

# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



## Northridge Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Each month, the *Dividends* will feature one of the new members of the 2019 Northridge Hall of Fame. We begin this month with **Patricia A. Coleman**.

Pat was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1944. She was the sixth of eight children, and her family and she moved to the Dayton area in 1948. Attending various city schools, Pat was a proud 1962 graduate of Roosevelt High School. An outstanding student, she did her undergrad work at Sinclair and Central State University (1990), earning Cum Laude honors at both colleges. In 1993 Pat received her Master's in Education from the University of Dayton. Certainly she possessed much ambition and drive.

Obviously she loved teaching children and began her career in the Dayton School System. Her positions and titles were many:

- Director of the Maria Joseph Early Childhood Center.
- Teacher at Morrison Elementary.
- Coordinator, the Books to Bridges Adult Literacy/GED program at NHS.
- Principal at Morrison (1998-2008).
- Part time instructor at both Sinclair and University of Dayton.

Through her years of service, Pat Coleman had much love and respect for students. She truly believed that, *"All kids can learn; we must love and care for them; we should give them our time and our very best efforts."*

As a long time leader in the Northridge Schools, Pat volunteered to serve on the Northridge Hall of Fame Committee. Her duties and responsibilities were many; certainly, she was a detail person for the different events of that special three-day period of the Northridge Hall of Fame ceremonies. Her attitude was positive and warm as she reached out to those parties working with her and for her.

Pat and husband, **JT (James)** were together for over fifty years. When James was stricken with cancer, she was by his side in every way. At that time, Pat herself was fighting the same disease. Through all of these health issues, she was committed and determined to be active and strong in the face of such adversity.

Pat and JT were blessed with two children—**James Trey Coleman** and **Natalie Webb**—and four grandchildren. All were hugely important to them. For Pat all life was important: family, friends, church,

students, and Northridge. She always had that great smile for all.

A colleague and friend says, *"Pat was so special that it is difficult to put her value and effect on people in words. She was truly loved and respected by everyone she encountered, especially the Northridge community."*

## 52nd Annual Homecoming Parade



On October 7th, the 52nd Annual Northridge Homecoming-Community Parade, with a theme of *Who's Your Hero*, brought to a close a very warm homecoming weekend. The parade was lead by its new Chair, **Brian Smith**, Pastor of the *First Heavy Metal Church of Christ*. The Northridge High School varsity football team, who had an awesome victory over Oakwood in Friday night's game, was among nearly 50 entries in this year's line-up. Also participating were the Homecoming court; NHS Manufacturing Class; cheer squads; band; Polarettes and flags; and middle school's volleyball, cross-country and football teams. The Northridge School Board members, Transportation, Food Service, and Hall of Fame inductees were joined

by Kroger's Barney Wagon, Lee's Chicken, Sheriff's Swat Team, Dayton Dragon's **Gem**,  
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# NEWS

## Northridge Community



### Student Recognition

The Northridge Local School board honors students in the district who have demonstrated one or more of the 40 Developmental Assets as identified by the Search Institute. These research-based attributes represent every-day wisdom about positive experiences and characteristics for young people. The areas that Northridge Schools are focusing on include: Support, Empowerment, Boundaries, and Expectations, Constructive Use of Time, Commitment to Learning, and Positive Values.



Students are nominated each month by teachers or administrators in their buildings. Northridge High School



Students who received recognition at the October 8th BoE meeting were 8th graders, **Vincent Parsons-Green** and **Raegan Young**. John H. Morrison recognized six students, **Andrew Buelow**, **Cambrie Fuduloff**, **Spencer Hoskins**, **Rylee Kalak**, **Jaxson Short**, and **Lily Williams**.

### Outdoor Classroom at EDMS/GK

The *Green Thumb Club* at EDMS/GK is in full swing this year. Not only are students caring for school grounds but bringing academics into the garden. This year students have begun incorporating science and language arts into the green space. Members of the *Green Thumb Club* are creating story gardens inspired by *The Gnomist: A Great Big Beautiful Act of Kindness*. Students are writing interactive stories to display in the garden. These will change as the seasons change.

Along with advisors, **Sheena Burns**, **Walt Petroski**, and **Judi Hunter**, *The Green Thumb Club* is also working to create an outdoor classroom. Two willow trees have already been planted to begin this classroom area which the students have fondly named *Slim Shady* and *Twiggy*.



### Girl of La Mancha

The Northridge Drama Club will present their fall play *Girl of La Mancha* on November 9th, 10th, and 11th in the High School Auditorium. Shows on Friday and Saturday begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday show will begin at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$5.00.



### Canned Food Drive

Northridge Canned Food Drive will begin on Monday, November 26th and end on Thursday, December 13th. The *Green Thumb Club* at EDMS/GK will begin sorting donations and preparing baskets on Friday, December 14th. Christmas basket pick-ups will begin the week of December 17th. For those receiving baskets, times will be determined by building, and you will be contacted directly.

## Happenings at EDMS/GK

The first Grandparent's Day breakfast, *Goodies For Grands*, was held at EDMS/GK in September. More than 100 grandparents joined their grandchildren for breakfast and some quality family time! It was great to see all the smiling faces and hear the laughter and joy in the cafeteria.

Families, please continue to look for details on more upcoming breakfast events that will be held throughout the year.

Sixth grade Student Volunteer Core (SVC) students are in the process of helping create the *#DoSomethingGood* movement at EDMS/GK. Students are working to develop a way of recognizing positive contributions at school by students and staff. Names of some of the honorees will be shared throughout the year!

The Mentoring Program at EDMS/GK is growing. Currently 26 students meet weekly with a mentor from the *Christian Life Center*, Northridge Schools, and the community. These volunteers and students are building relationships, teaching each other, and enjoying time focusing on being the best they can be.

The Southwest Region Ohio School Board Association recognized the SVC as a participant in the upcoming Student Achievement Fair in Columbus, Ohio. On November 12th, teacher **Ann Ewing** (shown in photo) and Principal **Tony Hiser** will travel with 12 SVC students to the Student Achievement Fair where they will showcase their leadership roles at EDMS/GK and the empowerment activities they participate in.



## EVENTS

# Calendar

- 5 Board of Education Meeting  
- 7:00 p.m.
- 9-10 NHS *Girl of La Mancha*  
- 7:00 p.m. at NHS Auditorium
- 11 NHS *Girl of La Mancha*  
- 2:00 p.m. at NHS Auditorium
- 12 TLC/JHM PTO Meeting  
- 3:45 p.m. at JHM
- 16 Staff Development  
**- No School**
- 19 Compensation Day  
**- No School**
- 19 Board of Education Meeting  
- 7:00 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Break

November 20 - 23

**No School**



### November Sports

#### Varsity Boys Basketball

- 10 East Clinton-Scrimmage-10:00 a.m.
- 20 Eaton-Scrimmage-TBA
- 21 Tecumseh-Scrimmage-10:00 a.m.
- 30 Madison\* - 7:15 p.m.

#### Varsity Girls Basketball

- 12 Northeastern\* - Scrimmage  
- 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Ansonia\* - Scrimmage  
- 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Tri-County North\* - 7:15 p.m.
- 24 Twin Valley South\* - 7:15 p.m.

\* Home

Find more athletic schedules at [www.gopolarbears.com](http://www.gopolarbears.com).

## 52nd Annual Homecoming Parade

(Continued from Page 1) V-Town Bombers Roller Derby, as well as, many other community churches and groups.

Parade Co-Chair, **Margie Lairson** would like to thank the following groups that have made this event successful every year: Harrison Township Trustees, Fire Chief **Mark Lynch**, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and the American Legion Post 746 for providing the colors. The parade would not be possible without the participation and support of the entire Northridge Community. Thanks to all for another amazing year!



## Weather Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary consideration in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school are:

- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **one-hour delay** - ALL schedules are adjusted one hour.
- **two-hour delay** - ALL schedules are adjusted two hours EXCEPT: **A.M. preschool is cancelled, and kindergarten is on a two-hour delay.**
- **closed** - ALL buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

## Curriculum Corner

It has been a very busy month at NHS when it comes to exploring the polar bears next steps after graduation. The month of October brought the opportunity to participate in *National Manufacturing Day* and *Construction Careers Expo*.

On October 5th the NHS Advance Manufacturing Class traveled to Gem City Engineering, Dysinger Industries, and Bastach Industrial 3D Printing. These 15 students learned about additive and subtractive manufacturing process, safety standards, and the opportunities that await them in the indemand manufacturing field. Many companies have learn-while-you-earn opportunities and encourage employees to further their education while employed. Special THANK YOU to **Brian Banks** for providing lunch.

On October 9th, 25 seniors, juniors and sophomores attended the *Construction Career Expo* sponsored by the Miami Valley Building Trades Association. Over 600 students from across the region participated and met with representatives from 13 local trade unions. Students were engaged in hands-on demonstrations which included welding, heavy equipment, sheet metal, drywall, masonry activities among many others.

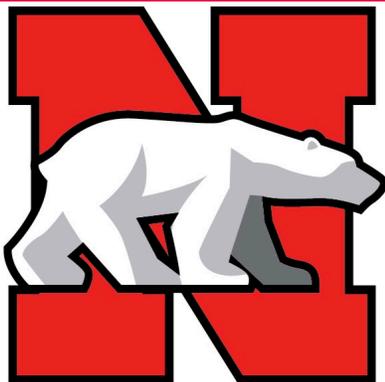
Finally, Northridge Local Schools was recognized by the Ohio School Board Association S.W. Region as one of three "*Outstanding New Student Programs.*" The students and staff would like to thank the IUE-CWA for their partnership and the Northridge Board of Education for their support as they continue to build towards the future.

NHS is currently looking for students who are in 10th grade and interested in a manufacturing career pathway for next years cohort. If interested please contact **Ty Long**, 7-12 Attendance/Career Readiness at (937) 275-7469 ext. 2013, or email: [tylong@northridgeschools.org](mailto:tylong@northridgeschools.org) or on Twitter: NHS Career Readiness @DaytonNHScr.



Teacher **Ty Long** and Superintendent **Dave Jackson** with IUE-CWA President **Carl Kennebrew** receive award at OSBA SW Region Fall Conference October 11th.

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