

# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

## Northridge Pride in Renovated Building

Northridge Local Schools (NLS) is proud of its newly renovated building. The school's transformation is a testament to the dedication of the community and a commitment to providing an enriched learning environment for generations to come.

The nearly 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility boasts modern classrooms, cutting-edge technology, and collaborative spaces designed to inspire creativity and innovation. The school's commitment to sustainability is evident in the incorporation of energy-efficient systems and environmentally conscious design elements. The renovated building stands as a symbol of progress and a commitment to fostering educational excellence.

Students now have classes in an engaging space that exhibits meticulous attention to detail in the renovation process. The building boasts beautiful, natural lighting and spacious classrooms complete with hands-on learning laboratories to offer varied skill-based project learning opportunities. The school district worked collaboratively with architects and construction teams to ensure that the final result aligned with the educational needs and aspirations of the community.

The renovated space is home to several exciting and innovative Career Technical Education programs. In partnership with the Miami Valley Career Technology Center, an Allied Health Program meets in a space designed for students to gain skills, credentials, and experiences that lead to employment and preparation for further training in the field. Similarly, the Advanced Manufacturing Program, offered in partnership with the IUE-CWA, also has space in the renovated building. Their classroom is a new, state-of-the-art learning lab where students interact with robots, the codes that make them operational, and realize the impact they have on manufacturing operations. Another space holds the 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 resources, sustainability and recreation education and be 100% responsible for its maintenance. The park features a state-of-the-art skate park and pump track, walking trails, 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." 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 renovation allowed for an expansion and enhancement of our Online Learning Alternative Program as well. This program continues to 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. It also hosts beautiful and friendly classrooms for our littlest Polar Bears in our pre-school program.

The Northridge Local Schools' renovation is more than just a physical transformation; it symbolizes a commitment to investing in the future and creating an environment where every student can thrive. The remodeled building stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, determination, and a shared vision for **One Family United. Engage. Innovate. Inspire.**



*Renovation of the trucking terminal as seen from Timber Lane on the east side of the Northridge Local Schools campus.*

## Robotics Club Competition



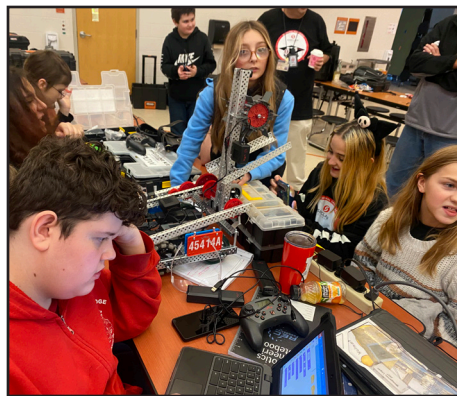
Northridge Middle School Robotics team, coached by **Kimberly Dubbs** competed Saturday December 9th in the regional Vex Robotics Competition at Coy Middle School, and they did great! Representing the Polar Bears were Middle School Students **Isaac Carroll-Martinez, Jason Fox, Kairi Gambrel, Kaylynn Gambrel, Laura Hamberger, Emily Kern, Theodora**

**Klentzman, Carter Reese, Kansas Stine, and Logan Winegarner.**

The VEX Robotics Competition is a challenging competition where teams work together to build and program a robot that must compete against other robots through different obstacles and challenges. This year's competition was called **Over Under** and was played on a 12' x 12' square field configured with goals on opposite sides. Two (2) Alli-



We are so proud of our Polar Bear Robotics Team! They ended up 26th out of 43 and made it to the first round of the finals! The robotics team met every Tuesday after school to work on building and coding a robot that could do what was needed for the competition. The students did many iterations to get the robot competitive. Go Polar Bears!



ances – one (1) “red” and one (1) “blue” – composed of two (2) teams each, compete in matches consisting of a fifteen (15) second Autonomous Period, followed by a one minute and forty-five second (1:45) Driver Controlled Period. The object of the game is to attain a higher score than the opposing alliance by scoring triballs in goals, and by Elevating at the end of the match.



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## Gift of Reading

Brunner Literacy Center has generously donated a myriad of books to every student in Northridge Local Schools, creating a literary ripple that promises to make a lasting impact.

The dedicated team at Brunner Literacy Center believes in the transformative power of literacy and education. Their commitment to fostering a love for reading has materialized in this thoughtful and extensive donation, providing every student at Northridge from grades Kindergarten through 12th grade a book.



This initiative not only enriches the lives of the students but also reinforces the importance of community support and collaboration. As we know, a well-stocked library opens doors to endless possibilities, sparking creativity, imagination, and a thirst for knowledge.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Brunner Literacy Center for their outstanding contribution to education and literacy. Their generosity goes beyond the pages of the books—they are sowing the seeds of a brighter, more informed future for the students of Northridge.

Thank you, Brunner Literacy Center, for lighting the path to a brighter tomorrow through the gift of literature.



## HOSA Officers Attended Fall Leadership Training



The new Allied Health Program at Northridge High School offers students the opportunity to participate in HOSA. Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), is a global student-led organization that works to empower students to become leaders in the global health community through education, collaboration, and experience. HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in the health industry to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to affiliate and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

Northridge HOSA leaders attended the Fall Leadership Conference this past October. Pictured from left to right, **Faith Funk, Kayla Cobb, Hai-ley White, Angela Williams, Cadiance Fuduloff** and **Leslie Mata-Lopez** are currently serving as officers in the Northridge HOSA Chapter. Chapter Advisor, **Tonya Wiltshire** describes this opportunity as *"an opportunity to join hundreds of other HOSA chapters in learning of different healthcare careers and leadership roles."* The fall leadership conference included speakers from several health related careers, and the students were engaged in leadership exploration. Congratulations to these young leaders!

## Deck the Hallways

On December 20, 2023 the Jobs for Northridge Graduates students sponsored another Holiday Hallways event for children 5th grade and under. Community members, students and families came together to celebrate the holidays at Northridge!



Games, activities, crafts, and ornament making were hosted by high school student volunteers, and elementary students and family members participated many activities.

The Optimist Club's Polar Bear Fund sponsored a petting zoo provided by *Idle Hour Ranch*. A small Santa shop for students to purchase small gifts for their family was open for business. All money raised will be used to fund future events, such as Halloween Hallways next fall.

Santa's arrival was celebrated as he rolled up on a fire truck. Santa smiled (Continued on page 4.)

# EVENTS

## Calendar



- 1-5 Winter Break  
- **No School**
- 8 Board of Education Meeting  
- 5:45 p.m.
- 12 Staff Development  
- **No School for Students**
- 15 Martin Luther King Day  
- **No School**
- 25 Board of Education Meeting  
Work Session - TBD

## January Sports

### Varsity Boys Basketball

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

- 5 Milton-Union
- 12 Lehman Catholic
- 19 Miami East
- 23 Riverside\*
- 26 Covington\*
- 30 Bethel

### Varsity Girls Basketball

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

- 6 Milton-Union - 12:30 p.m.
- 8 Brookville
- 11 Lehman Catholic - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Miami East - 1:30 p.m.
- 16 Oakwood\*
- 18 Riverside\* - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Covington\* - 1:30 p.m.
- 25 Bethel - 7:30 p.m.
- 29 North Eastern\*
- 30 Tri-County North - 6:00 p.m.

### Bowling

- 16 Riverside - 4:00 p.m.  
at TP Lanes in Bellefontaine
- 30 Trotwood - 4:30 p.m.  
at Capri Lanes

\* Home

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## Deck the Hallways (Continued from page 3.)



for pictures with students and families throughout the evening. Here he is with **Cam-brie Beach**.

Each student that visited with Santa took home a toy provided by Butler Community Church and Vandalia-Butler Food Bank! Cookies and hot chocolate were also donated by Butler Community Church.



In order to receive the district one-call, please update your child's **FINAL FORMS** on our website. [www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org)

## Weather Delays and 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:

- 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.



## 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.



**Students and Staff  
Return From  
Winter Holiday Break  
Back to School  
Monday, January 8, 2024**

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