

# NORTHWEST NEWS

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## Lunch Prices

High School/Middle School.....	\$3.00
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Milk.....	\$ .50



### 2022 National Honor Society Inductees

*Front Row: Peter VanBlargan, Nathaniel Amiot, Kaylee Turley, Alexa Bell, Advisor Mrs. Sarah Mun; Second Row: Abigail Ross, Alexis Wayts, Allison Spencer, Brianna Easterling; Third Row: Jessica Aneshansel, Charolette Knicely, Eleanor Grinder, Eve Null; Fourth Row: Madison Garside, Megan Billman, Kaitlyn Steiner, Alexis Williams, Brooke Snelick; Back Row: Libby Reese, Emily Donaldson, Carter Magyarics, Olivia Jeffers, Madison Boone.*



### National Honor Society Current Members

*Front Row: Kamryn Golden, Jessica Cliff, Alena Dangelo, Claudine Sanopao; Second Row: Tate Miller, Luke Metzger, Sydney Kunkel; Third Row: Ashley Cudnik, Madeline Josey, Abigail Thomas, Alexia Clark; Fourth Row: James Cunningham, Gianna Kuhn, Abigail Meighen, Madillyn Jennings; Back Row: Colton Sparks, Connor Kilkenny, Isaac LaFay, Nicholas Savage.*

## National Honor Society Inducts 22 New Members

Twenty-two students took the National Honor Society pledge on October 27. The ceremony, in part, was led by current NHS officers: **Colton Sparks**, President; **Tate Miller**, Vice President; **Gianna Kuhn**, Secretary, and **Isaac LaFay**, Treasurer. Principal **Larry Tausch** proudly reminded members and inductees of their responsibilities as leaders of their class, representing the best of our school: "You are well on your way to making wonderful contributions to our world and are well on your way to leaving a legacy that will carry on for future generations of Northwest students." This "legacy" includes demonstrating the four tenets of National Honor Society daily in our school: **Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service**. Under the leadership of advisor **Mrs. Sarah Munn**, members of NHS maintain these ideals and serve their school and community throughout the school year. Some of their acts of service include maintaining two miles of the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail, organizing the Recycling Program at high school, sponsoring clothing and food drives, reading to younger students at Northwest Primary, servicing the Swiss Steak Dinners at the Northwest Senior Center, serving as teaching aides at the high school and within community (many help with Sunday school and coach sports for younger students), hosting multiple fundraisers, promoting kindness week, and sponsoring the powder puff and powder tuff activity. Congratulations to all of the new inductees; it is truly a well-deserved honor. In the words of Mr. Tausch, "Continue to make your school proud, your teachers proud, your parents proud, and most importantly, yourself proud."





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From left: Adam Tohill, President Jim Gindlesberger, Rita Gearhart, Julia Barkey, Vice President Victor Colaianne.

## Committed to an Open & Transparent District

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## Message from the Superintendent

To the Northwest Community

I glance out my window, see snow swirling, and I cannot believe that the holiday season is upon us! Where has the time gone?! As we get closer to the end of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a warm and happy holiday. May the good things in life be yours in abundance, not only in this festive season but throughout all of 2023.

I am thankful for the people of this community who are so passionate about our schools. I am thankful for all of our students as they learn all of the content we teach and, along the way, they learn how to be caring and compassionate people. Finally, I am thankful for all of our faculty and staff. There are amazing things happening in our school district every single day!

Thank you all for your continued support of Northwest Local Schools. On behalf of all of our faculty and staff, we appreciate you deeply.

If you ever need me for anything involving the district, call me at 330-573-9024. You can also email anytime at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you again, and best wishes in the new year!

Sincerely,  
Shawn Braman, Ed.D



Shawn Braman, Ed.D.

## Season's Greetings

Christmas break is right around the corner and yet it feels like we just welcomed the students back from summer break. Our students are eagerly anticipating the holiday season and a well-deserved break. There will be many seasonal activities and traditions to experience, and we hope you enjoy time with family and friends, creating memories that will last a lifetime. We are looking forward to the second half of the school year as we enter 2023.

Happy Holidays!

## K-12 Science Textbook Adoption

During the current academic year, the district 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 in February and March at the Central Office for parents and community members who would like to review them. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Curriculum Department at the Central Office (330) 854-2291.

## Northwest Website Update

The district has been working through the process of redesigning our website and it was launched on November 21, 2022. Much of our existing content remains on the redesigned website but in new locations. For example, the Parent, Community, Departments, and Staff pull-down menus are now located under the **Menu** option on the home page. There is a **School** link at the top of the new page to access each building's homepage.

## SCHALMO FAMILY YMCA

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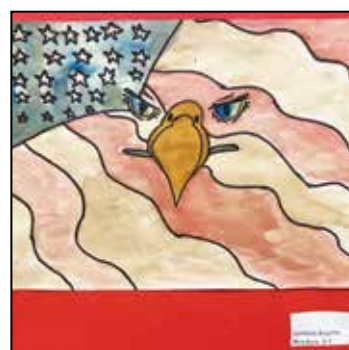
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# Students Honor Local Veterans



Veterans Day is a special day to honor all veterans for their service and the perfect opportunity for Northwest students to show their appreciation. Students district wide are educated on the meaning and importance of Veterans Day through history lessons, essays, poems, artwork, and letters. They traditionally honor local heroes in special assemblies and a parade. As it was a day of pouring rain this year, the parade was moved to Monday, November 14 —the

perfect reminder that we honor our veterans EVERY day, not simply on Veterans Day! Students lined the parade route with flags, posters, and cheers of gratitude to honor over 70 participating veterans and their families. Locally, the Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park in Clinton recognizes those who served daily. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful remembrance in our neighborhood. Thank you to all veterans for your service and your sacrifices!



## Northwest Campus Dons New Sign

The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy at work with our goals of continuous improvement. One of the top goals of this committee is to keep improving on communication with the community. The new electronic sign is one more component to this ongoing communication goal. The sign features campus-wide pictures and announcements. We are excited to announce the completion of this project!





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## ATHLETICS

## FALL SEASON REVIEW & FEATURED SENIORS



Travis  
Barcheck

Caden  
Beichler

Jimmy  
Cunningham

Riley  
Plotner

Cody  
Workinger

### Varsity Football

The Northwest Indians Varsity football team finished the season with an overall record of 8-4 and a 5-2 league record. Northwest tied this year for the PAC Championship. Under the leadership of Coach John DeMarco, the team qualified for State Playoffs three years in a row. Seniors **Travis Barcheck**, **Caden Beichler**, **Jimmy Cunningham**, **Riley Plotner**, and **Cody Workinger**, and junior **Kyler Miraglia** all earned 1st Team All PAC. Senior **Noah Harper** and junior **Connor Satterfield** earned Honorable Mention. Head Captain, Noah Harper felt it was a great season in more ways than one: "The team this year was very collected and together. The chemistry we had this year was great, and everyone got along with everyone. Whenever adversity would hit, we would always stay together. Going to practice was something to look forward to, and the group of coaches made it even better! My senior year this year ended up being my favorite."

### Varsity Boys Soccer

The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished the season 9-8 overall, and 6-4 in the PAC, taking third place in the inaugural PAC Tournament. Senior **Captain Garrett Baughman** finished his senior season with 18 goals and 4 assists, ranking 8th overall at Northwest with 31 career goals. Garrett became the first Northwest Boys Soccer player to win **Stark County Player of the Year** along with earning 1st Team All Stark County, 1st Team All PAC, and 1st Team All-District. Senior **Captain Gavin Lauder milk** earned 1st Team All-PAC, 1st Team All Stark County, and 2nd Team All-District. Senior **Max Zink** earned 2nd Team All Stark County, 2nd Team All-District, and HM All-PAC. Senior **Evan Schmeltzer** earned HM All-Stark County, HM All-District, and HM All-PAC. Senior **Mikael Paulson** earned 2nd Team All Stark County, HM All-District, and recently signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer at Heidelberg University. Junior **Ayden Albright** earned HM All-District, and Freshman **Will Metzger** earned HM All-Stark County. Coach Cooper stated, "I'm extremely proud of our team's effort on and off the field this season. They are a great group of high-character student athletes who battled adversity and finished the season strong! Our Seniors Gavin Lauder milk, Max Zink, Evan Schmeltzer, Ryan Wilson, Garrett Baughman, Mikael Paulson, and Jonas Calderhead paved the way and passed the torch to our underclassmen."



Garrett  
Baughman

Gavin  
Lauder milk

### Varsity Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team finished the season 13-11. **Ashley Cudnik** received her 1000th kill & her 1000th dig this season. She now ranks #1 all time in Northwest Volleyball for Career Kills with 1234 total kills, breaking Dakota Harkins' record from 2009.

**Lily Bottomley** also finished her career #1 in Northwest Volleyball history with 266 career blocks. She broke that record last year but extended it this year. **Ashley Cudnik** was awarded 1st Team PAC, and **Gianna Kuhn** earned Honorable Mention PAC; they were also 1st Team All-District. **Alexa Bell** earned 2nd Team All-District, and **Natalie Perin** earned Honorable Mention All-District. Coach Swaino is proud of these athletes: "They are such a great group of girls; I'm blessed to be their coach." A special congratulations to seniors Alexa Bell, Lily Bottomley, Ashley Cudnik, Gianna Kuhn, Olivia Lazarus, and Natalie Perin.



Ashley  
Cudnik

Lily  
Bottomley

### Varsity Girls Soccer

The girls turned in an 8-8-1 season. The top goal scorers were senior **Ashlyn Stark** (17 goals), senior **Abby Ross** (12 goals), and junior **Camren Curnutte** (7 goals).

Our assist leaders were junior **Camren Curnutte** (9), junior **Libby Reese** (5), and sophomore **Samantha Kaufman** (4). 1st Team All-County players were **Abby Ross** and **Gwen Lower**. **Camren Curnutte** and **Ashlyn Stark** earned 2nd team honors, and **Brooke Snelick** and **Libby Reese** earned Honorable Mention. Coach Osborne stated, "We were a young team facing a more challenging schedule than what we were used to. The team will only graduate three seniors this year, and we will have more than ten seniors next year. Adapting to changes that will better our future, the girls rallied and worked incredibly hard all season."



Ashlyn  
Stark

Abby  
Ross

Gwen  
Lower

### Varsity Girls Golf

The Varsity Girls Golf team finished the season 3-14 overall and played in various tournaments throughout the season, taking third place in one tournament, the Flo Barr Invite.

Senior **Jessica Cliff** earned 1st Team All-League in the Tri-County League; she also earned the MVP Award and secured the Low Stroke 9-Hole Average at 45.7 and Low Stroke 18-hole average at 98.7. Coach Traganza said, "Jessica is a true leader. She and her teammates worked hard this season, and they are a truly enjoyable team to coach." Traganza also noted other team accomplishments throughout the season: **Sadie Villers** earned Most Improved Player turning in a low 9-hole score of 49. **Jada Sparks** earned the Coach's Award, **Hannah Huston** earned the Rookie Award, **Laura Caniglia** earned the Sportsmanship Award, **Lacey Bibbee** earned the Indian Award, and **Bella Ortega** earned the Long Drive Award. A special congratulations to senior teammates Jessica Cliff and Laura Caniglia as they move on to their next phase in life beyond high school.



Jessica  
Cliff

*Athletics photos*

*courtesy of Curtis Photography*





## Varsity Boys Golf

The Northwest Varsity Golf team finished the season 9-5 and placed third in the PAC. Senior **Zach Huscusson** lead the team earning PAC Player of the Year honors and was also awarded 1st Team All Stark County. Zach was also a District qualifier falling just short of a State appearance. Sophomore **Caleb Hyrne** had a great season claiming PAC Honorable Mention and All Stark County Honorable Mention. This year we say goodbye to three seniors/4-year lettermen: **Zach Huscusson, Tate Miller**, and **Luke Schwendiman**. Rounding out this year's varsity squad and returning next year will be Coleston Poland.



Zach  
Huscusson

## Varsity Cross Country

Both our girls and boys teams were second in the PAC Championship race. Freshman **Madelyn Begert** won the girls race; she was named league champion and was also selected as **Runner of the Year**. She also earned 1st Team PAC honors and 1st Team All Stark County. Junior **Dylan Easterling** also earned 1st Team PAC honors and 1st Team All Stark County. **Emma Weaver** and **Claire Weaver** earned PAC Honorable Mention and 2nd Team All County. **Smith Doubet, Abraham Shrock, Abbigale Zantow**, and **Gracelyn DeGraw** also earned 2nd Team All County. **Jack Downs** and **Andrea Rohn** earned All-County Honorable Mention. At the District race the girls team qualified to the regional meet for only the second time in school history! **Dylan Easterling** qualified to the regional as an individual for the second straight year. At the regional meet, **Madelyn Begert** finished 3rd to qualify to State. She became the first Northwest freshman to do so! At the State Championship meet, Madelyn ran a great race and finished 12th in the state in Division 2! She won a medal, made the podium (top 20) and earned All-Ohio Honors! Quite an achievement for anyone, let alone a freshman!



Madelyn  
Begert



**Mikael Paulson** signing a Letter of Intent to play soccer at Heidelberg University.

# High School

## Northwest High School Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

1	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	2:30-7:30 pm
	CCP Information Night .....	6:00-7:00 pm
10	ACT Test	
13	Blood Drive	
15	Holiday Band Concert.....	7:00 pm
20	Holiday Choir Concert .....	7:30 pm
12/22-		
1/4	Christmas Break: <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	

### JANUARY

5	Classes Resume	
13	End of 2nd 9 weeks/semester	
16	Martin Luther King Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	

### FEBRUARY

11	Blizzard Bash	
15	Blood Drive	
16-20	Band Trip to Disney	
17	Waiver Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
20	Presidents Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
24-25	Musical: <i>The Wedding Singer</i> .....	7:00 pm
26	Musical: <i>The Wedding Singer</i> .....	3:00 pm



Connor KilKenny, Alena Dangelo, and Tate Miller with the host Rob Powers

## Academic Challenge

Seniors **Connor KilKenny, Alena Dangelo**, and **Tate Miller** represented the Northwest HS Academic Challenge team on the 54th season of Norden-Academic Challenge in topics of math, science, world geography, history, and fine arts. The show will be broadcast on News 5 on January 7, 2023 at 11:30 am. The rest of the Academic Challenge team, comprised of students from all four grades, will begin their regular season against local high schools in January.





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Front Row: Young Jae Sea, Mailin Schuetz, Letizia Frammartino;  
Back Row: Barnabe Blanchard, Jeana Bertram, Roos Van Vechel.

## Welcome to the USA!

### Northwest High School Welcomes a Record Number of Exchange Students

**Jeana Bertram** is visiting from **Germany**. “I wanted to experience life as a student in an American high school and just live the dream.” Jeana is from a small town near Hamburg, somewhat similar to Canal Fulton, but even smaller. She is looking forward to fostering her independence, building a new life on her own. Her host family loves to travel, so she hopes to visit other parts of the USA while she is here. Jeana loves the whole school spirit at Northwest; she finds the people to be “friendly and amazing!” She is involved in soccer and plans to play basketball; she is also a member of Interact club. She will finish her schooling in Germany after graduating from Northwest. She plans to take a Gap Year before attending University.

**Barnabe Blanchard** comes to us from **France**. He wanted to become a foreign exchange student to speak English fluently and to discover new foods, new people, and a new culture. Barnabe is from a large city near Paris, so it’s a huge contrast to life in a small town. The schools also differ greatly. “American schools are much more fun and there are a lot of school-sponsored activities.” His favorite part about Northwest is the staff: “The people who work in Northwest are very nice; when I need help, they are eager to help me.” Barnabe hopes to see more of the country and is looking forward to visiting Washington DC with his host family; he also plans to travel to Virginia to see some family. Barnabe is fitting in well with our school; his teachers recently selected him as Student of the Month.

**Letizia Frammartino** is visiting from **Italy**. Her home town is near Milan. “Staying here is a really new experience for me. For someone used to traffic, tall buildings, and chaos, being surrounded by trees and seeing wonderful sunsets every day is something special!” Letizia chose to become an exchange student because she loves to travel, experience different cultures, and learn new languages. She has enjoyed meeting new people at Northwest, and she is impressed by the teaching staff who do their best to make school enjoyable for their students. Letizia is already an active student at the high school. She is involved in soccer, student council, art club, and history through film club. Following her graduation from Northwest High School, Letizia will return to Italy to graduate from her high school and later attend a sculpture academy in Milan.

**Mailin Schuetz** comes to us from **Germany**. Her home town near Berlin is even smaller than Canal Fulton. She wanted to be an exchange student to experience new things and to foster independence. She also hopes to learn the language well, as English is useful in many areas. Mailin has never been to the United States: “For me, everything is quite new and some things were a shock for me at the beginning.” In Germany, students cannot choose their own courses and the faculty isn’t nearly as friendly. The friendliness of the students and teachers have eased her experience: “Everyone sticks together and the school spirit is strong; here you are well received.” Mailin has made the most of her time at Northwest. She is a member of the soccer team and pep club, and she hopes to join the basketball team. Upon graduation, Mailin hopes to study marketing and product design; she is also interested in an apprenticeship in the police force.

**Young Jae Seo** is visiting from **South Korea**. He decided to become a foreign exchange student and come to American because he thought the environment of the town and the school would be better than in Korea. In Korea, he studies an average of three hours a day, and the school day is structured differently. At Northwest, he has enjoyed being a member of the soccer team, but one of his favorite aspects of Northwest is football. He loves the atmosphere of the stadium on Friday nights, and “American Football” is, of course, a sport that Korea does not have. After graduating from Northwest, Young plans to go to college and study management.

**Roos Van Vechel** comes to us from the **Netherlands**. She has always been interested in studying abroad; she decided to come to the USA because the schools here seemed the most different from the ones in her country. “My old school had no school sports and no school spirit; that means no Friday night football games and no pep rallies.” This is her first time in the United States, and she is looking forward to seeing more! Roos had the opportunity to visit New York in August, and she is planning a trip to Florida for spring break. She loves the school spirit at Northwest and, of course, how nice all of the students and teachers have been. Roos is an active student at Northwest; she is on the soccer team and is also a member of Buddy Club. Her future plans are still uncertain, but her favorite subject is creative writing.



## Northwest High School Drama Department

*Presents*



**Friday, February 24 at 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 pm**





Secretary **Tamia Akers**, Team Captain **Abigail Meighen**, Speech Captain **Charlotte Knicely**, Public Address/Rhetoric Captain **Abbie Thomas**.



## A Strong Start for Northwest Speech and Debate

The Northwest High School Speech and Debate kicked off their fourth season on November 5 at the massive Perry Varsity tournament. Our young team put up strong competition against the best competitors in the state and achieved a team first when sophomore **Tamia Akers** won the Tournament Champion's Chair for Program Oral Interpretation. She was perfect on the day, earning straight 1's through four rounds and earning her first ever bid to State competition. The team also had an outstanding performance at their second tournament in Highland. Tamia Akers earned third place in POI, and **Abigail Meighen** earned fourth place in Congress. Both students earned bids to the state tournament. The team placed third in Small School Sweeps, adding some hardware to the school's display case! Off to such a great start, it's hard not to expect great things from this year's Speech and Debate team!

### Team Members

**Salma Abueteen**  
**Tamia Akers**  
**Jacob Coleman**  
**Adrian Conroy**  
**Lucas Davis**  
**Kayleigh Fetherolf**  
**Jaxon Gohlike**  
**Caroline Graf**  
**Matthew Graf**  
**Kayli Holcomb**

**Charolette Knicely**  
**Abigail Meighen**  
**James Newton**  
**Aurora Rea**  
**Lukas Snyder**  
**Claire Stader**  
**Zachary Tatar**  
**Abigail Thomas**  
**Mary VanBlargan**  
**Brianna Wayts**

## 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 "Inquisitive" October Students of the Month!

An inquisitive student is one who develops their natural curiosity by acquiring skills necessary to conduct independent research. They actively enjoy learning, and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.



**Dominic Crookston**  
Freshman



**Barnabe Blanchard**  
Sophomore



**Jessica Aneshansel**  
Junior



**Abigail Meighen**  
Senior

### Congratulations to the "Reflective" November/December Students of the Month!

A reflective student thoughtfully considers the world and their own ideas and experiences. They work to understand their strengths and weaknesses in order to support their learning and personal development.



**Ian Clark**  
Freshman



**Maddie Koprivec**  
Sophomore



**Caroline Graf**  
Junior



**Colton Sparks**  
Senior

## The Music Department Invites you to Celebrate the Sounds of the Season!

### Polar Express Middle School Show

Featuring pre-show caroling, a Santa meet & greet, and complimentary hot chocolate in the lobby (doors open at 6:00).

\*Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food pantry

**December 7 at 7:00 pm**

### Middle School Holiday Band Concert

Featuring 5th-8th grade Bands, Middle School Jazz Band, and 6th grade Percussion Ensemble

**December 13 at 7:00 pm**

### High School Holiday Band Concert

Featuring Symphonic Band and Northwest Wind Ensemble

**December 15 at 7:00 pm**

### High School Holiday Choir Concert

Featuring Northwest Singers, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Choral Aca Fellas, Vocal Muse, and Kokopelli Scholars

**December 20 at 7:30 pm**

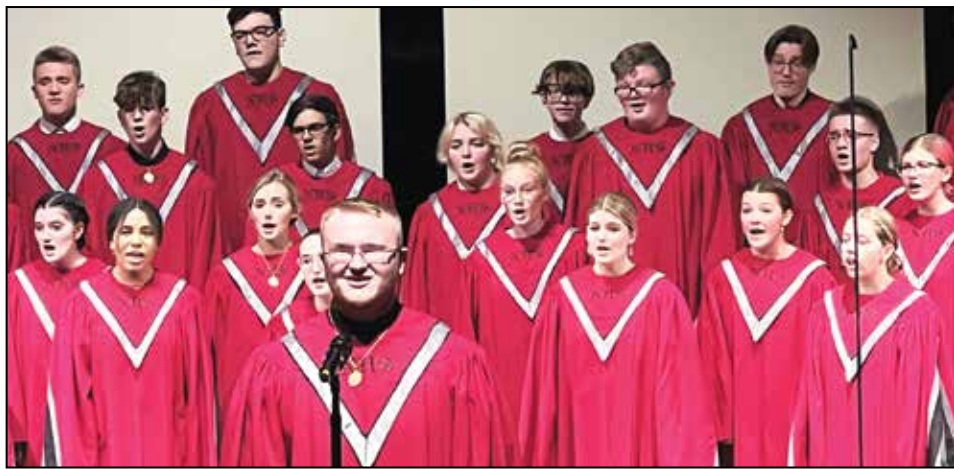


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*Mr. Pittman*



*Chorale*



*Kokopelli Scholars*



*Men's Chorus*



*Women's Chorus*



*Vocal Muse*



*Aca Fellas*



*Northwest Singers*

## Northwest Choirs Uplift, Entertain, and Inspire!

Under the leadership of Director Mr. Chad Pittman, the High School Choirs are off to a successful start this school year. This year's High School Vocal Music Program includes seven choirs, including **Men's Chorus** and **Women's Chorus**, and audition-based groups including **Chorale**, **Northwest Singers**, **Kokopelli Scholars**, **Aca Fellas**, and **Vocal Muse**.

All of the choirs featured their hard work and talent in a Fall Concert on October 20. The concert truly demonstrated a wide range of musical compositions that uplifted, entertained, and inspired. Pieces ranged from traditional Folk Songs to Barbershop music and from current pop hits to traditional hymns and collegiate-level compositions.

This fall, choir members had an opportunity to attend two special trips to Capital University. They experienced two concerts with a meaningful and cherished relationship with the Capital University Conservatory of Music, and

they also learned about college preparation and college life. Men's Chorus also had the honor of singing with students of The Ohio State University in a collaborative concert held in Massillon on November 20. They enjoyed seeing former Northwest choir president/alumnus, *Brady Aneshansel*, now a student at OSU and a member of the Ohio State Men's Glee Club.

The Choral Department is currently preparing for their upcoming Holiday Concert (December 20) and their many holiday venues, including Gale's Garden Center, Akron Children's Hospital, Light-up Downtown Massillon, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Many of the students are also at work on the February Musical, *The Wedding Singer*. Students look forward to OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest and OMEA District and State contests this winter, Singing Valentines by the Aca Fellas, and the Spring Showcase at the conclusion of the school year.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Northwest Middle School Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

7	MS Holiday Choir Concert.....	7:00 pm
13	MS Holiday Band Concert.....	7:00 pm
12/22-		
1/4	Christmas Break: <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	

### JANUARY

5	Classes Resume	
13	End of 2nd 9 weeks/semester	
16	Martin Luther King Day – No School	
25	6th Grade Camp Parent Mtg.....	6:00 pm

### FEBRUARY

16	Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	2:40-7:40 pm
17	Waiver Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
20	Presidents Day – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
28	Eighth-Grade Students Visit RG Drage	



## Officer McConnell

Seventh-grade students in Mrs. Newton's Tech Resources classes were visited recently by Northwest Local's new School Resource Officer, Mr. Dave McConnell. Officer McConnell, who spent the last several years of his career working as a detective for the Massillon City Police Department, spoke with students about the importance of internet safety. Among the topics covered were social media do's and don'ts, ways to avoid online predators, safety precautions for teens when out in society, cyberbullying, and many other topics. Thanks to Officer McConnell and Mrs. Newton for sharing this helpful information with our students!



## Eighth-Grade Students Visit D.C.

From November 1-3, 120 eighth-graders from the Middle School traveled to and Washington D.C. They squeezed a lot of sightseeing into their trip!

The trip started with a stop in Gettysburg where the students got a tour of the museum and watched a presentation in the theater about the Civil War as well as a presentation in the Cyclorama that took the students through the key points of the Gettysburg battle. From there, they traveled into Washington D.C. Students were treated to a special night visit to the World War II, Vietnam, Korean, and Lincoln Memorials to see the monuments in lights. Day two involved visiting the White House, shopping for souvenirs, and observing the Natural History and American History museums. The day ended with a dinner show at Medieval Times where the students and chaperones had an absolute blast cheering on their knights. Day three included a trip to Arlington National Cemetery to observe the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, along with a tour of other key parts of the cemetery. From there they traveled to the Iwo-Jima memorial where they had the privilege of meeting some Marines and having them join us in a class picture. The last stop was Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum at Washington Dulles International Airport. The students had a great time, and they definitely came back tired!

A huge thank you to Mr. Maculaitis for helping to coordinate and plan the trip, and to the chaperones: Mr. Ryan Dutton, Mr. Zach Meissner, Mr. Andy Cocklin, Mrs. Mary Amacher, Mrs. Tiffany Jeffers, Mrs Krystelle Nichols, Mrs. Krista Kieffer, Mrs. Theresa Baughman and Mrs. Tammy Nicholson. This memorable trip has become a valued and much-anticipated tradition for Northwest students.



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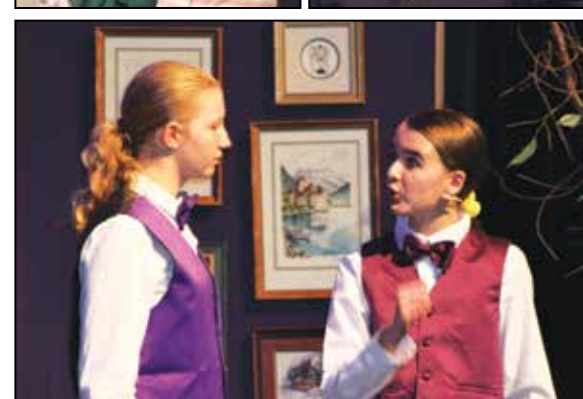
## Halloween Bash!

After two years off due to COVID, the annual Halloween Dance was back! On Friday, October 21, over 250 students attended the after-school dance proudly displaying their costumes and their dance moves. They enjoyed pizza and baked goods generously donated by parents. A huge thank you to parents for their donations, teachers for chaperoning, and On the Mic Entertainment for providing the DJ service. A great time was had by all!

## 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 our September and October Students of the Month for starting the school year strong!

September	<u>Sixth Grade</u>		<u>Seventh Grade</u>		<u>Eighth Grade</u>	
						
	<b>Makenzie Tomaszewski</b>	<b>Colin Harris</b>	<b>Ella Roesel</b>	<b>Clayton Kovacs</b>	<b>Brooke Barkan</b>	<b>Landon Wenzel</b>
	<u>Sixth Grade</u>		<u>Seventh Grade</u>		<u>Eighth Grade</u>	
						
	<b>Olivia Maarschalk</b>	<b>Logan Tirbovich</b>	<b>Emma Mizener</b>	<b>Tyler Richardson</b>	<b>Kira Syrios</b>	<b>Austin Schenz</b>



## Drama Department

On November 11 and 12, the Northwest Middle School Drama Department performed its fifth annual Fall Play, *Down in Front!* The show took audiences back to the nostalgia of the 1990s movie theater experience, where the smell of popcorn and Friday-night movie night was the peak of your week! The traditional "Who Dunnit" comedic/mystery style plot focused on a nervous playwright, a devious play critic, and a theater staff all fighting to keep the night afloat at the Harlequin Theater! Congratulations to the cast: **Tim Bahl, Maclaryn Funk, Kira Syrios, Elley Gilson, Joey Myers, Payton Boyle, Adeline Booth, Rylie Spencer, Abigail Schreiner, Kasey Elton, Gwenn Reinford, Lucas Lantz, Lucas Shanz, Kai Shwartz, Ana Sekulic, Kaia Noble, Stella Strader, Mia Booth, Shelby Davidson, and Jacob Gill.** The show was truly a Northwest Middle School theatrical event!

Cast Photo Courtesy of Jodie Amiot



# W.S. STINSON ELEMENTARY

## W.S. Stinson Elementary Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

- 6 Count on Me Day
- 8 Third Grade Choir Concert - P. Hall
- 12-18 Santa Shop
- 21 Christmas Parties
- 12/22-1/4 Christmas Break – **NO SCHOOL**

### JANUARY

- 5 Classes Resume
- 10 Count on Me Day
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 13 End of 2nd 9 weeks/semester
- 16 Martin Luther King Day – **NO SCHOOL**

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Count on Me Day
- 17 Waiver Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Presidents Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 23 Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Fall Festivities a Plenty

In the halls of Stinson, a seven-foot dinosaur greeted students, a therapy dog turned superhero, and the staff was a shiny new box of crayons! Students and staff were excited to bring costumes back to the Halloween parties this year! The students were so excited as they walked into the building wearing their costumes. The entire school paraded around the playground before the parties began so they could see all of the creative costumes their peers were wearing. Everyone in the building had such a fun day, and many are already planning their costumes for next year!



## Honoring our Veterans

Each year at Stinson Elementary, our fourth-grade students are educated on the history of Veterans Day and the importance of paying tribute to veterans. Many activities and lessons take place in their Social Studies and Music classes. The students then invite veterans to the school every November 11th for a special program. The students sang patriotic songs, read essays and poems, and visited with their family members after the event. Pictures were taken, treats were shared, and the day was meaningful for all involved! Stinson students and staff are thankful for all of our Northwest community veterans.



## Fourth-Graders Bussed to Schalmo Family YMCA!

**October swim lessons are definitely one of the highlights of fourth grade!**

The YMCA instructors begin the week by testing the students' ability and knowledge of swimming. The students are separated into four different levels and each group concentrates on learning and/or fine tuning their different types of strokes, treading water, holding their breath, and putting their head in the water without holding their nose. Water safety instruction is a top priority throughout the week. Students learn about what to do in case of an emergency; they also learn water safety measures for swimming in pools at home or at a friend's house as well as swimming in public pools or lakes. They tried on life jackets and discussed boat safety precautions. By the end of the week, all students were swimming the length of the pool, and advanced swimmers fine-tuned their breast stroke, butterfly, and correct head position in the water.

At the end of class time, the students were given some free time to play games and splash in the water! Although some children were nervous at the beginning of the week, the teachers could see the children learning, having fun, and smiling by the end of the week. Each student received a certificate with a list of their accomplished skills. It was a great experience, and the students were sad to see it end!

Pam Leddon, Executive Director of The Schalmo Family YMCA, is always complimentary about our students: "The staff thoroughly enjoys having the 4th graders come for their swim lesson week. The students are completely respectful and a pleasure to have in the building!" The YMCA offers many swim and fitness programs. For more information, contact the Schalmo Family YMCA at 330-970-0123 or visit the website at [www.ymcastark.org](http://www.ymcastark.org) and then pick the Schalmo Family YMCA under locations.





# NORTHWEST NEWS

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## NORTHWEST PRIMARY



### Fall Festivities in Abundance!

The staff and students at the Primary dressed up for Halloween this year in celebration of the successful Northwest Pride Fundraiser. Students were greeted by their principal, “Cruella de Vil,” and a staff of her Dalmatians! The children took part in a parade around the school and were cheered on by friends and family lining the route. The students then got to enjoy a concert by the eighth-grade band who were also dressed up for the occasion. After the concert, all students were able to have their pick from the “pumpkin patch” set up on the playground. Each student got to pick a pumpkin to take home! Special thanks to our volunteers from Rivertree Church for helping out with parking and the pumpkin patch!



### Honoring Those who Served

The Primary was honored to welcome veterans, and they were happy to host the first in-person assembly in several years. The students eagerly welcomed and celebrated the many attending veterans and their families. The students led the assembly in the pledge and sang songs including a military branch medley. Many of the visiting veterans were also able to take part in our rescheduled district-wide Veterans’ Day parade on November 14. Over seventy cars full of veterans and family members took part in our parade as our students, with waves and banners, got to thank everyone attending!

### Northwest Primary Upcoming Events

#### DECEMBER

16 Polar Express Day

12 Holiday Parties

12/22-

1/4 Christmas Break: **NO SCHOOL**

#### JANUARY

5 Classes Resume

13 End of 2nd 9 weeks/semester

16 Martin Luther King Day – **NO SCHOOL**

#### FEBRUARY

17 Waiver Day – **NO SCHOOL**

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### Book Fair Lures Readers

Nothing beats a new book (or several!) to keep students focused on their reading-minutes goals. Students enjoyed the annual Book Fair in October. The book fair was put on by the PTO and was run by PTO Volunteers. A special shout out to Josh Barnes, president this year, for all his hard work!

### Kindergarten Registration

**To be eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2023, your child must be five on or before August 1.**

The **online registration** link will be available **Wednesday, February 1, 2023 through Friday, April 28, 2023 on the district website.**

*A computer station will be available at the Central Office for those individuals who do not have online access in their homes.*

Copies of the following documents **must** be brought to Central Office to complete the online registration process:

- ✓ Birth certificate
- ✓ Proof of residency (**2 forms required** - utility bill and a rental agreement or mortgage statement)



- ✓ Child’s social security number
- ✓ Parent’s Photo ID
- ✓ Immunization record
- ✓ Custody papers (if applicable)

**The required documents must be dropped off at the Central Office by 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2023**