



# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

## Board of Education Spotlight



Meet **James (Jamie) M. Dillon**, a dedicated returning school board member, who has been serving on the board since 2020. Jamie is a proud Northridge graduate, having attended from 6th grade until his graduation with the Class of 1995. His passion for his alma mater and a desire to contribute to the establishment and maintenance of the Northridge Brand led him to take on a leadership role on the school board.

One of Jamie's key motivations is to play a significant role in fostering a culture of excellence within Northridge. He believes in the uniqueness of Northridge, highlighting its commitment to creativity and innovation in the curriculum to set students up for success. Jamie is particularly excited about the STEM center and the opportunities it will bring, emphasizing that these opportunities should be accessible to all students, not just a select few.

Outside of his role on the board, Jamie has a favorite snack – Homemade Chex Mix, and he loves the Buckeyes, Yankees, and Dolphins. His hobbies include playing billiards and umpiring baseball games. A fun fact about Jamie is that he has six grandchildren who are destined to become future Northridge students.

In addition to his commitment to education, not many people know that Jamie taught associate-level electronics classes at ITT Tech for five years. Today, he is a certified soldering instructor, providing valuable training to his colleagues based on high standards.

Jamie's multifaceted background, dedication to Northridge, and commitment to educational excellence make him a valuable asset to the school board, shaping the future of Northridge Local Schools for generations to come.

## Open Enrollment for School Year 2024-25

For the seventeenth consecutive year, the Northridge Local School District will open its doors, tuition free, to students residing in other Ohio school districts.

To be a part of the **Northridge Family** stop by to pick up an Interdistrict Open Enrollment Application Packet. **If your child is currently attending through Interdistrict Open Enrollment, you must complete another application for the 2024-2025 school year and return it by Friday, May 24th, with 2 current proofs of residency.**

**Both returning and new** applications can be picked up at the School Building, 2011 Timber Lane or at the Board of Education, 2008 Timber Lane, **starting Monday, April 1st through Friday, May 24th. NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Applications are considered on a first come first serve basis. **Space is limited, so apply early!**

## NMS Drone Team Tests Piloting Skills

On Saturday, February 24th, the Northridge Middle School (NMS) Drone Team participated in a thrilling competition at the Greene County Career Technology Center. The event featured three dedicated teams, each comprising talented individuals from the school led by Club Advisor, **Kimberly Dubbs**.

Team one, led by **Logan Winegarner**, **Kansas Stine**, and **Kairi Gambrel**, demonstrated exceptional teamwork, collaboration, and communication skills throughout the competition. Their efforts were rewarded with a commendable 4th place finish, highlighting their commitment and proficiency.

The second team, consisting of **Carter Reese**, **Theo Klentzman**, and **Laura Hamberger**, also showcased their abilities in the challenging environment. Despite stiff competition, they secured the 20th position, a testament to their hard work and dedication to the drone team. *(Continued on Page 3.)*



# Northridge Community



## NOW ENROLLING

### CHAMPIONS



### Pre-School Registration FREE Public Preschool for ALL Northridge Residents

Registration Begins  
**April 25th**  
Online ONLY

To be eligible, preschoolers must be 3 or 4 years old and NOT eligible for Kindergarten, be potty trained (no pull-ups), and live in the Northridge Local School District.

Registration can be completed online at [www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org), click on Quick Links and then Final Forms **AFTER APRIL 25TH** for school year 2024-2025. There is limited space in each classroom, and there is a morning session and an afternoon session. 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 **Dana Dixon** at 937-759-3884 or **Belinda Napier** at 937-275-7469 ext. 4222.

### You will need to bring with you:

- Child's Original Birth Certificate
- Custody Papers, If Applicable
- 2 Proofs of Residency (lease, utility bill, etc.)
- Child's Insurance Card
- Parent/Guardian Valid ID
- Proof of Income (Last 3 pay stubs of **EVERYONE** in the home, current OWF/Food Stamps or SSI award letters.)

Enroll online at  
[www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org)  
**AFTER APRIL 25th**

## Muse Machine ~ Be Inspired

Muse Machine stands as a beacon of artistic enrichment for students. Functioning as an Arts Club, Muse Machine brings the magic of live performances to students' doorstep, creating an immersive cultural experience within the school environment.

Several times a year, the district hosts a diverse array of artists who captivate and inspire students through engaging performances, all provided free of charge. This academic year has witnessed an impressive lineup, featuring talented musicians and recording artists, a captivating Opera show courtesy of the Dayton Opera, and dance performances by the renowned Dayton Contemporary Dance Company.

Among the upcoming highlights



is a production by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, promising a kid-friendly exploration of the works of Shakespeare. This performance will provide students with a unique opportunity to connect with classical literature in an accessible format.

Notably, Muse Machine extends its impact beyond the school premises. Student members and their parent chaperones are privileged with the chance to purchase discounted tickets to select shows at the *Benjamin & Marian Schus-*

*ter Performing Arts Center* and *Victoria Theater*. This initiative allows students to partake in outstanding productions, fostering a deeper appreciation for the performing arts.

The impact of Muse Machine is evident in the diverse range of shows attended by its members, including "*How the Grinch Stole Christmas: The Musical*" and "*Hip Hop Nutcracker*." Excitement is building as some students anticipate a forthcoming outing to witness the iconic "*The Lion King*" in May. These experiences often inspire students to explore and pursue artistic endeavors.

Muse Machine stands as a testament to the power of the arts in education, creating a lasting impact on students and fostering a vibrant cultural community within Dayton.



## Special Education Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Caregiver,



The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) would like to invite you to participate in a short, 25 question survey about your involvement in your student's education. Research suggests that parental involvement is a key predictor of positive educational outcomes. You may be eligible to participate if your child has an IEP and receives special education services. The purpose of collecting this information is to improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio. If you are eligible to participate and you enroll in the study, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Your chance of winning a gift card is approximately 2.0%. Please click on this [link](#) or use the QR (Quick Response) code to find out more about the survey and if you are eligible.

Sincerely,

David Julian, Ph.D.  
Special Education Family Survey Director  
(Collecting surveys on behalf of the Ohio Department of Education)



## NMS Drone Team Tests Piloting Skills

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Team three, represented by **Isaac Carroll-Martinez** and **Kaylynn Gambrel**, exhibited resilience and determination throughout the competition. Their efforts were recognized with a 25th place finish, adding to the overall success of the NMS Drone Team.

The competition not only provided an opportunity for the students to test their drone piloting skills but also served as a valuable learning experience. Participants gained essential skills in teamwork, collaboration, and effective communication, setting the stage for their continued growth and success.

The Northridge Local School community congratulates all three teams for their commendable performances and looks forward to witnessing their continued achievements in future competitions.



## STEM Class Crafts Skateboards

Community STEM class at NHS is venturing into the exciting realm of skateboard crafting, combining creativity and hands-on learning. However, they've encountered a minor setback in the form of a "vice" problem. It appears that the woodworking process requires more

than just table clamps for the finishing touches. Despite this temporary halt, the team is determined to overcome the challenge and get back on track, ensuring that the final products meet the highest standards of craftsmanship. Stay tuned for updates on Community STEM's innovative skateboard project!



# EVENTS Calendar

- 4 Board of Education Meeting  
- 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Board of Education Work Session  
- 6:00 p.m.



## April Sports

### Varsity Baseball

(Game time 5:00 unless noted.)

2 Covington	18 Riverside*
4 Bethel*	19 New Miami*
5 Troy Christian*	20 Bradford
9 Milton-Union	10:00 a.m./12:00 p.m.
10 Tri-County N.*	23 Covington*
11 Lehman Catholic	25 Bethel
13 Thurgood Marshall*	26 Troy Christian
10:00 a.m./12:00 p.m.	29 New Miami
16 Miami East	5:30 p.m.
	30 Milton-Union*

### Varsity Softball

(Game time 5:00 unless noted.)

2 Covington	18 Riverside*
4 Bethel*	22 Dixie
5 Troy Christian*	23 Covington*
9 Milton-Union	24 Trotwood
10 Belmont*	25 Bethel
11 Lehman Catholic	26 Troy Christian
13 Chaminade Julianne*	29 Oakwood
10:00 a.m./12:00 p.m.	30 Milton-Union*
16 Miami East	and Trotwood*

### Boys Varsity Tennis

(Match time 4:30 unless noted.)

3 Greeneview	16 Greenon
8 Lehman Catholic*	18 Valley View*
9 Dixie	4:00 p.m.
10 Middleton	19 Piqua*
11 Milton-Union	23 Brookville*
13 Valley View-TBA	25 Carroll* 4:00 p.m.
15 Fairborn* 4:00 p.m.	30 Trotwood*
	4:00 p.m.

### Coed Track

(Meet time 4:30 unless noted.)

2 Bethel Quad	18 Bethel Quad
4 Miami East Inv.	24 Miami East Quad
9 Milton-Union Quad	26 Franklin Inv.
12 Vandalia-Butler Inv.	30 Northridge Inv.*
16 Dixie Quad	

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# Kindergarten Registration Information



## Kindergarten Registration for Northridge Residents

Age 5 by August 1, 2024

Register through **Final Forms** on the district website.

[www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org)

Children who will be five years old on or before August 1, 2024 are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2024-2025 school year. You will need to upload the following documentation to Final Forms for your student registration:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- Parent/legal guardian photo ID
- Custody papers, if applicable
- Two (2) proofs of residency in the Northridge Local District.

Acceptable documents include: rental/lease/mortgage statement, home owner's or renter's insurance declaration page, auto insurance, current property tax bill, utility bill, paycheck or pay stub with address, current bank statement, or voter registration documentation with address. Additionally the bills need to be dated within the past 30 days of the registration date. If you are living with a friend or relative and not on the lease, an affidavit must be completed, notarized, and accompanied with two proofs of residency from whom you are residing. The residency affidavit may be picked up at the school.

For any questions or concerns, please call Registrar **Dawn Kelly** at (937) 275-7469 ext. 2125 or Elementary Secretary **Luci Keller** at ext. 2139.

*"You're off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way! ~ Dr. Seuss*

### Kindergarten Registration Kickoff

April 25th

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Come for a fun evening and complete registration for your kindergartner!



### Elementary Art Show

May 2nd

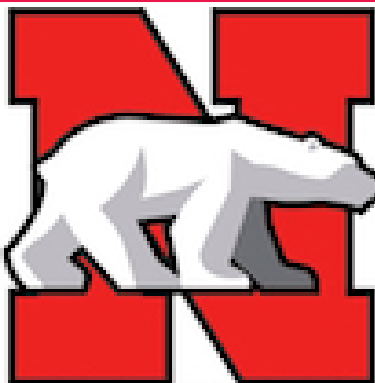
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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