

Northwest Middle School

MIGHTY MOHAWK MEDIA

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LUNCH MENU

MONDAY- Cheeseburger on a Bun / Chicken Bacon Alfredo Flatbread, Golden French Fries, Green Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Diced Peaches, and 1% Milk.

TUESDAY- Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla / Beefy Nachos with Sauce, with Re-fried Beans, Cherry Tomatoes, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Grapes and 1% Milk.

WEDNESDAY- BBQ Rib Sandwich / Crispy Chicken Nuggets, with Whole Grain Dinner Roll, Steamed Corn, Mashed Potatoes

THURSDAY- Crispy Chicken Sandwich / Turkey BLT Wrap, with Roasted Broccoli, Golden French Fries, Applesauce, Fresh Grapes, 1% Milk.

FRIDAY- Cheese Pizza / Turkey BLT Wrap with Steamed Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes, Diced Pears, Fresh Grapes, and 1% Milk as sides.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

The Sweet Heart Dance is approaching quickly. It is on **February 24th** from 6:00-8:00 in the NMS gym.

Only middle school students are allowed to attend and the admission is \$3.








On February 17th, the AG Olympics are taking place. There will be fun agriculture-based games and there will be a 2-hour early dismissal on the 17th as well.

There are three jars in the front office. The one with the most change in it gets the individual whose name is on it pried in the face. The options on the jar are Mr. Burton, Mr. Montavon, and Freeman.

By: Adee Smith and Kali Zukoski

By: Landon Hartley & Brycen Montavon

WEATHER

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
46° 31°	53° 41°	60° 43°	59° 41°	59° 29°	46° 24°	42° 28°

WORLD NEWS

BY: WESLEE SHARP & BRYSON NEWMAN

Ukraine: Recent Russian state media and troop movements have suggested that a new Russian offensive will begin soon. Estimates place the offensives start between late February and mid-March. These developments are not new as the Ukrainian government along with Nato have been assuming Russia would renew their offense sometime soon.

U.S./China: Following the first Chinese spy balloon's discovery on February 1st and subsequent destruction on the 4th, a second balloon was spotted over Latin America on the 4th as well. As of February 13, 2023, 4 balloons have been shot down in United States airspace and Canadian Airspace. With joint efforts between the two countries to secure their airspace relations, between Beijing and Washington have broken down as China denies any accusations of spying.

North Korea: Following the country's leader Kim Jong Un's appearance at his most recent parade, his daughter made her fifth appearance, causing talks of his succession to heat up. With his daughter appearing more frequently, it's most likely his second youngest daughter, Kim Ju-ae, at just age 10 has been selected to one day lead the country.

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Mohawks of the Week:

Mrs. Brown

Brayden Hunt: Helped two students resolve a conflict.

The 6th grade band: Played Happy Birthday to Mrs. Brown on their own.

Mrs. Redoutey

Brevan Staggs: Brevan stopped and picked up pencils and a Chromebook from the hallway floor while everyone else walked around or over them.

Kera Burk, Salem Lockhart, Ali Shepherd: They voluntarily hung the Black History Month banners in the 8th grade hallway.

Mrs. McClay

Cameron Blahut: Helped a student pick up all his supplies that he dropped on the floor

Ava Lilly: Always on task and does what she is asked to do.

Ms. Henry

Riley Cramer: Always goes above and beyond being helpful in class. He helps make sure all chromebooks are plugged in and flips extra chairs at the end of the day. He also gets all his work completed and turned in on time and even early

Mrs. Lawson:

Thomas Simpson: Always has a smile on his face. He tries his very best and works hard in class. No matter how tough the assignment is, he never gives up.

Zach Jenkins: Is a great friend to others. He stays focused and on task, works hard, and stays positive.

Beau Ramsey: Is kind and caring individual who stays positive even in good times. Works hard in class and never stops trying to improve.

By: Elena TePas and Cora Alexander

C.A.N.S

Comedy At Northwest Schools

Did you hear about the Italian chef who died?
He pasta-away.

What do you call a can opener that doesn't work?
A can't opener.

What did the fish say when it ran into a wall?
"Dam."

I was sitting in traffic the other day,
that's probably why I got ran over.

By: Luke Lewis, Nate Fry, and Brevan Staggs

MUSIC

By: Lucas Crabtree
Jordan Emmons
and Gabriel Suthers

All-District Honors Band submissions has been moved to February 17. Pep band has ended with the Northwest High-School basketball season coming to a close. The middle school band has started looking at pieces of music for the spring concert.

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3o4ug07qJBI>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akMMt1jVhkQ>
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JFn6M918Rw>

The Weeknd is the Artist of the Week. The Weeknd was born on February 16, 1990 in Scarborough, Toronto, Canada. The Weeknd's actual name is Abel Tesfaye, but is more popularly known as The Weeknd.

The artist's top three most famous songs are:

1. [Save your Tears](#)
2. [Blinding Lights](#)
3. [Die For You](#)

We are open to suggestions for who the music artist of the week should be!
Email: suthersg27@nwmohawks.org

INTERVIEWS/CLUBS

Interviewing Jozi Adkins - FFA President

What are some responsibilities you have as the FFA president?
"Program Of Activities for the year, planning, hosting events, and making sure everything goes smoothly."
Do you enjoy being FFA president?
"Yes, I love it. It's been a really good year for me and FFA."
Are you planning on being in FFA next year?
"Yes, I plan to run for FFA officer next year in high school."

Interviewing McKenzie Adkins - FFA Vice President

What are some responsibilities you have as the FFA president?
"Help program activities and I hype everybody up for activities and events."
Do you enjoy being FFA president?
"Yes, it is better than being reporter."
Are you planning on being in FFA next year?
"Yes, I love FFA and I want to run for officer again."

Interviews by Salem Lockhart and Kaylee Thackston



Brief Sports Summary of the Week

Boy's 8th grade basketball team played the Valley Indians Thursday, February 9th @ South Webster. Unfortunately, the boys came up short, but not by much. This concludes our middle school basketball season.

Next, the Girl's Middle School Softball Team:

Kylee Carter
Abby Farmer
Elena TePas
Riley Pertuset
Calleigh Kattine
Gwyneth Montgomery
McKenzie Adkins
Kaylee Thackston
Braylee Anderson
Kayleigh Weakley
Rylynn Montgomery
Madi Burton
Audrina Brewer
Bentley Tackett
Olivea Sparks

By: Gracie Moore & Calleigh Kattine



Author of the Week



For this week's Author of the Week, we have American horror novelist R.L. Stine. Robert Lawrence Stine was born on October 8th, 1943 (that would make him 79 years old). He graduated from Ohio State University in 1965 after having been the editor of the campus' comedic magazine, the *Sundial*. He taught junior high school, essentially middle school, for a year before he moved to New York City.

It was there he had an editorial job for Scholastic Books. For sixteen years, he worked there and worked on numerous magazines, most notable was *Bananas*. The first of his magazines was *The Absurdly Silly Encyclopedia & Fly Swatter* in 1978, and he published it under the pseudonym Jovial Bob Stine. His first novel was published in 1986 and it was called *Blind Date*. Then came his *Fear Street* series, which began with *The New Girl*. After that, his most famous launched with *Welcome to Dead House* in 1992, and the series was called *Goosebumps*. *Goosebumps* was intended for a younger audience, so their horror was mild, Stine termed it "a safe scare." Both of these series were immensely

successful. There were various spin-offs to the *Goosebumps* series and there were even film adaptations. R.L. Stine was played by Jack Black in the two films, which were *Goosebumps* and *Goosebumps 2*, and the author's famous creations came to life in those films. R.L. Stine made many other memorable novels, and some examples are *Say Cheese and Die*, *The Haunted Mask*, *Monster Blood*, *Night of the Living Dummy*, and there are so many more incredible novels than just those named made by R.L. Stine.

Source:

Britannica, The Editors of Encyclopaedia. "R.L. Stine". Encyclopedia Britannica, 4 Oct. 2022, <https://www.britannica.com/biography/R-L-Stine>. Accessed 10 February 2023.

By: Annabella
Harness &
Adelyn Smith

Comic Strip

Favorite Thing To Do

By: Elizabeth Golden and Adelyn Smith



NMS Birthdays

February 13
James Fuller
Abigail Teeters
Brenda Bays

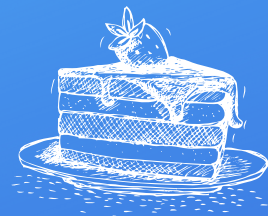
February 14
Matthew Cogar

February 15
Landon Hodge

February 18
Ryan Chambliss

February 16
Cayden Kersey

February 19
Candice Liles
Lila Montgomery



By: Mason Bender & Gwyneth Montgomery

Results from Last Week's

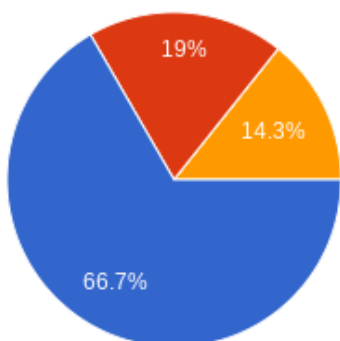
Polls:

The top 3 favorite music genres:

Pop
Country
Hip-Hop

Do you have any siblings?

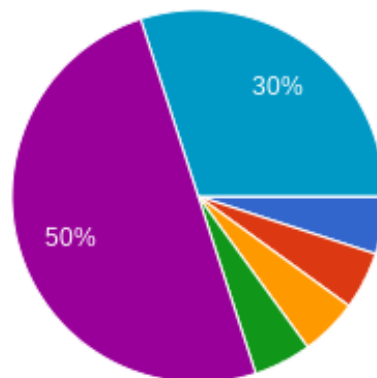
21 responses



- Yes
- No
- Maybe

What's your favorite day of the week ?

20 responses



- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

This Week's Polls: <https://forms.gle/8Qc48bCkyqco71F19>

By: Calleigh Kattine & Gracie Moore

Sharp Moments

Where we cover interesting and unheard topics, old and new.
With J Weslee G. Sharp and His Co-writer Annabella (Bella) Harness.

North Korea's Rocky Past And Future

You probably know of North Korea, a country in East Asia. It's in the northern portion of the Korean peninsula, covering approximately fifty-five percent of it. To the north, its bordering neighbors are China and Russia, and South Korea borders it to the south. North Korea and South Korea are two separate countries due to an armistice that ended the Korean War after the three years of fighting in 1953. They're separated by a demilitarized zone, which runs for about 150 miles.

North Korea has a dictatorship type of government, which is led by the notorious Kim Jong Un, and the Kim family are the main figures of the country. The Kim family in North Korea is considered to be a descendant bloodline from a god, which gives them the right to lead the country. Kim Il-Sung became the first head of the communist regime in 1948. He passed the role down to his son, Kim Jong Il, after his death in 1994. In 1997, Kim Jong Il officially became head of the KWP (Korean Workers' Party). In 1998, the post of president was taken out of North Korea's constitution, and Kim Jong Il was reelected chairman of the National Defense Commission, which was then the country's highest office. After Kim Jong Il's death in 2011, Kim Jong Un took over as his successor. He led the Kim dynasty into their third generation. People had hoped he would positively affect the country after he had initially appeared kind in 2011, but their hopes were soon diminished. He executed many and was named chairman of the Central Military Commission as well as of the National Defense Commission in 2012.

Under Kim Il Sung, North Korea worked toward becoming an independent country, which went hand in hand with them strengthening their military. However, their economic growth was hampered by less foreign aid in the 1970s and there were far more food shortages occurring after the population nearly tripled in size from 1953 to 1993. North Korea was then and remains to be now an extremely isolated and almost inaccessible country. Their citizens are highly restricted and the Korean nation held the ideology of self-reliance. For many years, North Korea and South Korea have been at each other, mainly North Korea committing infiltration activities against the bordering country. There have been many discussions between the two over the numerous years.

Also, North Korea has been involved in several nuclear happenings since the reign of the Kim dynasty began. After the death of their first leader, Kim Il Sung, North Korea had faced a dispute against the United States and IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) because they had been denied access to an experimental facility by North Korea. It was suspected that North Korea was in the act of using plutonium to build nuclear weapons. North Korea eventually signed an accord for the nuclear issue and under the terms of it, North Korea gave up their efforts to build nuclear weapons and said they'd abide by the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In 1998, North Korea fired a missile east over Japanese airspace. The potential of said missile caused shock among many and possible global controversy.

Present day, a large number wonder and are concerned for the future of North Korea. Their leader, Kim Jong Un, has a possible successor, his daughter. On February 9th, he attended a military parade with her and gave no speech for his people. Though, it's known that it's too soon for it to be confirmed that she is actually heir to his position. It is unsure at the moment, as it will be unless she takes his position in the future or not, but many are concerned for where the country may be under her leadership if she does take her father's place. Will she be like her father, an unjust and ruthless ruler, or take a different route?

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