

# Northwest News

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## Northwest District is "Excellent" and Stinson is "Excellent with Distinction"

Stinson Elementary School has been awarded the honor of being named "Excellent with Distinction." This recognition was bestowed because the school reached all of its report card indicators, and its students, according to value-added data, demonstrated more than a year's expected growth.

Principal Lori Mariani praises the efforts of her faculty: "Dissatisfied with student performance on the Ohio Proficiency tests, six years ago the staff of Stinson Elementary worked collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities to make numerous changes to the curriculum, resources/materials and intervention programs.

"These efforts paid off with an 'Excellent' rating, which Stinson has maintained since the collaborative efforts. Despite the many financial challenges, reductions in staff, outdated materials and technology, the staff continued to stay focused and work even harder to achieve the same results. The teachers never lost sight of their goal and their desire to provide the best possible education for their students."

This year Stinson Elementary reached the highest honor, earning the recognition of "Excellent with Distinction." Not content to rest on their laurels, Stinson's faculty is working to map and align course work and also to create common assessments. They are using the data from their common assessments to drive their instructional practices. Principal Lori Mariani, the faculty and staff, students and parents are to be congratulated on their achievement.

Congratulations are also extended to Northwest High School, Northwest Intermediate and the Northwest Local School District for earning an "Excellent" rating.

## Outstanding Improvements on the Ohio Achievement Assessments

We demonstrated remarkable gains on the Ohio Achievement Assessments over the previous school year in the following areas.

5th grade math:	14.8%
5th grade science:	12.1%
8th grade reading:	13.7%
8th grade science:	11.2%



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## School District Income Tax

On May 4, the residents of the Northwest Local School District approved a 1% earned income tax. As we approach the Jan. 1 start date of the income tax, it is important for everyone to get a better understanding of how the tax works.

A school district income tax is collected in the same manner as the state income tax: through payroll deduction, individual quarterly estimated payments and the filing of an annual school district income tax return. Employers will be notified in December by the Ohio Department of Taxation regarding school districts that have passed a new income tax issue and the employers' obligation to withhold the tax. Employers must ask employees as to which school district they reside, but since employees are responsible for the tax it is recommended that they confirm the tax withholding.

Individuals who are self-employed are required to make quarterly estimated tax payments directly to the Ohio Department of Taxation. The Department of Taxation requires individuals to make estimated tax payments if the amount that they will owe with the tax return is greater than \$500.00. Individuals who reside in the Northwest district will automatically be mailed a school district return if they filed a state income return as a resident of Northwest Local the prior year. Generally, all school district income tax returns must be filed and all payments made by April 15.

If you have additional questions that were not addressed here, please call the Northwest Treasurer's Office at **330.854.6397** or email Dan Levengood at [levengood.d@northwest.sparcc.org](mailto:levengood.d@northwest.sparcc.org).

## Your Plan. Your Vote: Next Steps

The Northwest Local School District worked with community members to develop a plan to save the district. The first step was to develop this plan based upon the community desires; the second was to pass a 1% earned income tax accompanied by an additional \$1.1 million in reductions. The last and final step is to renew the original 1992 emergency levy. This 1992 levy is targeted to be on the ballot in May for your vote to continue the revenue. **This is not a new tax.** It is the continuation of an existing tax.

This strategy was endorsed by the Independent Finance Committee.

We will be asking for your input before we place any issue on the ballot. We must be diligent in protecting Northwest's financial situation. It is indeed fragile, and the district cannot endure extensive revenue losses from either state or local sources. Let's continue the dialogue.

Please review the following information that was published in the April issue of the *Northwest News*. It was also distributed multiple times through mailers and door drops.

### Your Plan. Your Vote. \*

- **WILL** keep the Northwest Local School District intact
- **WILL** begin the replacement of outdated textbooks
- **WILL** reinstate extracurricular, curricular and co-curricular activities in 2011-2012
- **WILL** continue the present pay-to-participate fees
- **WILL** have professional development for our staff
- **WILL** have all-day, every-day kindergarten for all children in 2012-2013
- **WILL** eliminate debt in 2010
- **WILL** mean a continuation of the existing 1992 levy which must be passed before November of 2012 in order to remain solvent in the future
- **WILL** mean we stop staff reductions
- **WILL** mean we have highly qualified teachers in every classroom

\*The points have been accomplished or are in the process of being started.

# High Street/Erie Avenue to Close October 11

The High Street/Erie Avenue Plum Creek Culvert replacement was initially slated to take place during the summer so it would have a minimal effect on the school year. A Community Development Block Grant from HUD, however, changed the timeline because funds from this grant were not available until August. The city was required by the grant's guidelines to allow the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to bid the project and hire a contractor, which could not take place until the funds are available. The funds must be spent by the following spring, thus negating the chance the project could be completed in the summer.

The contract has been awarded to Wenger Excavating. The project began work on October 11, and the contract calls for a 240 day work schedule. The contract will require that Erie Avenue/High Street be closed no longer than 90 days, and officials pointed out that the closure may occur in two different stages. The project will call for the replacement of culverts and the installation of drain pipe. In addition, portions of the road will be raised 3 feet above flood stage. The final stage of the project will involve the paving of High Street. The price of the project is \$366,000, which will primarily be paid for through state and federal funds. By postponing the project until this fall in order to obtain government funding, the cost to the city of Canal Fulton is only \$4,000.

This project will address a severe flooding problem. According to Canal Fulton City Manager Mark Cozy, "Most of us who live in the Canal Fulton area and especially those of us with children at Northwest Local Schools have had to deal with the Plum Creek and/or the Tuscarawas River flooding High Street and the road

being closed. Exacerbating the problem is that other local streets that can be used such as Lever, Warwick and Clinton will also flood. This flooding seriously impacts fire, EMS, and police response and adds 13 to 14 minutes to response times. The flooding is so chronic, Northwest Local Schools have developed school delay procedures for times when High Street floods. In 2007 there were more school delays attributed to the flooding than there were from ice, snow and fog."

The closure will result in an adjustment in bus times for students at Stinson Elementary and Northwest Middle School. Letters and e-mails detailing the changes were sent to parents. For these details, please go to [www.northwest.sparcc.org](http://www.northwest.sparcc.org).

## Directions for Detour

Follow OHIO ROUTE 21 to CLINTON ROAD EXIT.

Take CLINTON ROAD EXIT and continue to bottom of hill and "T" intersection.

Turn RIGHT and then LEFT going over RR tracks.

Bear to the RIGHT at "Y" just past RR tracks.

Follow to "T" intersection.  
(Look for Clinton Elementary Building)

Turn RIGHT onto Erie Ave.

Follow ERIE AVE about 1 ½ miles to Northwest campus.

## Northwest-Canal Fulton Safe Routes to School Project and Town Hall Meeting

Federal funds have been made available through the Ohio Department of Transportation to create a Safe Routes to Schools Program. The purpose of the Safe Routes to Schools Program is to encourage more K-8 students to walk or ride bicycles to school. Sidewalks, bike paths, street lights, cross walks, etc. can be constructed as well as crossing-guard training and student education programs can be funded through a Safe Routes to Schools Grant. No local tax dollars are required for these fully funded federal grants.

The City of Canal Fulton and Northwest Local School District are beginning the process to gather the required information to submit a Canal Fulton - Northwest School Travel Plan in July 2011. A completed School Travel Plan is required to apply for program funding.

The City and School District are working together towards the goal of increasing the number of

students who ride bikes or walk safely to school. There is a need in the community to improve safe options so that parents, city and school officials are confident in encouraging students to walk and/or bike to school. Having more students walk or bike to school will decrease the automobile congestion at the schools which will improve safety and decrease air pollution, as well as develop healthy exercise habits in students.

The School Travel Plan Team needs input this fall from community members, parents, students and school officials to assist with assessing the needs and developing the details of the plan. There will be a Town Hall Meeting about the project Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the NW Middle School Library. Please plan to attend if you would like more information or to show your support.

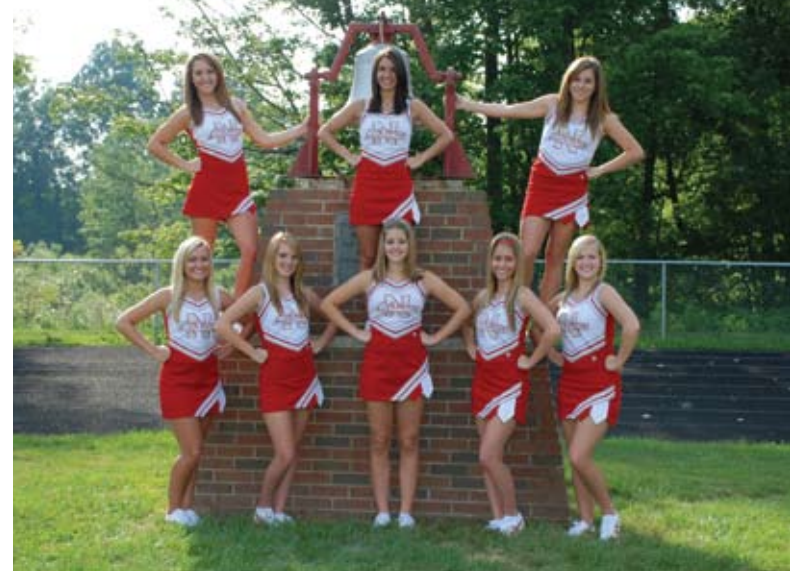


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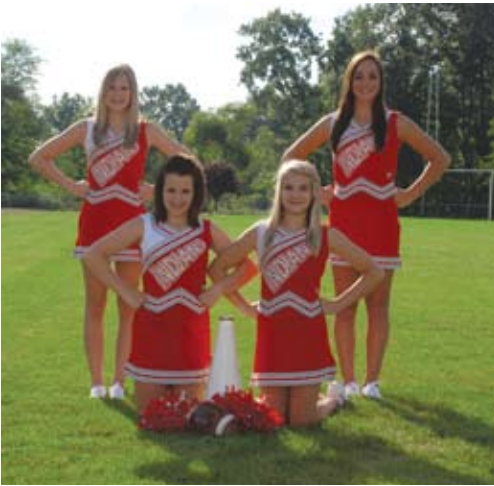
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Back Row (L-R): Olivia Hensal, KaraNina Kapper, Cara Crawford, Aly Lindic, Marisa Zink, Megan Jackson, Captain Amanda Cihon, and Maddy Hawthorn.



Front Row (L-R): Jessica Eicher, Farrah Graves, Paige Whittington, Aspen Fink, and Nicole Devine.  
Top Row (L-R): Marissa Crasi, Captain Sarah Tripp, and Jackie White.



Front Row (L-R): Alyssa Barbitta and Kelsey Kincaid.  
Back Row (L-R): Abby Cundiff and Ali Loretto.



Row 1 (L-R): Jessica Sette and Courtney Cannon.  
Row 2 (L-R): Katie Miller and Natalie Nicholson.  
Row 3 (L-R): Haley Ries, Kendra Williams, Lisa Knickerbocker,



Front Row (L-R): Alex Earnsberger, Alex Winters, Ryan Fuller, Adam Gabriel, Colton Crihfield, Matt Dudley, Jake Penrod, and JJ Polkabila.  
Back Row (L-R): Alex Johnson, Aaron Graves, Alex King, Andrew Haney, Blake Foutty, Joshua Gabriel, Shane Hippli, Dan May and Coach Tom Weckesser.



Row 1 (L - R): Jessica Sette, Anna Gensimore, Matt Wilson, Chuma Roberts, Kim Wetzel, Jessica Baker, Lindsay Anderson, Kate Nypaver, Maddie Kurtz, Gina Buchtel, and Courtney Cannon. Row 2 (L - R): Maggie McCreary, Caitrin Sparling, Lynn Wirfel, Oliva Benitez, Brianna Stann, Elizabeth Casto, Cody Greenwalt, Maddie Magazzeni, Alicia Hardbarger, and Marisa Smiraldo. Row 3 (L - R): Brandi Meadows, Rachel Gatsios, Tori Storsin, Abby Wyles, Tyler Shoff, Katelyn Zickefoose, Stephanie Raber, Courtney Crawford, and Jill Rhodes. Row 4 (L - R): Lisa Knickerbocker, Jen Shaner, Hannah Medure, Ali Engelman, Kathleen Horrell, Becky Woodruff, Sarah Dachtlyl, Ben Speight, Nicki Nagel, Taylor Snelick, Holly Knight, and Katie Miller. Row 5 (L - R): Cassie Watkins, Lauren Butti, Heather Butti, Kevin Kochheiser, Rachel Bell, Courtney Brewer, Kayla Kushnir, Chela Donnelly, and Mark Bell. Row 6 (L - R): Ashley Porter, Jacob Hare, Rachel Keatley, Matt Manns, Jordon Bowman, Zia Schrader, Ellie Stockard, Joey Hillegass, Macy Hamad, and Jamie King. Row 7 (L - R): Haley Ries, Justin Viles, Sierra Arp, Rachel Horrell, Megan Fennell, Ben Zelei, Nick Smith, Donnie Aaron, Josh Hazlett, Matt Doyle, Conner Doyle, and Natalie Nicholson. Row 8 (L - R): Kendra Williams, Kirk Brown, Ryan Sobie, Jeff Green, Joey Smith, Josh Comes, Tyler Coughlin, Kista Kagarise, Joe Prochaska, Kyle Lockhart, and Chris King. Row 9 (L - R): Director, Garry Masowich, Mason Recco, John Inks, Nathan Floro, Mike Moore, Natalie Schott, Jacob Lovin, Matt Ham, Assistant Director, Kim Good, and Majorette Advisor, Julie McLaughlin.  
Not Pictured: Hillari Macko, Kiera Sparling, Haleigh Hamad, Chris Jackson,



Row 1 (L-R): Justin Phelps, Nick Noble, Andrew Gromofsky, Danny Shetler, Nate Harper, Dane Schwartz, Jack Knight, Cory Hoffman, Jacob Staubs, Gavin Hutchison, Chris Rhodes, Tyler Pellikan, Joe Boles, and Seth Lumpcik. Row 2 (L-R): Zach West, Nick Weaver, Trey Putra, Alex Kittinger, Curtis White, Zach Shuttlesworth, Cody Mitchen, Jim Galley, Stephen Baglia, Ronnie Beers, J.C. Pawlyk, Nate Reed, Katrina Bennett, and Kacey Pagani. Row 3 (L-R): Sarah Boles, Allison Slusser, Tyler Bowman, David Casalino, Seth Duncan, Drew Sisler, Matt McDonnell, Nick Riley, Jay Strelecki, Mason Tesch, Josh Waddle, Paul Wellman, Jeanna Ardman, and Mason Stroh. Row 4 (L-R): Jake Marty, Travis Coughlin, Jordan West, Cody Grogan, Justin Smith, Brandon King, Sean Green, Matt Schley, Jacob Hare, Kyle Harris, Tyler Borotkanics, Brian Pawlyk, and Jeremy Mundell. Row 5 (L-R): Cara Crawford, Aspen Fink, Farrah Graves, Paige Whittington, Jessica Eicher, Nicole Devine, Megan Jackson, Amanda Cihon, Kara Nina Kapper, Aly Lindic, Marisa Zink, Maddy Hawthorn, Sarah Tripp, Olivia Hensal, Marissa Crasi, and Jackie White. Row 6 (L-R): Greg Reed, Jordan Pellikan, Shane Minné, Rich Wright, Vic Whiting, Dave Maculaitis, Lane Knore, Mike Calcei, Zaid Abueteen, and Travis Stroh.



Row 1 (L-R): Logan Snyder, Jordan Radcliff, Milton Greek, Kyle Cutlip, Abdre Colon, Tristan Mullane, and Alan Strelecki. Row 2 (L-R): Johnny Masters, Jackson Schultz, Matt Ries, Eddie Ayers, T.D. Culp, Austin Slusser, and Chad Hill. Row 3 (L-R): Zach Juhasz, Will Stevenson, Angelo Kolinoff, Colton Herschberger, Jerrad Cox, Jeremy Mundell, and Kyle Brosch. Row 4 (L-R): Mason Stroh, Abby Cundiff, Alyssa Barbita, Kelsey Kincaid, Ali Loretto, and Allison Slusser. Row 5 (L-R): Jordan Pellikan, Travis Stroh, Zaid Abueteen, and Rich Wright.



Front: Kacey Pagani  
Back (L-R): Katrina Bennett, and Kirsten Mitchen  
Missing: Jeanna Ardman and Mason Stroh.



Front Row (L-R): Kyle Sabol, Clayton Rood, Ben Salupo, Jacob Hill, Andrew Tichon, Jared Malbeouf, Chuma Roberts, Matt Bilinovich, Justin Zeh, and Shawn Hoffman. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Ron Varga, Assistant Coach Chuck King Jr., Joey Hillegass, Joshua Comes, Matt Varga, Ryan Tichon, Christian King, Brian Fishel, Joey Urbas, Jordan Benson, Dakota Wamsley, Zach Massengale, Fatra Putra, and Head Coach Chuck King, Sr. Missing: Brandon Yurick and Don Wells.



Front Row (L-R): Madison Ross, Maddie Shaw, Mallory Bell, Kathy Demaree, Robyn Wyman, and Anna Dempsey. Middle Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Megan Green, Brittany Yurick, Jerrica Saeger, Breann Gindlesberger, Amber Myers, Taylor Snelick, Megan Bilonovich, and Rachel Laury. Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Kim Eby, Rachel Horrell, Ashley Porter, Holly Knight, Kathleen Harbaugh, Morgan Morrison, Jordan Smith, Taylor Hoffman, Ashley Fleming, Haleigh Hamad, and Head Coach Scott Green.



Front Row (L-R): Anna Sharier, Megan Luther, Taylor Roberts, Celsie Channell, Hannah Gordon, Taylor Veneziano, Hillari Macko, Abby Siegenthaler, and Jordan Gatewood. Back Row (L-R): Jennifer Shimko, Ellie Stockert, Amanda Crites, Elizabeth Jacobs, Tricia Harlan, Nicole Ogg, Lauren Steiner, Baylen Dyrlund, Kaitlyn Thompson, Judy Husk, and Jordan Bowman.



Front Row (L-R): Kyle Murgatroyd, Lindsay Thompson, Maurine Speight, Mark Bell, Caitlyn Sollinger, Tyler Hinkle, Olivia Kulp, Vanessa Tudor, and Mackenzie Schley. Back Row (L-R): Angela Casalino, Tyler Devenport, Robby Meismar, Ryan Cutlip, Josh Boyd, Austin Romansky, Matt Peters, and Natalie Goffee. Missing: Brian Jones and Justin Hinkle.



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## Athletic Charitable Committee

### Supporting Athletics in our local Northwest community

The Athletic Charitable Committee (A.C.C.) is a committee of volunteers dedicated to improving our local Northwest sporting facilities in order to continue our commitment to excellence for future generations. The ACC is currently comprised of members representing:

- Touchdown Club (Football)
- Runner's Club (Track / Cross Country)
- Northwest Cheerleading Association
- Takedown Club (Wrestling)
- Lady Indians Basketball Boosters (Girls Basketball)
- Northwest Softball Boosters

### WHAT'S NEW?

**Community Recycling – Help support the Northwest Athletic programs and recycle at the same time!**

Two dumpsters have been placed in town for the collection of aluminum cans - one at the bus garage and one by the high school. PSC Metals has donated pickup and drop-off services for the dumpsters. All we have to do is fill them with our aluminum cans!

Do you have any cell phone, iPods, MP3 players, digital cameras, digital video cameras, laptops, handheld game systems, GPS devices, electronic book readers or ink jet cartridges not in use? Gather them up and drop them off in any of the Electronics Recycling bins located in the office of each Northwest school building.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 27th (Wednesday) – Girls Softball Night @ Dairy Queen from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- November 12th (Friday) – Basketball Reverse Raffle 6:00 p.m. @ Elm Ridge Party Center (\$30 per person includes chance to win \$1,000). Dinner provided by Old Carolina BBQ. Contact Karen DeGuia (330-704-9435) or Shelly Sandmann (330-618-6171) for tickets.

### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

- ACC – 1st Sunday of each month, 5:00 p.m. at Middle School Library
- Runners Club – 1st Sunday of each month @ 4:00 p.m. at Middle School Library
- Touchdown Club – Every Monday @ the Annex throughout football season, after season 1st Monday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. at VFW
- Northwest Cheer Association – 1st Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Middle School Cafeteria
- Takedown Club – 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. at VFW
- Lady Indians Basketball Boosters – 2nd Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. @ Middle School Library
- Girls Softball Boosters – 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 p.m. at Flying Moose

## Credit Flexibility/Educational Options

The Northwest Local Schools, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.603, have created a Credit Flexibility/Educational Options Plan. This plan affords the students at Northwest High School the opportunity to earn credits towards graduation which are not solely dependent on the traditional model of earning credits as defined by a Carnegie Unit (largely based on time in the classroom). In addition to Credit Flexibility Options, students will have other educational options which allow them to earn credits toward graduation in non-traditional ways.

### Credit Flexibility Options:

*Northwest High School will offer several options for students who are interested in earning credit toward graduation.*

1. Test-out options: Students will have the opportunity to complete a combination of summative assessment(s) and a research or cumulative project determined by Northwest High

School administration in the following academic areas: English 9, English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Social Studies 9 and Social Studies 10.

There is an additional fee of \$80 associated with this opportunity. To be considered, a student must submit a completed application, which is available from a guidance counselor, and full payment by Oct. 1. The administration of the assessments and project will be arranged through the Guidance Department.

2. Summer school classes conducted at another accredited high school.

Students may earn credit toward graduation by enrolling and successfully completing a course at another accredited high school. It is important that the student complete the application and be pre-approved to assure that the course is required and credit will transfer to Northwest High School. Students are responsible for associated costs. If the class is offered at Northwest High School, the student must take the class here.

# Enrollment Decline

The student enrollment at Northwest is showing a serious decline over the last five years. The problem is apparent in the fact that the number of students enrolling in kindergarten is not keeping pace with the number of seniors that are graduating.

School year	Graduating seniors	Kindergarten enrollment	Difference
05-06	182	168	-14
06-07	201	165	-36
07-08	222	153	-69
08-09	212	147	-65
09-10	212	144	-68

**Total enrollment drop due to kindergarten enrollment: -252**

In addition to this loss of 252 students through declining kindergarten enrollment, the district has experienced an additional loss of 150 students who have moved from the district or enrolled in another district through open enrollment.

## Strategic Planning Session Scheduled for December

On December 2, 3 and 4, Northwest Local School District will convene a group of educators and community members to discuss the district's blueprint for change, planning a common purpose and mission for the next five years. Superintendent Bill Stetler calls the session an act of "aspiration, not desperation." The group will work together to

develop a plan for improvement that is student-focused and data-based, and the community will be offered an opportunity to offer their suggestions on January 10 at an open meeting. The strategic planning team's results will be presented to community members for their approval on January 24.

## Northwest Going Green

In a desire to conserve energy, Northwest has accepted the challenge to step up and become responsible participants in the effort to live efficiently and save resources. A recently completed energy audit showed that several areas in the school district held great potential for reducing energy consumption. The energy savings would be achieved through measures taken at the high school, elementary, bus garage and annex. The expected savings are approximately \$118,500 per year, made possible through the reduction of utility costs and operational costs. A portion of the savings would be used to pay off the debt incurred to fund the project, and the loans are through a government program established through the federal stimulus program that has an effective interest rate of .14%.

***The energy audit identified the many of areas where savings can be achieved.***

Here are a few:

**Lighting retrofit** – by changing existing lamps and ballasts to new T8 technology, a savings will be generated both in energy and the life of the product. The lighting retrofit project will not only improve lighting levels but also eliminate the need for future recycling costs.

- **Parking lot LED conversion** – LED fixtures emit a high quality white light and allows for the use of less light that is more evenly distributed across an area.
- **Classroom occupancy sensors** – will turn off the lights and set back HVAC systems when a room has been unoccupied for a specific period of time.
- **Thin client computing** – will consolidate the district's computing to a centralized server while leaving the individual work stations, thus reducing operational and repair costs and electric consumption.

Overall, implementing the energy conservation measures will result in improved flexibility of building space, building protection, energy savings, lighting quality, building system communication and operation, and comfort.



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## 2010 Homecoming Court

The 2010 Homecoming Queen is Jordan Mundell, daughter of Jim and Joanne Mundell. She is also currently the 2010 Olde Canal Days Queen, and in the previous year, was the Cherry Blossom Teen Queen. Jordan is involved in many school activities including senior Class Secretary, Pep Club, Yearbook, Newspaper Staff and Teen Institute. Jordan is a Mercy Hospital Teen Ambassador. Jordan plans to attend the University of Akron upon graduation.

Senior Victoria Fox, the daughter of Mark and Stephanie Fox, is the Vice President of the National Honor Society and an active member of Student Council, Northwest

Singers, and Varsity Choir. Outside of Northwest High School, Victoria dances on a competitive level, receiving many awards and scholarships.

Junior Sarah Morgan Tripp, the daughter of Dr. HL Tripp and Cynthia Harris, is a Northwest cheerleader on the JV squad and has been cheering for four years. She enjoys horseback riding, traveling, dancing, wake-boarding and 4-wheeling.

Elizabeth Jacobs, the daughter of Rick Jacobs and Lucretia Cunningham, represents the sophomore class on the 2010 Homecoming Court. She is a member of the varsity volleyball team. She also plays Junior Olympic volleyball for Zero Gravity.

Freshman Amanda Crites, the daughter of Jerry and Dana Crites, is a member of the volleyball, basketball and track teams. She is involved in Junior Olympic volleyball, Volley for the Cure, Relay for Life and Harvest for Hunger.

## Athletic Update on Scheduling

Athletic Director Gary Woods is continuing his work on the athletic schedules for 2011-2012. At this point, Northwest has made no commitment to joining an athletic conference, but school officials are willing to consider any league that is considering expansion or welcoming new members. Woods explains, "We recognize that it's important to consider carefully the prospects of joining a conference, but we recognize that being in the wrong league is better than being in no league."

**At this point in time, the football schedule for 2011 and 2012 is nearly completed:**

	<b>2011:</b>	<b>2012:</b>
<b>WEEK 1</b>	ORRVILLE (A)	ORRVILLE (H)
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Open	Open
<b>WEEK 3</b>	CANTON SOUTH (A)	CANTON SOUTH (H)
<b>WEEK 4</b>	PADUA FRANCISCAN (H)	PADUA FRANCISCAN (A)
<b>WEEK 5</b>	NEW PHILLY (A)	NEW PHILLY (H)
<b>WEEK 6</b>	POLAND (A)	POLAND (H) awaiting confirmation
<b>WEEK 7</b>	COLUMBUS ST. CHARLES (H)	COLUMBUS ST. CHARLES (A)
<b>WEEK 8</b>	CANFIELD (A)	CANFIELD (H) awaiting confirmation
<b>WEEK 9</b>	ST. THOMAS (H)	ST. THOMAS (A)
<b>WEEK 10</b>	BARBERTON (H)	BARBERTON (A)