

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



New Equipment Enhances Career Tech Education



On Friday, December 6, 2024, Northridge Local Schools took a major step forward in expanding its Advanced Manufacturing program with the delivery and installation of two new Haas machines,

thanks to the generous support of the *Ohio Career Technical Education (CTE) Equipment Grant*. *Holp & Sons* assisted with the delivery and placement of the new Haas TL-1 Toolroom Lathe, Haas VF-3YT Vertical Machining Center, and a Bridgeport milling machine, as well as relocating a third machine to optimize the training facility.

These state-of-the-art machines will provide students with hands-on, real-world experience in precision machining, preparing them for careers in high-demand fields. The Haas TL-1 Toolroom Lathe, a cutting-edge CNC lathe, offers capabilities such as turning, threading, and facing, making it ideal for both experienced machinists and those new to CNC machining. Vertical machining centers like the Haas VF-3YT are versatile machines used for a wide range of machining operations, including milling, drilling, tapping, and boring. The Bridgeport milling machine, a classic in metalworking, allows students to perform precision tasks such as cutting, drilling, and shaping materials, ensuring a solid foundation in machining principles.



This investment, supported by the *CTE Equipment Grant from the Ohio Department of Education*, underscores the district's commitment to preparing students for workforce success. "We are thrilled to receive this grant, which will significantly enhance our career-technical education programs," said **Andrea Townsend**, Director of Human Resources, Pupil Services, & Communications at Northridge Local Schools. "This funding allows us to equip students with industry-standard tools and experiences that will set them up for thriving careers."

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Project Dream Cleats Collaboration with Drew Ogletree

Northridge Local Schools is thrilled to celebrate the incredible creativity of its students through their participation in *Project Dream Cleats*, a collaboration between *My Cause My Cleats* and NFL player, Northridge alum **Drew Ogletree**.

Over 500 designs were submitted by students across multiple schools, showcasing remarkable talent and passion. Thanks to the artistry of *Stadium Custom Kicks*, the top eight designs were brought to life on Drew Ogletree's cleats, including two standout creations from Northridge 2nd grader, **Jazmyn Foster** and 5th grader **Chloe Cline**.

Jazmyn and Chloe's designs are not only visually stunning but also highlight the meaningful causes they chose to support. A unique detail of the cleats is a special message from Drew's mother, **Angela Hartman**, on the inside face of his right cleat, seamlessly incorporated with a student's design, making this collaboration even more heartfelt.

The winning designs came from:

- 1 student at Fairborn Intermediate, Fairborn
- 2 students at Cline Elementary, Centerville
- 1 student at Central Elementary, Fairfield
- **2 students at Northridge, Dayton**
- 2 students at Fairborn High School, Fairborn

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By upgrading equipment in programs such as Maker Manufacturing, Welding, and Parks and Recreation, Northridge is ensuring students gain industry credentials and career-ready skills in areas critical to Dayton's economy, including manufacturing, maintenance, and groundskeeping. Partnerships with local industries further enhance the district's ability to prepare students for successful futures, positively impacting the region's workforce.

Northridge Local Schools continues to lead the way in fostering innovation and excellence in education, empowering students with the tools they need to thrive in today's competitive job market.

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.



ONE FAMILY UNITED!

To empower our students to succeed and our community to thrive we provide exceptional instruction and compassionate support to create tomorrow's leaders



Drama Club Shines Again with Fall Play Success

Our talented drama club recently brought down the house with their fall production of *The Play That Goes Wrong!* The performance was a huge success, earning rave reviews from audiences for its humor, energy, and impeccable execution.



If you missed the fall play, don't worry! The drama club is already gearing up for their next spectacular performance: the spring musical *Alice in Wonderland*. Mark your calendars for March 21-23 and get ready to be amazed by the creativity and hard work of our student performers.

Let's continue to support our incredible Drama Club and celebrate the arts in our community!

Bright Eyes Optical Brightens Students' Futures

Northridge School District extends heartfelt gratitude to **Dr. Mark Willinger** and the extraordinary team at *Bright Eyes Optical* for their unwavering commitment to improving students' lives through better vision. Their dedication and partnership have become a cornerstone of the district's efforts to ensure that every child has access to the resources they need to succeed.

Thanks to this collaboration, School Nurse **Shane Allison** can take students to *Bright Eyes Optical* during the school day for professional eye exams and fittings for new glasses. Each year, dozens of students and their families benefit from this incredible service, which not only improves their vision but also enhances their quality of life and educational experience.

"We are so fortunate to have partners like *Bright Eyes Optical*," said Nurse Shane. "Their work truly changes lives by helping our students see more clearly, literally and figuratively."

A special "Polar Bear thank you" goes out to **Dr. Mark Willinger, Nancy Petersen, Jade Woodard, Eric Eisinger, and Amber Willinger** for their exceptional service and compassion. The Northridge community is truly grateful for their dedication to our students.

Bright Eyes Optical's generosity reflects the power of community partnerships in making a difference, ensuring that no student is held back by barriers to vision care.

For more information about this partnership or ways to support Northridge students, please contact the district office at 937-278-5885.



Shane's Brains News From the School Nurse

As winter weather approaches, the clinic services team would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to **Derrick Thomas** and his fraternity brothers in the *Delta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi* for their incredible generosity. Just in time for the colder months, these community champions donated over 25 coats to our students, from preschool through 12th grade, prior to Thanksgiving break.

This act of kindness directly supports the Northridge Local Schools' core value of "Understanding and Meeting Legitimate Needs." Meeting the needs of our students

requires a community-wide effort, and we are fortunate to have partners like the *Delta Alpha Chapter* who step up to make a meaningful impact.

To Mr. Thomas, the fraternity brothers, and all who contributed to this wonderful gesture, on behalf of every amazing Northridge student, we say, "Thank you." Your generosity keeps our students warm—inside and out.



Calendar



- 9 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Board of Education Meeting Work Session - 6:00 p.m.

January Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

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

- 4 Beechcroft*
- 7 Milton-Union*
- 10 Lehman Catholic*
- 17 Miami East*
- 21 Riverside
- 24 Covington
- 28 Bethel*
- 31 Troy Christian*

Varsity Girls Basketball

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

- 4 Milton-Union* - 12:15 p.m.
- 9 Lehman-Catholic*
- 11 Miami East* - 12:15 p.m.
- 16 Riverside
- 18 Covington - 12:15 p.m.
- 21 Norwood* - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Bethel*
- 25 Stivers* - 12:30 p.m.
- 30 Troy Christian*

Bowling

- 9 Riverside* - 4:30 p.m.
- 11 Viking Classic - 8:00 a.m.
- 14 Bethel* - 4:00 p.m.
- 21 Valley View - 4:00 p.m.
- 23 Dayton Christian - 4:00 p.m.
- 30 Dunbar - 4:30 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

- 11 Bellbrook - 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Brookville - 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Lima Central - 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Lima Central - 9:00 a.m.

Girls Wrestling

- 4 Tinora High School - 9:00 a.m.
- 5 Jonathan Alder - 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Marysville - 10:00 a.m.

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Chloe and Jazmyn enjoyed lunch Friday, December 6, 2024, with Drew Ogletree and several representatives from the *My Cause My Cleats* program. This is a special opportunity for these young artists to share their inspiration and see their designs come to life. Over the coming weeks, Drew Ogletree and the *Just a Pair of Shoes* team will visit each school to celebrate the winners and hear the stories behind their designs.

The *My Cause My Cleats* initiative allows NFL players to wear customized cleats to honor causes they are passionate about, and we are thrilled that two Northridge students contributed to this powerful movement.

Congratulations to Chloe and Jazmyn on this incredible achievement, and thank you to all who participated in this project for sharing your creativity and heart. Stay tuned for more updates as we celebrate this unforgettable experience!

This project embodies the vision of *Just a Pair of Shoes*: empowering and inspiring young students through meaningful experiences. Thank you to all who participated for sharing your incredible talent and creativity!



**Students and Staff
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Winter Holiday Break
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