

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

Grand Opening at The Rat Skate Park and Pump Track

In an exciting development for students and the local community, Northridge Local Schools is thrilled to announce the grand opening of their brand-new skate park. Nestled on the school campus, this cutting-edge facility promises to provide students with a safe and thrilling space for outdoor recreation and skill development.



The skate park, formally named *The Rat*, is the result of a collaborative effort between the school district, community members, and dedicated individuals who saw the potential for a dynamic and inclusive recreational space. After months of planning and construction, this dream has become a reality, offering students an exciting new avenue for physical activity and fun.

The skate park boasts a state-of-the-art design that caters to skaters of all levels, from beginners to experienced riders. With various ramps, rails, and features, it's the ideal place for students to practice tricks, improve their balance, and build camaraderie with fellow skaters.

The Rat also features a pump

track for rollers of all abilities. A pump track is a specially designed cycling facility that offers riders of all skill levels an exhilarating and skill-building experience. Typically constructed in a loop or circuit format, pump tracks consist of a series of smoothly contoured dirt berms, rollers, and jumps, allowing riders to flow continuously without the need for pedaling.

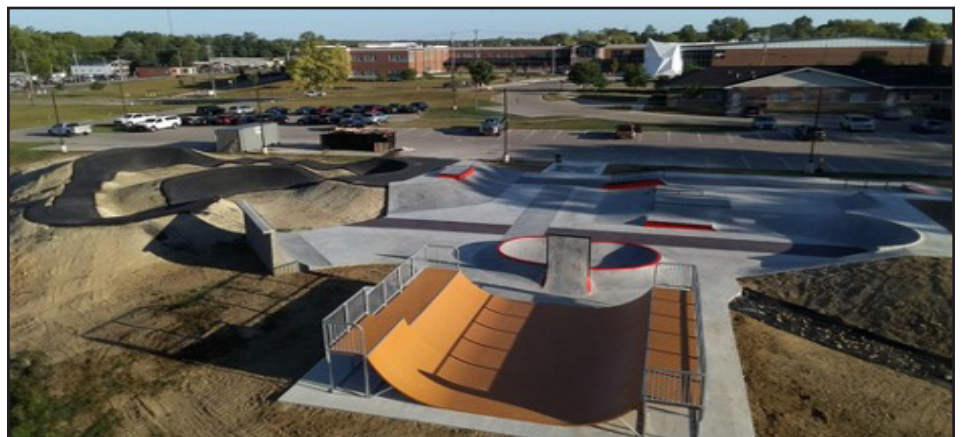
Safety was a top priority during the park's planning and construction phases. The skate park features top-notch safety measures, including protective barriers, non-slip surfaces, and ample lighting to ensure that students can enjoy their skating experience safely, even after the sun sets.

Aside from being a hub for outdoor recreation, the skate park at Northridge Local Schools will also serve as an educational tool. Students in Northridge's newest Parks and Recreation Program have been hard at work seeding the area around *The Rat*. Students in **Joe Miller's** programs have been using drones to capture images of

The Rat. Social Studies classes have used *The Rat Skate Park* to discuss how the community, the environment, and the economy interact in a community. A new Skateboarding Club is beginning for students to get involved outside of school as well.

While the skate park primarily caters to students, it is open to the community, inviting residents of all ages to come and enjoy this fantastic addition to the Northridge neighborhood. It's anticipated that the park will become a popular gathering spot for local skateboard enthusiasts.

The Northridge Local Schools' *The Rat Skate Park* is not just a recreational facility; it's a testament to what a community can achieve when working together to provide opportunities for its youth. As *The Rat* opens, it symbolizes a brighter, more active future for Northridge students and the surrounding community. Skateboarders, young and old, are invited to grab their boards and experience the thrill of this new local treasure.



Northridge Community



56th Annual Northridge Homecoming Parade & Celebration

Northridge Community Parade

DATE:
Sunday, October 1, 2023

TIME:
2:00 p.m.

THEME:
Polar Bear Express!



PARADE LINE-UP AND ROUTE:

The parade route will start at Arthur Avenue, travel south on North Dixie Drive, and end on Timber Lane at the former Northridge High School (current MCESC) parking lot.

Community Celebration and Cruisin' to the Ridge Car Show

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



The Cruisin' to the Ridge Car Show organized by **C.J. Szekely**.

* 25 trophies and 100 dash plaques

Local vendors/crafters set up to sell their goods, as well as, **DC Burgers food truck**, and community resource booths organized by **Libby Fickert**.

PARKING: MCESC, Board of Education lots, and in front of the school by the glacier. The lane between the laundry mat and the school will be open to drop off anyone with mobility issues.

For more information, please contact Parade Chair **Tina Fiore** at 937-684-4235 or momfiore3@woh.rr.com.

Student Day Times

Middle/High School (6-12)
7:35 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Elementary (K-5)
8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Champions Preschool

AM Session: 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

PM Session: 12:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

1-HOUR DELAY EVERY FRIDAY

Title 1 Parents Right to Know: Professional Qualifications

Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including:

- (1) If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
- (2) If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which State qualifications or licensing criteria are waived;
- (3) The teacher's baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline;
- (4) and whether your student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

For additional information, contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson**, 2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, 45414; (937) 278-5885.

Eating What We Grow

The Community STEM Sustainability class delivered their first official harvest to the Northridge Local Schools' kitchen so they could serve it as part of a meal....which is pretty awesome!



ADA Accessibility

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance or arrangements to participate in a program or activity should contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.



Northridge Drama Club presents: "Tracks (A One Act Play)"

A group of strangers meet in a dirty subway station. They have arrived with limited personal belongings, their watches have stopped, and they all claim to be in different cities. Soon they learn there is no way out of the station, and the unfortunate truth is told to them: they are all dead. Since subway stations have two sides, they reason the train leaving from one platform must be bound for heaven, while

the train leaving from the other platform must be bound for hell. But which platform are they on? They reflect upon their lives, recalling and confessing past deeds of which they are not proud, hoping to figure out which platform is which. The arrival of someone from the other platform only complicates matters, and the answer remains unclear. As the subway train finally approaches, they must decide whether to stay and ponder their actions further, or to have faith and climb aboard to their final destination. (Dramatic Publishing Website)

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens.



Student Records

In accordance with law and with policies enacted by the Northridge Board of Education, the following is provided to make you aware of: the content of your child's school records, gaining access to those records, and the procedure for amending the record if necessary.

Directory information includes name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially organized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, certificates and awards received, and other similar information. Non-directory information includes grades, proficiency test scores, family background information, disciplinary actions and reports of serious or recurring behavior patterns, reports by staff specialists, and interest inventories.

Directory information may be released without obtaining written consent unless you notify your child's principal. Release of non-directory information will always be with your prior knowledge unless by court subpoena.

Search For Children With Disabilities

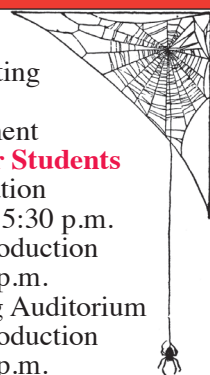
The Northridge Local School District, along with other school districts across the state of Ohio, continue participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as cognitive disability, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment, visual impairment, emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the mainstream of the community. Also, some identified children with disabilities are preschoolers.

The Northridge Local School District is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability or have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

The district's written policies and procedures for the identification of children with disabilities are available upon request.

EVENTS Calendar

- 12 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Staff Development
- **No School for Students**
- 26 Board of Education Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
- 27 NHS Drama Production
- Tracks - 5:00 p.m.
- David Herring Auditorium
- 28 NHS Drama Production
- Tracks - 7:00 p.m.
- David Herring Auditorium
- 29 NHS Drama Production
- Tracks - 3:00 p.m.
- David Herring Auditorium



October Sports



Cross Country

7 Eaton - 8:45 a.m.

Varsity Football

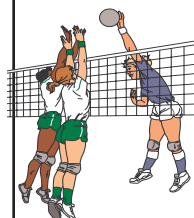
(Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

- 6 Troy Christian*
- 13 Milton-Union
- 20 Lehman Catholic
- Senior Night



Lady Bears Volleyball

(Game time 6:30 p.m. unless noted.)



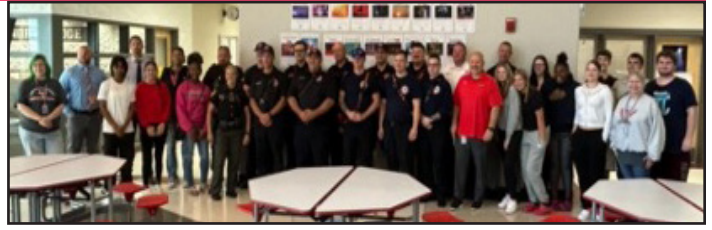
- 3 Bethel
- 5 Troy Christian
- 9 Tri-County North
- 10 Milton-Union*
- 12 Lehman Catholic*

Schedules are subject to change.

* Home

Hero Day Breakfast

In a heartwarming display of gratitude and community spirit, Northridge High School's *Jobs for America's Graduates (JAGS)* program hosted a special "Hero Breakfast" to honor local heroes who have made a significant impact on the lives of students and the community. This event, held on September 11th was a heartfelt tribute to those who inspire and empower the



future leaders of Dayton. Participating in this event were members of the *Harrison Township Fire Department* and the *Harrison Township Division of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department*. The students purchased and prepared food, and *Yes for Youth* provided catered breakfast items. Students helped set up and served the guests. This event began following the collapse of the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. What began as a remembrance event 22 years ago transformed into a celebration and a giving of thanks for the heroes that risk their lives daily. The 2023-2024 senior presidents of the JAGS program, **Logan Myers** and **Jazlyn Flewellin**, greeted our local First Responders and went table to table to thank them for their service.

The JAGS program at Northridge High School is known for its dedication to preparing students for successful futures. It provides essential life skills, career guidance, and a supportive network that empowers students to achieve their goals. The "Hero Breakfast" is just one example of how this program goes above and beyond to instill values of gratitude and community engagement in its participants. The "Hero Breakfast" event highlighted the strong sense of community that thrives in Northridge. It served as a reminder that in the face of challenges, Dayton residents come together to uplift one another and create a brighter future for the next generation.

This is the 21st year for this event and doing this activity has opened the door to many collaborations between the school, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office. Thanks to all the students, parents, school administrators, **Margie Glock** (Northridge Board of Education Vice President) and *Yes for Youth* for helping us with the breakfast to celebrate our heroes. Special thanks to our local First Responders: "We thank you for everything you do!"

Park After Dark

Northridge High School hosted its first *Park After Dark* event Friday, September 1st immediately following the football game where they did some "white sheeting" to collect nighttime insects. Special thanks to science teachers **Patrick White** and **Dianna Outten** for actively participating, and to Superintendent **Dave Jackson**, SRO **Clint Ball** and Director of Food Services **Judi Hunter** for making guest appearances. It was a lot of fun. Be on the lookout for an events calendar coming out soon for other ways to engage in Polar Park!



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