



E-News

November 4-18, 2011

No School: Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11

Parent Login for Website

Each year we provide parents with a login so that you can access password protected areas of our website. While we make every effort to avoid this step, some information, such as Quint Reports, will be protected. The password has been reset for this year for secure files and the login info for parents is:

Username: parents

Password: mtAdams1112

Open Houses

The NWS opens its doors to prospective families in November and January of each year. These informational events provide prospective students and families with the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and have their questions about the school answered.

This year's November Open Houses are scheduled for:

Middle School: Tuesday, November 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Upper School: Wednesday, November 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Photo Retakes

Photo retakes with Yuen Lui will be on Wednesday, November 9. Order forms are available in the main office.

Upcoming Parent Coffees

Come chat with Megan, our school counselor, and Ben or Tuney, our division directors, about parenting joys and challenges. Share your advice with other parents, and leave with a few ideas of things to try, or tools to add to your parenting tool box. We'll provide the coffee, you provide the conversation (we'll come armed with interesting topics, just in case). Coffees are once a quint and are listed on the wall calendar. Here are the details for the Quint II parent coffees:

- Middle School Parent Coffee with Megan and Tuney - Wednesday, November 9th from 8-9am in the Library Reading Room
- Upper School Parent Coffee with Megan and Ben - Thursday, November 10th from 8-9am in the Library Reading Room

Outdoor Program

The Geocaching Day Hike trip will take place on Friday, November 11 (Veteran's Day). This outing is an opportunity for beginner and experienced hikers alike to enjoy the wilderness of Washington and visit several geocaches ("treasure boxes" located using latitude and longitude coordinates) in an area along the I-90 corridor. For more information, visit the [Outdoor Program](#) section of the school website.

College Counseling News

College Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, November 8, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Students and parents interested in learning more about the process of applying for college financial aid are invited to attend this session. Our presenter will be Rebecca Wonderly, Associate Director of Student Financial Services at Seattle University.

Please plan to enter the building through the main entrance. Doors will lock at 7:10 p.m. If you arrive late, please call 206-819-6229 and someone will meet you at the door and let you in.

Hope to see you at Financial Aid Night!

Upcoming College Visits

The University of Montana, Missoula, November 7, 10:45 a.m.

New York University - Abu Dhabi, November 7, 11:35 a.m.

California College of the Arts, November 8, 10:45 a.m.

Western Washington University, November 8, 12:25 p.m.

University of Connecticut, November 10, 2:00 p.m.

Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence University (NY), November 14, 1:15 p.m.

Kalamazoo College (MI), November 15, 9:00 a.m.

Late Dismissal for 6th Grade: November 18

We are excited to let you know about an upcoming event for the 6th grade humanities classes. It will require a change in the dismissal time for all 6th graders on Friday, November 18. On that day, we will be partnering with Francoise Canter's 12th grade Comparative Literature class to explore and write about our Quint One novel, *The Giver*. Because of the seniors' schedules, we will be having a special humanities class on Friday, November 18, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Thus, 6th graders will be finished for the day at 3:30 p.m., instead of their usual Friday dismissal time of 2:45 p.m. If your student has a schedule conflict that prevents his or her participation on November 18, please let [Heather Hall](#) or [Mackenzie Prentice](#) know right away, so we can plan appropriately.



Holiday in the Hood

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Dinner: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Shopping: 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Space is filling up! Dinner reservations are still available at Samurai Noodle, Elliott Bay Café, and Terra Plata, with limited space available at Oddfellow's Cafe.

Don't forget to register by November 14th. To view event information, and a list of our participating restaurants, please [click here](#).

We need volunteers to help us greet dinner guests, or work along our librarians in the bookstore. If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Lauren Nelson](#).

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Teachers Share Why They Support the Annual Fund

"I give to the Annual Fund because I believe that the community and education that happens at The Northwest School causes real and lasting good. I have seen it for my students, myself, my family, and my fellow alumni. Putting some money back into programs here and, more importantly, being counted among the supporters of this school, is a great thing to do to give back. It's a way to share, publically, that I love working here."

Kathryn Wallace, Math & Science Teacher, NWS Alum, Class of 1995

"I view giving to the Annual Fund similarly to joining the PTSA when I worked for Seattle Public Schools. It is an important gesture of being a member of a community that together supports the work of the school. It is a gesture of my involvement in Northwest being more than just an employment opportunity."

Sue Maul, Math Teacher

Join our dedicated teachers in supporting Uniquely Northwest and make your gift [online](#) today. You may also pledge by email by contacting Annual Fund & Events Manager, [Lauren Nelson](#). Don't forget to tell us how you are Uniquely Northwest when you complete your pledge card or online gift.

Thank you for your support.

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 the possibility 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) 423-4377. I welcome your questions and requests.

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!

Faculty News

Once a month, the E-News will provide you with information about what our talented faculty members. The information is provided to you by the faculty members, and will showcase the many community events, performances, and activities in which they are involved. If you have any questions about this material, please contact the faculty directly.

Gretchen Yanover will be performing as a member of the cello section of Northwest Sinfonietta on Friday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m., at Benaroya's Nordstrom Recital Hall. For more information, visit the website at www.northwestsinfonietta.org.

Laura Ferri choreographed nine period dances for "Pride and Prejudice" at Cornish College of the Arts. Her production of "Danger: Books!" for Book-It Repertory Theatre has been touring Washington with a stop at NWS during Community Meeting for Banned Books Week in September.

Jeanne Ferraro will be having a show of her sculpture:

Vidressencia: Curitiba, Seattle, Lisboa Exhibition
November 3 -26
Pratt Gallery at the Tashiro Kaplan Studios
312 South Washington Street, Studio 1A, Seattle, WA 98104
Open Wednesdays –Saturdays, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Opening Reception:
First Thursday, November 3, 5- 8pm

Artist Lecture:
November 4, 6:30 p.m.
Pratt Fine Arts Center, 1902 South Main Street, Seattle, WA 98144

Vidressencia: Curitiba, Seattle, Lisboa celebrates the international spirit and essence of glass and features work by Seattle artist Jeanne Ferraro, Brazilian artist Maria Luiza Marques and Portuguese artist Teresa Almeida.

Nancy Highiet attended the AASL (American Association of School Librarians) National Conference in Minneapolis, MN. with 2,300 school librarians from around the country and the world. She visited with a librarian from a school in Peru on the tour of Independent School Libraries. New York Times bestselling author, Nicholas Carr gave the keynote address on his book *The Shallows: What the Internet is doing to our brains*. This interesting and controversial title is in our NWS Library Collection.

Suzanne Bottelli has been awarded a two-week residency in November at the Icicle Creek Music Center in Leavenworth to work on a poetry project.

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