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Northwest Lady Indians earn the OHSAA Division 2 State Runner-Up Title



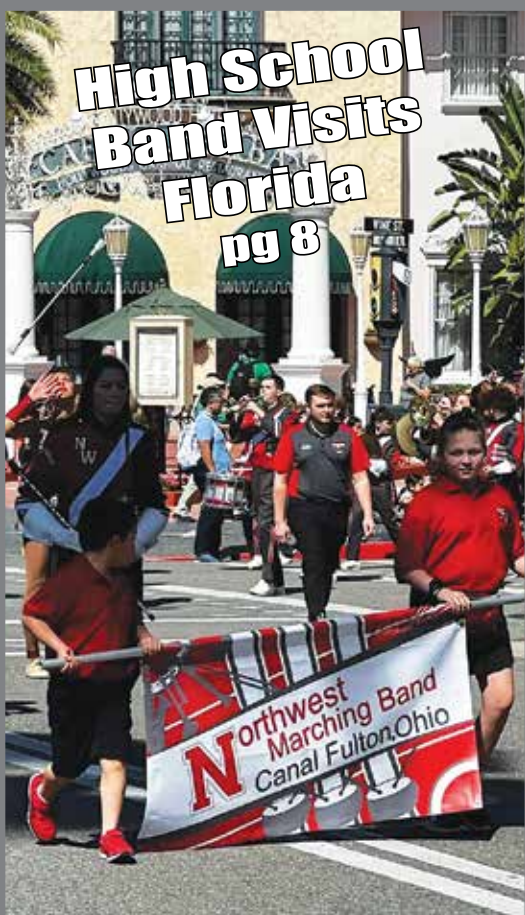
Lady Indians Make School History, Ignite School Spirit, and Rally a Community!

The Girls varsity basketball team has truly made Northwest proud! School spirit soared as the girls made the final four and headed to Dayton. They won the state semi-final game by beating undefeated Fairland 56-34. In the state finals, the team came up short against the returning state champions, Purcell Marian.

Playing in the state finals was the perfect ending to a remarkable season. The girls set a team record with 27 wins in a season, including 17 wins in a row. The seven seniors won three league titles, two district titles, one regional title, and one state runner-up title. **Coach Kevin Lower** is certainly proud of this group of athletes: "It was such a pleasure to coach this group of ladies. Their hard work, dedication, and desire to be great teammates has allowed them to achieve things that most will only dream about. I am so proud of the seven seniors and our underclassmen. Our girls have created a lasting legacy for the Northwest Basketball Program. The players and I would also like to thank all of our administrators, our students and staff, and our Northwest community members for their amazing support; it was so awesome to see everyone rally together for these young women."

Many athletes also set individual records. **Lily Bottomley** set the all-time scoring record with 1,419 points and the all-time rebound record with 913 rebounds. She also set the all-time field goal percentage record at 65%. **Ashley Cudnik** became the second leading scorer in Northwest history with 1,186 points. **Gianna Kuhn** set the all-time assists record with 403 assists. **Ashlyn Stark** set the season steals record with 116 steals.

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Message from the Superintendent

Hello to All in the Northwest Community!

We have had a whirlwind of great things happening for so many of our students!

My job as school superintendent is to foster our financial health while pursuing a challenging curriculum to prepare our students for the next stages of life beyond graduation. Sometimes school superintendents have to recognize when they should just get out of the way and let our students shine. I am proud to announce that this seems to be happening more and more at Northwest.



Shawn Braman, Ed.D.

The varsity girls basketball team earned state runner up status after playing in the finals in Dayton. I was so proud to see all of the community and students show up to support the team. Our love and support for these amazing kids was a sight to behold! Congratulations to Coach Lower, his assistants, and all of the girls on the team! This team will be remembered in this community forever!

Congratulations goes to Mady Begert, too, as the freshman placed 5th in the state wrestling finals! The most impressive thing about this feat is the mountain Mady climbed to be placed 5th. Her skill and toughness make me think that we are lucky and thankful to have Mady as a student at Northwest.

Our High School chorale group qualified for states this year, too! We are so proud of their hard work and effort as they qualified for states this past weekend! Thank you, Mr. Busby, for your leadership in guiding our performers to excellence!

Our speech and debate team is also putting our school in the spotlight. 60% of our team qualified to the State Tournament, and 50% of our States team advanced to break rounds at the State Finals! Congratulations to Jacob Coleman, our first state finalist ever!

The Stark County Math Tournament took place two weeks ago at Massillon Washington High School. Our students shined as approximately 800 students across Stark County competed in various categories including team problem solving, geometry and measurement, mental computation, number sense and algebra, data analysis and probability

As I mentioned we have many excellent things happening throughout the school district. Thank you to everyone throughout the community for your constant support. I am looking forward to what our students do next!

Shawn Braman, Ed.D

K-12 Science Textbook Adoption

During the current academic year, Northwest is reviewing K-12 Science materials with the intent of purchasing new materials for use in the upcoming school year. The materials being considered for adoption will be available on April 10 through May 20 at the Central Office for parents and community members who would like to review them.

If you wish to review these materials, please contact the Central Office to schedule an appointment. Please direct any questions or concerns regarding the materials to Debora Clark at the Central Office (330) 854-2292.

Title I/IDEA-B Flow Thru Notification

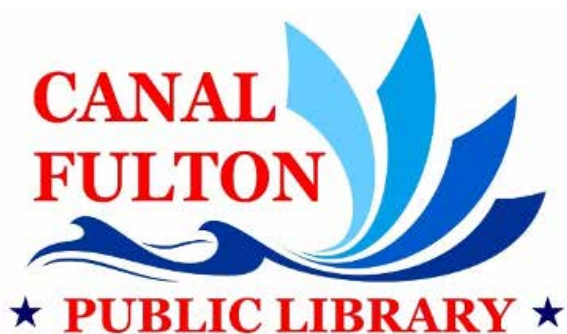
The Northwest Local School District receives notification of their entitlement of federal funds allocated in accordance with the Title I/ Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Public Law 92-142. Utilization of the funds is designated to provide services and programs for disabled students. Persons who wish to comment on how to utilize these designated funds are welcome and encouraged to contact Debora Clark, Director of Instruction, at 2309 Locust Street, Canal Fulton, OH 44614. The phone number is (330) 854-2292.

Title I Evaluation

Each spring, parents and teachers evaluate the Title I program. Comments and input from both are used as plans are made for services the following school year. If your child is not receiving services or you would like to provide input on the Title I program, please complete the survey that is available in all school offices or contact Debora Clark, Director of Instruction, at 2309 Locust Street, Canal Fulton, OH 44614. The phone number is (330) 854-2292. Surveys may be returned to any Northwest School Office or the Central Office.

McKinney-Vento Act

It is the policy of Northwest Local School District to enroll, educate, and not segregate or stigmatize children on the basis of their status as homeless. Debora Clark is the Northwest Local School's Homeless Liaison and can be reached at (330) 854-2292. Any person suspecting a child is homeless should notify Miss Clark to ensure that homeless children enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically.



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330-854-4148

www.canalfultonlibrary.org

Children's Programs Apr. – July:

**Registration is required for the following events; please call us at 330-854-4148.*

Tots and Tales: Ages birth-2 | Tues. and Thurs., Jan. 3-Apr. 27, 10-10:20am

Feed Me a Story: Ages 3-5 | Wed., Jan. 4-Apr. 26, 11-11:30am

Egg Dyeing: Ages 3-12 | Tues., Apr. 4, 6-7pm

Augmented Reality Exploration: Art and Literature: Ages 3-12 | Wed., Apr. 5, 5:30-6:45pm

Egg Scavenger Hunt: Grades K-5 | Thurs., Apr. 6, 6-7pm

Augmented Reality Exploration: Science, Math Technology: Ages 3-12 | Wed., Apr. 12, 5:30-6:30pm

Coding with Ozobots: Grades K-5 | Thurs., Apr. 13, 6-7pm

DIY Bird feeders: Grades K- | Thurs., Apr. 20, 6-7pm

PJ Storytime: Ages birth-12. | Wed., Apr. 26, 6:00pm

Kids' Pokemon Club: Grades K-5 | Thurs., Apr. 27, 6-7pm

STEM for Tiny Hand: Ages 2-5 | Fri., Apr. 28, 10-11am

Tots and Tales: Ages birth-2 | Tues. and Thurs., June 6-July 27, 10-10:20am

Feed Me a Story: Ages 3-5 | Wed., June 7-July 26, 11-11:30am

Spring Mist Farms: All ages | Fri., June 2, 11am-1pm

Jumbo Game Night: All ages | Tues., June 6, 6-7pm

Anime Afternoon for Kids: Ages 8-12 | Wed., June 7, 2-3pm

Finger Loom Bracelets: Ages 6-12 | Thurs., June 8, 6-7pm

3D Designs: Bookmark: Ages 8-12 | Fri., June 9, 10am and 3pm | Fri., June 23, 10am and 3pm

Squirt Gun Paint: Ages 3-12 | Mon., June 12, 11am-12pm

Kids' Cookbook Book Club: Ages 3-12 | Wed., June 14, 1-2pm

Dragons Love Tacos Party: Ages 3-12 | Thurs., June 15, 6-7pm | Fri., June 16, 12-1pm

DIY Lava Lamps: Ages 6-12 | Fri., June 16, 3-4pm

Father's Day Grilling Aprons: Recommended for ages 6-12 | Sat., June 17, 9:30am-4pm

Wonderful World of Bubbles: Ages birth-12 | Wed., June 21, 1-2pm

Custom Water Bottle: Ages 6-12 | Wed., June 21, 5pm and 6pm

Gem Art Keychains: Ages 6-12 | Thurs., June 22, 6-7pm

Lego Free Play: Ages 6-12 | Mon., June 26, 10-11am

PJ Storytime: Ages birth-12 | Wed., June 28, 6-7pm

Whiz Bang Science Presents Under the Big Top: Ages 6-12 | Thurs., July 29, 1-1:45pm

Kids' Pokemon Club: Ages 6-12 | Fri., June 30, 3-4pm

Coding with Ozobots: Ages 8-12 | Sat., July 1, 10-11am

Kids' Pie Eating Contest: Ages 6-12 | Mon., July 3, 10-11am

Origami for Beginners: Ages 6-12 | Wed., July 5, 2-3pm

Teddy Bear Sleepover: Ages 2-12 | Thurs., July 6, 3-4pm

3D Designs-Keychain: Ages 8-12 | Fri., July 7, 10am and 3pm

Movie Night with Peace Love and Little Donuts: Ages 3-12 | Tues., July 11, 5:30-7:30

Kids' Cookbook Book Club: Ages 3-12 | Wed., July 12, 1-2pm

Family Game Night: Ages 6-12 | Thurs., July 13, 6-7pm

Wiggly Worms: Ages 3-5 | Fri. July 14, 10-10:45am

Decomposers: Ages 6-12 | Fri., July 14, 11:30am-12:15pm

Nerf Battle for Kids: Ages 8-12 | Fri., July 14, 5-6pm

Mario Kart Tournament for Kids: Ages 8-12 | Sat., July 15, 10-11am

Pringles Building and Spicy Chip Challenge: Ages 6-12 | Wed., July 19, 2-3pm

Realm of the Reptile: Ages 3-12 | Thurs., July 20, 12:30-1:30pm

Kids' Pokemon Club: Ages 6-12 | Thurs., July 20, 6-7pm

3D Designs-Keychain: Ages 8-12 | Fri., July 21, 10am and 3pm

DIY Fluffy Slime: Ages 6-12 | Mon., July 24, 10-11am

PJ Storytime: Ages birth-12 | Wed., July 26, 6-7pm

Tie Dye Fun: Ages 6-12 | Thurs., July 27, 6-7pm

Ceramic Animal Planters: Ages 3-12 | Fri., July 28, 12-1pm

Sensory Exploration: Ages birth-5 | Thurs., Aug. 3 and 10, 10-11am

Teen and Adult Programs

**To register for or for more information about any of these events, please call 330-854-4148, then select option 3.*

Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, 11am to 5pm, book a 30-min. or 1-hr. session with our tech trainer. Work one-on-one with a person who is able to help guide you in your tech questions. Bring your device along. **Be sure to call ahead to book an appointment.** This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio.

Adult and Teen Planner Club: This month's planner club is all about enhancing your planner to double as a scrapbook or smash journal. **Registration is required.** Sat., Apr. 8, 11am

Teen Anime Club: Calling all anime fans: come enjoy anime, snacks, and fun at this teens and tweens event. For grades 6-12. **Registration is appreciated, but not required.** Apr. 10, May 22, June 12, July 10, 5:30pm.

Happy Birthday, Thomas Jefferson! Join us for an informative afternoon as Canal Fulton Public Library Director David Brown discusses the life and legacy of Thomas Jefferson, our third President of the United States. **Sign up for this program is not required, but is appreciated.** Sat., Apr. 15, 1pm.

Third Tuesday Book Discussion:

Tues., Apr. 18, *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko

Tues., June 20, *Nora Goes Off Script* by Annabel Monaghan

Tues., July 18, *Olive the Lionheart* by Brad Ricca

*Copies of the book are available in advance at the Circulation Desk. All discussions begin at 6pm.

Saturday Morning Cartoons and Crafts: Enjoy a Saturday morning of cartoons, cereal, and a simple craft. For ages 13 and up. **Registration is required.** Sat., Apr. 22, 11am.

Teen Pizza and Game Night: Join us for a fun-filled evening of games, pizza, and snacks for teens and tweens, grades 6-12. **Registration is appreciated, but not required.** Apr. 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, 5:30pm.

May 4th Star Wars Party: May the force be with you during this epic Jedi vs Sith trivia battle that will pit good against evil, and only one team will prevail! Additional activities and food will be happening during this all ages event. **Registration is required.** Thurs., May 4, 5:30pm.

Light Up LED Flowers: Drop by the program room to make a creative, light-up flower! Keep it for yourself or make one as a gift for Mother's Day. **Please sign up in advance for this program.** This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio. Mon., May 8, 6pm.

The History of Espionage with Dr. Brian Hayashi: Join us for a fascinating historical evening with Kent State professor Dr. Brian Hayashi. Professor Hayashi will discuss the role Asian-American spies played in U.S. intelligence services during World War II. **Registration is appreciated but not required.** Wed., May 24, 6pm.

Summer Reading Program for Teens and Adults: Our theme this year is "All Together Now" – check back for details closer to the summer! Thurs., June 1 through Mon., July 31.

Doodlebots: Drop in and make a small robot known as a doodlebot! (Small robots that wiggle to create doodles!) All materials will be provided by the library. **Registration is required.** This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio. Mon., June 5, 5:30pm.

Bad Art Night: Teens it's time to make your worst art possible! Come and attempt to make the weirdest, ugliest thing you can imagine with an array of strange materials. For grades 6-12. **Registration is not required, but appreciated.** Wed, June 7, 5:30pm.

K-pop Trivia Party: Calling all K-pop fans, come hang out at this all ages meet-up, and come test your knowledge in 4 exciting rounds of themed trivia. **Registration is required.** Sat., June 10, 1pm.

Joe the Coupon Guy: Learn how to save money in creative and fun ways with Joe Daugirdas, better known as "Joe the Coupon Guy." **Registration for this program is appreciated.** Tues., June 13, 6:30pm.

Juneteenth Movie Matinee: Come watch a movie in celebration of Juneteenth. The film is all about the life of Jackie Robinson, and stars acclaimed actor Chadwick Boseman. The film is rated PG-13 so parental guidance is advised. **Registration is appreciated but not required.** Mon., June 19, 2pm.

Teen Snack Wars: Teens come hungry for innovation at this fun snack challenge. **Registration is required.** Tues., June 20, 2pm.

Teen Movie Night: Teens, come hang out and enjoy pizza and a movie. We'll be watching a fun action-adventure film that is rated PG-13. **Registration is appreciated but not required.** Wed., July 5, 5:30pm.

Teen's Summer Reading Party: Come celebrate the end of summer reading, and embrace the theme of togetherness and kindness during our hippie party that will feature fun activities, crafts, and donuts. **Registration is appreciated but not required.** Mon., July 31, 5:30pm.

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ATHLETICS

Lady Indians earn the OHSAA Division 2 State Runner-Up Title cont. from page 1

"This season was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a dream come true for me," states senior Ashley Cudnik. "The fans and this community were amazing and came along on the whole ride with us! I wouldn't have traded this season for the world, and I'm so happy that I got to experience it with some of my best friends." Fellow senior Lily Bottomley also cherishes her final season at Northwest: "We had a great year and made some of the best memories. I'm so proud of my team! We made school history and broke many records this year. There was an overwhelming amount of community support, and I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity."

Middle School Girls Basketball Complete a Successful Season



Seventh-grade team



Eighth-grade team

It was an awesome year for both the seventh and eighth-grade Girls Basketball teams! Under the leadership of **Coach Cudnik**, the seventh-grade team was undefeated the entire season for a record of 19-0. All eleven girls on the team contributed to this successful season. Looking back at least 10-15 years, there has never been an undefeated Middle School team!

Under the leadership of **Coach Barkan**, the eighth-grade team finished with a record of 16-3 overall (16-1 in league play). All eight team members contributed to the season success, making them back-to-back PAC League champs!



(L to R): Coach Duke; Cody Tackett: 220 lb. class—205 Bench, 405 Deadlift; Joey Prexta: 275 lb. class—290 Bench; Connor Satterfield: 242 lb. class—275 Bench, 575 Deadlift; Riley Plotner: Super-heavy Class—340 Bench, 565 Deadlift.

Northwest Power

On February 25, a push-pull powerlifting meet was held in Wadsworth, Ohio. Push-pull is a two-event contest, Bench Press and Deadlift. Four Northwest athletes competed in the teenage division, and we are proud to say that all four took first place! **Connor Satterfield** was also awarded best overall team lifter of the meet! It was a great day for all of our Northwest athlete lifters!

Girls Varsity Basketball



S I G N I N G S



Cody Workinger signing a Letter of Intent for football at Wilmington College.



Noah Harper signing a Letter of Intent for football at Ashland University.



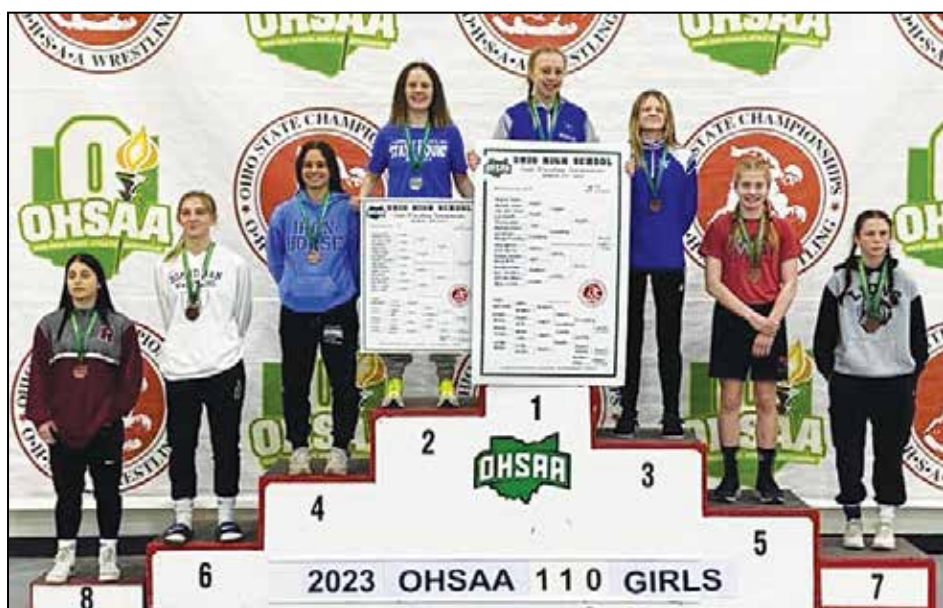
Riley Plotner signing a Letter of Intent for football at West Liberty University.



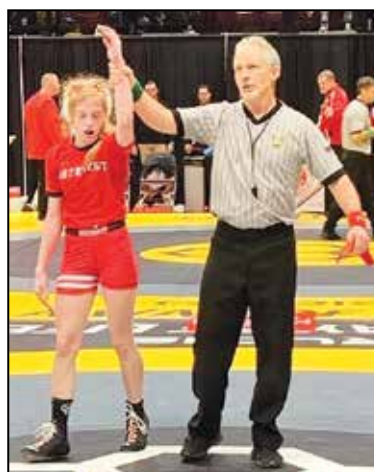
Ashlyn Stark signs a Letter of Intent for track at West Liberty University.



Zach Huscusson signs a Letter of Intent for golf at the University of Notre Dame.



Mady Begert takes the Podium



This is the first year that girls wrestling is recognized as a school sanctioned sport, and we are proud of **Mady Begert** for representing Northwest on the podium at The Ohio State Wrestling Tournament! After losing her first match, she wrestled all the way back and took 5th place. Mady was also named to the inaugural All Stark County Womens Wrestling 1st team. We are proud of Mady and the new standard she has set for Northwest Wrestling. She joins Hunter Kosco as the only freshman to place. Great things are in store for this young wrestler's future!

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HIGH SCHOOL



Speech and Debate

Northwest High School's Head Speech and Debate Coach, **Mr. Rick Woods**, has been selected by the Ohio Speech and Debate Association as "Ohio's New Coach of the Year!" The Linda Miller Coaching Excellence Award is given to one coach in the state each year that is in their first five years of coaching. This honor comes 3 ½ years after starting the program at Northwest High School. Mr. Woods accepted the award at the opening ceremony of this year's OSDA State Speech and Debate Finals at Austintown-Fitch High School on March 3, 2023.



Accompanying Coach Woods at the State Tournament were Assistant Coach, **Stephen Imler**, 10 State Qualifiers, and 1 first alternate to the State Tournament.

2023 State Qualifiers

Abigail Meighen (Senior)	Congressional Debate - House
Lukas Snyder (Freshman)	Congressional Debate - House
Jacob Coleman (Junior)	Congressional Debate - Senate
Salma Abueteen (Senior)	Congressional Debate - Senate
Tamia Akers (Sophomore)	Program Oral Interpretation
Adrian Conroy (Sophomore)	Program Oral Interpretation
Abbie Thomas (Senior)	Informative Speaking
Kayleigh Fetherolf (Freshman)	Informative Speaking
Charolette Knicely (Junior)	Dramatic Interpretation
Aurora Rea (Freshman)	Dramatic Interpretation
Lucas Davis (Freshman)	Dramatic Interpretation - 1st Alternate

Against all odds, this team of plucky competitors held their own against Division I programs six times their size, netting individual and team placers on a weekly basis. Through hard work and a culture of character, these students are putting Northwest on the State and National maps!

This young team of talented individuals succeeded in Qualifying 60% of its membership to the State tournament, launched Northwest High School into the coveted "100's Club", and earned the honor of Charter Status from the NSDA in just 3-1/2 short years! They already bolster three Academic All-Americans, two National Qualifiers, and two First Alternates to the National Tournament.

2023 OSDA STATE TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 60% of our team qualified to the State Tournament!
- 50% of our States team advanced to break rounds at the State Finals!
- Our Quarter finalists in Speech events represent our first speech competitors in team history to ever reach a break round at the State level.
- We have our first EVER State Finalist!

FINALIST (Top 16 in the State)

Jacob Coleman (11) - Congress (Senate)

SPEECH SEMI-FINALIST (Top 12 in the State)

Aurora Rea (9) - Dramatic Interpretation

SPEECH QUARTER FINALISTS (Top 24 in the State)

Abbie Thomas (12) - Informative Speaking

Tamia Akers (10) - Program Oral Interpretation

CONGRESS SEMI-FINALS (Top 48 in the State)

Abigail Meighen (12) - Congressional Debate (House)

Jacob Coleman (12) - Congressional Debate (Senate)

Wish our team luck on April 27-29 as they vie for a shot at Nationals in Phoenix, AZ this summer.

TESTING DATES

End of Course testing with a 7:25am start

April 19	ELA 10
April 27	Alg. 1 / Geometry
May 2	US History / Government
May 4	Biology

AP Test Dates *(please note not all tests begin at the same time)*

May 3	AP Literature	8am
May 5	AP US History	8am
May 8	AP Calc - 8am and AP Computer Science	12pm
May 9	AP Language	8am
May 10	AP Biology	12pm



Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

The Spanish department is proud to announce the induction of 19 members to the newly-opened chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society. Induction was held on February 16 and was officiated by the following members from the Spanish 4/5 class and inductees: **Connor Kilkenny, Eve Null, Maddie Josey, McKenzie McNeill, Abby Ross, Kaylee Turley, and Allison Spencer**. Other inductees included **Ayden Albright, Josh Baker, Evan Cannon, Candace Doubet, Brianna Easterling, Dylan Easterling, Riley Hollwager, Jared Lyons, Libby Reese, Brooke Snelick, Caiden Todaro, and Emily Villers**.

Students must be enrolled in Spanish 3 or higher and meet all other criteria deemed by the national association to be inducted. Members will have access

to scholarships, contests, and a national registry. SHH also requires students to give back to their communities. Service includes peer tutoring this year as well as hosting community events, such as dinners and activities, and global fundraisers in the future.

Instructor **Megan Brady** is excited about starting this honor society at Northwest: "Having already initiated two other chapters of the SHH in other districts, I am able to see the benefits of having a selected honors group for students to aspire to. It also helps us bond as a group, it encourages tolerance and diversity, and it provides a place to use Spanish as a vehicle to accomplish goals. We have fun together!" We are very proud of all of our inductees for their hard work and accomplishments! Congrats!

Northwest High School Dance Team



The **Northwest High School Dance Team** had an amazing first season! The team performed at football and basketball games and held youth clinics. They also competed at the OASSA regional competition at Avon Lake and qualified to compete at the OASSA State competition in Columbus. This is a huge accomplishment for a first-year team! The team finished strong with a seventh overall placement in Contemporary and ninth overall in Jazz! The dance team is led by head coach **Kasie Pfefferle** and assistant coaches **Madison Carneal, Victoria Fox, Kaitlyn Leach, and Lindsay Stacy**. The team would like to thank The Dance Movement for giving them a home away from home. The dance team is looking forward to more community involvement and performances next season!

Tryouts for the 2023-2024 season are open to Northwest High School students entering grades 9th-12th. Tryouts will be held May 23, 2023 and May 25, 2023. Packets are available in the high school Athletic Office. For information and questions please contact nwhsdance@gmail.com

Students of the Month

Each month, four students (one from each grade) are selected as Students of the Month. Each month holds a different theme. Students are featured on Mr. Tausch's Twitter, *The Northwest News*, the announcements, and on a bulletin board in the commons. They are also awarded with a premium parking spot in the front of the building and a gift card for free drinks at the café.

Congratulations to the "Balanced" February Students of the Month!

A balanced student is one who strongly understands the importance of balancing different aspects of their lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for themselves and others. They not only recognize their interdependence with other people but also with the world in which they live.



**Mady
Begert**
Freshman



**Kianna
Natko**
Sophomore



**Charolette
Knicely**
Junior



**Isaac
LaFay**
Senior

Northwest High School Upcoming Events

APRIL

3-10	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL	
11	Classes Resume	
21	Blood Drive	
30	Bands in a Round Concert.....	noon

MAY

6	Prom	
7	Senior Parade	6pm
	Senior Sunset.....	8pm
8	Underclassmen Awards Programs.....	8:15-11am
	Honors Banquet.....	5pm
9	Senior Walk.....	1pm
10-12	Senior Exams	
12	Choir Spring Showcase	
22	Mandatory Graduation Practice	10am
	Commencement Ceremony	7pm
23-25	Exams for Underclassmen	
25	Last Student Day	

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Eighth and Ninth-Graders Attend Mental Health Day

March 14 proved to be a busy and productive day at the high school, as juniors took the ACT, sophomores took the Pre-ACT, and freshmen enjoyed a “Mental Health” day.

During the morning, freshmen attended four different sessions which all delved into different topics pertaining to mental health. In one classroom, they learned and discussed coping skills and made stress balls out of balloons and flour. In another, they walked through some difficult scenarios they may find themselves

in, and discussed some of the reactions they could have, how those reactions could play out, and what consequences could result. They took time to think carefully about how their actions and reactions could affect relationships, schoolwork, and their futures in general. By thinking critically about their options and choices with a trusted adult, we hope they will be better prepared to make healthy decisions should they find themselves in troubling scenarios. In yet another classroom they discussed how kindness affects the brain, and they engaged in activities, including writing letters to incoming freshmen giving them advice for a successful year and working on a collaborative poster which will later turn into a social media contest. The final classroom involved our wonderful SRO's, **Officers McConnell and Gohlike**. They worked on a Peace Training curriculum rolled out this year by the state of Ohio for all



students to complete before their junior year. It focuses on interacting with law enforcement, what to do and what not to do, and how to ensure that the interactions are constructive and hopefully positive.

After lunch, our eighth-graders joined us for an afternoon of fun. Students heard a great presentation from Mr. Al Dangelo on GIANT training, focusing on leadership. They also played a few team building games and did a QR code Scavenger hunt to learn

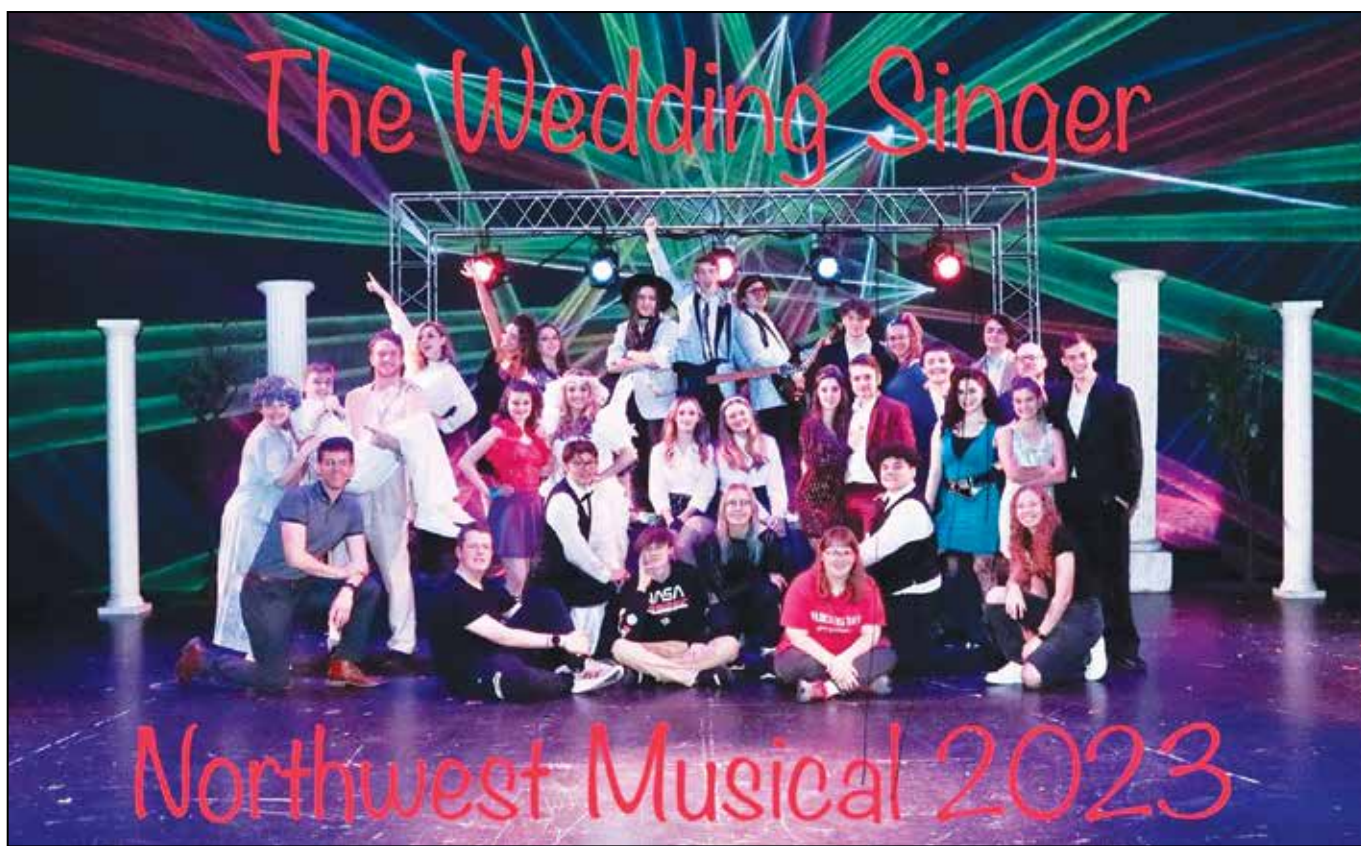
more about different mental health topics, such as resilience, assertiveness, and self-advocacy. They also learned about the signs of depression and anxiety and how to work through it. The day was culminated by a contest in which students applied the knowledge they accumulated throughout the day. They were presented with real-world scenarios and they practiced making good choices and finding solutions. The goal of this Mental Health day was to better prepare our students for life in high school and beyond, teaching them lifelong skills which will aide them in their journeys—wherever they may go.



Northwest Band Visits Florida

The band traveled to Orlando, Florida February 16-20. The much-anticipated trip included many sights and musical experiences. They visited Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios. They also enjoyed dinner and a show at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament. The band performed in the Universal Studio's Superstar Parade and attended a Disney Performing Arts Workshop in a studio recording. With a professional Disney clinician, they performed and recorded with Disney animation. Director Stephen Imler was truly impressed with the experience from start to finish: “I was not surprised to find that anyone who was around the Northwest band students, from Disney staff to chaperons, was impressed with their class and respect. My biggest takeaway from the trip is that the band family is working and that they love to be around each other, especially when making music. Thank you to everyone who helped make my first Disney trip such a positive, educational, and fun experience! See you in four years, Orlando!”





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MIDDLE SCHOOL



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 their peers, demonstrating honesty and fairness. They are dependable and often do more than is required of them. Congratulations to December/January and February Students of the Month!

December/
January

Sixth Grade



**Sarah
Cochran**



**Josh
Holiday**

Seventh Grade



**Julianne
Helmick**



**Logan
Begert**

Eighth Grade



**Emily
Robinson**



**Jesse
Everhart**

February



**Sophia
Ross**



**Greyson
Kramer**



**Makenna
Malcolm**



**Evann
Garber**



**Adalie
Horsfall**



**Elijah
Timmons**



Sixth Grade Math Team



Seventh Grade Math Team

Stark County Math Tournament

The Stark County Math Tournament was held March 4, 2023 at Massillon Washington High School. Approximately 800 students across Stark County competed in various categories including team problem solving, geometry and measurement, mental computation, number sense, and algebra/data probability. Thank you to our team coaches: **Pam Kurz, Tom Johnson, and Amber Clark**. Thank you, also, to our volunteers who made this day possible for our students: **Lori Fisk, Krista Kieffer, Mary Beth Manns, Cheryl Nash, Krystle Nichols, Rhonda Oser, Jill Repko, and Joy Richards**.

SIXTH GRADE: Roman Baroni, Brayden Boyle, Brady Cudnik, Calvin Fagerstrom, Bella Galart, Collin Harris, Grant Holbrook, Clara Horsfall, Lucy Lavoie, William Marshall, Lucas Shanz, Aubrey Scheufler, Dekon Snyder, Stella Strader, and Jaden West.

SEVENTH GRADE: Tim Bahl, Logan Begert, Isaac Bova, Eva Fang, Max Gearhart, Jacob Gill, Jamisyn Gohlike, Reed Grinder, Ethan Hodovan, Nath Hodovan, Peyton Hodovan, Chace Lewis, Rex Li, Dylan Shingleton, and Eiley Weber.

Special congratulations to the following students who placed at the tournament:

SIXTH GRADE

Number Sense: **William Marshal** (1st place), **Aubrey Scheufler** (2nd place), **Roman Baroni** (5th place)

Mental Computation: **Brayden Boyle** (6th place)

Geometry and Measurement: **Lucy Lavoie** (1st place), **Brady Cudnik** (2nd place), **Kalvin Fagerstrom** (3rd place)

Algebra and Data Probability: **Lucas Schanz** (1st place), **Collin Harris** (4th place)

Team Problem Solving: **Grant Holbrook, Clara Horsfall, Stella Strader** (2nd place)

SEVENTH GRADE

Number Sense: **Ethan Hodovan** (2nd place), **Max Gearhart** (5th place)

Mental Computation: **Rex Li** (5th place)

Geometry and Measurement: **Reed Grinder** (6th place), **Dylan Shingleton** (8th place)

Algebra and Data Probability: **Jacob Gill** (5th place)

Team Problem Solving: **Jamisyn Gohlike, Nathan Hodovan, Chace Lewis** (2nd place)

Congratulations to all who participated!

Northwest Middle School Upcoming Events

APRIL

3-10 Spring Break – **NO SCHOOL**

11 Classes Resume

12-14 Sixth Grade Camp

15 Band/Choir Solo and Ensemble

19 Eighth Grade Science – Ohio State Testing

26-27 6th/7th/8th Grade Math - Ohio State Testing

28 Sixth Grade Scoliosis Screening

OST Early Dismissal Day

30 Bands in the Round

MAY

5-6 Band/Choir Large Group Contest

13 Jazz Band @ Brick Street Jazz Festival

17-18 Choir Spring Show

25 **Last Day for Students**



W.S. STINSON ELEMENTARY



Dodgeball Tournament

Students took on teachers in a dodgeball event to benefit the Girls Golf Team. **Coach Laura Traganza** organized the event for grades 1-6. The winners faced the Stinson staff team; it was a good time for a good cause!

Worthy Causes

Students across the district participated in Kindness Week the week of February 13. The week serves as more than a fun opportunity to dress up in themes and dress alike (twin day); students are reminded of the importance of giving back. This year, Stinson Elementary students raised \$2,565.75 to benefit Akron Children's Hospital! Stinson students have been raising money for this worthy cause for the past fifteen years! The class who collected the most money at each grade level earned a bonus recess with Ms. Mariani. A big thank you goes out to all of our Stinson families for their generous participation.

The fifth-grade Count on Me Crew is always looking for ways they can make a difference, and they decided to implement a Recycling Program at Stinson Elementary. We are excited to do our part for the environment!



Stark County Math Tournament

The Fifth Grade Math Team joined the sixth and seventh-graders at the Stark County Math Tournament held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Massillon Washington High School.

Fifth Grade Team

Logan Ashley, Carmella Boyette, Easton Bush, Molly Flanagan, David Gingerich, Daniel Herren, Evelyn Horsfall, Charlotte Kulick, Eric Mook, Max Repko, Jacob Schilling, Faith Syrios, Noa Triola, Zayne Teppert, and Benton Wenzel.

Special congratulations to the following fifth-grade students who placed at the tournament

Number Sense: **Eric Mook** (2nd place)

Mental Computation: **Logan Ashley** (1st place), **Easton Bush** (7th place)

Geometry and Measurement: **Faith Syrios** (5th place)

Algebra and Data Probability: **Zayne Teppert** (3rd place), **Daniel Herren** (4th place)

Team Problem Solving: **Evelyn Horsfall, Charlotte Kulick, Benton Wenzel** (5th place)



W.S. Stinson Elementary Dates to Remember

OHIO STATE TESTS

English Language Arts - April 18 & 19

Math - April 25 & 26

Science - May 2 & 3

SAVE THE DATE!

May 4: Stinson STEAM Night

NORTHWEST NEWS

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NORTHWEST PRIMARY

High-Quality Physical Education at Northwest Primary

Physical Education Class is about much more than just teaching kids how to throw, skip, kick, and dribble. **Miss Angie Ellis**, Northwest Primary P.E. teacher, teaches much more than movement skills! The activities her students do every day in the gym create opportunities for kids to learn important life lessons that stick with them forever! In addition to the physical skills, content knowledge, and confidence, students are being taught that they need to lead a physically active lifestyle.

Miss Ellis also creatively integrates other academic content such as spelling, letter recognition, reading sight words, counting, addition, subtraction, and so much more into many of the lessons she teaches. Physical Education is an excellent setting to integrate concepts from the general education classroom, whether the subject is English, language arts, math, science, or social studies. For starters, movement is exciting and fun for the students. Further, research has found a link between physical activity and improved learning. It also helps students make meaningful connections in content areas across the curriculum. For example, Miss Ellis has been integrating read-alouds into her lessons as part of the cool down at the end of each class; this teaches students life lessons about dealing with emotions, being kind, the importance of getting daily physical activity and proper nutrition, dealing with frustrations and disappointments, and discovering the healing power of words and self-compassion. There are so many benefits of including a read aloud in P.E. class. Miss Ellis finds that the greatest benefit is in building student-teacher relationships. Building positive relationships with students is the key to classroom management, and read-alouds create a great space for this to happen. Without a doubt, Miss Ellis is making a significant difference in her students' lives at Northwest Primary by not only developing confident movers, but also developing good character as well!




Calling All Incoming Kinders!!
You Are Invited To...

Northwest Primary's Preschool Preview

April 25th
4-6pm

Use this code to sign up for
a timeslot to come take a
tour and learn more about
the Kindergarten Experience
here at NWPI



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