



E-News

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Curriculum Night

We hope all parents will join us for Curriculum Night on Wednesday, October 5, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please remember that parking in the area is limited. For helpful parking information, please click [here](#). The evening program begins in the NWS Commons, and the schedule is as follows:

- 6:30: refreshments
- 6:45: get schedules
- 7:00: program begins—don't be late to class!

Upcoming Construction Projects

Starting Monday, October 3, we will be getting to work on two small construction projects to upgrade the accessibility of our facilities. The first project is the placement of three curb cuts nearby; two will be at the top of Crawford, and one will be directly across Union on Summit. The second project will be in our dining hall and is estimated to take one month. During this time, the second exit door to the dining hall will be inaccessible. We are not allowed to carry peanut butter back through the main dining room because several of our students have severe peanut allergies, and so not having a second exit means that we will not be offering peanut butter for this month. Bread and jam will still be available. Thank you for your understanding.

Self-Study Surveys

The Northwest School has begun its next accreditation process through the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools (PNAIS). This process occurs regularly and our last evaluation took place in 2003. The process kicks off with a comprehensive self-study. The first step for us is to survey our various constituents, including parents and guardians. This survey will be sent to you in the E-News on October 14. We ask that you please take the time to complete the survey as it provides us with valuable information as we examine every aspect of our school.

Parent Association Corner

Upper School parents should expect an email and/or a phone call from a Parent Rep, over the weekend or early next week. The Upper School Parent Rep and Administration meeting for quint 1 is Friday, October 7, and so all parent input about the first quint will need to be gathered by Tuesday, October 4. Middle School parents have extra time for rep contacts and replies, as the Middle School Parent Rep and Administration meeting is not until October 21. We look forward to hearing from you.

Calling all Volunteers: Dough & Joe is October 11-13!

Dough & Joe, our NWS Annual Fund morning event, is coming up on October 11th, 12th, and 13th, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and we need parent volunteers.

As parents drop off their students in the morning, volunteers will be positioned around the school to wave signs, collect gifts, and serve up yummy morning treats and coffee on Crawford Street.

To volunteer for this fun event, please let [Lauren Nelson](#) know which mornings you are available.

Movie Night: *Finding Kind*

NWS is having a free screening of *Finding Kind* in the Commons on Thursday, Oct 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The documentary about girl on girl bullying was a selection for SIFF and recommended to us by a student. The directors will be speaking at Community Meeting that morning. To learn more the film, please visit the *Finding Kind* [website](#).

Donate Plastic Bags and Bubblewrap

In an effort to reuse and reduce waste, the Ceramics department is, once again, accepting donations of your used large clear plastic dry-cleaning bags and bubblewrap. Large clear plastic dry-cleaning bags are perfect for slowing the drying of ongoing ceramic masterpieces, and bubblewrap helps safely transport our finished artwork. We're only seeking donations of large clear dry-cleaning bags at this time as other types of plastic bags aren't as useful. Any bubblewrap will do! Thank you.

Upper School Dance: "Roamcoming"

Date: Friday, October 14

Time: 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Location: Upper Hall-NWS

Cost: \$10, \$8 with a can of food for the Downtown Food Bank

NWS might not have a home field for homecoming, but we will be celebrating "Roamcoming" on Friday, October 14. Students are encouraged to attend the ultimate, soccer, and volleyball games which take place during the day from Tukwila to Wedgewood. In the evening, the Upper School dance will take place from 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall. Students are invited to wear appropriate Roman garb and not to dance like Visigoths.

International Trips Information Night

Date: Monday, October 10

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: NWS Commons

All juniors and seniors thinking about going on one of the school's four international trips this year should attend this event with their parent(s) or guardian(s) both to get information and to let us know who is interested in each trip. The trips to El Salvador, Spain, and Cambodia are limited to juniors and seniors. The China trip may open to younger students at a later date, but this initial meeting is to determine how many juniors and seniors are planning on taking part in the trips this year. We will start with a general overview about international trips at the Northwest School: why we do them, the process for joining the trip of your choice, guidelines for safety, health, and meaningful participation, estimated costs, and other logistical considerations. Following that general presentation, each set of trip leaders will meet with the students and parents interested in that particular trip to offer more specific information and address issues particular to that trip.

The trips for this school year and their approximate dates are:

- El Salvador, March 3-17, 2012 (weeks 2 and 3 of Quint 4)
- Spain, March 24-April 15, 2012 (last two weeks of Quint 4 to mid-Spring Break)
- Shanghai-Taipei, April 7- 21, 2012 (Spring Break)
- Cambodia, April 7- 21, 2012 (Spring Break)

Please visit the online calendar for more information about this event. If you have any questions about this information evening or about the trips in general, please contact Glen Sterr, Dean of Faculty, at 206-816-6034 or at Glen.Sterr@northwestschool.org.

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