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Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

Northwest Schools has embraced a bullying prevention program that will be put into place in January. The Olweus Program (pronounced Ol-VEY-us) is a comprehensive, schoolwide program designed and evaluated for use in grades K through 12. Thanks to a grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation, 19 Stark County teachers and staff were trained in this research-based and effective program.

Stinson school counselor Marcy McKendry participated in the training: “I had been introduced to the Olweus program in Schools Where Everyone Belongs, by Stan Davis. He had the Olweus training and took his knowledge of the program and his experience and wrote a book about how to implement a prevention program K-8. When I looked into training, the cost was thousands of dollars and with the financial shape we were in as a district, I knew the training wasn’t even an option.”

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➤ “The program takes a relatively large amount of time to implement. It isn’t a quick fix. Bullying itself is a complex problem and this program takes 12-18 months to effectively get up and running.”



Mrs. Marcy McKendry

*October is National
Bullying Prevention Month.*

Calendar Change in November

Please correct your calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. The waiver date that had been scheduled for Nov. 2 has been changed to Nov. 5 for Olweus training. Therefore, students will attend school on November 2 and have no school on November 5.



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Board of Education



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

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District Honored by Ohio Edison for Energy-Saving Measures

The August 2012 Board of Education meeting featured Kim DuCharme of Ohio Edison who presented Board President Jim Gindlesberger with a check for over 38 thousand dollars. The district, which is participating in the FirstEnergy Mercantile Program for Energy Efficiency, has completed a performance contract and a House Bill 261 Project.

The project highlights include the following energy saving measures by the school system:

- Completed lighting retrofits in the high school and elementary school buildings comprising of T8 fixtures. In addition, the gymnasium was updated with T5 fixtures.
- Installed “Thin Client” software that assists in reducing energy consumption of school computer systems.
- Installed Energy Star vending machine refrigerators with sensors that ensure machines stay on during high traffic times and are shut down during times of no occupancy.
- Installed HVAC controls throughout the high school to allow for conservation of energy when rooms and hallways are unoccupied.



Board President Jim Gindlesberger accepts the rebate check from Kim DuCharme of Ohio Edison.

These projects are estimated to save Northwest Local Schools roughly 500,000 kWh annually.

Limited High School Busing Continues

High school transportation was eliminated due to financial constraints before the start of the 2008-2009 school year, and this policy remains in effect at the present time. Over the last few years busing needs have changed, however, and some buses now have empty seats. Last year this situation was addressed by the board of education through a resolution that permits high school students to apply for these empty seats, and students have been assigned transportation on a first-come, first-served basis. According to Bus Coordinator Ray Gesaman, this policy change has allowed 230 high school students to ride the school buses this fall, and, as in the past, the possibility of high school busing in future years will depend upon available seats.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program continued

Next Mrs. McKendry sought administrative support: “The program takes a relatively large amount of time to implement. It isn’t a quick fix. Bullying itself is a complex problem and this program takes 12-18 months to effectively get up and running. I wanted to make sure that we could get staff committed and motivated enough to see this through.” McKendry and Kay Port of the Stark County Educational Service Center teamed together to complete the training of the each building’s Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee (BPCC) and Coordinating Committees. The Ohio Department of Education has granted Northwest a “waiver day,” Nov. 5, when the entire Northwest staff, including all certified and classified, will participate in a one-day training. “The word ‘bullying’ is often tagged with any and all negative behaviors in a school setting. The Olweus program gives a more laser-like focus on what truly defines bullying behavior, how to recognize it, how to stop it and more importantly, how to prevent it. I am excited and encouraged by this program and what it has to offer to the overall learning environment for students K-12,” says Stinson Principal Lori Mariani.

The program will be kicked off in each building the week of Jan. 14. “We felt this date allowed the staff more time to practice the skills taught during training. We also wanted to dedicate time to get student buy in and felt we needed to wait until after finals. We didn’t want to put it off until the 2013 school year for fear that the momentum would get lost,” explains McKendry.

“This is a good thing. We all know that bullying is a societal problem that is under a microscope. Due to its complexity, there is no one cure-all or quick fix. It takes a change in school climate and school culture to make things better, and that is exactly what we are going to do,” said McKendry.

Northwest Saves through Shared Services

The last several years have seen an ongoing effort within Northwest Local Schools to be fiscally responsible. We have explored numerous ways to save money, and as a result, “shared services” have become widely used in our district. Encouraged by the Ohio Legislature, shared services allow us to save money.

Shared Services happen when school districts share costs with each other or another group instead of being solely responsible for these costs. For example, Northwest is part of a group that includes most of the school districts in Stark County. By combining their purchases, these school districts use their buying power to provide cost savings in the following areas:

- Fuel for vehicles
- Utilities
- Insurance, both for general school liability and employee medical and dental
- Supplies, including office, educational, maintenance, and transportation
- Computer software and technology
- Food services
- Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Legal Services
- Multiple Services
- Preschool Services for children needing early intervention
- Nursing Services

We will continue to look for new ways to save money. We encourage any community member with ideas to contact the Treasurer’s Office. Treasurer Dan Levengood is open to new ideas and welcomes community involvement.



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Curriculum News

Race to the Top Update

Northwest Local is currently focusing on the work outlined in year three of its Race to the Top Grant. Teachers in kindergarten through fifth grade have begun the process of implementing the Common Core Standards in Reading and Math. Teachers in sixth through twelfth grade have begun the process of implementing the Common Core Standards and the Ohio Revised Science and Social Studies standards in all content areas. The district is focused on implementing the Formative Instructional Practices (FIP) initiative, which identifies clear learning targets for each content area, and developing and deploying common assessment practices. The district is also piloting Ohio's teacher and principal evaluation systems with a focus on full implementation during the upcoming school year. Additional teachers will receive training to become instructional mentors for newly hired teachers who are participating in the state's Resident Educator Program.

The Race to the Top transformation team met Friday, Sept. 28, to monitor the district's progress in meeting identified goals and performance measures, discuss value-added growth measures that will be used at each grade level, determine implementation procedures for the new teacher and principal evaluation systems and examine the district report card data from the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Northwest Local Teachers Focus on FIP

Northwest Local teachers spent August 31 learning about formative instructional practices (FIP) and the district's two-year plan of implementation. The FIP initiative is part of the work outlined in Northwest's Race to the Top Grant, which calls for all stakeholders to use formative instructional practices. There are four main components to this initiative which include the identification of clear learning targets, students' ownership of their learning, the collection and documentation of evidence of learning, and effective feedback.

Clear learning targets drive the teaching and learning process. Everyone is focused on what students need to learn and the students can answer the question, "Where am I headed?" Students take ownership of their own learning by being able to self-assess, give each other feedback and set learning goals. They track, reflect and share their learning with others. They are able to answer the question, "What do I need to do to be successful?" Teachers and students work collaboratively to collect and document evidence of learning. Teachers use the evidence to guide learning and students use evidence to decide "Where am I now?" Finally, effective feedback is provided, thus enabling students to move forward as they become independent thinkers and are able to answer the question, "Am I on the right path?"

As Ohio rolls out new standards, assessments and teacher evaluation systems, it is critical that instructional practices are effective and research-based. The FIP initiative enables teachers, parents and students to work collaboratively to ensure that our students are prepared for thinking and learning in the 21st century.

Use Your Smartphone to Download our Mobile App

The Northwest Local School District is pleased to offer our community a new app that will provide mobile access to our website. The app will allow us to provide the latest news such as school closings and cancellations as well as interactive features. We see this app as an excellent opportunity to communicate with our residents.

Installation is simple. Go to your app store to download the QR Reader. Place the phone over the QR code that appears on the district website and scan the code. Follow the prompts during the installation process to install the application. You will also have an opportunity to sign up to receive instant text notifications. The app is available for all mobile devices.

Northwest is one of only 6 school districts in Stark County offering this mobile advantage, thanks to the generosity of Omni Orthopaedics. If you have any questions regarding the app, please contact Technology Coordinator Jeff Ludwig at ludwig.j@northwest.sparcc.org.

Northwest Designated Ohio Green Fleet

Northwest Local Schools has been designated as an Ohio Green Fleet by Clean Fuels Ohio’s statewide Ohio Green Fleets program. The Ohio Green Fleets program recognizes fleets efficiency and environmental performance. Designated Ohio Green fleets provide a community service by improving air quality and reducing Ohio’s dependence on imported petroleum.

Northwest Local Schools earned designation as a One-Star Ohio Green Fleet. Fleets are evaluated based on policies they have implemented to reduce vehicle emissions and reliance on petroleum fuels. Green achievements for Northwest Local Schools bus fleet include retrofitting eligible school buses with Diesel Oxidation Catalysts, Diesel Particulate Filters, and Closed Crankcase Filtration Systems.

Northwest Local Schools operates a fleet of 22 school buses traveling approximately 290,000 miles per year.

If you are interested in becoming a bus driver, the Northwest Local School District needs substitute bus drivers. Qualifications include:

- Age 21 or older
- Pass Physical and pre-employment drug screen
- Clean driving record
- Will train for Class B CDL S/P endorsements
- Sponsorship to State pre-service school bus class
- BCI/FBI check

Those interested in a position can contact Ray Gesaman at 330-854-3301 or stop at Northwest Local Schools to pick up an application.

Athletic Charitable Committee News

- The Northwest Diamond Club is looking to fill a few of our board positions. The positions that we need to fill are Secretary & Vice-President. Anyone interested in either of these positions, please email John Markus, Diamond Club President, farmall774@yahoo.com. The purpose of The Diamond Club is to assist the high school baseball program in any way necessary. We hold several different fundraisers throughout the year, help feed the team after away games, assist with the end of the year banquet, help the program with any equipment they may need above what is provided by the athletic program, and our biggest purpose for the next couple of years is to help & oversee the funding & construction of our new baseball field.
- The ACC will be holding a Night at the Races on December 15th at Elm Ridge Party Center. Please mark your calendars for this event. Contact Larry Murgatroyd (larrymurgatroyd@att.net) for more information on how you can get tickets or help with this event. Go Indians!

Calendar of Meetings

ACC – 1st Sunday of each month, 5:00 pm at HS Commons
Runners Club – 1st Sunday of each month @ 4:00 pm at HS in room 107
Touchdown Club – During season Every Monday @ 7:00 pm at the Annex
Takedown Club – 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at VFW
Northwest Cheer Association – 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm in Home Ec @ HS
Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 pm @ Middle School Library
Lady Indians Soccer – 2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm @ Middle School Library
Girls Softball Boosters – 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 at Grayce Ann’s Family Restaurant
Diamond Club – 1st Sunday of each month @ 7:00 pm in Commons. (www.nwindiansbaseball.com)

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 30th (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) Dairy Queen fundraiser for Runner’s Club
- Dec 15th - Night at the Races (Elm Ridge Party Center) sponsored by the ACC



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Northwest Marching Band and Majorettes

Row 1 (L-R): Maddie Magazzeni, Mikhayla Hazlett, Kiera Sparling, Maurine Speight, Gina Buchtel, Rachel Gatsios, Katie Bender, Sarah Hoffman, Matt Wilson, and Matt Campbell. Row 2 (L-R): Katelyn Zickefoose, Cevanah McCoury, Lacy Keller, Helber Good, Brooke Sombati, Brandi Meadows, Jenn Shaner, Kate Nypaver, Matt Ham, Morgan Harless, and Bre Stann. Row 3 (L-R): Cassie Watkins, Heather Butti, Sarah Butti, Mike Colgate, Trevor Davis, Debbie Long, Cody Greenwalt, Cecily Lent, Jamie Schlitt, and Chuma Roberts. Row 4 (L-R): Macy Hamad, Stacie Houser, Jordan Snelick, Ellie Stockert, Kelsey Milinkovich, Kourtney Boggs, Emily Casto, Sarah Buchtel, Meghan Smith, Emily Liknes, Olivia Kulp, and Holly Knight. Row 5 (L-R): Carter Antal, Brian Stevenson, James Durkin, Grace Stockert, Katie Joyce, Zia Schrader, Sarah Kosa, Rachel Keatley, Kayla Kushnir, and Abby Wyles. Row 6 (L-R): Emma Canfield, Matt Doyle, Noah Jagger, Mike Finney, Josh Hazlett, Matt Manns, Kirk Brown, Rachel Horrell, Jacob Hare, Jamie King, Abbi Woodward, and Lauren Stover. Row 7 (L-R): Mrs. Julie McLaughlin, Mrs. Kim Good, Mr. Garry Masowich, Mackenze Schley, Ben Stoneking, Kira Hollosey, Lucas Ostronisky, and Justin Viles. Missing: Joe Prochaska, Mike Greene, John Inks, Nate Weaver, and Sierra Arp. Majorettes: Kneeling: Brianna Stann. Back Row (L-R): Holly Knight, Macy Hamad, Katelyn Zickefoose, Emma Canfield, and Lauren Stover.



Varsity Cheerleaders

Front Row (L-R): Jessica Eicher, Megan Jackson, Aspen Fink, Marissa Crasi, and Jackie White. Back Row (L-R): Alli Loretto, Meredith Fennell, Abby Cundiff, and Kelsey Kincaid.



JV Cheerleaders

Front Row (L-R): Cassidy Spencer and Taylor Lawrence. Middle Row (L-R): Lexi Engleman, Molly Hollenbaugh, and Molly Ogg. Back Row: Annie Stull.



Freshman Cheerleaders

Front Row (L-R): Marisa Wood and Jenna Hutzell. Middle Row (L-R): Kelly Walker and Brooke West. Back Row (L-R): Breanne Kushnir, Aubrey Walker, Gracyn Loper, and Kristin Sobie.

2012 Northwest Fall Sports



Cross Country

Front Row (L-R): Ike Canfield, Siera Forney, Alicia Tudor, Vanessa Tudor, Ellie Stockert, and Mackenzie Schley. Back Row (L-R): Austin Romansky, Justin Hinkle, Patrick Wells, Tyler Hinkle, Robby Meisner, Jacob Hare, John Elliot, and Burke Kepley.



Golf

Front Row (L-R): Tyler Foutty, Tristen Lindeman, Joe Cochran, Bryer Berger, Colton Carihfield, and Jake Penrod. Back Row (L-R): Matt Dudley, Adam Gabriel, JJ Polkabila, Alex Winters, Alex Earnsberger, Ryan Fuller, and Coach Brian Ries.



Boys Soccer

Front Row (L-R): Hunter Speedy, Bobby Kalail, Trace Mullett, Kyle Jenkins, Helber Good, Chuma Roberts, Jacob Hill, and Jake Demaree. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Ron Varga, Clayton Rood, Joey Hillegass, Jacob Hare, Shawn Hoffman, Kyle Sabol, Ben Stoneking, Andrew Tichon, David Dill, Ben Salupo, and Head Coach Chuck King. Missing: Eric Mann and Kyle Murgatroyd.



Girls Soccer

Front Row (L-R): Madison Culp, Savannah Ailiff, Megan Bilinovich, Madison Ross, Rachel Horrell, Morgan Morrison, Maddie Shaw, Rachel Laury, Robyn Wyman, Hannah Gesaman, and Nicole Polkabila. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Dave Cooper, Devin Kieffer, Elizabeth Klingbeil, Madelaine Magazzeni, Jalyn Goddard, Jordan Smith, Brittany Yurick, Jordan Snelick, Abbi Woodward, Holly Knight, Madison Pollard, Cierra Snyder, Hannah Brotherton, Madison Stackhouse, Assistant Coach Megan Green, and Head Coach Scott Green.



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Under the Arabic Sun: Linda Gephart Holl

On August 27 the Northwest Board of Education accepted the resignation of Linda Gephart Holl who retired after teaching for 33 years in the Northwest District. Anyone knowing her is well aware that she didn't retire to take life easy. On September 2 Mrs. Holl became a third grade teacher at the Emirates National School in Al Ain, located south of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"I was looking for a change of direction in my career," she explains, "something with a little adventure and challenge. The UAE is undergoing major educational reform and I wanted to somehow participate and contribute to their process, either as a teacher or an administrator."

Mrs. Holl began working through Teach Away in Toronto, Canada, in order to pursue an opportunity to teach in another country. During the application process, she became acquainted with Mr. Brian Rotunno, a Malone University graduate and the Head Master at the Emirates National School in Al Ain. He offered her a job in Al Ain this summer.

Schools in the UAW are undergoing changes in curriculum that are very similar to schools in the United States, as they try to prepare their students for global learning. Mrs. Holl says, "As part of their reform, they are ensuring that their students become as fluent in English as their native tongue, in order to be more globally competitive, and they are striving for their students to have what they call, international mindedness."

Linda Gephart Holl is chronicling her teaching experience in a blog she calls My New Life Abroad "Under the Arabic Sun." She invites you to share her experiences at <http://lindagephart.tumblr.com/>.



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THOSE WHOM WE HAVE ASKED TO STAND IN HARM'S
WAY TO PROTECT AND DEFEND OUR GREAT COUNTRY
AND FREEDOM AS OUR WAY OF LIFE .

VETERANS' DAY,

NOVEMBER 11, 2012 AT 1:00 PM

Market Street N.E. between Walnut & High

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #699

Marshallville American Legion Post #718

The Akron Pipe Band - Congressman Jim Renacci

The Marlboro Volunteers, military vehicles, "Living
Historians" & Mobile Museum of U.S. Military History

JR Army ROTC—Perry High School

Canal Fulton Boy Scout Troop # 915

Canal Land Girl Scouts

Refreshments and more.

Hosted by the Friends of the Canal Fulton Library



Veterans Day Celebrations on November 11

Northwest Primary School

This day honors all veterans, as well as safety forces. Honorees will march through the halls amid cheering students who are waving flags. The assembly will begin at 2:45 p.m. The PTO will provide refreshments.

Northwest High School

Northwest High School Student Council organizes the program that pays tribute to our community's veterans. The assembly, which also features the school's band and choir, starts at 10 a.m. in Puffenberger Hall.

School Cafeterias Strive to Meet Regulations

Parents will tell you that it’s challenging to offer healthy meals to the teenagers sitting around their home’s dining room table. Imagine trying to feed more than 2 thousand students ranging in age from 5 to 18. That’s the challenge facing Food Service Director Patty Schaller and each building cafeteria staff.

This year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and state regulations have established tougher nutritional standards for school meals, and the schools must encourage students to eat the healthier meals. The new regulations set minimum and maximum calorie levels for grade levels. For example, students in grades K-5 should receive a meal of at least 550 calories but no more than 650 calories. Middle school students are permitted 600 to 700 calories. High school students have a range of 750 to 850 calories. Saturated fats must be below 10 percent. Only skim milk or one-percent milk may be served. Percentages of different types of vegetables (dark green, orange/red, legumes and starchy) must be served with students being required to take a fruit and vegetable each day. In addition, all schools must offer limited whole grains with their meals, a step that Northwest cafeterias had already embraced. Needless to say, the requirements are very complex as government regulations attempt to curb childhood obesity.

“Northwest is often ahead of the national trends toward healthier eating standards, promoting fiber, lowering sodium and reducing saturated fats.”

The district website, <http://www.northwest.sparcc.org>, has the monthly lunch menus posted under Quicklinks.

“We have posted nutritional information in the cafeteria and have also started a new web page—Nutrition and Fitness—under Quicklinks on Northwest’s home page,” says Schaller. “Northwest is often ahead of the national trends toward healthier eating standards, promoting fiber, lowering sodium and reducing saturated fats.”



Northwest Primary School
Missie Hoffman and Debbie Seifert



W.S. Stinson Elementary
Jackie Sprinkle, Vickie Nettle and
Dana Kapper



Northwest Middle School
Laurie Bonnet, Janet Snyder and
Sue Feaser



Northwest High School
Jen Conyers, Cheryl Sharier, Kelly Summers,
Fran Minks and Susie Hollis



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Northwest High School Homecoming Court 2012



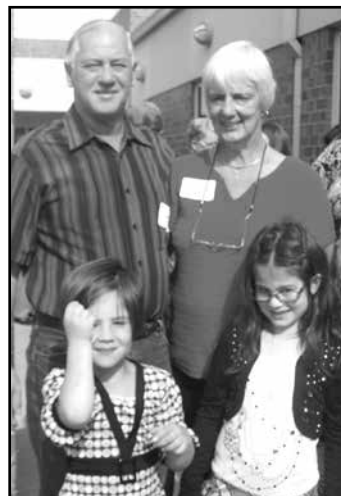
Left to Right: Freshman Attendant Jenna Hutzell, Senior Attendant Marissa Crasi, Queen Maddie Shaw, Sophomore Attendant Hannah Brotherton and Junior Attendant Megan Bilinovich

On Ensemble at Puffenberger Hall October 30

The world-famous On Ensemble will be putting on a one-hour concert for Northwest Middle School at Puffenberger Hall Tuesday, Oct. 30. On Ensemble is a Japanese drum group that uses ancient instruments of taiko. The ensemble has four members who, according to their website, “combine their study and deep appreciation of tradition with equally formative experiences as electronic music producers, jazz drummers, and rock bassists to create a repertoire of ground-breaking music.” The members of the group are Masato Baba, Kristofer Bergstrom, Shoji Kameda and Kelvin Underwood, and all four are considered leading artists in their field.

The Ensemble is sponsored by The Ohio Arts Council and ORMACO (Ohio Regional Music and Cultural Outreach). Northwest is one of only 3 districts in Northeast Ohio where they will perform. They will also perform at Black River and Medina City Schools.

Grandparents and VIP Day a Huge Success



Alexis Wayts and Brianna Wayts and Grandparents

Northwest Primary students sang special songs, recited poetry, acted out charades and welcomed over 700 special guests for the annual Grandparents and VIP Day. Special thanks to the PTO which provided cookies for the event.



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Canal Fulton YMCA

www.ymcastark.org
Group Exercise classes and
Y Childcare Fall 2012

Before & After School Childcare:
Children K-5th grade. For the
2012/2013 school year @
Northwest Primary School
Financial assistance available

Contact: Lyndsay Gatto, Child Care Director
330-830-6275 or lgatto@ymcastark.org

The YMCA of Central Stark County is offering programs in the
Northwest School District service area

Contact Pam Laddon for more information: 330-830-6275 or pleddon@ymcastark.org

Student Leadership another Opportunity for Learning

School principals will tell you that the success of a program or activity relies heavily upon the efforts of its student leaders. Northwest High School is fortunate to have individuals who are willing to take on the challenges of leading their peers and, along the way, learning something about themselves.



Student Council President and Cheerleading Captain Jessica Eicher:

“I have learned that it is so important to be a role model. It’s difficult in high school to find your place, but knowing you can make a difference in someone’s life makes it easier.”

“Northwest has an amazing community that I am so blessed to be a part of. I have had so many encouragers that are teachers, coaches and staff that I am totally grateful for. They have each taught me to be a better person and to strive for my dreams in the future.”



Senior Class President and National Honor Society President Mark Bell:

“Through my leadership positions, I have learned to take charge to get things started. If I see that something needs to be done, I take control of it and start working on it. I have learned how to communicate with others and become more open-minded about accepting ideas and compromising.”

“I have chosen to take on these responsibilities because I am able to take the stress and use it to push myself to become a better person. I also believe that I can positively influence the students, school and community through this position.”



Youth Group Leader and Gymnastics Coach Meredith Fennell:

“There are a lot of rewards that come with becoming a leader. Helping and changing others is probably the most rewarding. Seeing changes in yourself are exciting as well. Northwest High School has allowed me to open up and connect with many different people. You learn so much through high school so this is a very important time to be a leader. What we do now sets us up for the rest of our lives.”



Student Council Member J.J. Polkable:

“I take on the responsibility (of leadership) because I feel like it’s the right thing to do. When I walked through the doors here four years ago, I thought to myself that I want to make this a better place in my time here, and I’m just trying to fulfill my goal.”

“Northwest High School has made me a better person because it has taught me valuable life skills such as responsibility and how to treat other people. I learned that respect is everything, and if you have it toward others, you will get it in return.”



Interact Club President Heather Millard:

“I’ve learned that I am capable of much more than I expected of myself. I’ve learned to be okay with standing out and being different because sometimes that can be one way to lead others to do the same. Working with others can be both a challenge and a joy. I’ve learned to listen and appreciate others opinions and ideas. Everyone has a different way of doing things, and I’ve learned to embrace that.”

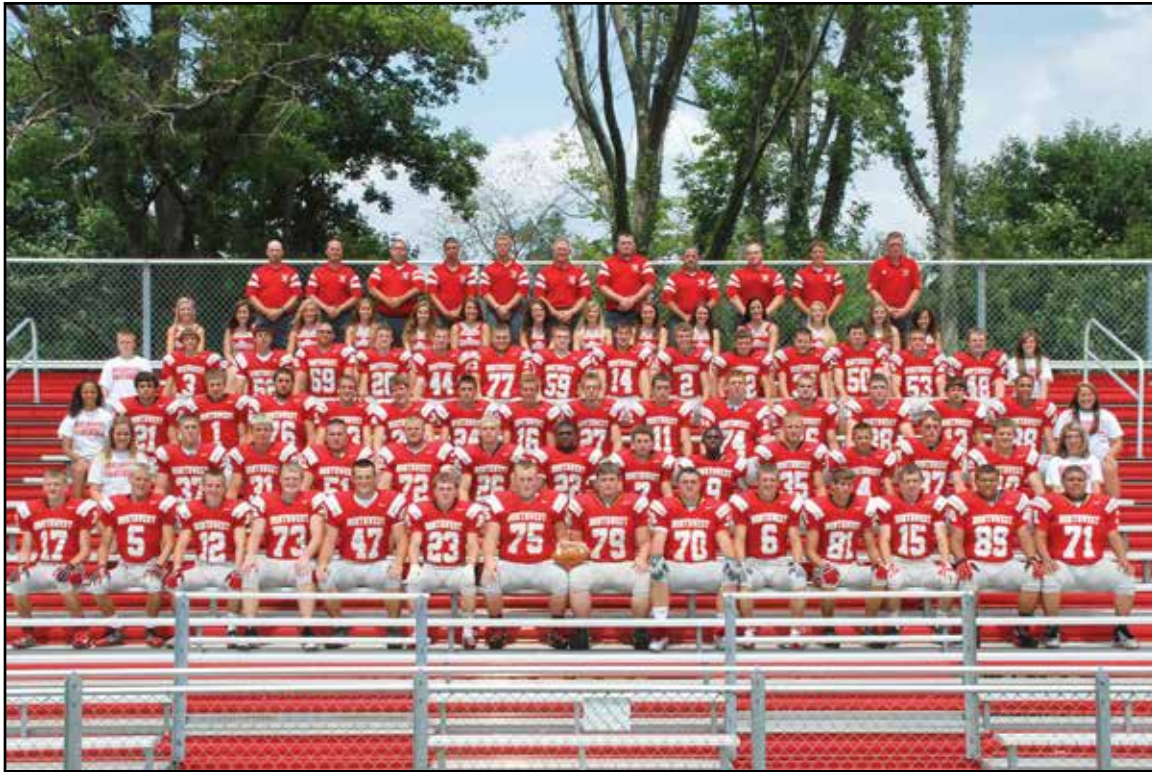
“I think when you’re in a leadership position, you have many opportunities to impact a group of individuals. I want my life to leave a positive impact wherever I go, and being in a leadership position is a gateway to do so.”



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2012 Fall Team Photos



Varsity Football

Row 1 (L-R): Sean Green, Justin Smith, Josh Waddle, Matt Schley, Tyler Bowman, Kyle Harris, Jordan West, Cody Grogan, Paul Wellman, Brandon King, David Casalinova, Jake Marty, Tyler Coughlin, and Travis Coughlin. Row 2 (L-R): Hannah Pullman, Jackson Schultz, Eddie Ayers, Colton Hershberger, Jerrad Cox, Austin Slusser, Milton Greek, Logan Snyder, Jordan Radcliff, Matt Ramsey, Andrew Colon, Tim Fitzwater, Kyle Brosch, and Mason Stroh. Row 3 (L-R): Kaitlyn Thompson, Tristan Mullane, TD Culp, Angelo Kolinoff, Jeff Hensal, Alan Strelecki, Chad Hill, Michael Bechtel, Johnny Masters, Michael Zervos, Dale Hazzard, Spencer Carrico, Clayton Freed, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Lawrence Ruthraff, and Kirsten Mitchen. Row 4 (L-R): Zac West, Austin Boser, Adam Smith, Zach Massengale, Nick Hearn, Drew Schroedder, Cody Wilson, Jared Tomscik, Jeff Shimko, Collin McCurry, Chris Jackson, Robbie Robinson, Jeremy Harbaugh, Phillip Straussini, Zac Winands, and Courtney Riderour. Row 5 (L-R): Taylor Lawrence, Molly Ogg, Jessica Eicher, Aspen Fink, Jackie White, Megan Jackson, Marissa Crasi, Abby Cundiff, Lexi Engleman, Alli Loretto, Kelsey Kincaid, Cassidy Spencer, and Annie Stull. Row 6 (L-R): Coach Lane Knore, Coach Mike Bechtel, Coach Shane Minné, Coach Zaid Abueteen, Coach Joey Demaree, Head Coach Vic Whiting, Coach Dave Maculaitis, Coach Mike Calcei, Coach Jordan Pellikan, Coach Travis Stroh, and Coach Ray Keller.



Volleyball

Front Row (L-R): Leanna Snyder, Anna Cihon, Hannah Gordon, Haley Macko, Kayla Ley, and Kaylynn Boak. Back Row (L-R): Lindsay Thompson, Taylor Heard, Alyssa Hanes, Celsie Channell, Sara Eisenmann, Lizzy Jacobs, Olivia Rooks, Melanie Grady, Leah Luhning, Assistant Coach Lyndsey Venables, and Head Coach John Rafailades.



Freshman Football

Row 1 (L-R): Darian Short, JT Koprivec, Austin Cundiff, Kyle Myers, Brian Barabasch, Jacob Robinson and Dalton Cox. Row 2 (L-R): Breanne Kushnir, Marisa Wood, Matt Fennell, James Ayers, Michael Roman, George Hawthorn, Clayton Boecker, Kyle Lott, Josh Stover, Jenna Hutzell and Kelly Walker. Row 3 (L-R): Kristin Sobie, Nathan Gissingner, Charlie Kieffer, Jimmy Waring, Jared Dillon, Nathan Weaver, James Nicholson, and Brooke West. Row 4 (L-R): Coach Ray Keller, Coach Joey Demaree, Coach Zaid Abueteen, and Coach Jordan Pellikan.



Trainers

Front Row (L-R): Courtney Ridenour, Zach West, and Mason Stroh. Back Row (L-R): Hannah Pullen, Kaitlyn Thompson, and Kirsten Mitchen.



NW Indians Claim Championship

The Northwest Indians 11u Select Team won the Ohio Hot Stove State Championship July 29 in Alliance. Front row (left-right): Cameron Morgan, Noah Hewitt, Bryce Munson, Corey Kohler, Kyle Stockwell. Second row: Luke Fennell, Joseph McGuire, Clay Crawford, Jared Szekely, Josh Blankenship. Coaches: Joe McGuire, Chad Crawford, Mark Szekely, Ron Stayer, and Bart Munson (not pictured).