



Arrival of the Pack By Colson Thayer

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 will go down as a very important day in Waukee history. It will mark the beginning of a new era as around 1,330 students, grades 10-12 will roam the hallways of the brand new Waukee Northwest High School. The \$120 million dollar high school campus includes facilities for all students of various interests.

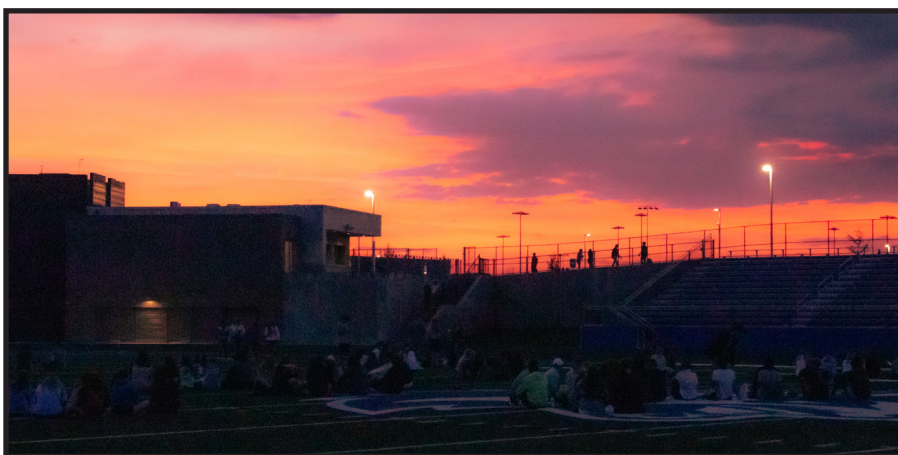
It is undeniable that the opening of

Northwest has already made its impact on the community of Waukee. Many of Northwest High School's students had to say goodbye to their friends who will continue to attend Waukee High School. The classes were split almost evenly in half, creating a divide in the community. However, the opening of Northwest also marks the opening of new opportunities. As a 4A school, Northwest will soon compete against other central Iowa high schools in all types of activities.

The classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024 have the opportunity to define Northwest and begin traditions for the classes to follow. The future is bright for the first pack of Wolves.

“The Strength of the Wolf is in the Pack”

-Rudyard Kipling



Senior Sunrise and Orientation By Colson Thayer

Northwest class of 2022 began arriving at 6 A.M. and were directed towards the stadium. The seniors grouped and huddled together for some of them, their very first time on brand new turf. After the sun rose and the daylight tree began, students made their way to the front entrance of the building. The Student Council met them there with donuts adorned with sprinkles and frosting featuring the Northwest colors, blue and white.

“I woke up at 5:30 for this.”

That was the line written in chalk outside of Northwest High School on Friday, August 13. The reason as to why they had to get up so early was in order to participate in the “Senior Sunrise” event organized by the Northwest Student Council. Members of the

Some chose to write with chalk on the cement leading up to the entrance, leaving encouraging notes for the classes arriving later in the morning.

“A great way to start off senior year!” said student body president Ballie Kroll, the primary organizer of the Senior Sunrise. “A monumental, historical moment bringing everyone together for the first time.”

The Senior orientation then began as students walked through the doors and were instructed to have a seat in the commons area. Orientation for each group all followed a similar fashion. Principal Dr. Bishara, Assistant Principal Ms. Pitts and Associate Principal Mr. Ross welcomed the student body and gave a brief run down of the building and the school year. It included information about the layout of the building, the bell schedule, the first day of school, parking, and important upcoming dates. Dr. Bis-

hara then brought student body president, Ballie Kroll, up to the podium to introduce the scavenger hunt. The task at hand was to explore the building and collect stamps from student council members around the building. After nine stamps were collected, the students could then go to the server room and receive their t-shirts.

For many students, this was the first time that they could explore all wings of the building. However, the building was not yet completed. Custodial, electrical, and various crews were in the building making finishing touches to finish the building before it would open eleven days later.



Dedication Event Makes History

By Ariana Aponte

Staff, students and community members all gathered in the Northwest High School gymnasium on Sunday, August 15, 2021 to commence the start of the school year, and the opening of the brand new high school. The Dedication Event included speeches from Principal Dr. Fairouz Bishara and Superintendent

Dr. Brad Buck. Guests were shown a timelapse video of the construction of Northwest and could tour the building exploring each floor and room. Dr. Bishara shared her amazement at how “invested [everyone was] in hearing the speakers... people were genuinely interested in what we had to say about Northwest”.

Community member Christiana Rau loved how “[everyone] acknowledged the fact that it’s a community effort...I’m amazed how [Dr. Bishara] centered around all of the students, not just one particular section”.

From a student’s perspective, Sophomores and student council members Maitlynn Bucklin and Avari Baldwin had their perspective on the fast-approaching school year. Bucklin shared, “I’m excited to see all the new things that were just created”. Baldwin nodded in agreement and added how “it’s cool that [the sophomores are] going to be the first ones moving through the school from 10th-12th grade”.

The dedication event marked the beginning of many history-making moments to come that students and faculty are anxiously waiting for.



Wolves at Competition

By Thomas Campbell

On Thursday August 12th at 9:30 A.M. at The Legacy golf club in Norwalk, Iowa History was made as Junior Henry Manning hit his Tee shot beginning the first ever official Northwest High School competition as the Northwest boys golf team took on the Marshalltown Bobcats to open up the golf season. Northwest’s varsity team consists of Juniors Henry Manning, Drew Oleshko, Thomas Campbell and Carson Parker. The team also includes Sophomores Grant Tigg-

es and Jake Nosbusch. The Northwest Junior Varsity team consists of Juniors Spencer Nieman, Trey Hankeand, Colby Carlson as well as Sophomore Caden McEnroe and Freshmen Remick Elfers, and Zach Clausen.

Northwest would end up falling to an experienced Marshalltown team 307-324 with the 4 counted scores being 78, 80 and two 83’s. It was not the start the team was going for but the only place to go will be up for this young Northwest golf team.

A varied difference in perspective is inevitable in any situation. These differences are nearly always more distinct when the circumstance involves a major change. For Waukee Northwest High School, there will undoubtedly be a multitude of contrasting emotions due to the diverse age groups present in the school. Seniors, juniors and sophomores will all be bringing slightly separate perspectives when they enter the new school for the very first time.

Northwest’s sophomores have a unique position as they will be the first class to graduate after having three full years in Northwest. Unlike the upperclassmen, they have no experience with being merged as one whole district. Sophomore Anna Bainter adds, “I kind of think it’s nice being split because we’ve always been that way, but it will be fun to see the upperclassmen in the halls too.” With fewer deep connections at Waukee to leave behind, the sophomores mainly struggle

with the obvious problems of every student facing a new school: finding their way around the building. Sophomore Felicity Menning affirms, “Something scary could be just trying to find your way around.” A healthy bundle of nerves and excitement fills the class of 2024 as they begin their first year in a brand new building.

The juniors at Northwest also have a unique perspective on the split as they only had one year at Waukee High School before the opening of Northwest. Junior Kiersten Sheeder explains, “[The] Juniors are unique in that they only spent one year at WHS. After learning the ins and outs of the building last year, we get to do it all again at Northwest this year.” The class of 2023 is entering a brand new building for the second year in a row and they are prepared to learn the halls of Northwest just as they did at Waukee last year. Although the juniors may be tired of switching schools and learning new

New Year New Perspectives

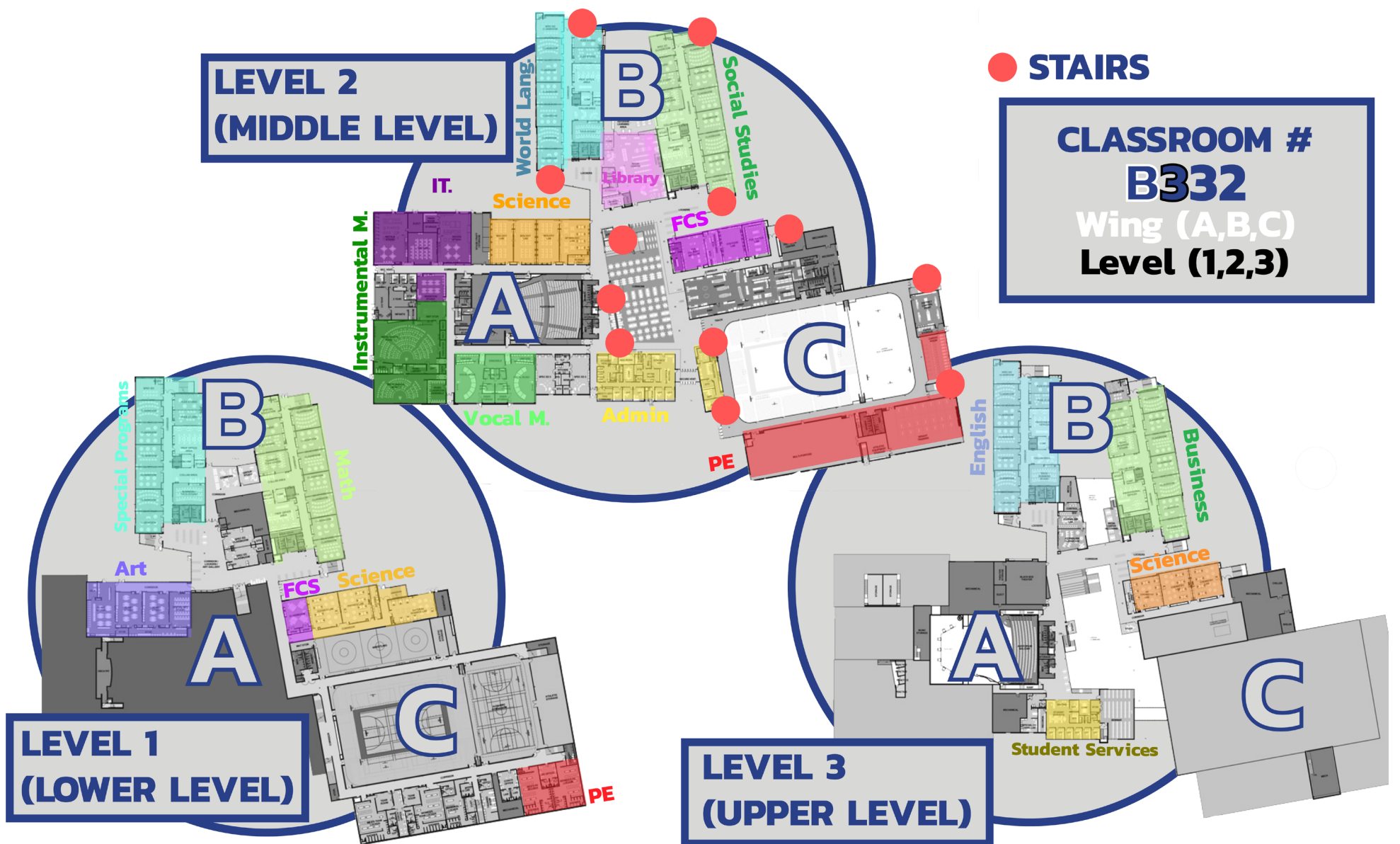
By Payton Strobel

buildings, they also have some anticipation for Northwest. Junior Hailey Gojkovich explains, “I’m super excited for show choir season to start and to build a community within the new groups at Northwest!” Becoming an upperclassman at a brand new school provides countless opportunities for leadership, encouragement and trying new activities.

As the class of 2022 experiences their final year in high school, splitting up from friends, teachers and a building they spent two years in is

The Den

By Jack Andersen



Waukee’s brand new Northwest High School has a campus like none other. There are many features that will set Northwest apart from many other high schools and Division III colleges in the metro. One of these is the Northwest football stadium that seats about 6,000 people; meanwhile, Simpson College only seats 5,000. Waukee Northwest’s 160-acre campus and park also features a 390,000 square-foot high school, 12 tennis courts, 12 little league fields, two baseball and softball fields, indoor and outdoor hitting facilities, a large gym space, wrestling room, greenhouse, two rooms each for band and choir, an auditorium that seats 1,000, a black box theatre, a roof terrace with outdoor seating and a pond.

The building is split into three wings, labeled A, B and C. Northwest’s classrooms will have a unique way to identify each room. As seen on the map, classroom B332 notes that the classroom will be in wing B, Level 3 and the 32nd room. Within each of the wings is an important part of Northwest’s building design, collaborative spaces where teachers and students can work together. Additionally, rather than teachers having their own classrooms, it will be more college-style where teachers will come into a room to teach and have their own cubicle elsewhere in the teacher plan rooms. The design and functions of the Northwest building is completely different from what the school district has had in the past.

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not something they imagined. Senior Mary Oriho believes, “I think positively, [the school split] is being able to have a new start and refresh yourself.” Spending the last year of high school away from all the amazing people these seniors have met along the way is incredibly difficult. However, despite the inevitable sadness, there are many things the senior class is rightfully excited about. Senior Elsa Petersen agrees, “I am most

excited about starting new programs at the new high school, and creating the culture of NWHHS to hopefully be a positive and uplifting space for anyone!” Though seniors may face some disappointment, they are still eager to become the first graduating Wolves. Petersen emphasizes, “I think that most seniors can relate to the idea of staying in the space we have been in if that makes sense. We wish we could finish high school at WHS and stay a warrior until we graduate! Regardless, I am so excited to be the first graduating class at

Northwest!”

Every perspective is valuable and important to the school year at Northwest. As the students navigate the first year in a brand new school, they will rely on fellow students, staff and friends to make this year a great experience. Though attitudes and mindsets may vary, the school will benefit and learn from every worry, grow from moments of joy and excitement and foster new connections and relationships.

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Leaders of the Pack

By Camryn Ward

Opening a brand new school is no easy task for all parties involved; students may be worried, parents have questions and staff are being sent to a new, unfamiliar building with a team of brand new colleagues. However, the Northwest leadership team, consisting of Principal Dr. Bishara-Rantisi, Associate Principal Mr. Ross, and Assistant Principal Ms. Pitts have been working incredibly hard to create a safe and welcoming environment to prepare for the new school year. The three have recently settled into their offices and are double and triple checking various aspects of the building, down to the details of making sure that each room number is in its proper place. These are among the various goals that each administrator hopes for going into the first day of class. Dr. Bishara stated, "I could tell you fancy goals about how we are going to make this place this wonderful institution of learning, but I just want things to work! We're going to have amazing stories by the end of the year about things that we forgot or did wrong."

Mistakes will be inevitable this school year, but it is important that students remember how normal these mistakes may be to others around the building. The administrators of Northwest are keen on the sense of community within the building, for both students and staff.

"We're really going to be focused on making sure everybody belongs and feels welcomed and feels like there's someone and something for them here," Mr. Ross explained. "That's super important in any place, but especially in education; you have to...have people that you connect with and that opens access to all kinds of learning oppor-



tunities." Bishara-Rantisi mentioned teachers in this aspect, replying, "My focus is not going to be as much of 'How are you teaching this amazing lesson, teacher?' I will say, 'Do you have everything you need to teach the amazing lesson?'"

One new learning opportunity present at Northwest will be collaboration areas, where students can congregate before school to hang out, work on schoolwork and even visit during class if they need a change of scenery. "This building is almost like a college campus. We want to give our learners freedom and prepare them for when...no one is monitoring them 24/7," Bishara-Rantisi mentioned. After a year where isolation became a prevalent feeling in everyday life, these spaces are striving to create the opposite effect. "We had a bunch of kids who weren't in the building because of their choices as far as school and health goes, so it's [going to] be super important to bring everybody back together and make everybody feel welcome," Ross emphasized.

Northwest is not only welcoming Dr. Bishara-Rantisi to the Waukee district; Ms. Pitts, Assistant Principal, came from being an administrator in Davenport, Iowa. Pitts reminds students, "I want everyone walking in [Northwest] to feel like they are part of the Northwest wolves family." When asked about what she would say to students who may be feeling anxious about the new year, she replied, "Everything is going to be okay. We're all going to be learning together and as we go, we know we're going to have to make some modifications...and we've all survived last year, with all the changes of Covid." Waukee has risen to the challenge throughout the unfamiliarity of the pandemic, and together, Northwest students, parents and staff can come together to make the 2021-2022 school year an unforgettable one.

From the Editors

Dear Readers,

It is with great excitement that we present to you the first edition of the 10th Street Times, the student newspaper of Waukee Northwest High School. Our editorial team hopes that this copy of the 10th Street Times is an exciting, informational first edition of our newspaper. We intend to publish an edition each month, where we write about everything from local, national and global events and news.

During a time when fake news, misinformation and distrust in the media runs rampant, all of us at the 10th Street Times intend to remain a truthful and independent source of news and information. As student journalists, our class holds truth and honesty as a fundamental principle. That being said, we are still learning. We hope to run the 10th Street Times as any other news organization would run. However, we ask our audience to keep in mind that all the content produced by the 10th Street Times is student-created, and decided upon by students without the intention to profit, but instead to learn and gain experience.

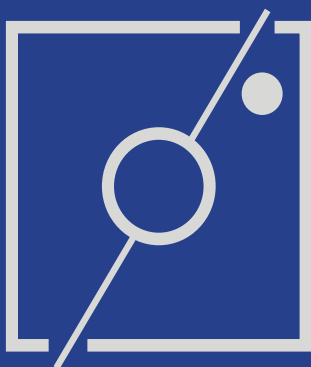
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