Captain of the football team. He is also active in Student Council, wrestling and rugby. Nate says he has "learned that being a leader and being looked up to is the most challenging thing I've ever done. You constantly have to lead by example, but it's the most rewarding thing I've ever done." Nate says many people in the school have influenced him, but the two who come to mind are Coach Whiting and Coach Staats. "They are not only two of the greatest coaches but all around greatest men I've ever met. They've taught me how to lead. They've taught me the characteristics of determination, persistence, hard work and kindness. They wouldn't accept anything less than the best, and that's what I try to bring to the table." Nate believes there something special about Northwest, and he feels the atmosphere this year shows that "students are hungry. They want to succeed and push themselves in all aspects, whether it be athletic or academic. They also want to see their fellow students succeed."

Alyssa Strabley is Student Council Vice-President. She is also an office worker and a member of pep club. She is employed at Galluch's Pizza and Greg Santos Photography. She also volunteers for the American Red Cross. One of the lessons she has learned about leadership is that "if you help someone in need, even if they don't ask for help, they will always return the favor." Alyssa says a major influence on her life is Mrs. Baer. "She has influenced me to always help people in need and to make the right decisions that will benefit not only me but everyone around me." Alyssa sees school spirit to be a special characteristic of Northwest. "We will always come together and show our school spirit at all our school events and cheer on our athletes and friends."



Kelly Walker is President of Student Council, Secretary of National Honor Society and Co-leader of Interact. She is also a member of pep club, a cheerleader, an office worker and a member of the competition cheerleading squad. She also works at Buehler's. Kelly says that she has learned from her leadership positions that the more involved people are, the more change you can make. She has two people who have influenced her

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

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Curriculum News

Debora Clark, Director of Instruction

District Staff Focusing on Professional Growth

Henry Ford believed that anyone who stops learning is old, whether twenty or eighty, and the greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

On September 4, the administrative team presented an overview of the district's five-year professional development (PD) plan to all teachers and tutors. The district's plan, which focuses on improving student achievement, is driven by the mission to educate, motivate and inspire each student to reach his or her highest potential.

During this first year all teachers, tutors, and administrators are reading *Fair Isn't Always Equal* by Rick Wormeli. The book focuses on the guiding principles of successful assessment and grading in the differentiated classroom. Staff members are meeting monthly to analyze and discuss the assigned reading as well as their own assessment and grading practices.

In addition to the book study, the district has formed a Response to Intervention (RTI) team. They are examining current intervention practices used with all learners and developing a district-wide intervention program that will be implemented during the 2016-17 school year.

Standards Based Report Card Initiative Update

Northwest Local utilizes a standards based report card for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. A traditional report card assigns one letter grade to a single subject, which includes a group of standards studies. Through standards based report cards teachers are able to indicate proficiency of learning targets and standards. The standards based report card provides parents with a better picture of their child's academic proficiencies by communicating exactly what the standards mean and how proficiency is demonstrated for each subject area. During the 2012-2013 school year, we began exploring the option of expanding the use of the standards based report card to include students in third through fifth grade. At that time the district decided to phase in the standards based report card so that none of our students would move from traditional grades to a standards based report card. During the 2016-2017 school year, fifth grade will begin using the standards based report card. Copies of our standards based report cards and rubrics can be found on the district's website www.northwest.sparcc.org under the Parent Tab.

Advancing to A Love for Reading

Reading skills lay the foundation for your child's success inside, outside and beyond school. Reading comprehension enables students to understand written text and opens the doors for future success both academically and personally. As educators, we would love to believe that all students are eager to master the art of reading. In reality, however, there are those students who naturally are drawn to all aspects of reading like a duck to water. They are always reading and exploring written text. However, there are also students who when the mere mention of reading is suggested they look for any way to escape. As educators, we strive to foster the love of reading in all children to ensure they develop into life-long learners.

Parents are a child's first teachers, and they have the greatest impact in the child's life. Research has shown that parents who model literacy skills and provide a literature-rich home environment facilitate a strong learning foundation for their children.

A few suggestions to promote literacy development:

- Visit the public library and obtain a library card for each family member.
- Make a date with your child/children to visit the library once or twice a month.
- Read to your child often and keep a variety of reading materials around the house including magazines, comic books, newspapers, library books and coffee table books.
- As your child/children develop independent reading skills, continue to discuss the books they're reading, ask them to share information and reflect on what they have read.
- Buy/Checkout/Borrow/Trade educational games that help build vocabulary skills, visual memory and word recognition.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book)
- Take advantage of technology to stimulate children's motivation to read. You can use audiotapes, television, computers or Kindles.
- Play board games or computer games that involve reading. Draw in friends or siblings to enjoy the game whenever possible.



Northwest participates in Farm to School Grant

Working collaboratively with Ohio State University Extension educators, the Stark County Educational Service Center, on behalf of twelve Stark County School Districts and 36,554 students, received a USDA Farm to School Planning Grant for \$48,831 in December 2014. Stark County's grant is one of 82 projects spanning 42 states and the Virgin Islands through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm to School Program, an effort to better connect school cafeterias and students with local farmers and ranchers. Northwest Local School District is one of the twelve districts in Stark County participating in the grant. Representatives from Northwest, Fairless and Massillon showcased the grant at a Massillon street festival this summer.

"USDA is proud to support communities across the country as they plan and implement innovative farm to school projects," said USDA Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "These inspiring collaborations create long-term benefits for students, as they develop a meaningful understanding of where food comes from, and support our farmers and ranchers by expanding market opportunities for local and regional foods."

The *Stark County Farm to School Connecting Food, Farms, Schools and Community Coalition Project* embodies the vision of working with twelve participating districts to connect food, farms, schools and communities in a collaborative effort that establishes a consistent and sustainable plan for local foods procurement, nutrition, wellness, healthy choices, food system, education and community food literacy and service.



Save the Date
Community Day
April 17, 2016,
from 12-5 p.m.
on the Northwest Campus

We are excited to report we are combining our Community Day with Stark County Safe Kids Day. Reservations for groups and vendors will begin in January. If you have questions about the event, please contact Dr. Mike at 330-854-2291.

Bus Evacuation Drills

The Northwest Transportation Department will conduct annual bus evacuation drills at all district buildings on the following dates and times:

High School – Tuesday, October 20, 2015 - 9:21 – 11:05 a.m.

Middle School – Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - 8:50 a.m.

W. S. Stinson Elementary – Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

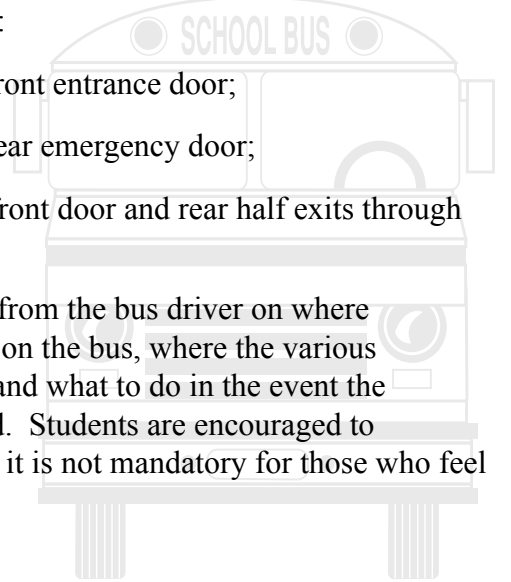
Northwest Primary – Tuesday, October 20, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

Sts. Philip and James School – Monday, October 19, 2015 - 8:45 a.m.

The drills are required under 3301-83-15 (B) of the Ohio Administrative Code and require that evacuation procedures be conducted at least once annually:

- (a) Everyone exits through the front entrance door;
- (b) Everyone exits through the rear emergency door;
- (c) Front half exits through the front door and rear half exits through the rear door.

The students receive instruction from the bus driver on where emergency equipment is located on the bus, where the various emergency exits are on the bus, and what to do in the event the driver may become incapacitated. Students are encouraged to participate in the drills, although it is not mandatory for those who feel uncomfortable participating.



Jamboree Game

Northwest High School held an exhibition or "preview game" in August to raise \$520 for the Wishes Can Happen organization. In addition to collecting money for a charity organization, the jamboree was an opportunity to have a "dress rehearsal" for the season. The contest was named a jamboree game by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) who presented it as an option to play a preview with the monies generated being given to the OHSAA Foundation Fund (\$500.00) and a charity of the school district's choice. Athletic Director Gary Woods was proud that Northwest was able to generate so much money for Wishes Can Happen, and he said, "We hope to do even better next year."



1310 North Main St.
North Canton, OH 44720

330.966.0043

www.wishescanhappen.org

September 15, 2015

Gary Woods
Athletic Director
Northwest High School
Canal Fulton, Ohio

Dear Gary and Northwest School District,

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of \$520.00! We truly appreciate you choosing our special children to receive this gift from your Jamboree Football game.

We will use your funds to help send a North Canton boy to the San Diego zoo. He loves animals (especially hippos!) and we plan to arrange a very unique visit to this wonderful home of 3,700 animals. He will observe the medical area and learn about keeping the animals healthy as well as tour the "kitchen" and help prepare meals.

We truly appreciate you helping to make this dream come true!

Sincerely,
Cyndi Morrow
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Executive Director



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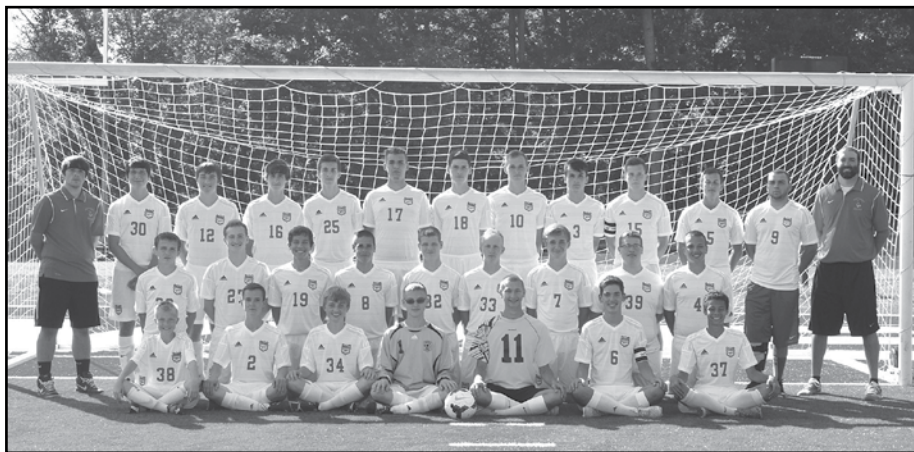
GOLF



(L-R) Front Row: **Corey Kyler, Hunter Kosco, Josh Woodward, Coach Ashley Winston, Greg Geiger, Scott Wormald, and Collin Rood;** Back Row: **Bryer Berger, Braydon Penrod, Tyler Foutty, Tristen Lindeman, Brian Stevenson, Andrew Dane, and Austin Koprivec.**



BOYS' SOCCER



(L-R) Front Row: **Cameron Freeman, Nicholas Speight, Andrew Hutzell, Nicholas Jubara, Nathan Booth, Jacob Demaree, and Dionysus Morris-Evans;** Middle Row: **Austin Kelleher, Noah Stoneking, Ethan Lower, Grant Baughman, Nick Casto, Kyle Jenkins, Dillon Petty, Robert Kalail, and Jared Hagen;** Back Row: **Coach Dakota Wamsley, Wesley Newbury, Tristan Shoaf, Isaac Fowler, Ian Yoder, Alex Savaat, Jack Ungashick, Evan Petty, Joe Cochran, David Dill, Nathan Weaver, Jacob Hyrne, and Head Coach Dave Cooper.**

CROSS COUNTRY



(L-R) Front Row: **Coach Tiffany Jeffers, Jaliyah Arroyo, Taylor Badger, Alicia Tudor, Claire Sutphin, Dylan Gregorich, Morgan Villegas, Lindsey Roadpouch, Samantha Porter, Meghan Badger, Morgan Manns, and Coach Brenda Lewis;** Middle Row: **Brandon Weigand, Michael Flemming, and Jack Bender;** Back Row: **Justin Hinkle, John Elliot, Isaiah Hunter, Evan Petty, and Josh Teel.**



GIRLS' SOCCER



(L-R) Front Row: **Ashley Owsiany, Jaycee Stark, Jessica Hagen, Erin Giroux, Madison Pollard, Abby Bonnot, Holly Schilling, Savannah Farkas, Morgan King, and Brynn Shirey;** Middle Row: **Anna Dills, Natalie Savage, Lindsay Herold, Maycee McAleese, Mackenzie Woodrum, Maggie Bell, Bailey Bloom, Macie Bell, Neeley Stark, Madison Hornsby, and Amber Bowyer;** Back Row: **Bekah Knight, Jennifer Wilson, Cora Jandecka, Olivia Wyles, Cassie Dawson, Nicole Wood, Amiya Engleman, Alicia Cundiff, Gabbie Harbaugh, Ashlynn Knotts, and Naja Gutshall.** Not pictured: **Coach Scott Green and Assistant Coach Megan Green.**

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



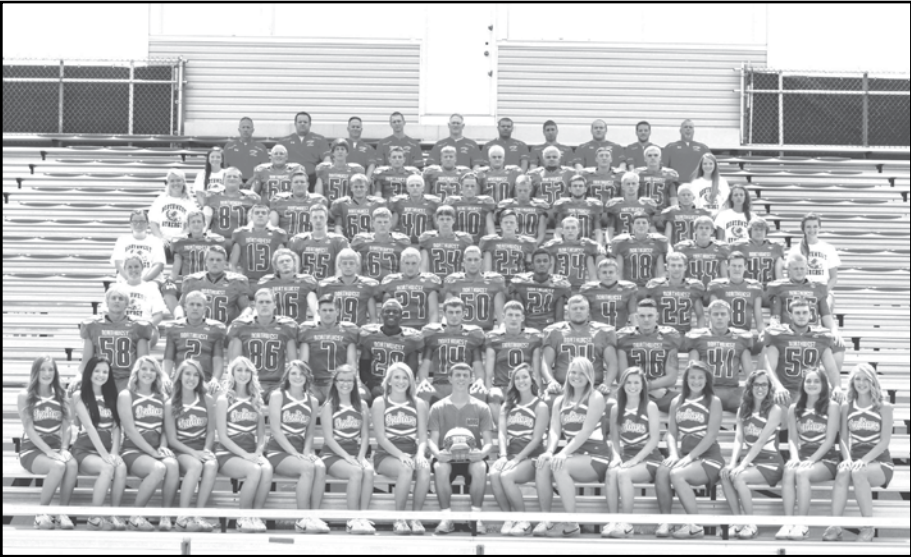
(L-R) Front Row: **Morgan Rearick, Hayley Macko, Anna Welsh, and Rachel Ross;** Back Row: **Assistant Coach Megan Levengood, Lexi Kyler, Payton Harris, Abbie Swaino, Kimberly Zickefoose, Maria Kolinoff, Cora Underwood, Sidney Ailiff, Leah Luhning, and Head Coach Allison Clark.**

JR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



(L-R) Front Row: **Faith Wallenhurst, Rachael Ross, Anna Welsh, and Paige Macko;** Back Row: **Coach Megan Levengood, Erin Yoder, Jordan Miller, Lexi Kyler, Payton Harris, Jamie Cunningham, Emma Sees, and Olivia Francis.**

VARSITY FOOTBALL



(L-R) Front Row: Kendall Schenz, Hannah Huffman, Lauren Kujath, Emily Szekely, Gracyn Loper, Breanne Kushnir, Jenna Hutzell, Marisa Wood, Jack Bender, Aubrey Walker, Brooke West, Maddie Markus, Emily Jackson, Kelsey Francis, Madison Fightmaster, and Gabbie Harbaugh; Row 2: Eric Frye, Briar Barabasz, Matt Fennell, James Nicholson, David Jones, Carter Antal, Austin Cundiff, Jim Waring, Mike Roman, Nate Gissinger, and Darian Short; Row 3: Caileigh Bennet, Eli Beers, Logan Waggoner, Ryan Gregorich, Joe Waring, Broc Minné, Nasir Martin, Noah Donatelli, Brian Hull, Drake Harbert, and Zach West; Row 4: Breanna Snyder, Dylan Board, Tyler Schilling, Trevor Summers, Colton Rhodes, Christian Walker, Chris Barbitta, Christian Houlahan, Luke Fennell, Ryan Davis, Zach Hawkins, and Taylor Heard; Row 5: Hannah Pullen, Tim Brosch, Austin Walker, Tim Gissinger, Quinton Davis, Sam Knight, Austin Bilinovich, Joe Harbaugh, Kyle Gajovski, Josh Smith, and Lyndsay Thompson; Row 6: Makenzie Boecker, Dale Decker, Carter Morehart, Justin Gunter, Logan Sundheimer, Tom Dolensky, Andrew Trewin, Kirk Gillig, Nick Osborn, and Sarah Butti; Row 7: Mike Calcei, Joe Harbour, Mike Bechtel, Jim Shiplett, Vic Whiting, Tyler Coughlin, Zaid Abueteen, Jordan Pellikan, Travis Stroh, and Shane Minné.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



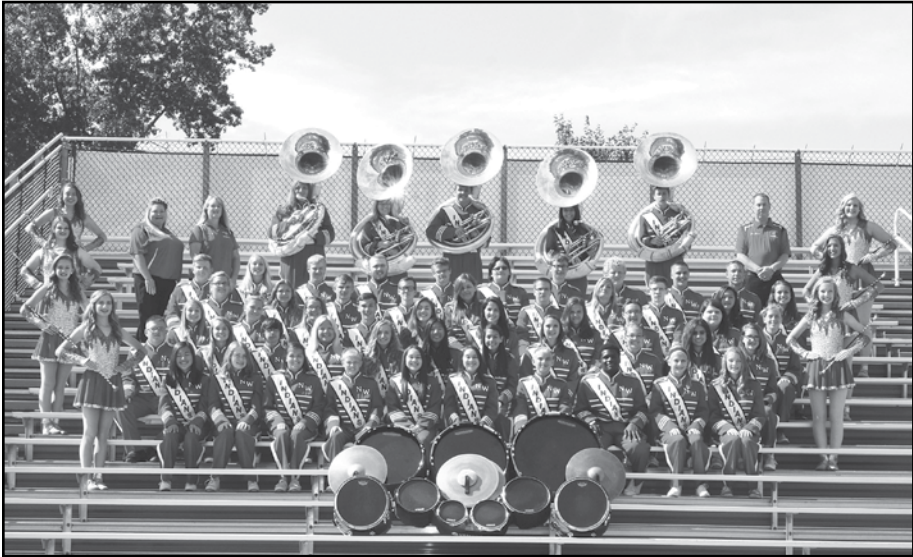
(L-R) Front Row: Brooke West, Jack Bender, and Breanne Kushnir; Middle Row: Gracyn Loper, Marissa Wood, and Jenna Hutzell; Back Row: Maddy Markus, Emily Jackson, Kelly Walker, Aubrey Walker, and Caitlin Ross.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL



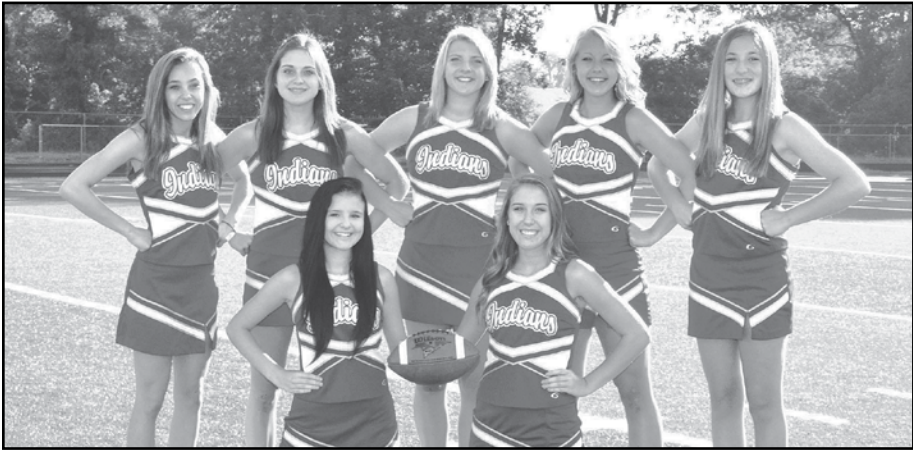
(L-R) Front Row: Maci King, Erin Walker, Ayla DeGuzis, Olivia Harbaugh, Emma Kurtz, and Maddie Kurtz; Row 2: Ryan Davis, Luke Fennell, Avery Barna, Jacob Greenwalt, Zach Hawkins, and Jillian Short; Row 3: Corey Kohler, Luke O'Brien, Isaiah Grossnickle, Winnie Simko, Christian Houlehan, Bryon Norment, and Tyler English; Row 4: Michael Dobbs, Steven Wagster, Caleb Malboeuf, Matthew Carothers, Jerold Joyner, Josh Cook, Tyler Marecek, and Alex Glauthier.

MARCHING BAND



(L-R) Front Row: Emily Casto, Mahlee Evans, Catherine McKelroy, Ariana Negulis, Cameron Freeman, Morgan Villegas, Madison Villegas, Andrew Moellendick, Dylan Haines, Ashley Owsiany, and Abby Howard; Row 2: Chara Kelleman, Bailey Smith, Micayla Smith, Dominic Magazzeni, Kylie Collmar, Brittany Harold, Julianne Schlitt, Jenna Graves, Mary Durkin, Katie Bender, Kailee Zito, Jordan Freeman, and Corinne Donohue; Row 3: Nicole Campbell, Emily Sullivan, Hailey Armstrong, Justin Hagen, Rebecca Schaub, Emma Bender, Debbie Liknes, Jedidiah Stewart, Cassandra Kosa, and Kassandra Fager; Row 4: Gina Hoffman, Anne Durkin, Cora Jandeka, Justen Williams, Nicholas Speight, Madison Black, Nicholas Stevenson, Shelby Metz, Zachary Woodrum, Jennifer Vancamp, Olivia Wyles, and Hannah Knight; Row 5: Nicholas Rutt, Alicia Tudor, Richard Hanus, Morgan Burnell, Simon Keatley, Jared Buwala, Ike Canfield, Cody Kosa, TJ Knight, and Brian Stevenson; Row 6: Abigail Gillig, Julie McLaughlin, Kim Good, Morgan Szekely, Abigail Francis, Benjamin Finefrock, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Ethan Worker, Jason Smith, and Kimberly Zickefoose.

JR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



(L-R) Front Row: Hannah Huffman and Emily Szekely; Back Row: Kelsey Francis, Maddie Fightmaster, Lauren Kujath, Gabbie Harbaugh, and Kendall Schenz.

FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS



(L-R) Front Row: Emma Kurz, Olivia Harbaugh, and Maddie Kurtz; Back Row: Erin Walker, Ayla DeGuzis, and Maci King.



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Ashley Winston

As women begin to take on new roles in men's sports, as seen recently in the NBA and NFL, high schools have become more open to hiring the best candidate, based on skills and not gender. Ashley Winston, who teaches eighth-grade math at Northwest Middle School, has taken over the golf team. The team, with a total of 13 golfers, all of whom are male, has been comfortable having a female coach.

Ms. Winston, a member of the Walsh University golf team for three years, chuckles when she says the young men became more receptive when she showed them that she knows what she is talking about in regards to the game.

"The real challenge is having seven seniors and six underclassmen on the squad competing for six starting spots. Every week we do a qualifier to determine playing spots. My biggest challenge is to be able to build the program," she explains, saying all the golfers are extremely competitive.

Ms. Winston sees a correlation between teaching and coaching: "Both require patience, help and clearly explaining things. If my explanation isn't working for them, I have to find a way to teach them." While the golf team has enjoyed lots of success this season, she also enjoys success in the classroom. "I have always loved math. My middle school teachers inspired my love of math. They were excellent," she says. "I love it here. Everybody has been extremely welcoming."

NW to Join the PAC

A modification of this article appeared in the April 2015 Northwest News. We are presenting an edited version to remind residents that league play in the PAC will begin with the 2017-2018 school year.

Northwest Local School District will join the Principals' Athletic Conference (PAC) beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The school district has been an independent since 2011 due to the financial woes that plagued the district and the lack of funds to support athletics and extra-curricular activities. In 2008, the district notified the member schools of the Northeastern Buckeye Conference that it would fulfill its two-year contractual obligations but could not guarantee its commitments to the conference beyond 2011. The NBC moved in another direction, which left Northwest without league affiliation. That all changed with Northwest's two-year transition into the PAC, necessitated by the fulfillment of contractual obligations of the schools exiting and entering the PAC.

The PAC had three openings. Two of the openings occurred when Indian Valley and Tuscarawas Valley decided to join the Inter-Valley Conference. The third opening was a result of a decision by Canton City Schools to merge McKinley and Timken High Schools, with Timken ceasing to exist as a high school and with McKinley remaining in the Federal League. Four schools applied to join the PAC, and Northwest and Orrville were selected. By vote of the PAC's member schools, Orrville was invited to join the league in 2016-17, with Northwest to join a year later.

When Northwest begins league play in the 2017-2018 school year, the PAC will consist of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, Fairless, Manchester, Orrville, Triway and Tuslaw. Northwest is excited to join a conference that will give student athletes an opportunity to compete for league titles and honors.



Alicia Manning to Coach Lady Indians

Former Tennessee basketball player Alicia Manning will coach the Northwest girls' basketball team for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Manning, the Georgia Gatorade State Player of the Year in 2008, was a three-time

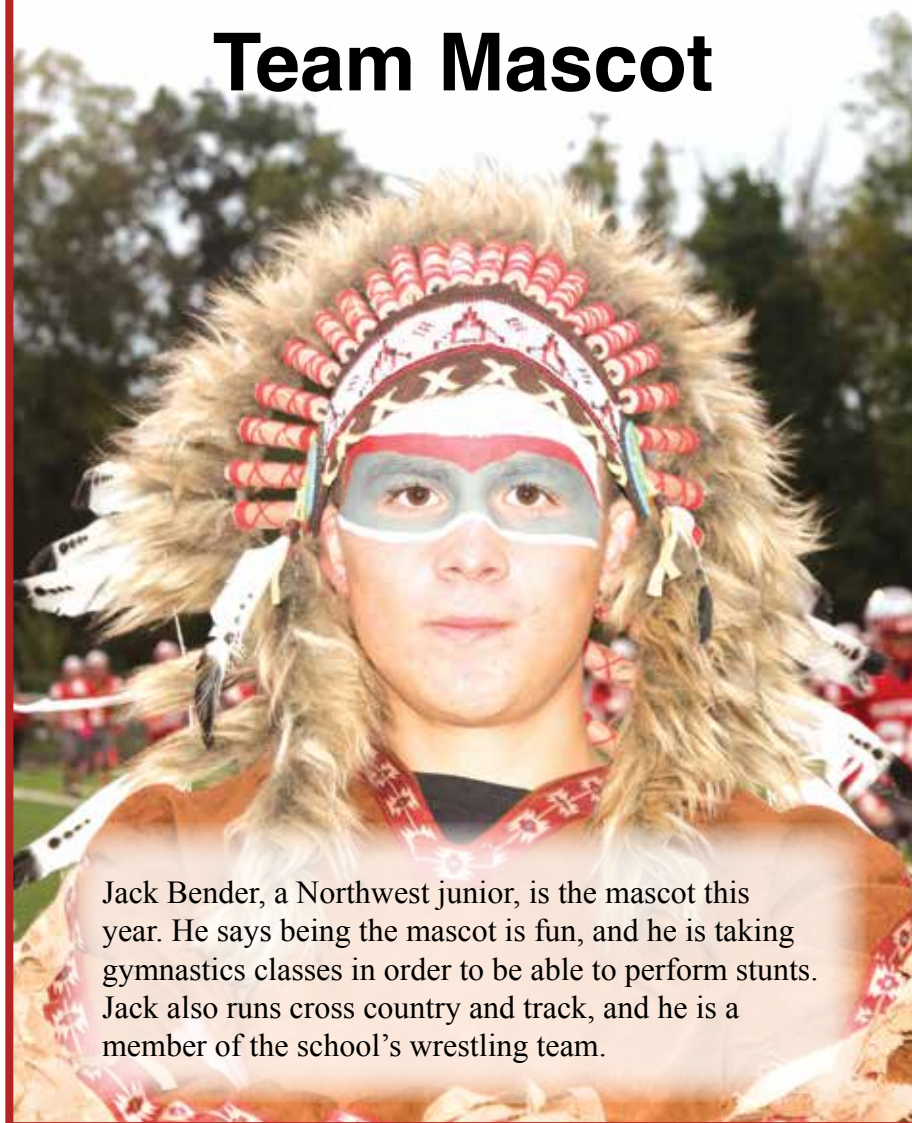
SEC All-Academic Student Athlete, a four-time Vol-Scholar, a member of the 2011 SEC All-Tournament Team, a Silver medalist at the 2007 U.S. Olympic Festival and a 2008 McDonald's All-American. She was also captain of the Lady Vols in the 2011-2012 season.

Over the past two seasons, Ms. Manning served as an assistant basketball coach at John Carroll University under Head Coach Kelly Morrone. She also worked as a physical education instructor at John Carroll during her tenure there.

While at Tennessee, Ms. Manning played for the legendary coach Pat Summitt. "Pat Summitt truly builds a culture of excellence in every aspect of life. How she mentored her players is how she built her program. I learned a ton about basketball, but I also learned a ton about life skills." Ms Manning plans to take a similar approach with her student athletes: "My approach will be to help them grow off and on the court. I just want to be a mentor to these girls and to open their minds to better versions of themselves."

Athletic Director Gary Woods is pleased to have Alicia Manning head up the program: "We are extremely excited to have someone the quality of Alicia Manning agreeing to head our girls' basketball program. Alicia will be a great addition to the Northwest community. She will bring considerable knowledge and excitement to the girls which will result in the development of a very competitive program."

Jack Bender Team Mascot



Jack Bender, a Northwest junior, is the mascot this year. He says being the mascot is fun, and he is taking gymnastics classes in order to be able to perform stunts. Jack also runs cross country and track, and he is a member of the school's wrestling team.



Youth Football Night

Northwest High School celebrated “Youth Football Night” at the September 18 game against Crestwood High School. The youth football players and cheerleaders are introduced as “future Northwest players.” The young players go out on the field to greet the football players, and the little cheerleaders cheer with the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders during the game.



High school students at the football game celebrated with a “White out for Coach Whiting.”

NORTHWEST A.C.C. 2ND ANNUAL MONTE CARLO NIGHT

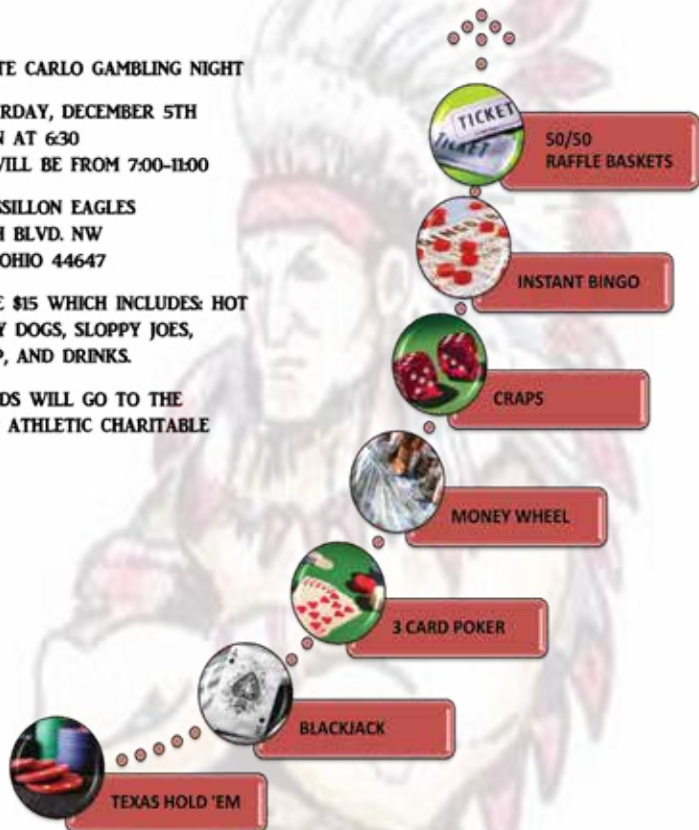
WHAT: MONTE CARLO GAMBLING NIGHT

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
GAMBLING WILL BE FROM 7:00-11:00

WHERE: MASSILLON EAGLES
303 WEIRICH BLVD. NW
MASSILLON, OHIO 44647

TICKETS ARE \$15 WHICH INCLUDES: HOT DOGS, CONEY DOGS, SLOPPY JOES, SNACKS, POP, AND DRINKS.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.



WOULD YOU OR YOUR COMPANY LIKE TO SPONSOR A BLACKJACK OR POKER TABLE? FOR TICKETS, QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TABLE SPONSORS PLEASE CONTACT: JOHN MARKUS AT 330-801-0252 OR DORIS BOECKER AT 330-418-3714

BINGO

WHAT: BINGO

WHERE: NORTHWEST
STINSON SCHOOL
CAFETERIA 8454 ERIE AVE.
NW, CANAL FULTON OHIO,
44614

WHEN: EVERY
WEDNESDAY

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT
5:00 WITH BINGO STARTING
AT 6:30

THERE WILL ALSO BE
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE.

ALL THE PROCEEDS FROM
THESE EVENTS WILL GO TO
THE NORTHWEST ATHLETIC
CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.



TRADITIONAL BINGO-
PAPER SPECIAL-ALL YOU CAN PLAY
\$20.00



54, 72, OR 90 FACE COMPUTERS
AVAILABLE EACH WITH DIFFERENT
OPTIONS STARTING AT \$26



BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL.. 90 FACE
COMPUTER WITH PAPERS \$35



\$1000 MINI FLASH AND 2ND ONE
GROWING



EARLY BIRD STARBURST



****UP TO \$4,775 TOTAL PAYOUT WITH**
UP TO \$1,000 ON THE PROGRESSIVE #
COVERALL AND \$1,800 ON THE EARLY
BIRD.

WE WILL HAVE DINNER DOOR PRIZES NIGHTLY.

The Northwest Athletic Charitable Committee (A.C.C.) is a non-profit organization that raises funds to help pay for athletic supplies, equipment, facilities, fields and training of athletes in the Northwest Local School District area.

ACC-2015-Charitable Bingo License Number 0621-27 ACC-EIN Number 26-2392955

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****PROGRESSIVE POTS BASED ON MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE****

Cheerleading is having a **DQ Fundraiser** from 6-8, October 12. They are also **painting spears on driveways**. If interested in having your driveway painted, please call Sheryl West at 330-417-9623.

Girls and boys basketball is having a **Night at the Races**, November 21, at Elm Ridge Party Center. Contact Dennis Boecker at 330-618-7994 for more info.

Softball is having a **DQ Fundraiser** from 6-8, October 29.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

ACC.....fourth Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at HS Commons

Runners Clubthird Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
at the middle school in room 153

Touchdown Club first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Takedown Club first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Northwest Cheer Associationfirst Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
in HS Home Ec Room

Lady Indians Basketball Boosters second Monday of each month,
6:00 p.m. in MS Library

Lady Indians Soccerthird Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
in HS Commons

Girls Softball Boosters.....third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
at Grayce Ann’s Family Restaurant

Diamond Club first Sunday of each month, 6:00 p.m.
in HS Commons (www.nwindiansbaseball.com)



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Special Student Recognition

Abby Bonnot



This school year the Northwest Local School District is recognizing students who deserve a special look because of their interests or hobbies. Our September student is **Abby Bonnot**, who is President of her 4-H Club, Krazy Kritters. Abby participated in the Stark County Fair and recorded a number of successes this year. Abby's awards for 2015 include Champion of Champions Showmanship, Senior Grand Champion Showmanship, first in Dairy Feeder Class, ninth in Dairy Feeder Class, Five-year Award for Dairy Feeders and Gold Medal Club Member. For more information about Abby and a video showing her participation in the Stark County Fair, please go to the home page of the school district website for a link to the YouTube video.

Central Presbyterian Church
and the
Northwest High School Vocal Music Department

present

"Music Magnifies the Ages"

Featuring the organ music of Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, and Gigout
Performed by Mr. Leigh Conti

Also featuring *Evensong*, the choral music of Steve Parsons
Performed by the Central Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
and the

Northwest High School Varsity Choir

October 18, 2015 • 3:30 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church

47 Second St. N.E.
Massillon, Ohio 44646

The Northwest High School Varsity Choir, in conjunction with the Central Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, will be performing a major choral work titled *Evensong*, composed by Mr. Steven Parsons. In addition to the 90 singers, a 14-piece professional orchestra will accompany the Northwest High School Choir members and Chancel Choir. Thanks to the financial contributions of the Northwest Local Schools, the Northwest Choir Boosters, Central Presbyterian Church, and the Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach organization, this enormous musical experience has been made possible for our students and community. The concert is free to the public and will be held at Central Presbyterian Church in Massillon. Please come support our students and adults who are participating in such an enormous musical project!

Jason Smith leads the Band

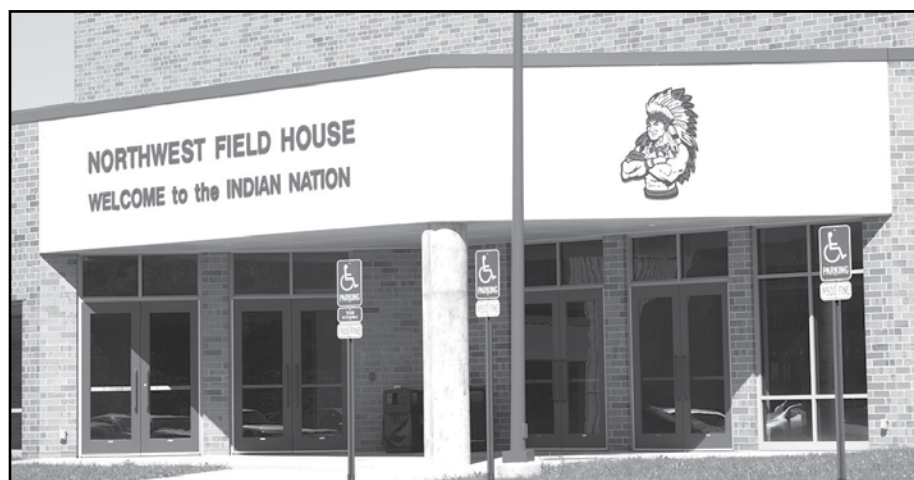


Jason Smith joins the Northwest instrumental music staff with a solid musical background. He completed his Master's Degree in Brass Performance and Music Education at the University of Akron. He worked as a substitute teacher and part-time instructor at Highland High School and Jackson Local Schools. He is also an adjunct professor at the College of Wooster.

Mr. Smith's goals in the music program are to make a good sound, look professional and keep pushing for more intricate designs and more challenging music. He shares a love of music with his wife who currently works as a fifth and sixth-grade band director in Westlake City Schools.

Mr. Smith says he is excited to work for Northwest Local Schools because "I love the community-oriented nature of the school system." He understands the importance of community and demonstrates this appreciation by serving as a part-time firefighter/EMT in Medina. He volunteered as a firefighter when he was a senior in high school in upstate New York, following in the footsteps of his father, and he continues this service as an adult. Jason Smith will undoubtedly teach music as well as many life lessons to his students.

On September 28, Mr. Smith and his wife had their first child, a boy named Julian. No word yet as to which musical instrument he will play.



We've Moved!

The Athletic Department has moved from the main entrance at the high school to the field house. The new location will provide better services to the coaches and students as well as assuring that the athletic director is in close proximity to areas primarily used for events. The ticket office is open at the field house from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on school days and in-service days.

New location will provide better security

"We felt that moving the athletic office to its new location by the field house provided a more convenient location for students, parents, and community members to purchase tickets. Additionally, the new location enhanced student safety procedures by limiting building access from non-students during the school day."



Gary Woods Field House

—Principal Eric Bornstine

Junior Teen Institute Recognizes Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Anyone who has ever stepped onto the fifth floor of Akron Children’s Hospital has seen some of the most courageous, loving, joyful children they will ever see in their life. These children are truly strong yet amazing as they battle the horrific disease of cancer. When children go through treatment for cancer, they are admitted to the hospital for days, weeks, and sometimes months. After their admission, they still endure countless daily and weekly visits to the hospital which last sometimes five hours or longer.

Throughout the month of September, Junior Teen Institute has recognized this and has been holding a drive to help make these visits at ACH more endurable for these children. This is the reason JTI has been asking Northwest Middle School students bring in toys, crafts, projects, and blankets to bring a spark of joy to these children. Also, they are also collecting “fun character” Band-Aids for the hospital since this is the only way that the hospital can receive these. Northwest Middle School staff members will be delivering the toys and Band-Aids within the first weeks of October. This drive has been very successful with so many wonderful students and their families donating in order to help these children have a more pleasant stay in the hospital, despite what they are going through.



Airabella Stewart and Shiann Jansen

Jim Knight Addresses Middle School Students



The Dangers of Social Media

Northwest Middle School students attended a Dangers of Social Media Program on Monday, September 21, at Puffenberger Auditorium. Jim Knight is the Crime Prevention Specialist in Stark County Prosecuting Attorney John D. Ferrero’s office in the Victim/Witness Division. Knight outlined social media dangers and legal limits regarding cell phone, Internet, and the use of social media. He stressed that students should never give out personal information online such as their name or location. Also, students should never meet in person with someone they met online. He encouraged students to talk to their parents or other adults if they encounter something or someone that makes them feel afraid or uncomfortable. Jim Knight was asked to address our student body because the Internet is a resource that students use for information and entertainment. This program provided an opportunity to reiterate possible Internet dangers and supply the student body with some tips to make the Internet a safer place and a more enjoyable experience. School Resource Officer Dennis Muntean and Principal Larry Tausch, wrapped up the Dangers of Social Media Program by reinforcing and building on Knight’s message. Both men provided insight into the dangers of social media on a local level.

“Indian Shop” Now Open!

This current volleyball season saw the opening of our new Indian Shop located at the middle school. During the school day the store is open for students to purchase school supplies ranging from pens and pencils to poster boards and calculators. After the school day has wrapped up, the Indian Shop transitions to a concession stand for all after school activities where customers can purchase pizza, hot dogs, snacks, and drinks.

Also available at the Indian Shop is Northwest apparel. Students and parents alike are able to purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, or polo shirts supporting the sport of their choice. The next time you’re at the middle school, stop in for a slice of pizza or pick up Northwest T-shirts for the whole family!



(L-R) Bayleigh Lower, Grace Huth, and Taylor Fightmaster working at the “Indian Shop.”



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Northwest Primary's Annual G

On September 15, 16 and 17, Northwest Primary held their annual Grandparents/VIP Day for kindergarten, first-grade and second-grade students. **Mary Walther**, a retired teacher from Northwest Schools, treated students and their guests to a book reading. **Nathan Stauffer** played the guitar and sang a number of children's songs. When he was held up in traffic for the first-grade performance, **Mrs. Betsy LaRiccia** stepped in to entertain the audience. The grandparents and VIPs appreciated her willingness to lead the singing, but no one appreciated her more than husband and principal, Jim LaRiccia.



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 - Care available only on scheduled school days
- #### Fun Club (Jackson Local School days off)
- For children grades K-5 enrolled in Before and After School Child Care
 - Hours: 6:45 am - 6:30 pm
- Contact Lyndsay Gatto for more information: 330-830-6275 or lgatto@ymcastark.org



Grandparents/VIP Day



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greatly. "Mrs. Baer is always there for anyone's problem and she helps everyone out however she can. I hope one day to be like that." She also is grateful to Mr. Rick Woods because "he pushes me into leadership roles and helps me out anytime he can. I can go to him for anything."



Nathan Weaver is a representative for Student Council and an office worker for the guidance office and main office. He participates in soccer, Interact, track and National Honor Society. He is also a lifeguard at Clay's Park. Leadership has taught Nathan to be responsible and to serve as a role model for the younger classes. Mrs. Baer has also had an influence on Nathan: "She has always made me want to be my best. She is also someone whom I can always go to when I need to talk about anything." Nathan feels that because Northwest is small, students are able to know everyone. "It makes it feel like we're a big

family that comes together for each other. There's also so much school spirit at Northwest, no matter if the teams are good or not. The students are just proud to be Northwest Indians."

Brooke West is a representative on Student Council, an Interact Co-leader and a member of National Honor Society. She is also a member of pep club, a cheerleader, a member of the competition cheerleading squad, an office worker and an employee at Dairy Queen. Leadership has taught her "to get as many people involved as I can. There's so much need in the world, and getting a big group of people together can change many lives." Brooke says two staff members have influenced her life. "Mr. Jones has shown me how much he truly cares for this town, his family and even me. He always has a smile on his face and wants to help in any way he can." She also has been influenced by Mr. Staats: "His drive for teaching makes me want to pursue any goal I have. He always plans extra tasks and gives us extra work to help us do better. Giving us extra time out of school to help prepare for Advanced Placement tests helped me so much." Brooke feels Northwest is special because "we all genuinely care for one another and want to see our friends achieve their goals and want to help in any way we can."



Veterans Day

Save the date! Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day, and our schools will hold programs to honor veterans. The middle school staff and students invite all veterans for a light breakfast and a ceremony starting at 8:00 a.m. More information will be sent home with middle school students in the next few weeks regarding the assembly, or you may call Angie King at (330) 936-5198 for more details. The high school will honor veterans with a program featuring the band and choir at 10:00 a.m. in Puffenberger Hall. Veterans Appreciation Day at Northwest Primary School will be held at 10:00 a.m. Activities begin with a parade throughout the building. The veterans and students will assemble in the gym to sing patriotic songs, listen to reasons why veterans are our heroes, and receive tokens of our appreciation for jobs well done. Following the program will be pictures and refreshments. We hope you join us November 11.



Grandparents Day at Stinson Elementary

Stinson Elementary hosted third-grade students' grandparents on Friday, September 11, to celebrate Grandparents Day. The children were thrilled to have their grandparents visit their school, see their classroom and playground, and have lunch together in the cafeteria. The students prepared for the day by making special pictures to present to their grandmothers and grandfathers. The children sang adorable songs that the grandparents really enjoyed, and the songs brought smiles to all their faces. The students ended their special afternoon by presenting their grandparent with a flower and taking a photo to capture the memory forever.

