

# NorthWood in the Middle



## Students helping others . . .

As part of a seventh grade Language Arts unit, students read the novel *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. The novel highlighted the hardships faced by many people who do not have access to clean water: water borne illnesses, lack of sanitation, and the inability to attend school. Instead of simply reading about their plight, we challenged students to do something to help. We partnered with *Charity: Water* to try to raise \$250 as a seventh grade class to provide clean water to eleven people somewhere around the world.

Students kept track of every time they used water for one day. We challenged them to consider donating \$.10 per use; however, the students contributed \$689.08! They surpassed our goal by over \$439! Every dollar donated is directly tied to a water project. A water project takes about 21 months for the organization to complete; however, upon completion, Charity:Water will provide NorthWood Middle School with a GPS location and pictures of the water project our students helped fund. Past seventh graders have helped fund completed projects in Mali, Mozambique and Niger. If interested, you can find more information about the organization here: <https://www.charitywater.org/projects>.

## Give the Gift of Internet: Package Plans for Low Income Families



## Facebook

Connect with us through social media. Go to NorthWood Middle School and like our page to view posts of the great things happening at our school!!! Look for the page with the Panther.



This time of year when money is tight it's nice to hear of possible financial assistance programs. Please check with your current phone service provider for student/family discount programs. Adding the internet to your home for educational needs may be more affordable than you think.

Example: [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com)



## Notes from the Nurse...

We would like to remind parents of the CDC recommendations to keep your family healthy.

- ➡ Wear a mask when you are out in public.
- ➡ Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol based hand cleaners are also effective.
- ➡ Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue simply cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- ➡ Stay home when you are sick. They must be fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours before you can send them back to school.
- ➡ Get your family vaccinated for the seasonal flu.

Indiana law now requires all students in grades 6 through 8 to show proof of the following immunizations: Tdap, Meningitis, and 2 doses of Hepatitis A. **Anytime your child receives an immunization please remember to submit documentation to the school to update our records.**

# Athletic Schedule

6th grade boys basketball intramurals—registration forms will be available in the office window soon after Christmas Break. Listen for details in the announcements.



To view athletic schedules for sports that are currently in season follow this link by going to: [Athletics \(wanee.org\)](http://Athletics.wanee.org) And select the box mid-page that looks like this:

**NWMS Athletics Live Calendar**

The Panther Pantry is in need of trapper keepers for students. If you are interested in donating one, please drop it off at the

## School Delays and Closings

In the event of severe inclement weather, school may be closed or delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal. If you aren't signed up to receive text messages of these situations, the best website to access to find if school is cancelled or delayed is at [www.wanee.org](http://www.wanee.org).

School closings, delays, or early dismissals will also be announced over these radio and/or television stations: WSJV-TV Fox 28, WPTA-TV 21, WRSW FM 107.3 or AM 148.0, WNDU-TV 16, WAWC 103.5, WAJI FM 95.1 or AM 101.7, WTRC AM 1340, WFRN FM 104.7 or AM 127.0, WKAM AM, WSBT-TV 22, or FM 101.5, and WBTU FM 93.3.

Dear NWMS Parents,

As you plan family vacations and appointments please keep in mind our ILEARN testing windows:

**April 19—May 15.** During these dates the whole school works together to create a quiet and focused environment that will help your student do his/her best while testing. Although missed sections can be made up, the setting is less ideal because regular classes will be in session. Please make sure that your student is present on the school-wide testing dates, this will ensure that they complete the ILEARN in the best possible environment and eliminate the possibility of receiving a "Did Not Pass" score due to missed sections.

Best regards,

**Jennifer Shaw** (Counselor for students with last names A-L)

**Abigail Zahner** (Counselor for students with last names M-Z)

# Dates to Remember:

## January

- 7 End of Second Grading Period\*\*
- 12 Report cards posted to Skyward
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

\*\*Report cards will be posted to Skyward following the end of the period. If parents do not have an email on file with the office then the report card will be given to the student.

## February

- 11 Freshmen Registration Meeting @ NWHS
- 15 No School—Presidents' Day (Snow Make-up Day)
- 16 NWHS counselors visit 8th grade classes regarding Freshmen scheduling
- 25 8th grade parent Q&A, 12:00-5:00 @ NWHS
- 26 8th grade parent Q&A, 3:00-7:00 @ NWHS

### Note from the cafeteria.....

Parents, please make sure you date your checks correctly. This is very important with the new year starting.



## Art Show

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, students at NWMS have been busy learning about aesthetics, art history, and producing art. We will be presenting an art show in a virtual form this year. Some 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and a select few 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be represented by the most outstanding work. The virtual art show will take place at the very end of the year. Prepare to be amazed by the talent our students possess.



# Counselors' Corner





# Boys' Basketball Review

## 8th Grade JV ~ Coach Bearss

This year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys JV team had a very successful season under very trying circumstances related to COVID 19. The team started the season slow having to adjust to teammates missing games due to COVID and injuries but hung together and peaked at the end of the year to win the conference championship. The boys showed their grit by coming back from a 10 point deficit to Concord with 4 minutes play to win the championship game by 4 points.

It was very rewarding to coach this fine group of young men along with my two amazing assistant coaches Robby Bearss and Francis Uzorh. Thank you to the parents for their support along the way. Team members for this season included: Liam Schrock, Noah Cook, Gavin Rulli, Maddox Brown, Jace Davies, Alvonte Fox, Kent Miller, Jayden Watson, Ryker Cisney and Andrew Bickel along with manager Andrew Lambert.

## 7th Grade JV ~ Coach Miller

This year's 7th grade JV team fit together from the very first practice! I had a great group that were all eager to learn and each one was very coachable and displayed great character at practice and on the court during games! I was very proud to see them handle tough situations on the court and to keep their emotions in check and not lose mental focus. We lost our very first game. Then turned it around and finished the regular season 8 and 2, before defeating John Young in the opening round of the tournament. Went into overtime vs Goshen in the semi finals and won. Lastly we played Concord at Concord for the championship and WON! Thank you Keaton Scott, Braden Dominy who were not only the best managers ever but who also got into multiple games and got buckets!! Also the rest of the team: Tyler Frye, Caleb Stutzman, Jacob Handrich, Brody Hutsell, Ryan Birk, Kaysen Leiter, Joel Troyer, Casin Truex, Deondray Monroe, and Jamison Warren!

Everyone of these players had key moments throughout the season, playoffs and were always ready when their number was called! I would like to thank Northwood Middle School for the opportunity, all the parents for the time and effort they put in to get their sons to and from games and practice. I want to thank my wife, Alyssa, for supporting me everyday with the change of schedule during the season and Jesus my Lord and Savior for blessing me with the opportunity to coach these young men and for the successful season.

## 7th Grade Varsity ~ Coach Bemiller

The 7th grade varsity team of 2020 showed heart, great attitudes and flexibility during a unique season surrounded by the Covid 19 virus. Our team showed up every day with a positive attitude. They never gave up and battled back from deficits many times. Leading scorer for this year's team was Ryder Ransgerger, followed by Caleb Vincent. Anthony Furlow Jr. distributed the ball to our top outside scorers as well as our big men inside. Drew Davis, Jack Birch and Isaac Bell all started and made a valuable contribution both scoring and leading our team in rebounds. Nathan Schrock made his presence known most often on defense guarding the opponent's best player. Hayden Lechlitner was a valued member because he could play multiple positions and was one of our top defenders. Gustavo Dosal and Brogan Ferrell always contributed with points off the bench and aggressive defense.

An important phrase that is imbedded in Panther Basketball is "Skill Is the Divider". I hope all members of the team continue to work on their individual and team skills as they move through this outstanding program. I appreciate the opportunity I had to work with this group every day. It was a joy, and I am looking forward to seeing them play in the future.

## 8th Grade Varsity ~ Coach Landis

The NorthWood 8th grade varsity basketball team finished their season with a record of 6-8 and improving on their win total from the year before. This season was a challenging one but we were fortunate to play as many games as we did and to stay relatively healthy during these times. I'm proud of these boys and thankful for their hard work and dedication.

Team members include: Mason Bogan, Connor Reed, Nate Dutkowski, Landon Perry, Max Parciak, Calix Truex, Jaxsen Maltos, Josh Bonne, Tyrus Graverson, Easton Feenstra, and managers Ty Stankovich and Houg Rot.

I'd like to thank my wife, my son Trey, and daughter Remy for their love and support, thank you to the parents and community, to Monty and his staff, Subway, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Parker, and Mr. Wegmiller!