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ABOUT THE COVER



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This edition was focused on creating the most fun and wild layouts we could. I wished to create something that was also a little wild, so I decided on a spray painted wolf. Lastly, We wanted to rename the edition, so we chose an original contender for the name of our newspaper, The BS Gazette. We chose it because it helped show that this edition was 'BS'.

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How I Overcome Procrastination

I don't.



THE PURGE

Story by

Brae Tornell

Its the year 2030, the annual purge has become the most anticipated event of the year. It started out as a government-sacntioned night of violence and destruction but slowly transformed into a night of fun and games for the whole family.

The days are gone of senseless violence and destruction, whats here now is a night for everyone to let loose and let off some steam. From stay at home parents to corporate executives everyone looks forward to this night. On the night of the purge the streets are filled with craziness and people looking for some trouble with their minecraft foam swords and nerf guns.

Some people stay locked in their houses and watch on the news as a source of entertainment if all the fun out on the streets is not for their liking. The purge started off as a way for the government to source money, rich people were able to buy permits to participate in the purge for absurd amounts of money while others were on the streets defending themselves, this ended up not working after large amounts of people surprisingly didnt listen to the government, who could have guessed that would happen?

Some argue the purge is a great way to let stress out for 12 hours once a year. It's not healthy to hold in your stress, right? Doctors argue its amazing for the mind but in reality are they just saying it to defend themselves in participating in the purge. If you re on social media at all you will more than likely see some replays and slow motion highlights of the purge during the 12 hours and maybe even a whole week after the purge. Mike Tyson a former boxer claimed he saw a man's ear get bit off. Tyson stated "I was walking down the street and saw two guys fighting over nurf darts and boom one of the guys bit off the other guys ear." Some reported a sight of seeing Batman and Spiderman fighting it out on the street in time square, sounds fun. So lets make a toast to this years purge and hope for a fun and "safe" night. This country is a land of freedom, well for at least 12 hours once a year.

The Board of Education has recently passed a school district-wide rule that all schools will be required to start the school day at 10 a.m.

The Board of Education had a meeting that lasted over three hours discussing the start time for schools. The meeting had not only the members of the board but also professionals on the topic. The scientist showed multiple pieces of evidence showing that school should start later.

Cecelia Von Humprehs, a senior at Northwest High School, gets up at 6 a.m. every morning to make it to school on time. "While balancing my school, sports, and personal life, if the school was able to start later I could do the things I enjoy more," Von Humprehs stated.

During the school year, many students have events consistently going on that tire them out day after day. What the board of education has finally come to realize is that students need school to start later so that everyone can sleep in and get the real rest that they need. Jenna Jackson, a junior at Northwest High School stated, "I am a multi-sport athlete who misses a lot of schools and doesn't get home a lot until the middle of the night. Starting school later would help me focus and be able to attend the school day the following day."

With school days starting later not only will it allow athletes to focus better in school but everyone. Studies have shown that people who get more sleep at night are more likely to stay focused and have better success in the classroom. After the multiple under-the-nose meetings throughout these last few months, there was a decision made in weather waukee school district will be starting school at 10 a.m. or not.

The board of education came to the conclusion that students are going to be starting school at 10 a.m. starting in the 2023-2024 school year. In the next school year since school will be starting almost two hours later than normal, this does mean that students will be getting out of school almost two hours later than they normally would. This got a lot of controversy with a parent stepping in to the conversation stating, "This will cause our students to not be ready to wake up early for their actual jobs."

"While school will be ending later, I know that my mental health and overall well-being will be much better," Johnson stated.

Story by

Ava Osberg

HIT THE SNOOZE



Jojo Jump Scare!

Jojo Siwa is an American dancer, singer, actress, and YouTuber who announced her pregnancy on April 1st, 2023.

Siwa went viral across social media platforms after seemingly announcing that she was expecting a child. Many were surprised considering her young age and because she had never hinted at wanting children in the past. This has come as a shock to the world. The post was of JoJo Siwa holding her stomach as many women do in maternity photo shoots with the caption "Can't believe it." This post caused much speculation and she continued to add fuel to the fire by adding another post saying "team boy or team girl" while holding her stomach while laying down.

Peyton Jennings, a junior at Northwest High School has followed JoJo Siwa since she was on Dance Moms. "I can't believe this, she is so nice and mature and I can tell she is going to be a great mom," Jennings stated. Additionally, Siwa has yet to announce the father.

Siwa's family, friends, and fans were very supportive of her choice to announce the baby's father in an unconventional way to gain more followers. Siwa had been working on this major project. She put together an Instagram reel asking people if they would like to know who the father is.

Not even an hour goes by and her DMs are flooded with messages. She later makes a TikTok saying she would only announce who the father was if she got to 11.5 million followers on Instagram she would announce it. Soon enough, follower after follower she gained, and 2 days later finally announced that her boyfriend Mark Slone, and herself are pregnant. Slone said to many people, "I'm happy to be a father of two! I also have another daughter named Sofia from my previous marriage." After this, people took no time and sent her con-



gratulatory messages. Siwa is now 5 months pregnant and we still haven't confirmed the baby's gender yet. Everyone is just excited and looking forward to seeing what this new chapter of her life will bring."

Story by

Aunya Van Zetten

Hooked on a Feeling



NORTHWEST INTRAMURAL BOXING

Northwest Highschool is introducing Intramural boxing to the 2023-2024 school year.

Boxing has been getting very popular in the world recently. As many viewers have been watching these boxing matches, students have been requesting they add intramural boxing to school. 6th-year senior Amon-Ra St.Green states, "I love boxing, and adding it to this school has been one of the best things ever!" There have been no complaints from teachers or parents about this decision. That is why teachers get to participate in intramural boxing.

At the beginning of the 2023 school year teachers and students will be able to sign up for intramural boxing. They will divide the boxers into different weight classes and on the second Saturday the matches will start. Intramural boxing will be year around because many students signed up for it and they will need recovery time. Matches will be played every Saturday from 7 am to 9 pm at the Northwest main gym and the Auxiliary gym.

"I've been boxing since third grade, so I'll be ready for this tournament."

Recreational matches will be played from September through December before the intramural boxing tournament starts. Once January comes around, the Intramural Boxing tournament will begin. Sophomore Jay Tyson says, "I've been boxing since third grade, so I'll be ready for this tournament." The tournament

will be split up into four different divisions. Male student, Female student, Male teacher, Female teacher. The number of rounds has not yet been announced but, you should expect lots of them because this will be very popular. Once we get a champion from each division they will get a contract to sign to box professionally. Tyson states, "I can't wait to be like my dad Mike."

These boxing matches will be refereed by real boxers and the announcer will be Mr. Creed. Junior Barry Allen states, "Mr. Adonis Creed announcing these matches will be an honor for us wolves." Please sign up for Intramural boxing to put all of the competitiveness behind you and box your friends for fun.

Northwest Highschool will not be liable for any injuries during boxing, so athletes should box at their own risk.

Story by

Kalarga Mukhtar



TAYLOR SWIFT ERAS TOUR CANCELED?!

On Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, Taylor Swift announced the cancellation of The Eras Tour due to her recent realization that she is the best artist of all time, and is going to transition into retirement. Taylor Swift has an insane musical stat line. All time, with her nine number one hits, 40 top ten charts, and a staggering 451 weeks spent in the Artist top 100. To bolster her case, she has sold more than 30 million albums and won ten Grammy Awards. All of these accomplishments have been in under ten years, and what some would call the prime of Swift's music-creating career.

Swift stated, "I feel like I am the best singer ever, and I have nothing else to do to prove that. I feel for my fans, but I feel like retirement is the best thing for me." Swift is currently 33 years of age and has been singing for 19 years. She will settle into retirement from touring, and possibly music creation, but that is still to be decided by her.

The Eras Tour concert consisted of 44 songs across ten albums. The tour was slated to last until August, spanning the whole country, and was originally only going to be 35 cities, but due to public demand, the tour ballooned to hitting a staggering 52 cities. Swift had set up the concert this way because she had not performed her last three albums that came out between 2019-2022, due to the COVID-19 outbreak (Lover (2019), Folklore (2020), Evermore (2020) and Midnights (2022)). She



wanted to give recognition to her past songs, as well as display her new art, in a never before seen type of event.

The Era's Tour started on Friday, March 17th, 2023, and lasted an impressive five days, spanning two performances. The tour was estimated to make between 678-748 million dollars in gross earnings and compete to be the highest-grossing tour of all time. If it happens, it would be quite an impressive feat, as the current record holder, Ed Sheeran's ÷ tour, grossed 779 million dollars across 255 events.

Story by

Krish Sehgal



TAYLOR & JAKE ARE BACK TOGETHER, AND SWIFTIES ARE ANGRY.

BREAKING NEWS. Iconic, incredible, amazing musician Taylor Swift, has gotten back together with her ex-boyfriend. The no good, bad guy, villain, terrible, abysmal, horrible movie star, Jake Gyllenhaal.

After re-releasing her amazing song All Too Well, she came out with the same song, except a totally different and better version. The All Too Well (10 Minute Version), not to mention the entire All Too Well short film that Taylor WROTE AND DIRECTED. The song told the whole story of her and Jake's failed relationship, and why she NEVER WOULD DREAM OF GETTING BACK TOGETHER WITH HIM. "We are never, ever, ever, ever getting back together," LIKE TAYLOR, DO YOUR OWN OLD LYRICS MEAN ANYTHING?! Fans are appalled, to say the least. The couple was spotted outside of the Japanese restaurant, Nobu, in Malibu, California. Since the paparazzi is stationed near Nobu LITERALLY ALL OF THE TIME, (TAYLOR YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER) The news of their relationship secret was out in a New York Minute.

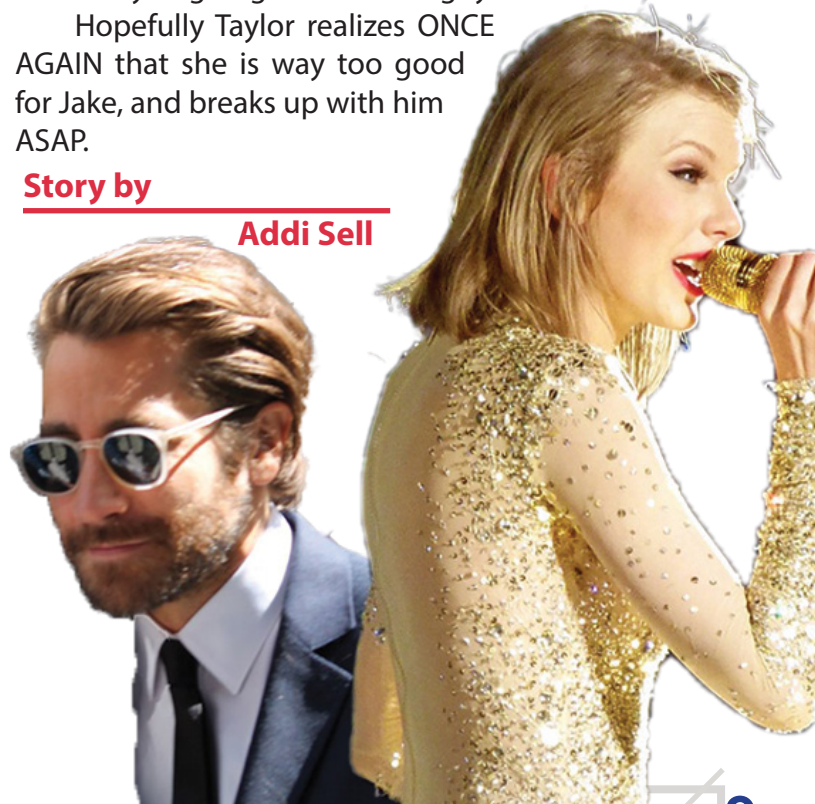
Once the paparazzi photos got out, the Swifties stormed Jake's house. Every single one was wearing a red scarf. As well as looking for Taylor's scarf that he STILL HAS AFTER ALL OF THESE DAYS. "I, left my scarf there at your sister's house, and you've still got it in your drawer even now" Another lyric from All Too Well (10 Minute Version), "Now you mail back my things and I walk home alone, but you keep my old scarf from that very first week, 'cause it reminds you of innocence, and it smells like me, you can't get rid of it, 'cause you remember it all too well, yeah" TAYLOR HOW COULD YOU GO BACK TO HIM AFTER THAT? Not to mention that he did this: "And you call me up again

just to break me like a promise, so casually cruel in the name of being honest. I'm a crumpled up piece of paper lying here, 'Cause I remember it all, all, all" SHE FELT LIKE A CRUMPLED UP PIECE OF PAPER AFTER YOU LEFT HER, JAKE. TAYLOR. GET. A. GRIP. HE IS BAD FOR YOU. You had a good relationship with him until, "And maybe we got lost in translation, maybe I asked for too much, but maybe this thing was a masterpiece 'til you tore it all up. running scared, I was there, I remember it all too well" HE TORE IT ALL UP. YOU WERE RUNNING SCARED, YOU WERE THERE. How are you going back to that guy?!?!

Hopefully Taylor realizes ONCE AGAIN that she is way too good for Jake, and breaks up with him ASAP.

Story by

Addi Sell



NORTHWEST CARTWHEELING CLUB



On January 16th, Northwest students introduced the school's first-ever Cartwheeling Club (CWC). Led by their head coach, Mr. Chad Vollmecke, the team had a highly successful first season. Although it is one of Iowa's lesser-known extracurriculars and still not recognized as an official school sport by the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), competitive cartwheeling has recently taken the state by storm.

The CWC was initially composed of 17 athletes at the beginning of the season. However, their numbers have steadily been growing, and so has their success. By the end of their season, the team had a total of 35 athletes, almost doubling in size. Part of the attraction of the sport is how it is accessible to anyone who wants to participate, no skill levels required. Vollmecke said, "Of course, I can do a cartwheel! I'm an athlete!" Despite this, the club had a surplus of talent, and many athletes went on to have varying levels of success in the sport. The sport has three main events, a 100-meter cartwheel dash, the three-wheel, a race to see who can complete three consecutive cartwheels the fastest and the one-wheel, where the winner is determined by judges on who has the best technique. Cassie Howard, Northwest's star cart wheeler, finished in first place for all three events at the state tournament, ending her senior season undefeated. Howard stated, "I was really glad that Northwest decided to get their own cartwheeling team. It's such an amazing sport, and I think it deserves more recognition."

In late February, Northwest's Cartwheeling Club was invited to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the National High School Cartwheel competition. Prior to this event, the largest cartwheeling contest the CWC had attended was the high school state tournament. However, the competition was thin, and Northwest would sweep all three events. In Ohio, however, the Cartwheel Club faced some high-level competition. One hundred teams from around the country attended the tournament to compete for the title of Top Cart Wheeler. The Northwest Cartwheel Club finished 3rd overall in the nation, an outstanding feat for such a young team. Howard won gold in the three-wheel, her specialty event, and silver in the 100-meter cartwheel dash. Maddie Perez, a sophomore athlete, stated, "Going to the national competition was an amazing experience. It helped the whole team learn more about the sport, and we were able to face some really amazing competition."

Going into next year's season, the team aspires to bring more awareness to the sport and recruit more athletes. Completing their first-ever year in tremendous success, the Cartwheel Club set the foundation for many more successful teams in years to come.

Story by

Avery Herman



NORTHWEST JOUSTING TEAM

On November 28th, 2022 a new sport, indoor jousting, was sanctioned by the state of Iowa. Within the state of Iowa, only Northwest has decided to pick up the sport. Indoor jousting is a very competitive sport where one rider from each team rides on a horse with a medieval lance, riding full speed at one another.

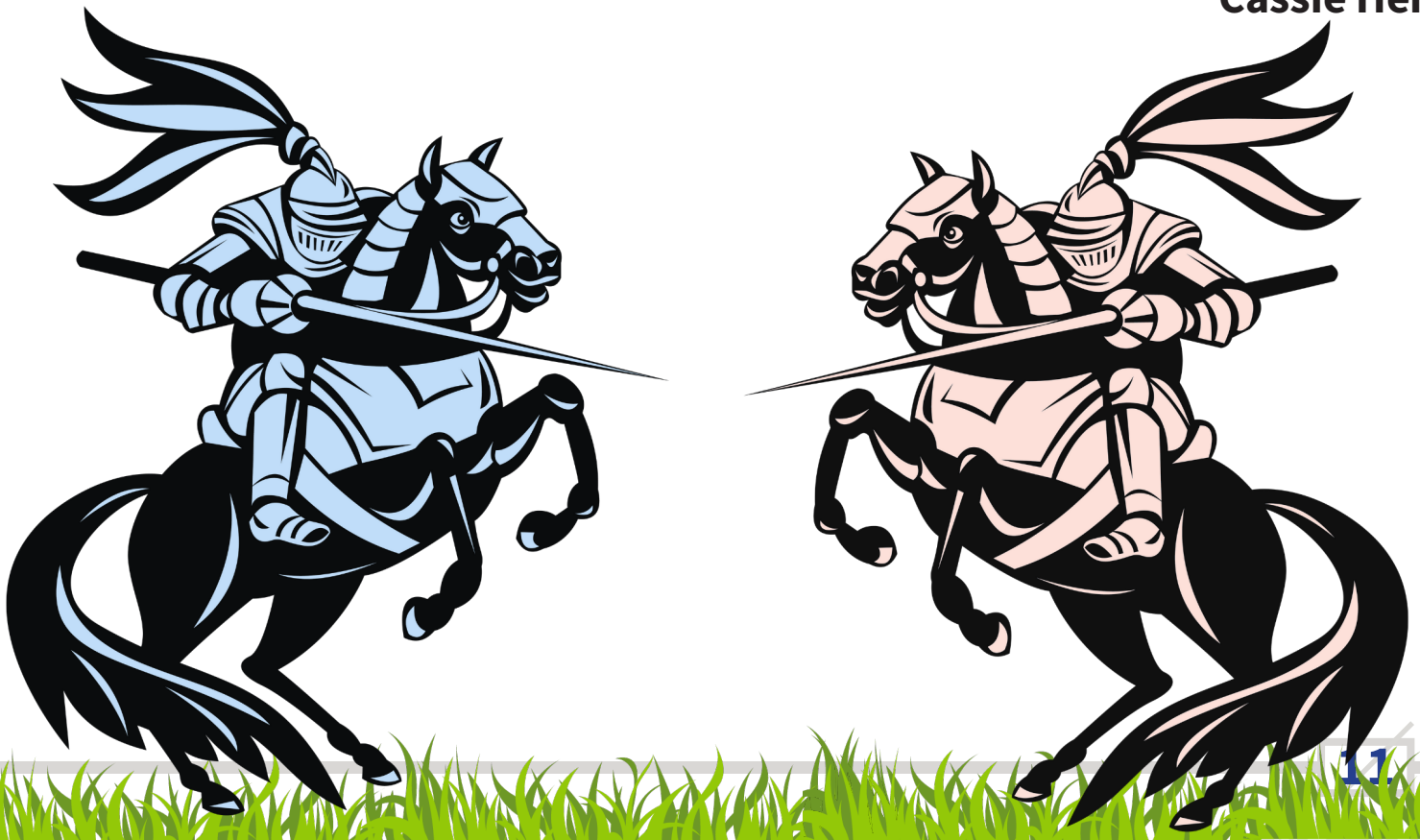
New Northwest coach, Mr. Bryan Cranston, has taken over the role of leading the jousting team against the greatly feared Houston Hartebeest. The Hartebeests are one of three teams within the U.S. Cranston said, "I wanted to take over this new great team here at Northwest. It's horrific that one team has been able to dominate for so long across this country and I'm here to end their 15-year streak." Despite the long streak the Hartebeest has had, they have only been against two other teams for the entirety of those years. Back in 1975, jousting was a massive sport in high school, drawing in crowds that could compete with the Super Bowl. Many schools had to cancel school throughout the midwest due to the number of people watching the sport. Cranston added, "I was one

of those kids that loved the sport, at one point I was the Midwest Jousting Champion." While having not touched the sport since his career-ending injury of a splinter in the rib in 2009, he is determined to take down the Houston Hartebeests.

Star player, 8th grader Gunther Burroughs, picked up the sport after an intense competitive fishing season. He stated, "I saw the new sport and wanted to join. I thought that I would be on a JV team but they didn't have enough people so I was boosted up all the way to Varsity at the high school." The tiny powerhouse has helped to take down many of the practice dummies through the practices as they prepare to go against the Hartebeests on the April 4th. Burroughs stated, "I think I'm pretty confident. Coach Cranston seems excited for the tournament I guess. My horse has been kind of weird recently though." Despite Burroughs horse having had a recent hoof surgery, the horse is expected to make a full recovery before the meet.

Story by

Cassie Heit





BREAKING: DEADLY CAR CRASH AT NORTHWEST

On Friday, March 31st, a deadly 20-car pileup occurred in the Northwest sophomore parking lot.

There were also 5 motorcycles involved in the accident; however, it was not included in the count as motorcycles are not cars. There were also 2 cyclists injured, one of which was Ye West. West was preparing to open for the Annual Northwest Big Time Grain Co. concert when the collision occurred. "Yeah, I just got hit by a car. I'm running for president. Vote for me." Many worry that West suffered further brain damage in the accident. His medications will now be required.

Northwest student Bob Marley was the perpetrator of the incident. Marley said he was preoccupied with listening to his new records and did not notice when senior Bob Dylan cut him off. Marley instantly t-boned Dylan, totaling both cars. Sophomore Bob Ross was intrigued by the accident and began to paint it from the sidelines. "There are no mistakes, only happy accidents. Even in the parking lot," Ross claimed.

Shortly after, Junior SpongeBob Squarepants was caught in the middle of an argument with senior Squidward Tentacles and unknowingly plowed into Dylan and Marley. Around this time, Ye was cycling through the parking lot and was caught in the middle of the collision.

Cars continued to pile up for 15 minutes. Bystander Chris Rock was in awe at the violence of the accident. "It was just like the Grammys." Rock then shivered in horror and ended the interview.

Also responsible for the accident were Bob the Minion, Bob Saget, Bob Duncan, Bob Belcher, Bob Woodward, Bob Barker, Bob Hope, Bob Evans and Uncle Bob. One might call this an epic discombobulation. Many of the Bobs were hospitalized after the incident. Northwest High School has expressed its wishes for their speedy recovery.

One victim's hospitalization sparked a schoolwide controversy. When Squarepants was placed into a medically induced coma, the world-renowned detective team the Scooby Squad broke into his hospital room and unmasked the sponge. To no one's surprise, Squarepants was revealed to be Northwest junior Jack Anderson. Northwest student and real person Hugh Mann stated, "Wait, didn't we already know that?"

Bob Evans supplied food for the families of the killed and injured after his recovery. Bob the Builder also entered the scene to help clean up the 27-vehicle pileup. Builder stated sadly, "Can we drive safely? No, we can't."

Story by

Naomni Pittman

NORTHWEST'S NEW MASCOT

Northwest announced Tuesday that is changing the school mascot back to the Warriors.

Northwest has been thinking about changing the mascot for a while now. They completed an open vote with the students at the school last month. There were 3 different options that the mascot could have been. The first option was to stay with the wolves, the second option– become the knights and the last– go back to the Warriors. When the students voted at the beginning, the wolves were in the lead. At the end of the vote, there was a little spike in votes for the warriors.

Student Dylan Arnold's vote was to stay with the wolves. Arnold is a junior at Northwest high school and loves the school very much. He says that the wolves are more fierce than warriors. "Being the wolves shows that we are

different from the other Waukee schools," stated Arnold.

The knights were an option when the school opened, but it did not win the vote. When this new vote was taken, this was the in-between option. Some people voted for it and others did not even look at it. People that voted for this have said that it would go with old Waukee better. "The knights would be better because the knights are better than the warriors," stated Gavin Cromer.

The last vote was to go back to the Warriors– the winning vote. Many people voted for it as a joke, but then it outweighed the others. Student Chanler Robinson voted to go back to the Warriors. "I mainly voted this as a joke because someone told me to, but I did not think that it would be the winning mascot," mentioned Robinson.

Story by

Lucy Braman

EIGHT PERIOD DAYS



Starting during the 2023-2024 academic year, Northwest High School decided to implement the eight period days back into the students daily schedules. As of the 2022-2023 school year, the days have been set up as four blocks lasting 90 minutes. With an eight period schedule each class would last 45 minutes.

Chad Duck, the Superintendent of Northwest High School, stated, "I decided to change the schools scheduling due to an incident that occurred in the fall of last year." The incident that Chad Duck had mentioned involved two raccoons and a couple of exchange students that had attended Northwest High School. Although the students did not want to speak about the incident, they gave a brief summary of the situation. One of the anonymous exchange students stated, "Initially, we had the thought that our schedules were set up into eight periods, as we thought all high schools in America would have, but that was not the case."

Chad Duck stated, "We found many other benefits to switching to an eight period day." Some of those benefits include getting more learning time and opportunities. Being able to learn as much information as possible is very valuable to the teachers and administrators of Northwest High School. The teachers and administrators are working towards bringing that importance to the attention of students.

Many teachers from Northwest High School have also reached out giving their opinion on these eight period days. Publications teacher, Mrs. Blumberger, stated, "I enjoy this new schedule as it allows me to not overload my students each day and keep them excited about learning something new everyday." Overall, Northwest High School has seen many benefits to an eight period day, from increased test scores, to the student body's overall motivation to learn.

Story by

Cece Martins



NORTHWEST'S NEW PHONE POLICY

On December 12th, the Waukee Community School District Board chose to adapt the Prairieview phone rules into Northwest High School because many believe high school students use their phones during class instead of paying attention to the lessons.

The board decided to take action after countless teachers reported students being on their phones too much during lessons. The board brought the Prairieview phone rules into the high school to encourage students to pay attention more and learn. It is estimated that if phones get removed grades will go up 15%.

Lots of students feel that being unable to have their phones during class is an infliction on the freedom that high schoolers are allowed to have as they matured through life and are starting to take on the responsibilities of an adult. The Prairieview students already feel like the phone rules are not beneficial and have many complaints, but the board still insists on bringing it to the high school level. Some students feel that having their phones during class help benefit the safety of the class environment and leads to more trust between the students and the teachers creating a more work-friendly environment. However, teachers argue the temptation of using phones is still too great in some cases and is preventing talented students from achieving their full academic potential.

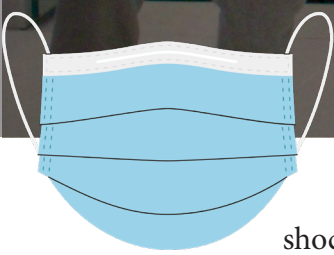
Teachers feel this action taken is not only beneficial for the lessons but also for the building of skills for real-life work environments and skills. This huge debate has put a divide between the students and teachers. Students have admitted to using their phones at unnecessary times but also think there is no harm in just having it on them for just-in-case situations. If something life-threatening happens and students are not allowed to access their phones then that imposes danger for contacting services like EMS and various other what-if situations. This whole situation could have been avoided if only the students of NW chose to use their phones responsibly.

Story by

Evan Scanlan



COVID-19 SHUTS DOWN SCHOOLS



March 13th, 2023, the world was shocked when the government reported COVID-19 was on the rise again. More than half of the American States are in lockdown, and President Joe Biden re-announced that the United States was in a state of emergency.

The Waukee Community District School Board emailed students, parents and staff following the President’s announcement that schools would close starting March 15th and would reopen in the middle of April. This caused a significant outbreak among parents and students. Many parents were upset with the schools choice to close because they believed schools now had the resources to stay open during a pandemic.

“I feel all of the teachers in our school district have the training and knowledge to stay open during this outbreak. The schools could stay open during the 2020 to 2021 school year so why can they not stay open now?” stated kindergarten mother, Barb Grumber.

Northwest student Aliyah Husak stated, “Everyone going to school right now was alive during the first outbreak of COVID-19, so we should all know how to social distance and wear masks. It sucks that my senior year is getting cut short.”

Because of the amount of criticism the school district was facing, Superintendent Peeper Piper held an online school board meeting to discuss the option of reopening the schools.

Superintendent Piper started the meeting off by addressing the faculty and students. He stated, “The school board

is working together to make the safest plan for all students and staff. We know this decision is big, and it will affect our Waukee community so please respect our choices during these times.”

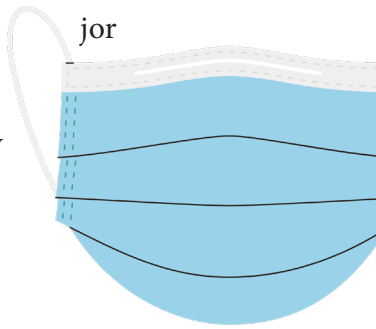
Waukee families listened to the meeting to hear what the school board had to say on the issue. Some parents and children even shared their thoughts and opinions on the topic.

After the school board listened to the complaints of the parents and students they still voted to do online school. This caused even more controversy, and protests occurred the following day outside of the superintendent’s office. Everyone participating in the protest wore masks and practiced social distancing.

Sophomore Kelly Greenland stated, “I am happy we were able to get a big group of people together to protest not being able to attend in-person school.”

The protests got out of hand and the authorities were called to break it up. All the parents and children left with no problems. The online school decision did not change even with the protests.

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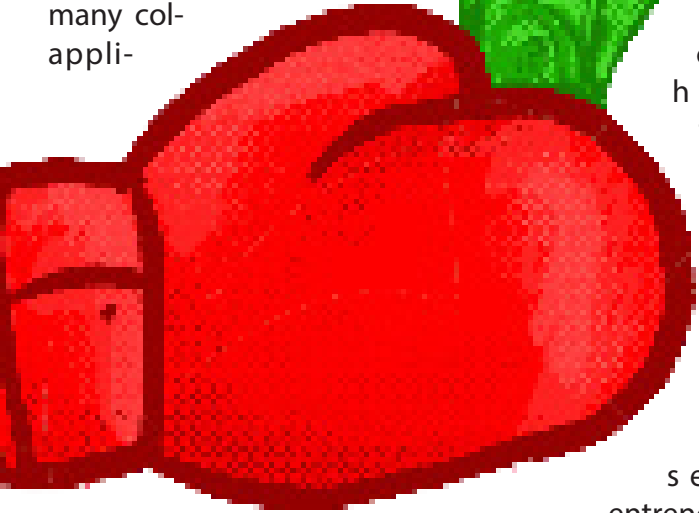


Story by
Laurel Richards

STUDENTS FIGHT COLLEGE DEBT

The United States Government and colleges nationwide have begun to implement a new system for student financial aid.

This year has brought out a better system for student aid, many colleges have found



while loan forgiveness has seen heavy debate within the government, both sides of the debate finally agreed upon a new system: FAFSA, the Fighting Application for Federal Student Aid. This system awards students money not based on academics, but rather physical merit.

This would see potential students fight in arenas across the nation for their scholarships. These fights would be in a tournament setup, granting increased sums of money as students win more and more fights. While this system has received controversy, many argue it is a perfect medium for financial aid. Congresswoman Kay Ossi stated, "We initially debated continuing a system of financial aid based on academic merit, but this made so much more sense. If you are smart enough to pick up a pencil and write Pythagorean theorem, you are smart enough to pick up a battleaxe and fight." Many colleges have begun to implement their own fighting tournaments. Large colleges across Iowa, such as Iowa State and the University of Iowa, will reportedly implement scholarships for pistol duels, boxing, and many more forms of fighting.

This system has received its fair share of debate over the ethics of having students compete in fight pits. Supporters argue that this new system is far more ethical than requiring students to complete the brutal process

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of submitting federal aid applications. Many other students argue that the skills rewarded by the new FAFSA are much more important. FAFSA winner and student Maximus Meridius stated, "I mean yeah, you could just complete an ACT and an application, but is that really the best way to judge someone's abilities? I'd personally follow someone who could throw a punch over someone who knows something useless like grammar rules or multiplication. When do you ever need those in the real world?" This appears to be a popular sentiment, as 100 percent of the winners interviewed agreed that the new FAFSA was a better system.

While the system is loved, many argue that the new FAFSA needs more regulations. The original bill passed was purposely designed to be vague, allowing for school and state interpretations of competition types and money payouts, but some believe this is a bad idea. Iowa student, Joe King said, "This whole thing is a mess. Last time I checked they don't even have weight classes or rules. My school had scholarships for sumo wrestling and I had to watch a friend of mine fight a football player. One of them is 6'4, and one of them failed their P.E. class because they couldn't reach the pull-up bar, so take a wild guess of who won that scholarship." With this in mind, many new activists are demanding radical change in this system, including medical staff being present and basic rules to ensure student safety. Though some argue that this is simply not necessary.

For now, FAFSA remains the system of choice for financial aid in America. Despite its controversies, the government has held its ground and made one message clear. Students who want funds will need to fight for them.

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ED SHEERAN COMPELLS NORTHWEST STUDENTS TO RISE UP

Ed Sheeran released a new song called Ginger Reign last week which contains secret lyrics compelling all gingers to join him in world domination. Ginger Reign has been streamed over one million times and reached the top of the charts. The song has also become very popular at Northwest High School, especially with the redheads.

On March 27th, 2023, the first-ever secret ginger meeting was held in Ireland– where ginger heritage started. Gingers were able to find the meeting spot with the secret lyrics sprinkled throughout the song Ginger Reign. Cult leader Ed Sheeran held the meeting to help convince gingers to join him in his world domination so that no one but true gingers would be left.

The meeting started with Vice President Ruby Red stating, “As gingers, it is our duty to be the superior hair color.” Later into the discussion, leader Ed Sheeran explained, “Red is not just a hair color but a state of mind.” He then continued by sharing his plan on how he would turn everyone into a ginger. The goal was to meet at the end of a rainbow’s pot of gold at the crack of dawn so no ginger would worry about sunscreen and bursting into flames.

Sheeran’s plan is to form a circle, holding hands in hands, then close their eyes and conjure up all of their magical, captivating ginger leprechaun powers. While chanting G-I-N-G-E-R-S, GINGERS, GINGERS, GINGERS!! Finally, they completed the chant with a heel click at the same time on the count of 3. This would be the chant that would change the history of the hair color war along with altering everyone’s hair, turning them into whole ginger.

All gingers who attend Northwest High School agree with their cult leader Ed Sheeran on how every non-ginger should become the superior red hair color. Students met before school on March 28th, 2023 at McDonald’s ordering shamrock shakes and eating lucky charms to help boost their magical leprechaun powers. Students then spoke out in the cafeteria at 8 am on how they fully support turning humans ginger. “I speak for all the gingers at Northwest High School when I say I am in full support of the ginger work domination. It must happen on a cloudy day cause we will all die if we are in the sun,” sophomore Tyler Tatman stated. Since then, students have been asked gingerly by the school to stop all rallies.

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MAN HATES SING 2

Local man Brandon Alessio has hated Sing 2 ever since he saw it in theaters.

It all started when he went to the theaters around Christmas time in 2021 and watched the movie. “I had the misfortune of watching it in theaters for an old job I had,” Alessio said, “I got paid to watch it and I still wasn’t happy with the experience.”

There were many things he hated about the movie but one thing was the message it sent out to the people. The main character, Buster Moon, was seen doing many illegal activities throughout the movie. Moon was seen robbing people, committing identity theft, vandalizing and yet, he was never punished. Alessio believes this movie shows a bad message to children, telling kids to break whatever laws they want, hurt people and do whatever as long as they get what you want in the end. Alessio says he would change the story. Alessio simply stated, “Have consequences.” He goes on and comments on how the movie’s whole premise is how Buster Moon lies to a movie producer and scams them out of money.

Alessio had a very strong hatred for Buster Moon as well. “I think Buster Moon is a parasite, I don’t like him,” he said. Alessio also believes Buster Moon gaslit some characters to go on a road trip that everyone was clearly not wanting to go on. He also talks about how he scammed money out of a movie producer, but the movie tries to make the audience side with Buster Moon since the wolf is trying to kill Buster Moon. “He probably breaks about fifty to a hundred laws in the movie and gets no ramifications whatsoever, and he wins because of it,” Alessio complained.

Alessio finds watching the movie torture, being very vocal about it. Even though he hates it, he uses it to help motivate his students on getting work done. Would he ever watch Sing 2 on his own time? Never. He once made an agreement with a block where if they submit their assignments, he would watch Sing 2 and the more they submit, the more times he would have to watch it. Even when they got to that milestone of making him watch the movie, he put it off but is always a man of his word.

RECESS IS A NEW REQUIRED CLASS

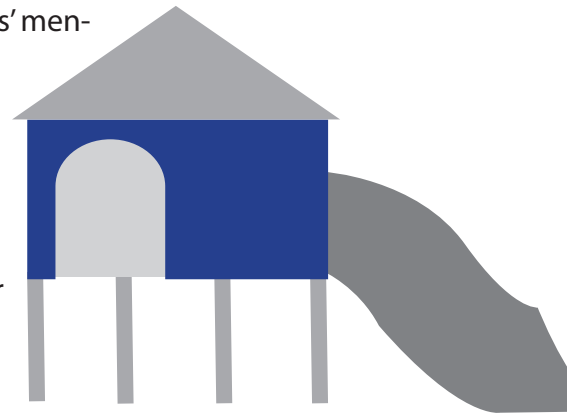
Northwest High School is to add a new required class in the fall of 2023: the beloved recess.

After a rise in depression rates from grades 6-12, many states across America began to add the class. However, Waukee is adding a classic American twist. Recess will not act as a free period or lunchtime, but rather as a class. Students will be assessed and graded on how they spend their recess. Waukee Community Schools District board member Ivana Creye adds, "Passing grades will be given to those who take the time to really embrace their inner child and view recess not as a waste of time, but as an opportunity to enjoy one's self." Students who spend their time working on school work will likely fail recess, as that's not why it is becoming a required course for all students.

Of course, there are some who voice concerns about this new school requirement. Some teachers are worried about how recess will affect their lunch periods, and how the school day schedule will be impacted. AP Calculus teacher at Northwest, Torr Churezkids comments, "These students have their whole lives to be sad about things, but what really matters is that the teachers can still have a 30-minute lunch break so we don't have to hear their whining. I understand this is to help with students' mental health, but the teachers still have feelings too."

Between the grades of sixth grade to senior year, depression rates for teenagers rise by 1,703%. Many scientists are baffled by these statistics and are searching for the cause of this crisis. After an intensive research project in Argentina in 2019, child psychologist Elaine Greenfield discovered that a main benefactor in teenage depression is the removal of recess. Greenfield says, "Many children associate recess with periods of their life filled with joy and unawareness. Being able to give them back a piece of that ignorant bliss from their childhood will help many teenagers cope with the stress of impending adulthood."

Since then, many school systems across the world have started to add recess back into their curriculum, and the results have been incredible. A reported 76% decrease in suicidal thoughts or depressive episodes in teenage students after just one school year of recess in high school classes in the United Kingdom. A recent study in 2022 found that nearly all the students who had recess in high school were obtaining better grades, skipping school less, and getting involved in more extracurricular activities.



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