



E-News

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NWS in Asia

This week, Head of School Mike McGill, Upper School Director Ben Lee, and Director of Development Leila Thomas, attended NWS Parent Association meetings in Seoul, South Korea; Shanghai, China; and Taipei, Taiwan. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of their hosts in each city, who shared their cultural heritage and delicious meals. They will post details and photos from their trip next week.

Parent Survey Deadline Extended

The Northwest School parent survey for our PNAIS accreditation will be available online through next Friday, November 4. Your participation provides us with important data that will help the school complete our self-study.

To access the survey, simply click on the link provided to all parents and guardians in the emailed version of the weekly E-News, or cut and paste the entire URL into your browser. If you are a current parent or guardian and did not receive the E-News via email, please contact Robynn Polansky, and she will provide you with the URL to the survey.

If you have any questions about the survey or experience trouble accessing it online, please contact [Robynn Polansky](#), Marketing Manager. For questions about the PNAIS accreditation process, please contact [Alan Braun](#), Assistant Head of School.

Please help us by taking the survey today. If you have already participated, thank you!

We Are Uniquely Northwest: Give to the Annual Fund Today

"Our son, who just started sixth grade, absolutely loves the experience he has had thus far. He is energized about learning, especially about the topics covered in his Humanities class. We hope our donation assists all of the teachers and students to duplicate his feelings of being Uniquely Northwest!"

-New Parents, Glenn MacDonald and Amanda Twiss

We are Uniquely Northwest. Each gift, regardless of its size, makes a daily, direct, and positive difference in the lives of our faculty and students. Help us achieve our goal of 100% parent participation by making 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 supporting our Annual Fund.

The Northwest School [Annual Report 2010-2011](#) is now available online.

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 questions about the school answered.

This year's 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

Call for Volunteers: Open Houses

Our Open Houses are very important evenings for our school as they offer prospective families an opportunity to experience all that NWS has to offer.

Middle School Open House - Tuesday, November 15 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. - *17 Meet and Greet Volunteers and 3 Parking Volunteers still needed!*

Upper School Open House - Wednesday, November 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. - *10 Meet and Greet Volunteers and 3 Parking Volunteers still needed!*

To volunteer for this year's Open Houses, please contact [Lauren Nelson](#).

Meet and Greet Volunteers are placed in locations throughout the school to greet, help guide visitors to classrooms, etc. We are also looking for a few parents who would be willing to help NWS faculty with parking and traffic flow.



Holiday in the Hood
Sunday, November 20, 2011
Dinner: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Shopping: 6:00-8:30 p.m.

New Restaurant Added! We are excited to include Terra Plata, a new Capitol Hill restaurant from chef Tamara Murphy.

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

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information, please contact [Lauren Nelson](#).

Fall Parent Education Forum

Date: Wednesday, November 2
Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Social begins at 6:30 p.m.; Presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.)
Location: NWS Commons

At Home in the World: Global Perspectives and The Northwest School Experience

Join Alan Braun, Assistant Head of School, for an evening of information, exploration, and discussion about what "global perspective" means at The Northwest School. By listening to the voices of international students

and tapping into his own experiences living and teaching abroad, Alan will present insights and a framework for understanding The Northwest School's goal of "cultural competence." For more information, please [click here](#). You can also read more from Alan at the [NWS Now Blog](#).

Blood Drive

We will be having our fall blood drive on Wednesday, November 9, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., sponsored by the Puget Sound Blood Center. The Blood Mobile will be parked in the south lot. Anyone who is age 16 or over is eligible to donate, and parental permission is required for students between 16 -18 years old. All adult community members are invited to donate. Please contact Cecilia Tung for an appointment time or for more information (cecilia.tung@northwestschool.org).

Bistro Night

Bistro Night is Saturday, November 5, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This community event is generously hosted by NWS families to bring domestic and international students together for an evening of fun, food, and friendship. It is for Upper School students only. Please encourage your student(s) to sign up with Kevin Alexander, or at the main office by Monday, October 31. Students can also sign up by emailing [Anna Dong](#), Bistro Night Coordinator. We look forward to another successful year!

Upcoming Parent Coffees

Come chat with Megan, our school counselor, and Ben or Toney, 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 Toney: Wednesday, November 9, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Library Reading Room
- Upper School Parent Coffee with Megan and Ben: Thursday, November 10, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Library Reading Room

Student, Parent, and Advisor Conferences

Student, Parent, and Advisor Conferences are next Friday, November 7, for 6-9th graders. For those students, there are no regular classes. There is also no after school program. 10-12th graders have regular classes. Conferences are held in classrooms and offices throughout the building. Please come to the front office before your conference to find its location. If you have not scheduled your conference yet, please email [Barbara Pinti](#) or phone at (206) 682-7309.

Outdoor Program: San Juan Islands Bike Trip

The San Juan Islands Bike Trip is next weekend, November 4-6. Students are invited to come on out and ride their bikes on Lopez Island, renowned among cyclists as very bike-friendly. This annual fall excursion is always a great trip, regardless of the weather, because we are able to stay in a warm house courtesy of a NWS family. A full trip description is available [here](#).

Upcoming Trip Reminder: Mount Baker Igloo Trip forms and fees need to be submitted to Herb Bergamini by November 15.

College Counseling News

Seniors: Application Work Party

The College Counselors are hosting another application work party on Thursday, November 3, 2011, from

4:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza will be served. Registration is required so that we will know how much food to order. To RSVP for the party, please have your student log in to their Naviance account, click on the "College" tab, click on "View All Upcoming Visits", scroll down to "Senior Application Work Party", and click to register.

College Financial Aid Night: Tuesday, November 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Parents and students 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.

College Representative Visits: For a full listing of college rep visits in the next few weeks, [click here](#).

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