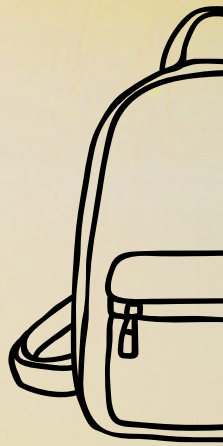


# NORTHWOOD IN THE MIDDLE



NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS

## ART AND MUSIC EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY**  
MAY 16, 2024  
**5-7 PM**

*Jazz Band*

8TH GRADE ART  
SELECT SINGERS  
JAZZ BAND

**SELECT SINGERS**

**NWMS SURGE**  
FREE ADMISSION

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
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### Mark your Calendar

*TIME FOR A BREAK*

**APRIL**

- 1- 5 SPRING BREAK
- 8 E-LEARNING DAY
- 15-MAY 10 ILEARN TESTING
- 16 6TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT 7:00 PM AT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**MAY**

- 6 7TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT 6:30 PM AT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 6 8TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT 8:00 PM AT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 7 7TH & 8TH BAND CONCERT 7:00 PM AT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 10 6TH GRADE BAND CONCERT 7:00 PM AT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- 16 ART & MUSIC EXHIBITION 5-7:00 PM
- 23 8TH GRADE GRADUATION 6:00 PM
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 28 RAIN DATE-8TH GRADE GRADUATION
- 29 END OF GRADING PERIOD/LAST STUDENT DAY

# SPORTS PHYSICALS

New sports physical forms are available in the main office window. Physicals for 2024-2025 must be dated on or after April 1st, 2024. We will not accept physicals before this date for the upcoming school year.

## Choir Performance

The 6th choir took a turn at the ISSMA contest, and we **SHOWED UP!** Congrats 6th grade singers for bringing home a Gold rating! The Select Singers also went to contest and earned a Gold! We are so proud of the work of our Fine Arts students and the way they made the time to represent NorthWood Middle School!

## Band Performance

All of our Middle School bands performed at ISSMA J/M/E contest this year. All three bands received a **GOLD** rating! 6th grade band earned a with distinction for their great score. The 8th grade band performed at the most difficult level in Group 1. Congratulations to all bands on your fantastic performances!

## 2024-2025 Transportation Request & Change Deadlines

**July 1, 2024**

Deadline for 2024/2025 Transportation Requests

All current 8th grade students who plan to ride the bus as 9th graders must register for transportation. High school students who do not register each year are removed from transportation and are not eligible for busing.

**August 1, 2024**

Final Day to Change Transportation Plans

Submit all transportation changes by August 1 to be eligible for transportation on the 1st day of school.

**August 2 - August 14**

**NO CHANGES ACCEPTED**

Transportation requests or changes submitted between August 2 - August 14 will not take effect until Wednesday, August 21, unless there is little to no impact on route times and path.

**August 15, 2024**

School Begins

Be out and waiting on the bus at least 10 minutes prior to the approximate stop time listed on the schedule received at registration day. Have a great school year!

### Reminders:

1. Students may only ride their assigned bus.
2. During the school year, 24 hour notice to the transportation department, not the school, is required for all transportation plans to take effect.
3. Schedules must be consistent. You must choose one AM location and one PM location.

Follow all bus stop and bus riding safety rules.

Visit <http://www.wanee.org/transportation.aspx> for more Wa-Neer transportation information.



# **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

## **SEASON REVIEW**

### **7th Grade JV**

**Coach Green**

What a season the NorthWood 7th Grade JV Girls Basketball team had this year! They won a lot of games and ended their season in a heartbreaking loss to the eventual champion Northridge, by one point. They played their hearts out. Meet the team:

- Jersey Gochenour plays her guard position very hard and very aggressively.
- Claire Cunningham is our fearless center—grabbed 40 rebounds, 33 points, and 20 steals.
- Taitum Rowe is a tireless guard—she had 29 rebounds and 17 points this season.
- Belen Baltazar-Prado is a speedy forward—nabbing 30 steals and 21 rebounds!
- Alexiana Bechtold is somewhat new to the game, but picks it up quickly and is loving it!
- Lynette Mason is another of our guards, steady and unshakable, she often saves us defensively.
- Brynlee Penrose is our lefty forward and grabbed 29 rebounds this season.
- Elizabeth Quiroz-Televera, a forward, passes well and is not afraid to play hard!
- Addelyn Thoden is our fast, never-say-die guard. She was impressive with 80 points, 29 rebounds, and 31 steals!
- Ja'Mya Nelson, a force under the basket, led us in scoring with 84 points, racked up 96 rebounds, and stole the ball 20 times!
- Finally, a big shout out to our managers Nola Penrose and Jasmine Farney. They took care of our laundry, water, and statistics faithfully.

This group of girls played so hard, improved so much, and have a ton to be proud of. They ended their season with an impressive 9-5 record and one point shy of a championship matchup. Well done!

### **7th Grade Varsity**

**Coach Yoder**

The 7th Grade Girls' Varsity Basketball team finished their season with a record of 6-6. After a slow start, the team showed a lot of improvement throughout the course of the season. This team was a lot of fun to coach this season, both on the court and off the court. They represented themselves and NorthWood Middle School with the highest level of integrity, positive attitude, and sportsmanship. I am proud to have been their coach this year! Team members included: Ivy Leeper, Olivia Greenlee, Bailey Beehler, Maddie Lambert, Olive Roeder, Harper Titus, Lainie Yoder, Lily Thompson, and Grace Thompson. Team managers included Halle Lechlitner, Brinley Hill, Maya Foor, and Nahla Stone. The team voted Harper Titus and Bailey Beehler as the team's Most Improved Players, Olivia Greenlee as the team's Mental Attitude award winner, and Ivy Leeper and Maddie Lambert as the team's Most Valuable Players. Thanks for a great season ladies!

### **8th Grade JV**

**Coach Sherk**

The 8th Grade JV girls played a tremendous season of basketball! They met their challenges head on and never backed down from adversity on the court! Every player on the team grew as a basketball player and as a team mate. Their overall record was 6 and 6. They were also able to meet their final tournament game goals playing a tough team.

### **8th Grade Varsity**

**Coach Hess**

The 2024 8th Grade Girls Basketball Varsity team had a fantastic season with a record of 12-5. They won both games in the Willowcreek Classic in Portage, Indiana and ended season as runners-up in the Big 11 Tournament. They worked hard and improved a great deal. They are all great young ladies and are extremely coachable. Member of the team are Alexia Ellison, Taryn Marcum, Clara Boecher, Palyn Andrews, Noa Weldy, Georgia Haseley, Bridget Parvu-Timmer, and Mirakle Lindsey. Manager Natalie Gearhart. Big thanks to statistician Jon Andrews, and Steve Sherk who kept the scorebook. Coach Hess would like to thank all the parents and grandparents for their support throughout the season and for providing the treats after game. I look forward to watching each player continue to be an important part the Black Swish Program.

# WRESTLING

## SEASON REVIEW

# WRESTLING

2024 marked an historic year for the NorthWood Middle School wrestling team as they finished undefeated for the fourth season in a row. The team of 70 Panthers put in work, dedication, perseverance, and championship character. Last season, 12 out of the 19 varsity spots graduated to the high school program, leaving lots of opportunities for newcomers. Our new wrestlers not only stepped into the lineup; they dominated the competition. We are so proud of the courage our wrestling team has demonstrated throughout the season.

During the season, our team was able to come away with key victories over John Young, Goshen, and Discovery as well championships in both the John Young Super Dual and the NorthWood Super Dual for a record of 18-0.

Our wrestlers also had a dominating and record-breaking performance in the Big 11 Tournament. 9 out of our 19 wrestlers made their way to the finals while 7 brought home the championship in their weight classes. Our conference champions included Wilson Schmucker, Trevor Munsell, Kale Symons, Tate Jones, Hunter Clyde, Reid Stover, and Faruq Ghaffar. In addition, all members of the team placed in the top 8 for the second year in a row and had 34 pins defeating their previous record of 31. This team effort paved the way for victory, as your NorthWood Wrestling team was able to 3-peat as Big 11 Tournament Champions.

A special thanks to our coaching staff, custodians, office personnel, parents, fans, and administration for making this season a huge success! Congratulations again to our wrestlers on an amazing undefeated 4 seasons!



**Congratulations to all eight Middle School Robotics teams on qualifying for the State Robotics Competition! The teams in RED below are advancing on to the Worlds Robotics Competition!**

-  **The Warriorz** with Braden Wuthrich, Brody Freeland, Natalie Gearhart, Claire Cunningham, James Jessup, Kaden Yoder, and Skylynn Miller
-  **Red Alert** with Collin King, Creed Schlipf, Ayanna Kafatia, Jada Curtis, Lucas Yoder, and Micah Kauffman
-  **Pop Lock & Sprocket** with Macy Birch, Beckett Tompos, Chloe Myers, Gracelynn Stutzman, Gus Chapman, Lucas Renton, and Will Zercher
-  **The Donuts** with Elizabeth Harris, Jaden Stanford, Peyten Disher, Tyler Mathews, Marlee Mcendarfer, Ridge Holcomb
-  **Echo** with Grady Claywell, Riley Davidhizar, Andrew Protzman, Brayden Dale, Camden Gross, Kylie Holmes, and Avery Disher
-  **Rising Phoenix** with Jalayne Hurst, Keegan Smith, Elijah Hertsel, Xander Knepp, April Gingerich, and Landon Hurst
-  **Gigawatts** with Camden Anderson, Jacqlyn Golden, Cheyenne George, Halas Brosamer, Jamison Carr, Kinzy Schlipf, and Trayton Hummel
-  **The Silverbacks** with Malyk Duncan, Haley Oltman, Hannah Mattern, Bronson Wertz, Grayson Rhoad, Liam Goeglein, and Sid Leroux





## ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Are you looking for money for college? Consider enrolling in the 21st Century Scholarship program.

What are the requirements?

1. Be an Indiana resident
2. Be automatically enrolled or apply in 7th or 8th grade
3. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
4. Be a member of a family that meets income eligibility guidelines

What is the 21st Century Scholarship?

The 21st Century Scholarship is an opportunity for students to afford college in Indiana. The 21st Century Scholarship pays up to 100% of tuition at public colleges in Indiana and part of the tuition at private or independent colleges. Learn more about the schools, colleges and universities that accept the 21st Century Scholarship.

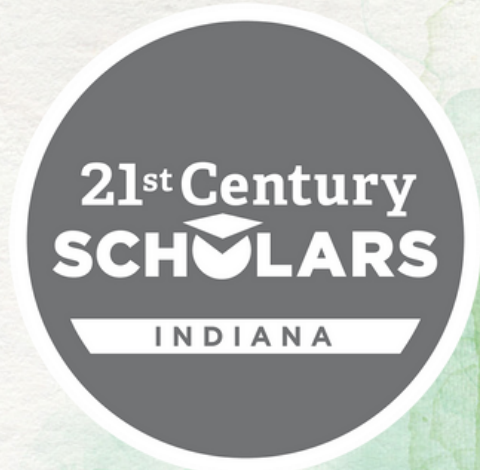
The scholarship does not cover the cost of books, room and board, parking fees, lab fees or any other fees that are not assessed to all students.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JUNE 30, 2024!**

If you are currently receiving free or reduced lunch, you have automatically been enrolled. All other 8th graders should visit [www.scholars.in.gov](http://www.scholars.in.gov) for more information on enrolling. Completing the online 21st Century Scholars application is quick, easy, and a great way to start considering options for your student's future. Once enrolled, go into Scholar Track and create an account.

If you have questions regarding the 21st Century Scholars program or application process, call 1-888-528-4719 .

Larry Fielstra (Counselor 8th grade)  
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