

BEAR FACTS NEWSLETTER

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MEET

MR. HOFER

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Mr Hofer grew up in Monroe, Ohio with one brother and attended the school in Monroe from Kindergarten-senior year. He attended Wilmington College and played baseball for four years. Mr. Hofer is married and has two sons that are 8 and 9. He and his family are really big sports people, so they try to go to a lot of different sporting events in the summer. Mr. Hofer teaches 7th grade Social Studies, and they cover world history from the start to now. He's very passionate about working with younger people because someday his students will be our workforce, and he needs to have them ready for success in whatever work force they go into.



Favorite thing about Northridge?

He enjoys talking to students he's had in the past and hearing how much of an impact he had on their lives.

Whats been most challenging about your job so far?

"When students are having a rough day you can normally tell quickly.

Trying to work with them on turning that rough day around and making it something positive."

What do you enjoy about your job most?

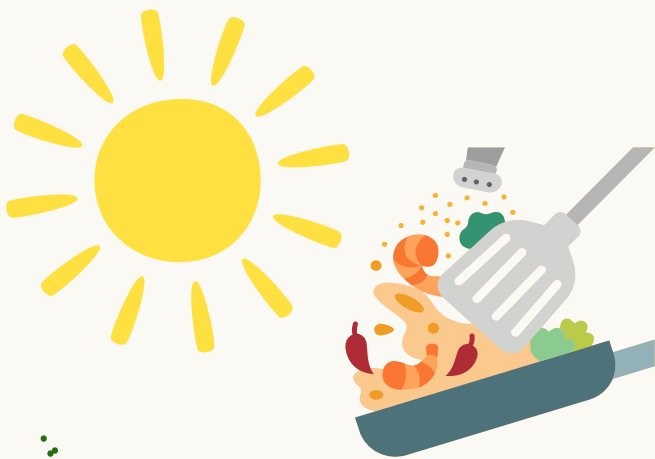
"The staff here is fantastic and very dedicated. Each student brings their own story to school each day and my hope is for them to leave my class period "better" than when they entered."



Fun facts

- ~ Coaches baseball
- ~Enjoys grilling and smoking foods
- ~Taught at another middle school for 6yrs
- ~Previously worked in excavation and managed delivery for Fedex





**Meet Mrs.
Hinegardner
by Maliyah
Horrell &
Whitney
Schmidt in
7th grade**

Some of her favorites

- **Camping**
- **Cooking**
- **Family Time**
- **Sense of community here at Northridge**
- **Chocolate**
- **Kids and grandkids**
- **Planning new ways to help students understand mathematics**

Favorite part about being a teacher

- **What she calls the “Ah-ha” moment**

(It’s the look on a student’s face when a concept that they found difficult is no longer a mystery when they get it. That is what she works for everyday.)



Facts about her:

- **A mother of 5 and grandmother of 4**
- **Grew up in Northeast Ohio, near Cleveland**
- **Has been married for 32 years to her highschool sweetheart that she met when she was 16**
- **She lived and taught in Northeast Ohio until relocated to Lebanon, Ohio this year**

Before Northridge...

She worked for Bedford City School District for 15 years starting in the Special Education Department. She then moved to become a 7th and 8th grade math teacher. She was the Math Department Chairperson before she left Bedford to take a teacher/leadership roll at Mathews Local Schools.

She has dedicated her life to working with young people. As a teacher, a coach, a Girl Scout leader, a foster parent, a mother, and grandmother she spends all of her time in and out of school helping young people reach their goals.



Most challenging part of her job:
“Many students have come to believe that what we teach in school is not relevant to their future or their life. The most difficult part of being a teacher is convincing students that no matter how advanced technology is in the future, everyone will still need to think and solve complex problems and math is a way to train your brain to solve those problems.”

Facts about Mrs. Hinegardner past

- She hated school
- Never would've guessed she'd become a teacher
- Barely made it out of highschool herself
- After college one day a friend asked her if she wanted to substitute a class and she ended up finding a true passion and career
- She went back to school and became a teacher

She attended Cleveland State University for her undergraduate degree. She worked her way through college by making IV's for the Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital on the night shift and went to school full time during the day.



MEET MS. BURNS

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FUN FACTS

- Born in Middletown
- Irish/German/Indigenous American
- Played softball
- Played volleyball
- Threw discus



Favorite thing about Northridge?

“Students are so resilient and honest. They keep me on my toes, and there's never a dull moment!”



What do you love most about your job? Why?

“I love my students! It is so enjoyable sharing my love for reading and writing with them! I love teaching reading and writing strategies and creating assignments/assignments for students to practice them.”

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MORE FACTS

College

- Wright State University
- National English Educators Association
- Undergraduate President.

Previous Teaching Experience

- Title I Tutor: Springfield City Schools
- MS ELA & Social Studies: Trotwood Preparatory and Fitness Academy

What is your position here? Responsibilities?

- 10th year at Northridge
- 8th grade ELA/team lead
- Plan/teach lessons
- Building Leadership Team
- PBIS team member
- Run team meetings
- Plan field trips, assemblies
- Collaborate with admin. about policies & procedures



What's been most challenging about your job so far?

"Keeping up with all the policy changes, district initiatives, meetings, paperwork, grading!"

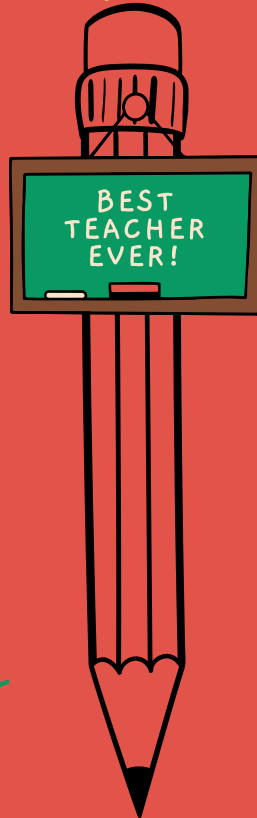
LAST FACTS

"Why are you passionate about working with young people?"

- I want to teach students that all of them are capable of developing reading and writing skills; these skills literally impact their entire lives! I want to help instill these skills for my students!

Hobbies?

- hiking/walking, swim, pinball, playing cards/board games, playing Switch (Mario life), art, music, going to concerts/festivals



What are some of your favorite things?

- swimming, summer, water sports, pinball, my family, my friends, concerts/festivals, poetry, the color green, diet pepsi, energy drinks, veggies with hummus, chips & queso, The Simpsons, The Office, Toy Story (all)



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Meet Mr. Henderson

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Mr. Henderson is from Dayton Ohio. He went to Trotwood Madison High School where he ran track and played football. Later, he went to Iowa Central College where he played football.

His position here at Northridge is as a Behavior Interventionist and ISS Coordinator. Previously, he worked at Thurgood Marshall High School in the same position. He enjoys seeing everybody come to school, and he also enjoys putting out fires and seeing the kids safe and happy.

Surprisingly, he said nothing is challenging about his job. He loves seeing the teachers and the students working with each other like one big family.

FAVORITE THINGS

- GINGER ALE
- SPORTS
- SPORTS
- SPORTS



Before coming to Northridge, he was a maintenance supervisor. He wanted to try something new, and once he started going into the classrooms he wanted to be able to do that more.

He loves watching sports, but he doesn't go out to clubs or bars. He said his whole life revolves around sports.

FUN FACTS

- HE HAS FOUR DAUGHTERS
- AGES 16, 11, 8, 5
- HAS BEEN COACHING TRACK & FOOTBALL FOR 14 YEARS



MRS. WEISMAN

AGE: 38

POSITION: 6TH MATH

BIRTHDATE: JULY 19



HOBBIES AND FAVORITE THINGS

- Her family
- Her students
- Volleyball
- Working out
- Math



Background



Mrs. Weisman grew up in Englewood Ohio; she attended Northmont High School and played club soccer. Later she graduated and then attended The University of Dayton where she obtained her teaching degree for English and math. Mrs. Weisman now has 2 kids and a loving family.

PAST JOBS



FAV FOOD

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| • Cold Stone Creamery | • Avocado toast |
| • Parents' salon | • Tacos |
| • Hollister | • Brussels sprouts |



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ELL Specialist
Reading Interventionist



MEET MRS IRWIN



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Background history



Ms. Irwin grew up in Peoria, Illinois. She has three siblings and two loving parents! She attended Peoria Christian High School where she played sports and participated in activities such as volleyball, cheerleading, track, choir, band and was even on the student council!



Fun Facts!

- Taylor swift fan
- Likes scary movies
- Graduated Valedictorian of her class in high school



She attended undergraduate at Cedarville University and got her masters in special education at the University of Dayton.

Hobbies!

- Exercising
- Reading
- Games with her family
- Hanging out with friends
- Loves watching her daughter play sports



Quote

"What brings me the most joy is seeing students accomplish something they never have before! I love seeing the pride on their faces when they can do what they set out to do."



Did you know?

Mrs. Irwin met her husband on a blind date while attending college at Cedarville. They have currently been together for 23 years and have three daughters! Her husband also works as a teacher!



Quote

"I am passionate about working with young people because I love learning. I want to instill that love of learning into kids."

One challenge she's had with her job

Working without her mentor, Tim Whitestone. He retired as principal several years ago.



Previous job(s)

During summer and on breaks she worked as a hostess for a local Italian restaurant and was also a server at Perkins Restaurant. She also worked for the Montgomery County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities leading adults on field trips; she thought that was really fun! She taught two years in Springfield before she came to Northridge, and it is now her 24th year teaching here!

Florida Receives Record Breaking Snowfall

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On Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Florida received 8-10 inches of snow in the panhandle. This snowfall more than doubled the previous record in 1954. This happened because cold arctic air collided with ocean moisture. Florida has seen snow 80 times since 1886. The last time was one inch 10 years ago on January 28, 2014.



HIGHSCHOOL BASKETBALL

- He tried out for the varsity team as a sophomore but was cut because they considered him too small and not skilled enough.
- Not making the team inspired him to work harder; he made the team the next year and ended up going to North Carolina for college.



COLLEGE CAREER



- Michael Jordan only played basketball in college for three years: 1981-82 season
- He was the fourth player in North Carolina history to start his first game as a freshman.

WHEN HE GOT DRAFTED

- Michael Jordan got drafted in 1984 to the Chicago Bulls at the age of 21
- He emerged as a league star
- He also entertained the crowds with his prolific scoring while gaining a reputation as one of the best defensive players.



HOW HE STARTED HIS SHOE



- The Air Jordan shoes were created with Michael Jordan in mind during his time with the Chicago Bulls.
- Nike wasn't Jordan's first choice.
- The logo Jumpman wasn't there from the beginning.

WHEN THEY STARTED GOING VIRAL

- His shoes were released to the public on April 1st 1985.
- Michael Jordan sold four million pairs of shoes when they first got released to the public.



WHAT IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE JORDAN SOLD

- The Solid Gold Ovo x Air Jordan was sold for 2.2 million dollars.



HOW MANY SHOES HAVE BEEN SOLD SINCE APRIL 1ST 1985

- Over 4 million pairs sold the first year so its way more sold than the first year.





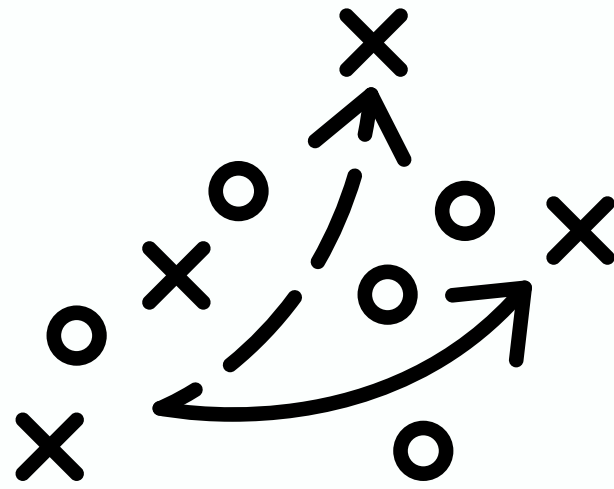
National Championship Win!

On January 20, 2025, Ohio State beat Notre Dame 34-23.
Notre Dame has only beat Ohio State one time in 1936.



WATCHED?

111 BEAR FACTS STUDENTS POLLED
17 WATCHED
70 DID NOT WATCH
24 WATCHED SOME OF IT



During the 2024-2025 season, led by Coach Ryan Day, Ohio State had a positive record of 14-2 with a winning streak of four. Their last national championship win was 10 years ago.

History about championships



The team was created in 1890, and they have nine national championships.

Their first one was in 1942, and then in 1952, 1957, 1961, 1968, 1970, 2002, 2014, and 2024.



Handball

4th Period Gym with
Mr. Huelsman



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- Students have been working on teamwork activities
- The game they played was a version of Team Handball
- If you have the ball, you can't move; it forces them to utilize their teammates to pass/catch until you score a point at the other end of gym
- The game allows all kids to participate, and the rules applied are designed to get everyone involved

VALENTINE'S ~DAY~

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Most Popular Gifts?

Candy - 57%
Greeting cards - 40%
Flowers - 37%
Dinner out - 32%
Jewelry - 21%
Gift cards - 20%

Fun Facts!

In the 1300s, it officially became a holiday associated with love.

Nearly 250 million roses are grown in preparation for Valentine's Day each year.

Booklets were created to help people write Valentines.

The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861.

The Origin of Valentine's Day

No one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday; one place to start is ancient Rome. At the time, marriage was banned because it was believed unmarried men make better soldiers; however, a man named Valentine was a Roman priest who secretly helped couples get married in rebellion anyway. He eventually got caught on February 14th, making St. Valentine's Day.

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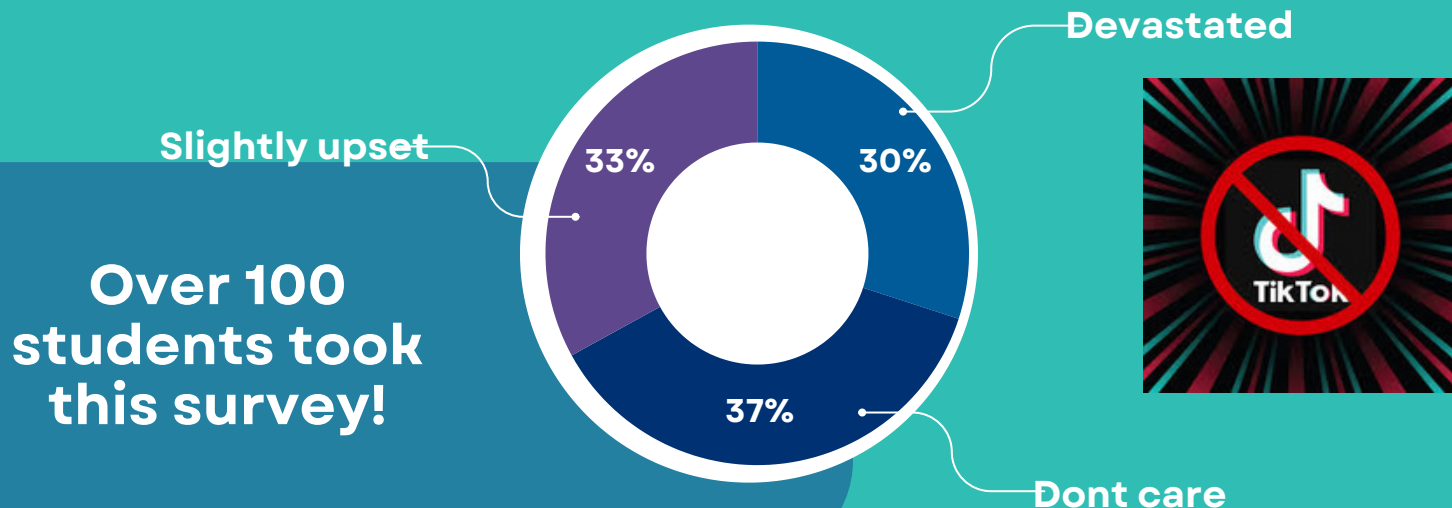
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How do Bear Facts students feel about the possible Tik Tok ban?

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- January 19, 2025 – The final deadline for ByteDance to sell TikTok. If it does not sell, TikTok will be banned in the United States.
- January 19, 2025 – TikTok shuts down operations in the US. Users trying to access the app are met with a message saying TikTok isn't available right now.
- January 19, 2025 – Roughly 12 hours after shutting down operations, TikTok makes a statement that it will "work with President Trump on a long-term solution that keeps TikTok in the United States".
- January 20, 2025 – On his first day in office, President Trump signs executive order delaying the ban for 75 days and instructing the US Attorney General not to enforce the law. However the app remains unavailable on app stores.
- February 13, 2025 – TikTok returns to Apple and Google app stores in the US. President Trump says that the 75-day ban on TikTok could be extended.

