



The
Northwest
School

E-News

November 18-December 2, 2011

November 23: Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.

November 24-25: No School, Thanksgiving Break

November 24-26: Dorm Closed (reopens Sunday, November 27, at 9:00 a.m.)

No E-News next Friday, November 25

Winter Weather Reminder

Winter weather is on the way! We ask that parents please make themselves familiar with the school's procedures for school closure. In the event of inclement weather, information is available through the following resources:

- Check "Emergency Info" at the schools website: www.northwestschool.org.
- Call the school at 206-682-7309, ext. 3.
- Local media, including radio and television news stations (KOMO, KING, and KIRO-TV, or KIRO-97.3 FM and KOMO-1000 AM radio), and www.schoolreport.org.

Holiday in the Hood

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Sunday, November 20, 2011

Dinner: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Shopping: 6:00 - 8:30 pm

All registered dinner guests should have received a confirmation email. If you made a reservation at one of our participating restaurants and did not receive confirmation, please email [Lauren Nelson](#) and she will get back to you by Saturday evening. Final reservation lists have been sent to participating restaurants, and we ask diners to please honor their reservations. If you need to cancel on the day of the event, please contact the restaurant directly.

While dinner reservations are nearly full, there is plenty of room at the book store. Please join us at the Elliott Bay Book Company on Sunday from 6:00-8:30 p.m. You can buy books for our Library and 10% of the proceeds from your holiday purchases will be given to NWS as a donation. Support NWS while enjoying some holiday fun!

UNIQUELY NORTHWEST



Parent Participation is at 65% - Give Today!

Help us achieve our goal of 100% Annual Fund parent participation by giving [online](#) today. Each gift, regardless of its size, is appreciated and brings us closer to our goal.

If you would rather make your gift later in the school year, you can pledge by email. Pledges sent to [Lauren Nelson](#) immediately update our parent participation total. Thank you in advance for your support of *Uniquely Northwest*.

11th Grade Trip

The 11th Grade Trip is November 21-23. Students will return to campus at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23. Please contact [Amy Berner-Hays](#) with any questions.

College Counseling News

Parent College Conversations

The College Counselors and Ben Lee, Upper School Director, invite you to an informal conversation on college admission. We will be offering two events, one for 9th and 10th grade parents, and one for 11th and 12th grade parents. Our goal in hosting these events is to provide a forum for NWS parents to discuss topics related to college admission that are of importance to you. Please bring your questions and share a cup of coffee with us.

9th and 10th Grade Parent College Conversation

Thursday, December 1

8:00-9:30 a.m.

11th and 12th Grade Parent College Conversation

Tuesday, December 6

8:00-9:30 a.m.

College Application Work Party

Tuesday, November 29

4:30-8:00 p.m.
NWS Computer Lab

A Work Party is an opportunity for students to work on all those things that need get done in order to finalize college applications—applications, supplements, essays, etc. Peter and Morgan will be on hand to answer questions as we take over the computer lab and library. RSVP through Naviance by November 29, at noon (so we can order enough pizza to be delivered at 5:30 p.m.).

Kamimura Hosting Info Session

Every March, Northwest welcomes students from Kamimura Gakuen School, our partner school in Japan, who come to study English and learn about American culture. What the students value most is their time spent with NWS host families.

Are you interested in hosting, but not sure what's it really like?

Join past host parents and NWS faculty to ask your questions and learn more about our over 20 year history with the Kamimura Gakuen School.

Tuesday, November 29

NWS Commons

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Amber Croyle, Summer Camp and Special Programs Coordinator at amber.croyle@northwestschool.org or (206) 816-6202. All questions and requests are welcomed.

Host a French Exchange Student

This is an invitation to all families of 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to consider hosting a French exchange student. Northwest School will be welcoming 21 students from our sister school in Angers, France from Saturday, February 4, to Saturday, February 18, the last two weeks of Quint 3. We are still seeking home-stay situations for eight to ten high school students. This is a great opportunity to get to know a student from France and to see your own city through different eyes. During the week, students will be spending most of their time in school; they will be with their host families only in the evenings and for part of both weekends. It is not necessary that your family speak French to participate—in fact, it may be better if you don't! If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact any of the program's organizers: [Françoise Canter](#), [David Montero](#), or [Sarah Porter](#).

Thank you for supporting the school's international program!

Volunteers for Costume and Set Painting

Volunteers are needed to help at the Costume and Set Painting Work Parties. These drop-in events are being held Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, November 26, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., on the Main Floor and in the Theatre. Volunteers of all abilities are welcome, and you may come and go according to what works for your schedule.

Costumes: If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it. We also need volunteers to bring snacks to feed the hungry sewers. If you can't come, but would love to help, we can also send home a project with your actor. Grandparents, friends, dads, and even your actors are welcome to help! Please email [Laura Ferri](#) if you would like to help.

Set: Bill Johns, our new Technical Director, will be doing painting work on the set in the Theatre during these times. There will be lots of detailing, set decoration, and painting the floor. Students and parents are welcome. Be sure to bring paint clothes, your equilibrium (we'll be doing some ladder work), your sense of humor, and an appetite for pizza. Please email [Bill Johns](#) if you have any questions.

Friday Night Ski and Snowboard Program

It is almost time to hit the slopes with The Northwest School Friday Night Ski and Snowboard Program. Our program is different from other schools' programs in that we take our own bus and we don't limit ourselves to just six weeks. We will start the program at the end of Quint 2 with a trip on Thursday, December 15 (the final day of school before holiday break), if Snoqualmie is open. After that, we go on Friday 1/6, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, and 3/9. There are Fridays when we don't have the Ski Bus because there is a conflict with an overnight outdoor trip such as the "Mt. Baker Igloo Trip" on MLK weekend. Please check the Outdoor Program online schedule for specifics on all the outdoor trips including the ski bus: <http://www.nwschool.org>.

northwestschool.org/calendar/outdoor.shtml.

General information about the Outdoor Program including Friday Night Ski Bus Information, Guidelines and Expectations, and NWS Student Season Pass Info can be found here:

<http://www.northwestschool.org/outdoor-program>. Only NWS students are eligible to purchase a discounted season pass, and passes must be purchased before December 15. The pass application is password protected on our website. You can access it with the following login and password:

Login: parents

Password: mtAdams1112

For more information about the NWS Outdoor Program, contact [Glen Sterr](#) or [Herb Bergamini](#). Contact [Mike Mullen](#) with any questions about the NWS Student Discounted Summit-at Snoqualmie Season Passes.

Parent Association News

Quint 2 Parent Calls

Parent reps will be calling and/or emailing to check in with families during the end of November or early December. It is most helpful to our reporting system if you respond to their outreach even if you don't feel like you have much to report. If your household did not receive a call for quint 1, please let the Parent Association co-chairs know.

Upper School contacts:

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Anna Dong, adong123@comcast.net

Middle School contacts:

Julie Packard, juliepackard@comcast.net

Helen Moure, hbmoure@hotmail.com

Survey Summary

Last year the Parent Association conducted a survey of all families with the goal of better understanding how to make the parent rep process as successful as possible. A summary of the survey results should be arriving in the mail this week.

Bistro Night

Thanks to all the volunteers that made Bistro Night a success for another year! Over 170 Upper School students attended this Community building event at different host families around the city last weekend. The feedback from both students and families was positive. Thanks for a great night!

Thank you to our Open House Parent Volunteers!

The NWS Middle School and Upper School Open Houses were held on November 15th and 16th. These events are very important evenings for our school as they offer prospective families an opportunity to experience all that NWS has to offer. Both Open Houses were wonderfully successful, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers:

Donna Barker
Chris Barker
Susan Bellan
Claudia Benbow
Gaelen Billingsley
Andrew Borges, NWS Trustee
Lee Brillhart
Karen Campbell
Madlen Caplow
Suzanne Cole
Sayre Coombs
Nina Crocker
Betsey Curran
Eliza Davidson
Gretchen Dingman
George Edwards, NWS Trustee
Audrey Fine
Barb French
Richard Furman
Jeanne Garland
Michael Harding
Melora Hiller
Sonya Hu
Marsha Hudson

Kate Jacobson
Gail Jarvik
Mary Lynn Jensen
Felicia Job
Deb Johnston
Sarah Jones
Jon Kawaguchi
Leslie Keeney
Alma Kimura
Liz Kinerk
Sam Lanier
Paula Langbehn
Louisa Malatos
Eleanor Marsh
Beth Mondzac
Sue Monroe
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Ruth Norwood
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