

# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

## A Message From The Superintendent



Dear  
Northridge  
Family,  
It is hard  
to believe  
that we are  
already into

February and that the 2nd Semester of the 2024-25 school year is well underway. I trust that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation over the holidays and that you made memories with family and friends that will last a lifetime.

Although it was a difficult January weather-wise, I am hopeful that the worst of winter is behind us and that we will have uninterrupted teaching and learning time throughout the coming weeks. Thanks so much for your continued support, encouragement and collaboration as we seek to realize our District Vision of One Family United: Engage ... Innovate ... Inspire! Let's commit to choosing attitudes and actions that lead us closer to this vision of Family and Unity ... Together we can!

As you know, we have added a number of incredibly relevant Career Tech programs to our course offerings. Our newly renovated Northridge Career Center is alive with the sounds of engaging teaching and learning. That being said,

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## 2025 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.

At its reorganization meeting on January 14th, the Northridge Board of Education elected **James M. Dillon** as its president for 2025. Along with Dillon, **Tina Fiore** was elected as vice-president. Rounding out the rest of the Board are **Mark Brumley**, **Jacinda Fugate**, and **Margie Glock**.

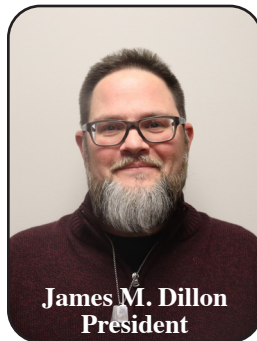


*front row (left to right):*

*James M. Dillon, President and Tina Fiore, Vice-President*

*back row (left to right):*

*Jacinda Fugate, Mark Brumley, and Margie Glock*



**James M. Dillon**  
President

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.

The Superintendent, with the advice of the Board president, shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for each meeting. *(Continued on page 3.)*



**Tina Fiore**  
Vice-President

# Northridge Community NEWS

## A Message From The Superintendent

### Celebrating Northridge Grad, Hometown Hero



Photo excerpted  
from Dayton  
24/7 Now

Northridge Local Schools is proud to celebrate **Brittany Blackford**, a 2004 graduate of Northridge High School, who was recently recognized as a Hometown Hero by *Dayton 24/7 Now*.

Brittany serves as a Vandalia Police Officer, where she is known for her courage, compassion, and commitment to protecting and supporting her community. Her recognition as a Hometown Hero highlights her dedication to making a positive impact and reflects the values we strive to instill in all Northridge students.

We congratulate Brittany on this incredible achievement and thank her for her service and leadership. She continues to make the Northridge community proud!

(Continued from page 1.) I would love for you to SAVE THE DATE for Thursday, May 1, 2025, as that will be a combined Fine Arts Festival and Career Center Open House. Details will be sent out in the coming weeks, but please plan to come out and celebrate the Arts and Career Tech with us that evening! Thanks in advance for your kind consideration!

In closing, I would like to take just a moment to thank you for partnering with us to help our students learn, grow, succeed and thrive. Let's continue to work together to remove barriers, to enhance communication, and to improve each day, so that we can meet the unique and specific needs of every child, every day, whatever it takes! As ONE FAMILY UNITED ... We will make it happen! TOGETHER WE WILL!

Enjoying our journey,  
*Dave Jackson*

### Get Egg-cited for the Community Easter Egg Hunt



Spring is in the air, and it's time for one of our favorite traditions! Join us for the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, a fun-filled event guaranteed to bring smiles to kids from birth through 6th grade.

**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025

**Time:** The egg hunt begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. (Please arrive early to gather before the start time.)

**Location:** Northridge High School Practice Field, 2251 Timber Lane, off N. Dixie Drive. Enter the old

high school parking lot. The practice field is on the hill to the left of the football field.

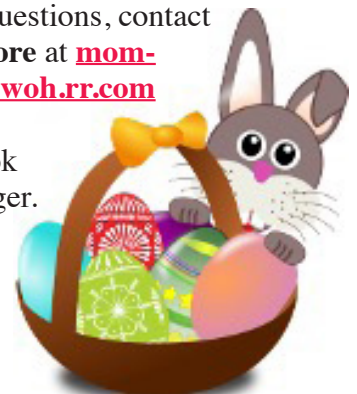
#### Important Reminders:

- Dress for the weather! If there is pouring rain with lightning, thunder, or snow, the event will be canceled and not rescheduled.
- Bring an empty basket or bag to collect eggs.
- After collecting eggs, check inside for prize tickets and turn them in at the labeled prize tables.
- Help us keep things tidy by leaving empty eggs in the collection boxes provided on-site.

**Safety Note for Parents:** Please check your child's candy for any ingredients that may cause allergic reactions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions, contact **Tina Fiore** at [mom-fiore3@woh.rr.com](mailto:mom-fiore3@woh.rr.com) or via Facebook Messenger.



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(Continued from page 1.) Board members receive digital agendas and explanatory materials through BoardDocs prior to the regular meetings 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](http://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.

### Northridge Board of Education Meetings 2025

JAN  
14

#### Business Meetings

Jan 9 | Feb 13 | Mar 20 | Apr 10 | May 8 | Jun 12  
Jul 17 | Aug 21 | Sep 11 | Oct 9 | Nov 20 | Dec 18

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#### Work Sessions

Jan 23 | Feb 27 | Apr 24 | May 22 | Jun 26 | Sep 25 | Oct 23



#### Time & Location

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Northridge Board of Education Offices, 2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, OH 45414



On occasions when special meetings are necessary, the time and location will be announced in advance.

## EVENTS

February 2nd  
Groundhog Day

Will the  
groundhog see  
his shadow?



13 Board of Education Meeting  
- 6:00 p.m.



14 Staff Development  
- **No School for Students**



27 Board of Education Work  
Session - 6:00 p.m.

### February Sports

#### Varsity Boys Basketball

Game time 7:30 p.m. unless noted.

4 Hilliard Bradley  
7 Milton Union  
11 Lehman Catholic  
15 Meadowdale\*  
Tournament Games TBD



#### Varsity Girls Basketball

1 Milton Union - 12:15 p.m.  
4 Ponitz\* - 7:15 p.m. (Senior Night)  
6 Lehman Catholic - 7:15 p.m.

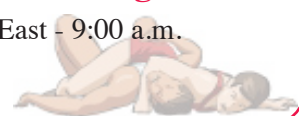
#### Varsity Bowling

11 Girls Sectionals - 8:30 a.m. at  
Rollerhouse in Huber Heights  
13 Boys Sectionals - 8:30 a.m. at  
Rollerhouse in Huber Heights

#### Wrestling

15 Miami East - 9:00 a.m.

\* Home



## 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.

Ensure you  
receive the district one-  
calls by updating your phone  
number in FINAL FORMS  
on our website.  
[www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org)

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## Athletic Hall of Fame Returns

The Northridge Athletic Hall of Fame is up and running once again! We are asking for your help in nominating former Northridge Athletes, Coaches, and/or Teams that deserve this special recognition. We plan to induct new members at a varsity basketball game in December of 2025 or January of 2026.

Please fill out the Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form that can be found on our website [northridgeschools.org](http://northridgeschools.org) (click on Quick Links and choose Downloads) and drop it off at the Board Office OR email it to Superintendent Dave Jackson at [djackson@northridgeschools.org](mailto:djackson@northridgeschools.org). Thanks in advance for your assistance. More details to follow!

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