



dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



Northridge Hall of Fame Class of 2019

This month we continue the 2019 Northridge Hall of Fame articles by featuring **Michael Tomlinson**.

An outstanding high school student-athlete, Michael graduated from NHS in 1976. He recalls with much gratitude and respect the various mentors who served him:

- Coaches **Meggyesy, Hammel, Pfaff, and Drayton** for the challenges and making him a man.
- Teachers **Griesmeyer, Sharp, Duvall, and Allen** for expecting quality academic work.

- Counsellor **Sheehan** for his constant mentoring and support.

His appreciation and respect for education and teaching inspired him to move in that direction when he enrolled at Wright State University to pursue his Bachelor of Fine Arts, finishing in 1983 with concentrations in drawing, sculpture, and print-making.

Michael has been a teacher and coach for over thirty years in the state of Florida. Teaching tenures have included Deltona High School, Holly Hill Junior and Middle School and Mainland High School in Daytona Beach. He comments strongly, *“Teachers and coaches affect students so much . . . and I realize my teaching and coaching philosophy was forged when I was a student at Northridge High School.”*

He has enjoyed the challenges of coaching various athletes in the sports of football, wrestling, martial arts, and weight lifting. As a teacher he has excelled in the classroom teaching art, art 2-D composition, and computer graphics.

Michael’s teams through the years have excelled and achieved various honors:

- Volusia County Junior High Championships.
- Florida High School 5th Place in Weightlifting Contest (1995).
- Trained 1995’s 238 lb. state Weightlifting champion.
- Coached football teams (Mainland) into Florida state playoffs for the last 25 years.

Teacher/coach Tomlinson has given time and effort for computer graphic curriculum development; he was a founding member of a new computer-based learning program for his high school; also, he has worked to receive thousands of dollars for national grants supporting multi-media technology. Michael is currently teaching at University High School; Orange City, Florida, specializing in digital media. In his spare time, he has also specialized in the field of Hapkido and has received his 4th and 5th degree black belts from the founder—Grandmaster **Ji Han Jae**.

In July 1989, Michael married the love of his life **Tracy**, who is an elementary school teacher. Together they are extremely proud of daughter **Sara**, who currently works as a Mental Health/Substance Abuse Counselor in St. Augustine, Florida.

Fiore Earns OSBA Award

(Excerpted from OSBA customized press release dated February 2019.)

“**Columbus - Tina M. Fiore**, board member, Northridge Local School Board, will be presented with the Ohio School Boards Association’s Award of Achievement at one of the association’s spring region conferences.

The conference will be held in Lebanon on Tuesday, March 12.

The Award of Achievement is given to school board members in recognition of their commitment to training and leadership activities on their boards of education and region as well as statewide OSBA activities.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school board members.

In its 64th year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio’s public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.”



NEWS

Northridge Community

Student and Staff Recognition

Each month the Northridge Board of Education honors outstanding students throughout the district based on the Northridge Core Values.

On February 11th the School Board honored the following students from Timberlane Learning Center: **Elias Boyd, Amelia Snowden, and Whitlee Willis**; from John H. Morrison Elementary: **Mauriyah Alford, Louden McDaniel, Madison Napier, Jareck Carroll-Martinez, Elexus Cassell, Mariah Davis, Skyler Foster, Analise Lacking Frederick**; and from EDMS/GK: **Kyah Blake, Simon Dysart, Callista Gibson, Ryan Hutchinson, Aunesty Ramey, Aubrey Snowden, Timothy Taubert, and Natalee Willis**.

The board also recognized two employees from Timberlane Learning Center: kindergarten teacher, **Christina Millard-Halburnt** and custodian, **Tony Branscomb**. Congratulations to all!



Action Through Education

On January 28th Northridge High School seniors began a 3-day workshop conducted by *The Community Overdose Action Team*, sponsored by Dayton and Montgomery County Health in conjunction with Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Services and Public Health Services.

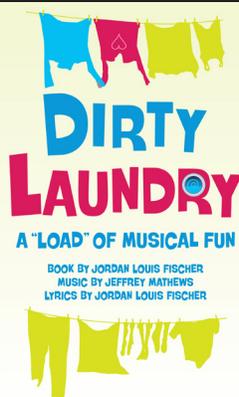
The workshop was coordinated by **Sharon Coleman** in order to educate students about the opioid/heroin epidemic in Montgomery County and identify services available to prevent or overcome drug addiction. This program will also be presented to the juniors later this month.



Dirty Laundry

The Northridge Drama Club will be presenting *Dirty Laundry* as it's spring musical this year. *Dirty Laundry* follows the hilarious tale of two competing hamper manufacturers as one tries to avoid bankruptcy and the other competes to be the only hamper company in town.

Shows are March 15th & 16th at 7:00 p.m., and March 17th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students/senior citizens. This show is a "load" of musical fun!



EVENTS Calendar

- 10 **Daylight Savings Time**
Set Clocks Forward 1 Hour
- 11 TLC/JHM PTO Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. at TLC
- 11 EDMS/GK PTO Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. in cafeteria
- 11 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.
- 15-16 NHS Drama Presents
Dirty Laundry - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 NHS Drama Presents
Dirty Laundry - 2:00 p.m.
- 17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- 22 Staff Development
- No School
- 25 Board of Education Mtg
- 5:00 p.m.



March 25-29
SPRING BREAK!

March Sports

Varsity Baseball (Game time 5:00 unless noted)

- 16 Franklin Monroe - Scrimmage
- 12:00 p.m.
- 18 Middletown Christian*
- 19 Covington
- 20 Twin Valley South*
- 23 Brandford - DH 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Milton Union
- 27 Milton Union*

Varsity Softball (Game time 5:00 unless noted)

- 15 Carroll
- 18 Middletown Christian*
- 19 Covington
- 23 Trotwood* - DH 12:00 p.m.
- 25 Milton Union
- 27 Milton Union*

Boys Varsity Tennis

- 22 Middletown - 4:00 p.m. * Home

Find more athletic schedules at www.gopolarbears.com.

Preschool Registration

Pre-School Registration
FREE Public Preschool for
ALL Northridge Residents Age 4

Provided by:

Champion's Preschool
Registration Begins April 1st
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Champion's Preschool Office

You will need to bring with you:
* Child's Original Birth Certificate
* Child's Insurance Card
* Custody Papers, If Applicable
* Parent/Guardian Valid ID
* 2 Proofs of Residency
(Lease and Utility Bill)
* Proof of Income (Last 3 pay stubs of **EVERYONE** in the home, current OWF/Food Stamps or SSI award letters.)

To be eligible, preschoolers must be 4 years old by August 1, 2019 and NOT eligible for Kindergarten, be potty trained (no pull-ups), and live in Northridge Local School District. Registration will be filled on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis. There is limited space in each classroom.

Children **DO NOT** need to be present at registration, but **WILL** need to be present at orientation in the fall. For more information, please call (937) 424-1800.

Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

A district wide sub sandwich sale is running from February 11th through March 8th. The sandwiches are on an 8 inch sub bun with salami, ham, pepperoni, cheese, sub sauce and optional banana peppers. They are being sold for \$5.00 each. Exact cash or checks made payable to *Northridge Local Schools* will be accepted.

Please send your order form to school with your student by February 28th. Payment may be made at time of order or when subs are picked up on Friday, March 15th.

All profits go toward the purchase of candy and gifts for the Community Egg Hunt as well as food and gifts for after prom.

For any questions or to place an order, please contact **Margie Lairson** by phone at 277-7488 or by text at 232-0471.

Thank you for your order and your continued support of this project.

The Dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools can be found on the Northridge website. Go to www.northridgeschools.org.

and click on the Downloads page.

Academic Parent-Teacher Partnership

Families of students in grades K-6 participated in the second Academic Parent-Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings in January. These interactive gatherings between families and teachers focus on the growth of students in regards to specific learning standards. Teachers share progress-monitoring data for each student. Families learn to play engaging educational games and leave with all the materials needed to play the games at home. For example, third grade is focusing on student mastery of multiplication facts. Families left the meeting knowing how to play a variety of multiplication games with only a deck of playing cards. Families have already shared that their students have shown tremendous growth in their learning since these meetings last month. APTT will help Northridge continue the important bridge of communication and collaboration between teachers and parents so we are all working on the same common goal of student success. Mark your calendars for the third APTT meeting coming up in April:

TLC: Monday, April 22, 2019 5:30-7:00

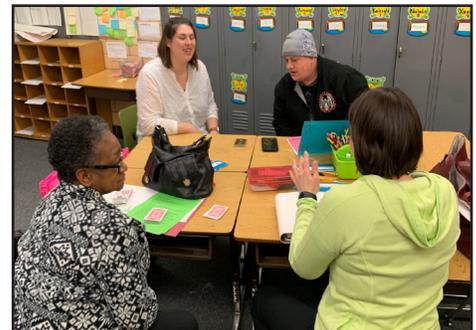
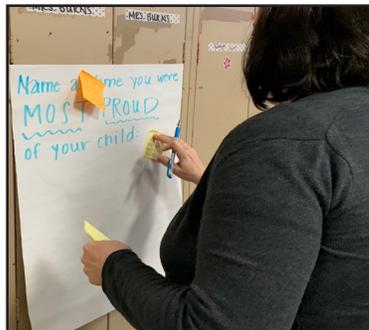
JHM: Monday, April 22, 2019 5:30-7:00

EDMS/GK: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 5:00-6:30

Be on the lookout for more information coming home inviting you to the third APTT meeting in your building. For more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Laura Inkrott**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at linkrott@northridgeschools.org.

FEA Fieldtrip

NHS Future Educators of America members visited the *Cincinnati Terminal Museum* this month, accompanied by advisor **Barb Mendoza** and faculty members **Tim Broughton** and **Dianna Outten**. Thanks to a generous grant from the museum, the kids viewed an Omnimax film about volcanoes, and learned about dinosaurs and Cincinnati's past and various other offerings.



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