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Lunch Prices

High School/Middle School..... \$3.00
W.S. Stinson/NW Primary \$2.70
Milk..... \$.50



2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorians

Valedictorian Ryan Moellendick: Ryan is most proud of creating balance in his education, sports, extra-curricular activities, and social life and still finishing at the top of his class: "It feels amazing to be named Valedictorian after my hard work and dedication in the classroom." He will always remember the moments spent in the classroom and on the soccer field with his friends and teammates. His advice for underclassmen? "No matter what you decide to do, give it 100%, and never back down from any obstacle." Ryan will continue his education at The University of Akron where he will major in Biochemistry through the Williams Honors College.



Ryan Moellendick

Salutatorian Riley Cudnik: Riley is proud of managing school, sports, and extra-curriculars while still maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She will remember the fun she had at pep rallies, sporting events, and dances with all of her classmates. Her advice to underclassmen is to get involved because it makes it so much more enjoyable to be at school every day. "It feels surreal to be selected as Salutatorian. I feel so honored to represent our class in this way." In the fall, Riley will attend West Liberty University to play volleyball and study biology. She hopes to pursue a career in physical therapy.



Riley Cudnik

Salutatorian Ethan Hyrne: Ethan is proud of winning the PAC Championship with the basketball team his senior year. He will long remember the relationships he built with both his peers and the staff. His advice to underclassmen: "Don't worry so much about the little things, and just try to enjoy your time at Northwest." Ethan is proud to represent the class of 2021 as Salutatorian: "It's an honor, and it feels good to know that the hard work I've put in has paid off." Ethan will attend The University of Akron. He plans to major in biology and pursue a career as a physician assistant.



Ethan Hyrne

Summa Cum Laude Graduates

3.9 – 4.0 GPA, 4+ AP Courses or 30+ CCP Credit Hours or 4+ Credit Career-Tech Program



Ryan Moellendick
Valedictorian



Riley Cudnik
Salutatorian



Ethan Hyrne
Salutatorian



Maria Dangelo



Leeann Dolensky



Kennedy Kraft



Jordan Marecek



Ashton Nair



Cassie Stewart



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Board of Education



From left: Vice-President Victor Colaianni, Julia Barkey, Board President Jim Gindlesberger, Rita Gearhart, Bob Schilling.

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Message from the Superintendent

The Northwest School community survived the pandemic thanks to the commitment and cooperation of our students, staff, parents and everyone involved actively in our schools. Local government officials, law enforcement personnel and businesses were great resources.



It has been a treat for me to have had the opportunity to serve here the past two years. I am grateful to all who made the job enjoyable. My thank you goes out to everybody that makes Northwest Schools a great place for students, and for a community that supports their schools.

Dennis P. Lambes
Superintendent

Honored Educators

The Stark County Educational Service Center hosts an Education Celebration annually. Each school district names an educator to the All-County Teaching Team. Northwest's Teacher of the Year is **Ashley (Winston) Harper**, and **Natalie Sarbaugh** is the Northwest Rookie of the Year. We are honored to have these educators in our district.



Ashley
Harper



Natalie
Sarbaugh

Thank You, Northwest!

Northwest participated in the "Hunger: The Bus Stops Here" food drive and fundraising drive that includes members of the Stark County Educational Service Center. Northwest collected 1,719 pounds of food and \$192 in monetary donations.



Thank You!

As we reflect on the past school year, we are incredibly thankful for the collaboration and support provided by our students and their families as we navigated in-person and online learning amidst a global pandemic. We are so proud of our exceptional staff members! They were flexible, resilient, and creative as they adapted to ongoing changes while remaining focused on ensuring our students had a positive learning experience.

We know staff, students, and families are looking forward to the carefree days of summer. There are multiple opportunities for families to engage in a variety of enrichment activities on which to build a child's realm of experiences, and we encourage you to safely explore those opportunities this summer. We hope you have an enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to seeing all of our students and their families when school resumes in the fall.

Debora Clark
Director of Instruction

Transportation News

If there are any address or bus changes, please contact Deanna Gesaman, Transportation Supervisor, anytime by leaving a message at 330-854-3301. Mailers will go out the last week of July for the 2021-2022 School Year.



Jackie Gresock



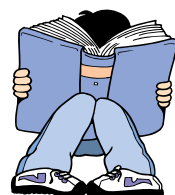
Balinda Genis

May 3 was National school Bus Driver Appreciation Day. Congratulations to **Jackie Gresock** and **Balinda Genis** who were recognized for their 20 years of service!

Summer Reading Requirements for MS/HS Students

Middle School

English 9 (8th grade Enriched): *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch
ELA 8: *The Edge* by Roland Smith
ELA 7: *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
ELA 6: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson
Each grade level has a Google Classroom they can join. Class codes are on the school website.



High School

The 2021 Summer Reading assignments for all high school ELA classes have been updated on the school website. Students enrolled in ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11, ELA 12, AP Language, AP Literature, and Composition I (at the high school) are required to complete Summer Reading.

Parents and students can access Summer Reading from the Northwest Home page by clicking on High School and then Resources. Summer Reading is at the bottom of the Resources menu.



Back to School Forms

Northwest uses Final Forms for completion of Back to School forms. Final Forms saves student information from year to year, which allows returning students and their families to update their information quickly and efficiently.

Beginning August 1, parents and students in the district should access the Final Forms platform and update the following:

PARENTS:

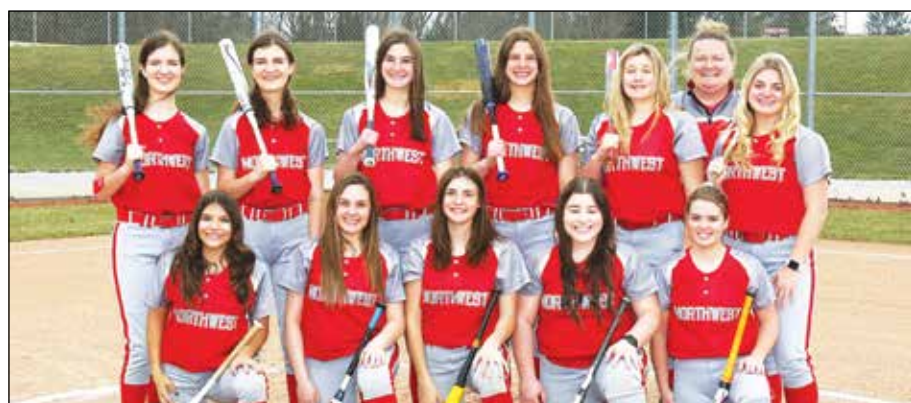
- Update any changes to your child's forms (i.e. phone number, email address, medical changes)
- Read and sign the Student Handbook forms
- Sign-off that forms are accurate and complete

STUDENTS:

- Read and sign the student handbook page
- Read and sign the student acceptable use agreement

Back to school forms must be updated and the sign-off completed by Friday, September 17, 2021.

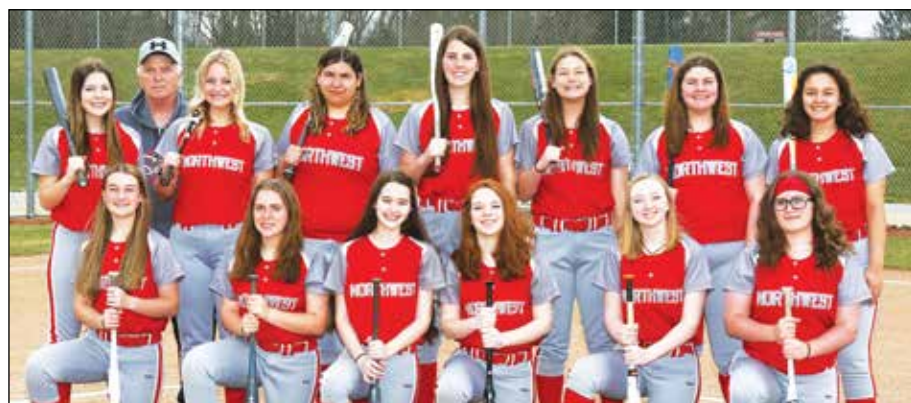
A T H L E T I C S



Varsity Softball Front Row: Kelsi DeFrank, Alexa Bell, Ashlyn Stark, Ella Lyons, Caitlynn Edwards; Back Row: Kiersten Lawrence, Kelsey Lawrence, Jordan Marecek, Gianna Kuhn, Caroline Metzger, Coach Megan Levengood, Reese Sanford.



Varsity Baseball Front Row: Noah Lovett, Tyler Ogozalek, Trevor Szekely, Jacob Metzger, Evan Cannon, Beau Bleakley, Zack Kurz; Back Row: Chris Macko, Jacob Wells, Nick Smith, Jack Czartoszewski, Davin Harness, Carter Magyarics, Braden Mick, Jordan Mick, Donnie Macko.



Junior Varsity Softball Front Row: Carly Harris, Lisa Ortscheid, Dayanaira Midcap, Sydney Kunkel, Madillyn Jennings, Gianna Malagrida; Back Row: Hannah Magyarics, Coach Jim Christy, Samantha Rogers, Bella Ortega, Emily Donaldson, Kierston Horn, Sierra Meeker, Alexa Rodriguez.



Junior Varsity Baseball Front Row: Brennon Markham, Sam Keith, Chris Jordan, Jimmy Cunningham, Chris Reynolds, Kyler Miraglia, AJ Sandoval, Hunter Langenfeld; Back Row: Caden Skinner, Cameron McCutcheon, Nathan Bloom, Mikael Paulson, Aidan Roncaglione, Logan Soptelean, Evan Cannon.



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Girls Track Front Row: *Juliana Bakes, Emma Weaver, Olivia Lazarus, Jayla Smith, Ashlyn Stark, Gwen Lower, Emma Ritchey, Emily Adkins, Chloe Barcheck, Brooke Barrett*; Second Row: *Anna Everhart, Camille Fowler, Anika Okolish, Jayla Skelley, Eve Null, Allison Spencer, Charolette Knicely, Salma Abueteen, Kennedy Kraft, Caroline Kuhn, Leeann Dolensky*; Third Row: *Ella Meeks, Lucie Doubet, Andrea Rohn, Ruby Hetrick, Bridget Boggs, Madison Boone, Quinn Magyarics, Olivia Ellis, Madison Smith*; Back Row: *Coach Armstrong, Coach Jones, Coach Michel*.



Boys Track Front Row: *Abraham Shrock, Andrew Micklos, Dylan Easterling, Cody Harris, Han Ludwick, Jack Downs, Aaron Kovacs*; Second Row: *Cody Worker, Mario Zito, Seth Kager, Jacob Makar, Charles Engelman, Colby Simone, Tony Michaelis, Kenneth Stewart, Chris Wenhart*; Third Row: *Cody Steiner, Ryan Moellendick, Anthony Grossnickle, Zach Morton, Colin Sokolowski, Luke Micklos, Jonas Calderhead, Josh Faris*; Back Row: *Coach Armstrong, Coach Jones, Coach Michel*.

Letters of Intent



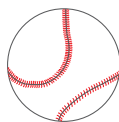
William Crookston signing his Letter of Intent to play football at Walsh University.



Riley Cudnik signing her Letter of Intent to play volleyball at West Liberty University.



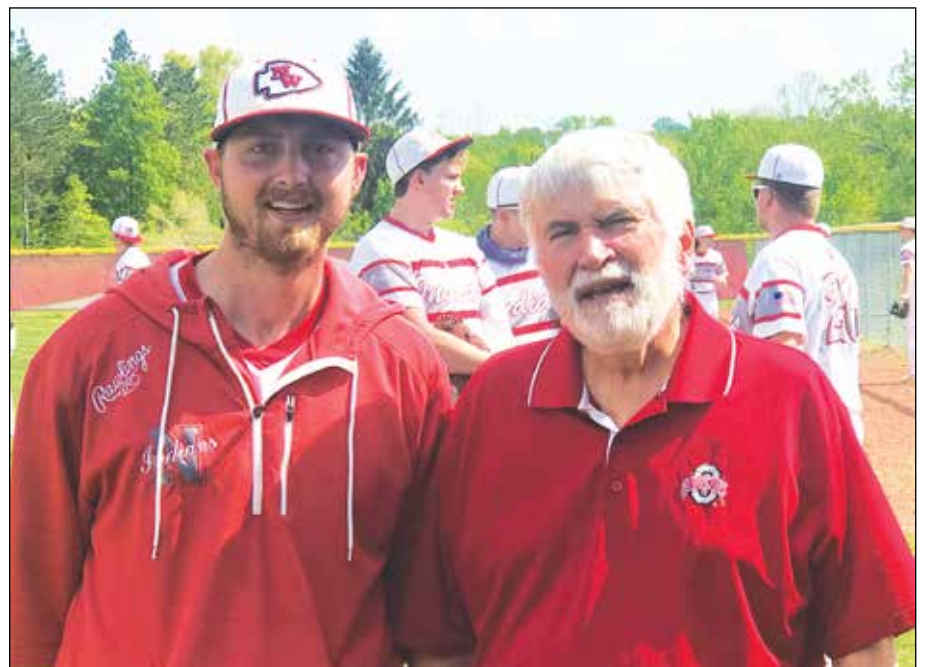
Anthony Grossnickle signing his Letter of Intent to play football at Tiffin University.



Triple PAC 7 Champs

For the first time in school history, Northwest won the football, basketball, and baseball titles in the same year! The last time Northwest won the baseball title was in 1983 under Coach Triffin. Congratulations to the 2021 baseball team under the leadership of Coach Macko.

(Left to right): Coach Macko and Coach Triffin.



Honors Roll Awards

Fourth Year Awards

SENIORS

Natalie Bender
Avery Brockmeyer
Josie Conyers
Riley Cudnik
Maria Dangelo
Michael Doherty
Leeann Dolensky
Austin Dolandson
Ian Donohue
Marina Foulk
Ethan Hyrne
Shiann Jansen
Richard Joyner
Luke Kager
Kennedy Kraft
Kelsey Lawrence
Kiersten Lawrence
Jordan Marecek
Patrick McKelroy
David Meister
Ryan Moellendick
Olivia Murillo
Ashton Nair
Ashton Schwiger
Cassie Stewart
Brandyn Workinger

Third Year Awards

JUNIORS

Brady Aneshansel
Emma Barnes
Jayden Berry
Mackenzie Brown
Emily Crookston
Kate Cunningham
Karli Czartoszewski
Alexis Decker
Rachel Deininger
John Derry
Lucie Doubet
Olivia Ellis
Amaya Evans
Taylor Fightmaster
Victoria Friedrichsen
Samantha Gainer
Rayah Gasior
Mary Grace Huth
Amanda Keith
Blake Knore
Brooke Kovacs
Bayleigh Lower
O'rion McAvineu

Alivia Nair

Paige Owsiany
Mary Paydock
Alexis Pitsch
Nicolas Quezada
Emma Ritchey
Abby Sharrer
Jayla Smith
Colin Sokolowski
Carly Spradling
Megan Swogger
Anna Thompson
Keania Turpin-Taylor
Madison Zellers
Benjamin Zink

SENIORS

Briana Followay
Natalie Geiger
Caroline Kuhn
Luke Micklos
Hailey Schueller
Kami Vargo

Second Year Awards

SOPHOMORES

Natalie Bailey
Travis Barcheck
Caden Beichler
Sierra Burrier
Jonas Calderhead
Eizabeth Caldwell
Aidan Chumita
Alexia Clark
Jessica Cliff
Ashley Cudnik
Khloe Dagnen
Alena Dangelo
Camille Fowler
Jerreme Gearhart
Kamryn Golden
Madillyn Jennings
Madeline Josey
Elle Jubara
Samuel Keith
Alex Kelleher
Connor Kilkenny
Gianna Kuhn
Jenna Kunath
Isaac LaFay
Gwendolyn Lower
Carter Magyarics
Hannah Magyarics
McKenzie McNeil

Ava Meredith

Lucas Metzger
Tate Miller
Natalie Perin
Alexa Rodriguez
Abigail Ross
Claudine Sanopao
Nicholas Savage
Logan Soptelean
Colton Sparks
Kimberly Stemple
Halle Taggart
Abigail Thomas
Peter VanBlargan
Maximilian Zink

JUNIORS

Kylee Cottrill
Kendall Demchock
Zachary Kurz
Anna Nicholson
Zachary Ross
Marisa Sanchez

SENIORS

Sarah Caniglia
Macie Cargould
Kara Galley
Kelsey Gunter
Skylar Miller
Eileen Robinson

First Year Awards

FRESHMEN

Ayden Albright
Nathaniel Amiot
Jessica Aneshansel
Joshua Baker
Juliana Bakes
Megan Billman
Madison Boone
Landen Burgess
Evan Cannon
Logan Carnes
Riley Dankovich
Emily Donaldson
Jack Downs
Brianna Easterling
Dynal Easterling
Anna Everhart
Destiny Fitzgerald
September Forbis
Alyson Friedrichsen
Madison Garside

Eleanor Grinder

Seth Kager
Charolette Knicely
Annaleise Lattimer
Han Ludwick
Caroline Metzger
Madeline Metzger
Andrew Micklos
Dayanaira Midcap
Anna Popovic
Faith Porter
Joseph Prexta
Gage Price
Libby Reese
Sophia Richards
Mia Richardson
Briahna Rodriguez
Dylan Russell
Conner Satterfield
Gracee Skelly
Brooke Snelick
Lillianna Solomon
Allison Spencer
Kaitlyn Steiner
Emily Thouvenin
Kenna Trent
Kalee Turley
Aiden Vaught
Matthew VonBonin
Nathan Walsh
Alexis Wayts
Alexis Williams

SOPHOMORES

Alexandria Chiboroski
Noah Harper

Trey Hutzell

Mark Kaufman
Abigail Meighen
Olivia Meighen
Anika Okolish
Abraham Shrock
Madison Smith
Raymond Stokes

JUNIORS

Shiann Alford
Morgan Corl
Omar Hamad
Peyton Harter
Kacie Kirkland
Makayla Justice
Alexandria Lamb
Cody Logan
Alexander Prexta
Connor Ramsey
Reese Sanford
Jacob Whittington
Izabella Wish
Lydia Woodward

SENIORS

Mykenzie Cross
Jacob Harmon
Cody Harris
Christopher McCarthy
Riley Meredith
Makayla Moore
Hayley Prager
Jerni Shankland
Aaron Shrock

Northwest High School: One of the Country's "Best High Schools" by US News & World Report



At Northwest, we honor students whose exemplary accomplishments further the intellectual mission of Northwest High School. This mission has led us to being named, for the 4th year in a row, one of the best high schools in the country as rated by US News & World Report. A school is defined by the academic excellence of its students and faculty. Based on the many achievements of students at Northwest High School, we should take great pride in how Northwest is defined. Once again, congratulations go out to every administrator, teacher, and staff member that played a role in the high school receiving this distinction. This is truly impressive!



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Senior Festivities Return!

Facing over a year of pandemic restrictions, the Class of 2021 was overjoyed with the return of activities and traditions marking the milestone of their K-12 journey. Northwest celebrated all things SENIOR throughout the month of May. From Prom to Senior Walk, from SWORD to parade night, there were so many salutations and celebrations leading up to Commencement Day.



PROM

“Rewrite the Stars” Rewrites Tradition

In lieu of a traditional hall rental, the seniors voted for a prom unlike any other—a night under the stars on their own turf! A beautifully decorated tent transformed the school parking lot into a magical night to remember.

SWORD



We know “it takes a village” to raise a child. On Senior Work Outreach Day, seniors give back to the community that has supported them throughout their school days. The day of fun, sweat, and camaraderie concluded with a picnic.

Class of 2021



Senior Walk

Northwest is so fortunate to have all of our schools on one campus! It has enabled the special tradition of the Senior Walk. Seniors literally retrace their steps through Northwest Primary, Stinson Elementary, and Northwest Middle School. Hugs and tears of joy filled the hallways as seniors said thank you and farewell to their former teachers and received lots of wishes and adulation from our younger students. The day concluded with one final romp-swing-spin-climb on the playground!

And MORE . . .

Seniors were recognized and celebrated in so many ways—in traditions both new and old! Some of these activities included Man of the Year, Senior Sunset and movie night, chalk decorating parking spots, an inflatable obstacle course, and a parade through the community.



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Commencement 2021

The 67th Commencement of Northwest High School was held Wednesday, May 26. So grateful to celebrate together this year, 142 proud graduates filed into Canton Civic Center as the Symphonic Band played *Pomp and Circumstance* under the direction of Mr. Stephen Imler. As an annual tradition, senior choir members joined chorale to sing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* under the direction of Mr. Douglass Beery. Valedictorian **Ryan Moellendick** and Salutatorians **Riley Cudnik** and **Ethan Hyrne** addressed their graduating class with nostalgia for their past school years together and with inspiration for the future. Principal Larry Tausch and superintendent Mr. Lambes presented diplomas. Mr. Lambes decreed the Class of 2021 graduates of Northwest High School.



"While we all learned the same material in the classroom, we all walked away from school with different lessons. Each of us has learned something new about ourselves through high school. So take these experiences and carry them with you. Look back and see how far you have come. Look back and be proud of where you are and where you came from and what you have achieved. Class of 2021--- we are only getting started and I cannot wait to see where our next journey will take us."

—Ryan Moellendick, Valedictorian



"I remembered hearing a Japanese word that really stuck with me: 'ikigai.' This translates to 'reason for being'. The concept of 'ikigai' is finding satisfaction and meaning in life by surrounding yourself with four circles. One circle is what you love, the second is what can be paid for, the third is what you're good at, and the last is what the world needs. When you find a future path that allows you to incorporate each of these circles into your life, this is what will bring you true happiness."

—Ethan Hyrne, Salutatorian

Ms. Northwest: Ashton Nair - Ashton is proud of graduating with honors and graduating Summa Cum Laude. She is glad that she took so many opportunities to get involved in everything from ski club to musicals to running cross country. She advises underclassmen to "try everything, no matter what anyone thinks. You never know if you'll like something until you try it!" Ashton is thankful for the support and dedication of her teachers. She is honored to have been selected as Ms. Northwest:



"As a freshman, I remember looking up to the Ms. Northwest recipients. It's crazy to believe that I am now among them. I am honored to have been recognized as someone who embodies Northwest itself." Ashton will attend The Ohio State University to major in biology and pursue a career in dermatology.

Mr. Northwest: Nicholas Dinkins - Nick decided to enroll in Northwest Schools his sophomore year, and the decision was a great one! He fit right in as both an athlete and a student, and he will always value the relationships that he built with both students and staff. Nick is especially proud of winning the PAC 7 Championship in both football and basketball his senior year. Admired for his character, he has valuable advice for underclassmen: "No matter what you do, someone is always watching. So try to do the right thing all of the time!" He is definitely proud to have been selected as Mr. Northwest: "It's a true honor to know that I was even considered for this award." In the fall, Nick will attend Stark State College to study Electric Power Utility Technology and complete the Ohio Edison Program.

Class of 2021

Graduating with Honors

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

3.75-4.0 GPA, 2+ AP Courses
or 15+ CCP credit hours or 4+
credit career-tech program

Chloe Barcheck
Natalie Bender
Josie Conyers
Michael Doherty
Austin Donaldson
Ian Donohue
Marina Foulk
Kara Galley
Luke Kager
Caroline Kuhn
Kelsey Lawrence
Kiersten Lawrence
Patrick McKelroy
Olivia Murillo
Lillie Plumb
Ashton Schwiger
Kami Vargo
Brandyn Workinger

CUM LAUDE

3.5-4.0 GPA

Emily Adkins
Elijah Amiot
Brianna Barna
Avery Brockmeyer
Rebecca Crookston
Kassidy Dagnen
Briyanna Davis
Briana Followay
Vivian Freeman
Natalie Geiger
Kelsey Gunter
Shiann Jansen
Richard Joyner
Abigail Jubara
David Meister
Luke Micklos
Hannah Mitchell
Emmalee Westfall



Class of 2021

Local Scholarship & Award Recipients

Canal Fulton Lions Club Scholarship – **Kennedy Kraft**

Lion's Club Character Award – **Leeann Dolensky**

Ryan Hudson Memorial Scholarship – **Chloe Barcheck**

Jordan Ayers Memorial Scholarship – **Austin Donaldson**

Butch Schembechler Scholarship – **Austin Donaldson**

Chad Crawford Sarge Scholarship – **Zach Morton**

Gavin Griffith Memorial Scholarship – **Austin Donaldson** and **Zach Morton**

Carmen Ketz Spanish Club Scholarship – **Brandyn Workinger**

Be the Example Scholarship – **Chloe Barcheck, Riley Cudnik, Shiann Jansen, and Ashton Nair**

Northwest Teachers Association Scholarship – **Nicholas Dinkins, Kennedy Kraft, and Caroline Kuhn**

Robert A. Beichler Memorial Scholarship – **Riley Cudnik**

Tom and Dorothy Healey Memorial Scholarship – **Kelsey Lawrence** and **Kiersten Lawrence**

Thomas Holl Memorial Scholarship – **Austin Donaldson** and **Ashton Nair**

Vitalant Scholarship – **Leeann Dolensky, Marina Foulk, and Shiann Jansen**

Herb and James D. Schalmo Memorial Scholarship – **Ashton Nair**

Ryan Moore Memorial Scholarship – **Austin Donaldson**

Paul Swigart/Mary Fletcher Rotary Scholarship – **Austin Donaldson, Caroline Kuhn, and Dominic Metzger**

Aultcare Scholarship – **Micah Prickett**

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award – **Ethan Hyrne** and **Jordan Marecek**

Gary Dial Award – **Nicholas Dinkins**

Richard J. Slivinski Foundation Scholarship – **Cassie Stewart**

Canal Fulton McDonald's Scholarship – **Maria Dangelo**

Ryan Ostronisky Memorial Scholarship – **Elijah Amiot, Briyanna Davis, Leeann Dolensky, Kara Galley, Ethan Hyrne, Dominic Metzger, Ashton Nair, and Alyssa Pavick**

Speech and Debate Outstanding Senior Scholarship – **Skylar Miller**

Speech and Debate Investing in Tomorrow Speech Camp Scholarship – **Mary Paydock**

Superintendent Citizenship Award – **Ryan Moellendick** and **Chloe Barcheck**

Mr. Northwest – **Nicholas Dinkins**

Ms. Northwest – **Ashton Nair**



"Through all the uncertainty, through all the adversity, through all of the things that we have sacrificed, this year was all about what we made of it and what we can learn from it. To quote famous educator John Finley, 'Maturity is the capacity to endure uncertainty.' The experiences we have endured this past year have prepared us for life beyond, and by this definition, we have learned the most important thing that this school could ever teach us."
— Riley Cudnik, Salutatorian



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Northwest Middle School



Automation and Robotics – Racer competition

Mr. Shiplett's eighth-grade Automation and Robotics class designed and built drag racers and raced against classmates the week of May third. The student-made cars had to complete a marked course and stop in a designated safe zone in order to win. Congratulations to our champion racers, **Brianna Plotner** and **Natalie Hawkins!**



NW

Writing their Ticket to State

Congratulations to the Middle School Power of the Pen team. Pictured are **Kayleigh Fetherolf** (seventh grade) and **Candace Doubet** (eighth grade) who both qualified for the state competition in May. Thanks to coaches **Jessica Ventosa** and **Noelle Rice** for their guidance and support.

Eighth-Grade Award Winners



**Chase Badger
and Lola Bleakley**
*Archie Griffin
Sportsmanship Award*



**Robert Matisak
and Audrey Hall**
Outstanding Eighth Grader



**Callie Baughman
and Caiden Todaro**
Lion's Club Award



Stuff the Bus Food Drive

Students at Northwest Middle School rose to the challenge to bring in donations for the county-wide "Stuff the Bus" campaign to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. First period classes competed to bring in the most donations, and the winner was Mr. Stroh's first period seventh-grade science class. Thanks to all students and families who participated in this worthwhile cause.

Students of the Month

Each month, the middle school staff honors trustworthy, hardworking students who accept responsibility and do their work promptly and efficiently. These students respect authority and respect their peers, demonstrating honesty and fairness. They are dependable and often do more than is required of them. Working hard through the end of the school year, these students get the job done! Congratulations to the March and April Students of the Month!

Sixth Grade

Seventh Grade

Eighth Grade

March



**Rebecca
Ross**



**Austin
Schenz**



**Claire
Strader**



**William
Metzger**



**Natalie
Byler**



**Robert
Matisak**

April



**Shelby
Davidson**



**Colton
Helmick**



**Hannah
Huston**



**Dominic
Crookston**



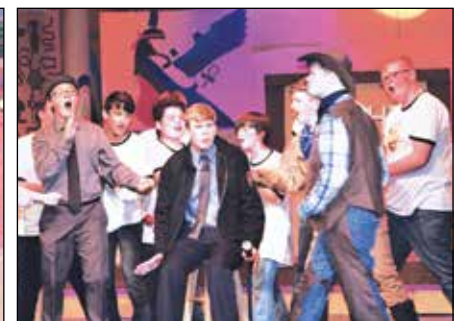
**Hailey
Williams**



**Eli
Gauder**

Finishing the Year on a High Note

Middle School bands and choirs showcased their hard work and talent with spring concerts. Under the direction of **Conner Busby**, middle school choirs performed their stage adaptation of the Ben Stiller classic *Night at the Museum: A Musical Heist*. Vocals, acting, costumes, and set design all came together in one entertaining production! The fifth through eighth-grade bands, directed by **Mrs. Monica Meffan**, **Mrs. Kim Good**, and guest conductor/high school band director **Mr. Stephen Imler**, also performed a variety of music to end the school year. A special congratulations to the eighth-grade band for their recent success, earning straight 1's in the OMEA Virtual Large Group Adjudicated Contest.



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W.S. Stinson Elementary School

Appetizing Artwork!

Stinson students were excited to show their artwork in a public exhibit at **Peace, Love, and Little Donuts of Canal Fulton**. When it looked like COVID restrictions would prevent the usual art show, art teacher Jennifer Barnett searched for another way to make sure students would still be able to showcase their talent and hard work. Originally, the idea was just to showcase a few pieces of artwork from each grade. However, quickly jumping on-board with the idea, **Franny Buell**, the owner of Peace Love and Little Donuts, asked if she could display artwork from every student. Over several weeks, art classes discussed pop and contemporary artists who have made donuts the focus of their artwork. Students were inspired to create their own donut works of art in a variety of mediums.



Lions Club Awards at Stinson

Each year, the Canal Fulton Lions Club presents certificates for Citizenship to Northwest students in grades 2 and 5. These students accept responsibility and complete their work promptly and efficiently. They also exhibit strong character by being trustworthy, respecting authority, and abiding by the rules. They are respected by others and are honest and fair. These dependable students often do more than is required. Stinson Elementary would like to congratulate their Lions Club Award Recipients!

These students have made a positive impact on all teachers, tutors, aides, and students in the building: Mrs. Fisk's class - **Norah Bowling & Alex Ortiz**; Mrs. Manns' class - **Lilyanna Hajak & Jason Moock**; Mrs. Brunner's class - **Julianne Helmick & Nathan Ricker**; Mrs. Kurz's class - **Ella Roesel & Ryan Barnett**; Mrs. Boso's class - **Jamisyn Gohlike, Ryan Sandoval, & Lucas Lantz**; Mrs. Lower's class - **Hailey Pfefferle & Spencer Cain**.

Generosity Rewarded

These students earned an extra recess with the principal for being the grade level (4th) that raised the most money for Akron Children's Hospital. As an extra treat, Mrs. Mariani surprised them with Popsicles!



Congratulations, fifth graders, on concluding your elementary school journey. Best of luck in Middle School!

Lemonade Entrepreneurs

At the end of the school year, students in grade 4 read *Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. The story is about siblings who will be in the fourth grade getting into a “war” to see who could sell the most lemonade before the start of school year. The unit was a lesson in literature as well as economics. At the end of the novel, students created their own lemonade business using Google slides. They had to name their business, pick a location in town that would attract customers, look up starting costs, and decide what they wanted to sell. The students were excited about creating a business, and they also learned that it takes a lot to become an entrepreneur.



A few students in Mrs. McCulligan’s room decided to take their idea and turn it into reality. Fourth graders **Amelia Garrett**, **Brynn Reinford**, and **Gwenn Reinford** (along with Ameila’s third grade sister) created Quick Sip Lemonade. They had many customers stop for their pink and regular lemonade. They also sold suckers and dog treats. Their lemonade stand was a success! They were surprised by the support of the community and by how much money they made.



W-I-N-N-E-R-S

Stinson students were excited to show off their spelling skills in the annual Fifth Grade Spelling Bee. Congratulations to this year’s winner **Peyton Hodovan** and runner-up **Jocelyn Gajoski**.



Therapy Dog brings Joy to Stinson Elementary

Sometimes great things come out of loss. After losing her beloved Labrador in April of 2014, **Debbie Weber** learned that she could fill a void in her life and the lives of others. In June of 2014, she brought home **Chesney**, a tiny English lab puppy. Debbie quickly noticed Chesney’s love of children so she began training at Papp’s Dog Services, where she assists others in training their dogs. Chesney became a certified therapy dog in 2019. Debbie and Chesney began visiting nursing homes and battered women shelters in Akron. Then, Chesney visited Stinson Elementary. For the past two years, this service has brought great joy to both Debbie and the students. This school year alone, Chesney has spent time with 124 Stinson students. Stinson Elementary staff and students can’t thank Debbie and Chesney enough for bringing us a little joy each week!



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NORTHWEST NEWS

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Northwest Primary School

Cheers for the Class of 2021

NWP Students lined the halls, waved signs, and offered high-fives to our graduating seniors. This is such a special tradition for our seniors to wave goodbye to former teachers and to feel the support of our young students who are just beginning their school journey.



A Kindergarten Keepsake

Kindergartners signed and decorated a dress for **Miss McCallin** as a special keepsake. She wore it beautifully and proudly on the last day of school!



Munchin' with Mom

After over a year of so many canceled events, Northwest Primary students were excited about the return of the traditional Munchin' with Mom dinner. The evening of dinner and festivities was hosted at **Elmridge Party Center** in May. Author **Aaron Brown** made the event even more special as he read his new book *I'm Outstanding Too: A Story about Positive Attitude*, and signed personal copies for students.



NORTHWEST NEWS

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Northwest Local Schools Calendar 2021-22

August

16 Teacher Day – No School
17 First Student Day

September

3 Bldg In-service No School
6 Labor Day

October

11 Teacher Inservice On Your Own Day - No School
22 End of 9 weeks (47 days)

November

24-26 Thanksgiving Break
29 No School

December

20-31 Christmas Break

January

7 End of 9 weeks (42 days)
7 End of semester (89 days)
17 Martin Luther King Day

February

18 Waiver Day – No School
21 Presidents Day

March

11 End of 9 weeks (43 days)
28-31 Spring Break
No School

April

1 Spring Break - No School
15 No School
18 No School

May

27 Last Student Day
27 End of 9 weeks (48 days)
27 End of semester (51 days)
31 Teacher Day – No School

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
1st Day – May 31, 2022 – consecutive weekdays as needed

- Teacher Day - No School for Students
- First & Last Student Day
- No School
- Teacher Exchange Day – No School

Student Days 180
Teacher Days 184

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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 Local District 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.