

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

Northridge Renovation: More Than Just a Building Update

Like many school districts across the Miami Valley, the Northridge Local Schools continue to seek creative, innovative, and engaging programs to ensure that each and every student we serve is challenged, prepared, and empowered for his or her future. Currently, Northridge has begun a renovation project that will turn a nearly 30,000 square-foot trucking terminal into a state-of-the-art learning facility that will enhance and multiply opportunities for children from preschool to 12th grade to learn, grow, and succeed, both now and into their future. This renovated space will provide dedicated learning areas for preschool, Allied Health, Advanced Manufacturing, Community STEM, Online Alternatives, and other co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

The renovated space will provide Northridge students access to exciting and innovative Career Technical Education programming. In partnership with the Miami Valley Career Technology Center, an Allied Health Program will be offered to Northridge High School students. In this program, students will gain skills, credentials, and experiences that lead to employment and (Continued on page 2.)



Renovation rendering of the trucking terminal as seen from Interstate 75 on the west side of the Northridge Local Schools campus. Renovation has begun and is expected to be completed in August of this year.

2023 Welcome to the Northridge Board of Education

The Board of Education is a five-member governing body elected by the voters of the school district. The Board of Education, representing the community, has the legal responsibility for the education of the children of the district. The Board derives its authority and responsibility from state and federal law.

It is the duty of the Board of Education to establish the policies under which the schools are governed. The Board places the responsibility to implement those policies with the superintendent and the administrative staff.

The five Board of Education members are community residents who are vitally concerned with the education of Northridge youngsters.

Their authority as board members is in effect only when the Board is in session. No individual member has the authority to act in the name of the Board outside a meeting.

The Board of Education members are elected to serve four-year overlapping terms. They are elected at large on

a nonpartisan ballot to represent the entire district.

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2023 Northridge Board of Education Members from left to right: Vice President Margie Glock, Angela Glassburn, President Mark Brumley, Jacinda Fugate, and James M. Dillon.

Northridge Community NEWS

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preparation for further training in the field. Similarly, the Advanced Manufacturing Program will be offered in partnership with the IUE-CWA within a new, state-of-the-art learning lab. In this program, students will interact with robots, the codes that make them operational, and realize the impact they have on manufacturing operations. Overall, these CTE programs will give students the opportunity to earn industry-recognized certifications and credentials, learn through authentic and hands-on experiences, and earn credit for work experience in the field.

This exciting project also includes space for an innovative Community STEM Program. The Community STEM Program offers civic engagement opportunities where students use human-centered engineering concepts to identify and solve community problems through science, technology, collaboration and creativity.

The centerpiece of the Community STEM Program is a new 20-

acre park on the Northridge Local Schools campus. Through the support of community partners such as the University of Dayton, Harrison Township and The Ohio Academy of Sciences, students will develop the park as a public space for natural resource, sustainability and recreation education and be 100% responsible for its maintenance. The park's features will include a state-of-the-art skate park, walking trails, a shelter and a 10+ acre greenspace for science education, keeping it true to the Community STEM mission of "creating spaces driven by young people for the benefit of all people."

This renovation allows for an expansion and enhancement of our Online Learning Alternative Program as well. This program will further develop its academic offerings and partnerships with local businesses to provide work-study programs in addition to academic credits, while also allowing students to earn industry credentials that ensure a successful transition to post-high school life.

The project also creates a multipurpose space for a variety of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. This space will see drones fly, a robotic dog learn new tricks, preschool students run and play, sports programs practice indoors, and many other creative and engaging activities and events.

Without a doubt, this renovation promises to be yet another positive addition to the Northridge Schools and Community. The programs and partnerships will fill the space with learning opportunities for students that result in rigorous and relevant learning and that further empower students to launch successfully into their futures. This reconstruction project is much more than just an upgrade to a building. It is a commitment to helping students find the intersection of their interests and aptitudes to ensure a successful transition from high school to their future lives. It is truly an honor to be a part of this project and the Northridge Family. We look forward to the journey ahead!

FEBRUARY 27, 2023



INTERNATIONAL
POLAR BEAR DAY

In Loving Memory

Rhonda Konicki dropped off 40 backpacks full of school supplies for Northridge students. These were donated in memory of **Elizabeth Waggoner**. Mrs. Waggoner retired from Dayton Public Schools after 40 years of teaching, and she worked at Grafton Kennedy as an Instructional Tutor for 1 year. She was excited to retire to enjoy her first grandchild and family time. She loved UK basketball and at Grafton she was known as the lady in blue because she wore "Kentucky Blue" every day.

She was amazing! Building relationships with staff and students, she quickly adapted as if she worked in the district for years. Mrs. Waggoner will be greatly missed. Northridge Local Schools sends our deepest condolences to all her family and friends.



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Regular meetings of the Board of Education are scheduled for January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 12 & 26, November 16 and December 14 in the Northridge Board of Education/Administration Offices, 2008 Timber Lane, at 5:30 p.m. On occasions when special meetings are necessary, the time and location will be announced in advance.

The superintendent, with the advice of the Board president, shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for each meeting. Board members receive digital agendas and explanatory materials through BoardDocs prior to the regular meeting to allow time for preparation. Agendas for the public are available through BoardDocs which can be found on the Northridge Local Schools Website at www.northridgeschools.org/Board.aspx.

Anyone who wishes to suggest an item for inclusion on the agenda must submit a written request to the office of the superintendent prior to the day of the meeting, except in cases of suspended or expelled students. If a group wishes to present a particular item to the Board, it is suggested that one person be selected by the group to speak. The request shall indicate the subject of the presentation and the name of the presenter.

All Board of Education meetings are open to the public. The law allows for closed executive sessions for discussion of personnel matters, litigation, negotiations, security and real estate transactions, but any official action must be taken in a public meeting.

All Board of Education regular meetings have a designated portion on the agenda for comments and participation by the public. Anyone desiring to speak is requested to fill out a provided card and submit it to the treasurer. Persons attending the meeting do not participate in discussions on other agenda items unless asked to do so by the Board. Parents' questions about individual students usually should be discussed with the teacher involved first, and if necessary, the principal or administrator closest to the situation. If further discussion is necessary, the matter can be referred to the superintendent. This procedure has been effective for most people because it gets a direct response and allows the Board to consider matters that affect the entire district.

A routine question may be answered at the time it is posed. However, more complex matters may require sufficient time for study and consideration. Specific situations will be referred to the administration for investigation and review. If policy action is required, the matter must be scheduled by the Board on a future agenda.



Military History at Air Force Museum

On December 16th, **Tim Broughton's** Military History class visited the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum as part of their final exam. This trip aligned with class materials that were taught first semester. The Vietnam War and World War II were the biggest talking points and showing the students all of the planes/material from the wars. *(Continued on page 4.)*

EVENTS Calendar

February 2nd
Groundhog Day

Will the groundhog see his shadow?



- 9 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day 
- 17 Staff Development
- No School for Students
- 20 President's Day 
- No School
- 23 Board of Education Work Session - 5:30 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
FEBRUARY 17 AND
FEBRUARY 20**

February Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.

- 3 Milton-Union
- 4 Oakwood
- 10 Lehman Catholic
- 11 Stivers*



Varsity Girls Basketball

- 2 Lehman Catholic - 7:15 p.m.

Wrestling

- 4 National Trails - 9:00 a.m.
- 18 TRC Championship at Miami East - 10:00 a.m.



* Home

**Athletic schedules can
be found at:
www.nlspolarbears.com**

Weather Delays/Closings

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

Delay/Closing Options

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **TWO-HOUR DELAY** - ALL schedules are adjusted two hours. Champions Preschool A.M. Session will be closed. (Breakfast will NOT be served.)
- **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.



- 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.

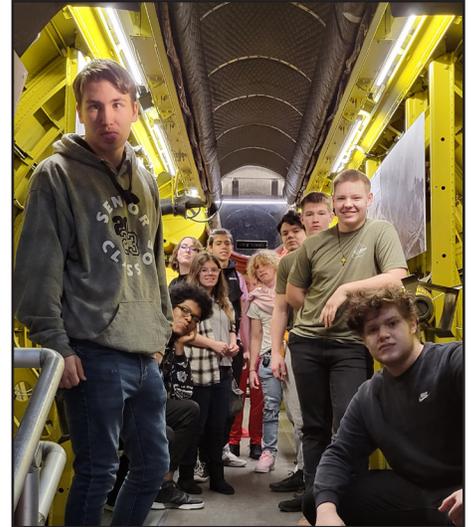
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The students were able to get a chance to see everything from the beginning of aviation to current day. The tour took them through each hangar to see all of the planes from WWI, WWII, The Cold War, and present day aircraft.



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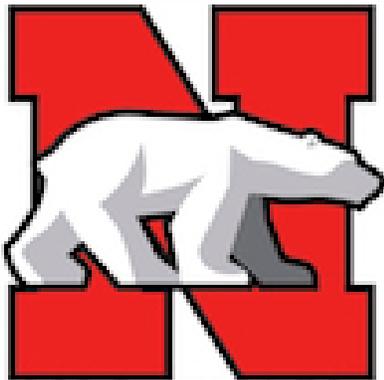
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