

# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



## A Note From The Superintendent

Dear Northridge Family,

Welcome back to the highly anticipated and completely nontraditional start of the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a challenging season to say the least, but we will forever remain #northridgestrong! It is hard to believe that in the last 15 months, our Northridge Family has endured an EF4 tornado, has opened a beautiful new school facility, and is now in the midst of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Incredibly, even in the midst of these difficult trials, the Northridge Schools and Community have come together, have worked together and have overcome together ... AS A FAMILY! I am so thankful and blessed to serve and lead our Northridge Family even through these unexpected and ever-changing obstacles. One thing I know for certain, if we stay united, we will continue to turn every challenge into an opportunity to improve, learn and grow. Our combined efforts will lead to our collective success! Together we can! Together we will!

By now, I am certain that you have heard that a REVISED return to school plan was approved at our August 10th Board of Education meeting. In accordance with this plan, the Northridge teaching and support staff returned to work on Monday, August 17th, and are participating in three weeks of specific training opportunities in preparation for a successful start to the year. Our amazing Northridge students will begin school on Tuesday, September 8th, but will remain on a stay-at-home, remote learning schedule for at least the first 6 weeks of school. It is my sincere hope that all students who have selected the in-person, return to school option, will be able to begin attending school in person no later than Monday, October 19th. Please refer to the Northridge Local Schools 2020-2021 REVISED Return to School Plan that is located on the district website, [www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org), for more details. Please continue to listen for additional updates, as well, as this plan is also subject to change.

In closing, I want to challenge each and every one of us to CHOOSE JOY even during these challenging times. Let's make a daily effort to embrace an attitude that is positive and engaging despite the difficulties that may surround us ... truly, we have the power to choose! As the Northridge Family, let's face each day with our HEADS UP, making the best of every situation and extending grace to those we meet. If we continue to be patient, resilient, empathetic, compassionate, positive, motivated and committed, we will make the 2020-2021 school year a success for all students. We can do this ... TOGETHER WE WILL!

You will remain in my thoughts and prayers daily! Stay strong! Stay safe! May God richly bless you all!

Enjoying our journey, Dave

## 54th Annual Northridge Parade Cancelled

With much deliberation, it has been decided that the 54th Annual Northridge Homecoming Parade will be cancelled due to the pandemic. Like most highly populated events, it is too big of a risk to chance spreading the corona virus.

The "Rock 'n Roll High School" theme, based on the 1979 movie and the hit song from the Ramones, will be postponed until the fall of 2021. This should give the class officers and all those involved plenty of time to prepare something great for next year!

Stay strong and safe Polar Bears!

## Congratulations Class of 2020!



# Northridge Community NEWS

## Polar Bear Cafe

When school closed due to COVID-19 on March 17, 2020 meals were provided through the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The start of the new school year brings back the guidelines of the USDA National School Lunch Program (NSLP). As a result, there are some important differences. Most significant is that ONLY registered Northridge students are eligible to receive meals.

For Option 1 Students: when the district is on the Green or Yellow Schedule, meals will be served at school within the guidelines of the district return to school plan. When the district is on the Red Schedule, Option 1 Students will have meal access daily. The Northridge transportation team will hand out breakfast/lunch at designated bus stops following a specific time schedule each school day. Even Option 1 Students who do not normally use bus transportation will be assigned a meal stop and time. Each student's name will be checked off when served, as required by NSLP rules. Once again, ONLY registered students are eligible. These meal bus stops will not be offered when the district is on the Green or Yellow Schedule. At those times, Option 1 Students must be at school to receive breakfast and lunch.

For Option 2 Students: the parent/guardian of Option 2 Students may register for weekly meal pick-up. Breakfast and lunch for each scheduled school day will be included. Similar to this past summer, registered families may report at the assigned time and location to pick up their meals. New registration is required and a new tag will be issued to each household. Again, ONLY registered students are eligible.

Please direct questions to **Judi Hunter**, Food Service Supervisor at (937) 275-7469 ext. 1115 or [jhunter@northridgeschools.org](mailto:jhunter@northridgeschools.org).

## Kiwanis Club of Northridge

The Kiwanis Club of Northridge (Dayton) is pleased to have helped celebrate the graduation of the Northridge High School Class of 2020. We presented five \$500 scholarships to some very deserving graduates. **Oscar Ahuatl, Samantha Petroski and Dylan Triplett** were awarded club scholarships. All were members of Key Club. Samantha's father and grandfather were members of Kiwanis Club as well. **Chad Florence** received the **Larry O'Donnell** Memorial Scholarship for his leadership in Key Club and other school functions. **Chastity Rettig** received the tornado relief scholarship.

The Class of 2020 celebrated with a virtual ceremony spearheaded by Kiwanian and Superintendent, **Dave Jackson**. Seniors were videoed at school in small groups receiving a diploma and congratulations by administrators. There were photos of school activities and events. On "graduation night" there was a parade of cars through the neighborhood with signs and horns. The parade was followed by a showing of the video and presentation of diplomas at the *Dixie Drive-In Theater*. Along with their diplomas each graduate received a \$10.00 Little Caesars' gift card to help graduates celebrate with their families.

## 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 **Dave Jackson**, Superintendent, 2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, 45414; (937) 278-5885.

## Emergency Announcements

If inclement weather, emergency school situations, or other unforeseen circumstances cause schools to be delayed or closed, announcements will be made on the following local media outlets: WHIO Channel 7; WDTN Channel 2; and WKEF Channel 22/Fox 45.

Parents may also expect, from time to time, a telephone call through One Command Now, the district's school-to-parent telephone notification system.

## Public Notice

The Northridge Schools have committed themselves to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or disability.

In cases of suspected discrimination, contact **Dave Jackson**, Superintendent, 2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, 45414; (937) 278-5885.

## Directory Information

**Northridge Board of Education**  
2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, 45414  
Phone: (937) 278-5885  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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Treasurer: Jennifer Ashbaugh  
Director of Operations: Jeffrey Lisath

**Northridge Local Schools**  
2011 Timber Lane, Dayton, 45414  
Phone: (937) 275-7469

### [Student Day follows the GREEN SCHEDULE](#)

#### **High School**

Grades 9 - 12

**Student Day: 7:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.**  
Principal: David White  
Asst. Principal: Anthony Hiser  
Athletic Director: Nathan Farmer

#### **Middle School**

Grades 6 - 8

**Student Day: 7:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.**  
Principal: Timothy Whitestone  
Asst. Principal: Sharon Coleman

#### **Elementary**

Grades 3 - 5

**Student Day: 8:25 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.**  
3 - 5 Principal: Derrick Thomas  
Asst. Principal: Nicholas Long

Grades K-2

**Student Day: 9:05 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.**  
K-2 Principal: Todd Petty  
Asst. Principal: Nicholas Long

#### **Champions Preschool**

Phone: (937) 344-8486

#### **Student Day: TBD**

Director: Elana Matthews  
Site Director: Amberly Smith

#### **Transportation**

4397 Payne Avenue

Phone: (937) 274-4748

Director: Donna Maggard

#### **District Website**

[www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org)

## Athletic COVID-19 Procedures

The Northridge Athletic Department is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for everyone. This fall's athletic season will be much different from those in the past as we have to adhere to guidelines and restrictions from Governor **Mike DeWine**, OHSAA, and the Health Department.

While the procedures and protocols are not ideal, it is what we must do to ensure student-athletes get the opportunity to play. Please take a moment to review the individual sport procedures as well as the Operation Plan/Guidelines on our website:

[www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org).  
GO POLAR BEARS!

## Hall of Fame

The Northridge Hall of Fame has honored the Northridge alumni, educators, and residents for their life accomplishments and being good role models for students.

These are difficult times for our community. With ongoing recovery efforts from last year's Memorial Day tornados as well as the negative effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic, we felt it best to once again postpone this year's induction dinner.

In the meantime, we are seeking inductee nominations, committee members, financial donations, and suggestions as to how we could improve the Northridge Hall of Fame and the induction dinner.

Stay tuned for future Northridge Hall of Fame adventures.

## Events Calendar

8	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> <b>All Students RED SCHEDULE</b>
14	Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
28	Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

### **September Sports** (Schedules are subject to change.)

	<b>Cross Country</b>
1	Preble Shawnee - 4:30 p.m.
9	Valley View Inv. - 4:30 p.m.
12	Brookville Inv. - 9:00 a.m.
16	Franklin Inv. - 4:30 p.m.
19	Eaton Inv. - 9:00 a.m.

### **Varsity Football**

(Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

4	Dixie
11	Carlisle
18	Oakwood*- (Homecoming?)
25	Madison*



### **Golf**

(Match time 4:00 p.m. unless noted.)

3	Dixie at Beechwood
11	Milton Union at Homestead
16	Milton Union at Homestead
21	Franklin at Franklin Country Club
24	SWBL Championship at Beechwood - 9:00 a.m.



### **Girls Tennis**

(Match time 4:00 p.m. unless noted.)

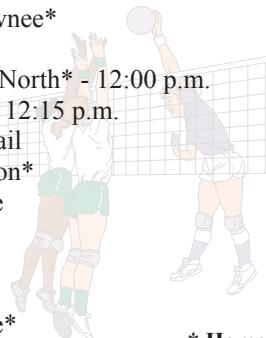
10	Dixie
14	Carroll - 4:30 p.m.
15	Madison*
17	Milton-Union
29	SWBL Tournament - 9:00 a.m.



### **Lady Bears Volleyball**

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

1	Preble Shawnee*
3	Dixie*
5	Tri-County North* - 12:00 p.m.
12	Bradford* - 12:15 p.m.
14	National Trail
17	Milton-Union*
21	Waynesville
22	Madison
24	Dixie
28	Bethel*
29	Waynesville*



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# Curriculum Corner

The Northridge Curriculum Department hopes you and your loved ones have remained safe and healthy this spring and summer amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic. The curriculum department has worked with administrators and teachers to plan for an engaging and meaningful school year for the Northridge students, whatever the school year may look like. Education and instruction will most definitely look different moving forward. We are following the mantra *"The pandemic will make us better and stronger."*



Professional development on various topics occurred this summer and before school started. Over 25 staff members attended a blended learning PD during the summer. Blended learning is a way to weave online learning with content that is being taught in a typical brick and mortar classroom. All instructional staff members have learned about creating engaging Google Classrooms for online and in-person instruction prior to school starting. Teachers and support staff met throughout the summer to discuss social and emotional learning for our staff and students. Another full day PD was focused on making connections with students and meeting their social and emotional needs. SchoolsPLP is a new online curriculum for grades K-12 that will meet the instructional demands for online learning, as well as, when students are back in the classrooms. ExactPath is also a new online personalized program that will allow for students to master content at their own pace and academic ability.

The curriculum department also held Teacher Orientation for new staff members. **Tyler Venters** will be teaching 6th grade science at Northridge Middle School. **Amber Hughes** is a new first grade teacher at Northridge Elementary. **Jane Landis** is the new Spanish teacher at Northridge High School. We welcome them to the Northridge Family.

As the Ohio Department of Education continues to make decisions in regards to state testing, third grade reading guarantee, graduation requirements, and other initiatives for the 2020-2021 school year, we will be sure to send out updates and communications to families and the community as we receive them.

## 2020-2021 School Calendar

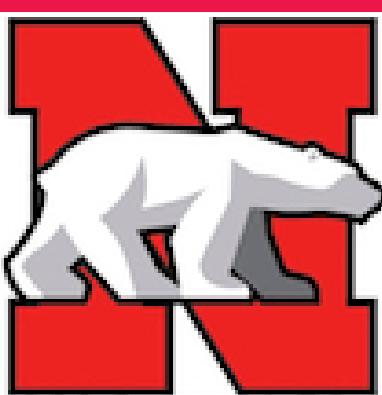
August 17	First Day for Staff / Staff Development
August 18-31	Staff Development - <b>No School</b>
September 1-4	Staff Development - <b>No School</b>
September 7	Labor Day - <b>No School</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>First Day for Students - RED SCHEDULE</b>
October 19	Soft Start for Option 1 Students
October 30	End of 1st Quarter

November 2	Staff Development - <b>No School</b>
November 3	Election Day - <b>No School</b>
November 20	Compensation Day for Fall Conferences - <b>No School</b>
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break - <b>No School</b>
Dec. 18 - Jan. 1	Winter Break - <b>No School</b>
January 15	Staff Development - <b>No School</b>
January 18	Martin Luther King Day - <b>No School</b>
January 22	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

February 12	Staff Development - <b>No School</b>
February 15	President's Day - <b>No School</b>
March 24	End of 3rd Quarter

Mar 26	Staff Development - <b>No School</b>
Mar. 29 - April 2	Spring Break - <b>No School</b>
May 27	End of 2nd Semester - Last Day of School - Early Release for students

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