



# NWHS Principal's Office Info...

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## FOOD DRIVE 2016

NorthWood High School held its annual food drive during the week of October 24 through October 28. As part of the food drive tradition, the Student Council encouraged a class competition between third-hour teachers. Any non-perishable item was welcomed; however, the food pantries specifically asked NWHS to collect peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, and cereal this year. In order to fuel excitement and target these items, higher point values were assigned to these donations. All the items collected by the Student Council were donated to the Family Christian Development Center and Open Door in Nappanee.

At the end of the competition, Mrs. Demitruk's class came in first, followed by Mrs. Bilinski's Yearbook class. Though the class competition was exciting, the biggest reward was seeing the school corporation unite for a cause and coming away with the Student Hunger Drive award for most items donated per student!

NorthWood HS Student Council was honored to have received one of the highest recognitions from The Student Hunger Drive. With the help of many, we averaged 21.333 pounds of food per student. This was the highest average out of 11 area high schools who participated!

Food Total – 6,613 pounds.

Monetary Donations through special events:

- NorthWood HS - \$225
- Woodview Elem Dime Time - \$538
- Nappanee Elem Hat Day – \$101.48
- NorthWood MS Drive for FCDC - \$1046

Together we raised over 18,642 pounds of food. With the contributions of all the area schools, we raised over 124,049 pounds for area pantries!

This was the 5th year for The Student Hunger Drive and our 1st year participating. This achievement was only possible with the selflessness of our community and students. We are definitely looking forward to participating again next year.

We thank these teachers and students for their extra hard work, spirited efforts, and genuine understanding that the real winners here are FCDC, Open Door, and all the families our generous students supported with this drive.

## NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPELL BOWL IS STATE FINALIST

The NorthWood High School Spell Bowl Team completed the 2016 season by earning a State Finalist designation at the State Finals at Purdue University on November 12. The NorthWood team qualified for the State competition by finishing fourth in Class 2 out of 33 teams at the AREA competition which was held at Northridge High School on November on

November 2. The team is coached by Kelly Vorhis, an English teacher at NorthWood High School.



## INDIANA HS PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

On Sunday, November 20, 2016 the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) recognized Mr. Maugel as the 2016 State High School Principal of the Year. He was also named District 2 High School Principal of the Year. District 2 is located in northern Indiana and is made up of Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, Pulaski, St. Joseph and Starke Counties.



The award was presented at a recognition dinner, a part of IASP's annual Fall Professional Conference in Indianapolis. District High School Principals of the Year are elected by their peers. One principal is honored from each of the 12 districts. From these 12 District High School Principal winners, Mr. Maugel was chosen as the 2016 State High School Principal of the Year. Congratulations, Mr. Maugel!

## RUN, RUN, RUDOLPH!

You and your family are invited to participate in the Run, Run, Rudolph! 5k/3k run/walk. This is a fun, family-friendly event with a goal of raising money for FCDC's Christmas Jubilee. NorthWood's National Honor Society students are hosting this race, and they will use all of the proceeds to buy gifts for needy families in the Wa-Neer community.

The date of the race is Saturday, December 3. Applications are available in the office at NorthWood High School or online at the NorthWood High School website. For more information, call Heather Bontrager at NWHS or send an email to [hbontrager@wanee.org](mailto:hbontrager@wanee.org).

We hope to see you there!



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## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to Red Regiment for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at ISSMA State Marching Band Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium. This marks the fifth consecutive year for Red Regiment to make a state finals appearance!

The Red Regiment will be marching in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade on Thanksgiving Day! The local Philly station, 6abc, will be streaming the parade live at [6abc.com/live](http://6abc.com/live) & <https://www.facebook.com/6abcThanksgivingDayParade/> & [https://www.facebook.com/6abcActionNews/?fref=ts!](https://www.facebook.com/6abcActionNews/?fref=ts) You will also be able to follow along on Twitter, Facebook and our Snapchat - snap6abc!

Congratulations to Stephanie Miller, Linnea Bendes, and Kaitlin Eby for being selected as members of the Indiana Bandmasters All-District Band. They performed at Plymouth High School with many other fine musicians on November 20. Congratulations also to Linnea Bendes and Joey Yaw for being selected to the 2016 Ball State Honor Band Festival. They will perform on the BSU campus Saturday, December 3.

The NWHS Bands and Choirs are busily preparing music for their Christmas Concert. This year the program will be presented on Saturday, December 10, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 11, at 2:30 P.M. Seating is general admission, \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students, 5 and under are free. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, November 30 in the Performing Arts Office and can also be purchased at the door. The Winter Guard will be hosting their annual Italian Dinner Fundraiser immediately prior to the Saturday night Christmas Concert. More information will be sent out at a later date. Call 773-4127, ext. 1203 with any questions.

In addition to our Christmas Concert, be sure to catch our department's other upcoming appearances at Wakarusa's tree lighting (December 12) and of course the pep band at home basketball games.

## FFA NEWS

This past month has been such an excitement for NorthWood FFA. Our chapter continues to grow and make large efforts to create leaders. Leadership seems to have been the word of the month due to a great leadership class, FFA participants stepping up daily to serve others, and sending a handful of members to a leadership camp.

This leadership camp was named FIRE (Foundations In Reaching Excellence). Grace McCoy, Brenna White, Zoe Lawton, Garrett Weldy, and Colton Mast all attended this three day conference and were able to experience a whole weekend learning about leadership from our Indiana FFA State Officer Team. Our leadership class is continually working on improving the organization of our chapter and

have now set up a calendar of all of our events. This calendar will be modified and shared with FFA families once it is completed. On our calendar, the next event up is the Consignment Auction.

On December 17 at Polk's Auction Location (corner of 6 and 15), Fairfield and NorthWood will be conducting in a partnership with Polk's Auction Company into selling donated items. All of the information is posted on our website [nwffa.weebly.com](http://nwffa.weebly.com) and can be found as an Event on the NorthWood FFA Facebook page. We are still in need of donations and consigned items, so please contact our chapter if interested.

Thank you to all of the NorthWood FFA families for your dedication and support! Have a blessed Christmas.



The Annual Semi-Formal will be held on Tuesday, December 27 at The Pond, 3791 East County Line Road. This year's theme is "Once Upon A Dream." Doors open at 8:00 P.M. and the dance will last until 11:00 P.M. All NorthWood students are invited to attend. Guests under the age of 21 must attend with a current NorthWood student; however, the proper paperwork for each guest needs to be filled out prior to December 16. These forms may be picked up and returned at the time tickets are purchased. Tickets are \$10 for one or \$18 for two and will be on sale November 28 – December 9 during lunch. Note that any students purchasing tickets after Dec. 9 will not be put on the ballot for the semi-formal royalty court. Please listen to the announcements, and check the NorthWood website or high school bulletin boards for further details.

## SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

When we find it necessary to close or delay school due to weather conditions, the following radio stations will provide the information:

94.3 FM	104.7 FM
101.5 FM	1480 AM
103.5 FM	

You can also go on-line at [wanee.org](http://wanee.org), check TV Channel 16 or 22, or register with <http://www.weareclosedtoday.com/> and receive email and/or text message notification for delays, closures or early releases due to weather conditions.



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## PSAT

This year approximately 300 students took the PSAT/NMSQT on October 19. The PSAT is a *practice* college entrance test, and taking this test is the only way juniors can be entered into the competition for the prestigious title of *National Merit Scholar*. The *National Merit Scholar* designation is awarded to the elite group of eleventh grade students in the State of Indiana and the United States who score the highest on this test. Participating in this test also gives all students the opportunity to increase their overall knowledge and prepare for future success.

Results of this test will be returned to students in December. Students will also receive the test booklet and an analysis of each test question. After reviewing your student's scores, plan to visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for other information that will be of importance to your child's preparation for life after high school.

## FREE Math and Science Help

Students that need help with math or science homework can call the Rose-Hulman's Homework Hotline toll free at 1-877-ASK-ROSE. The tutors, who are Rose-Hulman college students, answer calls from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) Sunday through Thursday. Students can also go online to [www.ASKROSE.org](http://www.ASKROSE.org). Remember, it's a free service and a free call.

## Registering for Selective Service

This is an important message for all NWHS male students who are 18 years old. You must register with Selective Service within 30 days of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday—it's the law. Registration only takes a few minutes on the Internet at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or a registration card can be picked up at the local post office. **All male students wanting to apply for student financial aid must sign up with the Selective Service.**

## Parent Plus Portal

Parents and students are reminded that student grades are posted on Parent Plus Portal. If anyone needs help accessing student grades, please contact the Guidance Office.

## Christmas Jubilee 2016

Family Christian Development Center is inviting parents who need assistance providing Christmas gifts for their children to sign up for Christmas Jubilee 2016. Eligible parents should pick up a registration form at their child's school, contact FCDC 773-2149 or stop at the Center at 151 S. Locke Street, Nappanee, for more information. Parents will need a birth certificate for each child and a photo ID of one of the parents listed on the birth certificate in order to register. Forms will be available at the school offices until December 2.

**All registrations must be returned to the schools or to FCDC by Dec. 5 in order to participate on Jubilee Day.** If you know of parents in the Wa-Nee school district who may not be able to provide gifts for their children this year, please share this information with them. Christmas Jubilee will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, between 9:00 and 12:00 at the Boys and Girls Club located at 107 E. Marion Street in Nappanee.

Applications for free or reduced-price meals  
are accepted at any time during the school year  
and are available in the Main Office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

### • **Graduation Test for Juniors and Seniors**

Juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the ECA (End of Course Assessment) for either English or algebra will have the opportunity to retest during the month of December. This test serves as the Graduation test for the students graduating in 2017 or 2018.

Jr./Sr.	Algebra I ECA	December 8 & 9
Jr./Sr.	English ECA	December 12 & 13

The students who will need to test or retest have been notified, and on November 30, students will be notified as to the dates and times of the testing sessions. **Students who have passed the test previously do not have to retest.**

### • **NorthWood Scholarship Foundation Information**

Seniors and their parents are reminded to mark the following dates on your calendar:

- ❖ **January 25, 2017**  
**Wednesday**      *NorthWood Scholarship Foundation (NWSF) applications will be available to seniors at NorthWood High School at a special meeting during homeroom.*
- ❖ **February 8, 2017**  
**Friday**              Deadline for 2017 NWSF applications to be submitted to the Guidance Office **by 3:15 p.m.**

### • **Testing Information**

- ❖ January 21, 2017 SAT                      Deadline to register – December 21, 2016
- ❖ February 11, 2017 ACT at NWHS              Deadline to register – January 13, 2017
- ❖ March 11, 2017 SAT at NWHS              Deadline to register – February 10, 2017

*\*\*FEE WAIVERS are available in the Guidance Office to students who qualify for free or reduced lunches.*

### **ATTENTION JUNIORS:**

The state of Indiana requires all students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades to have the appropriate number of meningococcal conjugate vaccine doses. One dose is required for all students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. A second booster dose is required for students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This vaccine is a legal requirement for school entry (Indiana Administrative Code 410 IAC 1-1-1) into 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Documentation showing the required vaccine was given must be returned to NorthWood High School before your student begins their senior year. You may contact your healthcare provider or the Elkhart County Health Department (523-2127) to receive the required vaccine.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Roeder at NorthWood High School.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Current scholarship applications available in the Guidance Office are:

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Requirements/Major</u>
Burger King	12/15/2016	Information Available in the Guidance Office <a href="http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram">www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/WhatWeDo/ScholarsProgram</a>
GE Reagan Scholarship	1/5/2017	<a href="http://www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships">http://www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships</a>
Knights of Pythias	1/25/2017	Information Available in the Guidance Office
Delta Theta Chi	2/1/2017	Applications in Guidance Office Health Career Field
North Central Co-op	3/1/2017	<a href="http://www.ncc.coop/about-ncc-scholarships/">www.ncc.coop/about-ncc-scholarships/</a>

Search engines available:

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) [www.inspiringgood.org](http://www.inspiringgood.org) [www.ChristianConnector.com](http://www.ChristianConnector.com) [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.mycollegeoptions.org](http://www.mycollegeoptions.org) [www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships](http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships)

\*\* Valid online scholarship applications will be available at no cost.

## ***NWHS Calendar of Events...***

### DECEMBER

Parent / Teacher Conference ... Dec 5 3:30-7 p.m.  
 Winter Guard Italian Dinner.....Dec 10  
 Christmas Concert.....Dec 10 7 p.m.  
 Christmas Concert .....Dec 11 2:30 p.m.  
 Christmas Vacation .....Dec 19-31  
 Semi-Formal Dance .....Dec 27

### JANUARY

Christmas Vacation .....Jan 1-2  
 Classes Resume.....Jan 3  
 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period.....Jan 6  
 MLK Day – No school (snow makeup) ....Jan 16



*The NWHS staff wishes you a wonderful holiday season!*

