

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



A Note From The Superintendent

Dear Northridge Family,

As we enter the 2021-2022 school year, the Northridge Local Schools are working diligently to understand and meet the needs of each and every child we serve. Despite the ongoing pandemic and the challenges and uncertainties that lie ahead, we continue to learn, grow and adapt as we overcome each and every obstacle in order to maximize student success. I wanted to take just a few moments to share some of the key elements of our back to school plan for the coming year.

First, we will continue to focus on social emotional learning and the mental health and wellbeing of our students and staff. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. These skills will be embedded in our classrooms and emphasized throughout our district in order to enhance student and staff wellbeing and maximize success. Mental health and prevention experts are also available within our building in order to meet critical needs and promote health and wellness among students and staff.

We will also focus on literacy across all grade levels and content areas. Literacy is far more than

the ability to read and write basic text. Rather, literacy is the ability to read, write, speak, listen, and think in order to learn, communicate, and make meaning of increasingly complex print and online texts. Literacy and content specific learning go hand in hand. If a student struggles as a reader or writer, it is nearly impossible to succeed academically. This continued emphasis on literacy will be coupled with specific, targeted intervention for struggling readers to ensure all students find success.

According to research, students rise to the level of expectation. In fact, a teacher's "estimate of student achievement" continues to be one of the biggest influences on student learning. In other words, a teacher must expect and believe that all of his/her students can and will master grade level standards (even in the midst of a pandemic) and facilitate a classroom that reflects and supports those high expectations. As a result, we will espouse high levels of expectation and belief for all so that

students learn, grow and achieve at even greater rates.

The power of belief is another critical point of emphasis this school year. Some may see this as simply a cliché, but research decisively indicates that "collective efficacy" is one of the top influences on student achievement. Collective efficacy refers to a shared belief that school staff can and will have a positive impact on student achievement – despite other influences in the students' lives that may challenge their success. While this pandemic may have shook us at our core, we will never stop believing that we have the power to make an incredible difference in the lives of our students!

As we learn even more about the specific learning gaps and deficiencies caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will also emphasize mastery of "essential learning standards" within each grade level and subject area. Essential learning standards are a subset of all learning standards that our staff has determined to (Continued on page 2.)

Congratulations Class of 2021!



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be most important for students to learn and master for both current and future success. For now, we must be laser focused on ensuring all students master these essential standards in order to close learning gaps and ensure all students find success.

The final component of our pandemic plan focuses on parent and community engagement and partnerships. Clearly, we cannot succeed or thrive on our own. Instead we must continue to collaborate and rely on our partnerships with YOU ... parents/guardians, faith-based organizations, local business and industry, the Northridge Community, Harrison Township and all who contribute greatly to our ability to identify, understand and meet the academic and holistic needs of our students. Thanks to you all, our supporters and partners ... together we will!

In closing, I would like to encourage each and every one of us to focus on the positive even during these uncertain times. Research supports that positive thinking leads to better health and better outcomes. Let's fully embrace the wisdom found in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, think about these things." May God richly bless us all on the journey ahead!

*With care and thanks,
Dave Jackson*

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.

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

Alumni News

The Northridge High School Class of 1976 is planning their 45th class reunion. There will be a meet and greet on September 17th and the reunion is September 18, 2021.

For additional information, please call **Tony Branscomb** at (937) 278-2708.

Directory Information

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Grades 6 - 12

Student Day: 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Building Administrator

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Nathan Farmer

Elementary

Grades K - 5

Student Day: 8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

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Donna Maggard

Athletic Tickets

Northridge sports are back at full capacity for all home sporting events. However, with the resurgence of Covid cases this could change based on CDC, OHSAA, Board of Education, and Governor guidance. If the capacity policy changes, an update will be sent out.

Tickets may be purchased online through the athletic box office and at the gate. All tickets need to be purchased with a debit or credit card. Cash will **NOT** be accepted. Please plan accordingly if you plan to drop a student off for a game.

Ticket Prices

Varsity events - \$7.00 adults
\$5.00 students and senior citizens

Non-Varsity events - \$5.00 adults
\$3.00 students and senior citizens

Family passes are good for 4 family members. Up to 3 additional passes for family members living in the household may be purchased. **Please note: family passes are not valid at tournament games hosted at Northridge.**

Family Season Pass Price - \$125.00
Each additional pass is \$40.00.

Family Yearly Pass Price - \$175.00
Each additional pass is \$40.00.

Home Event Ticket Purchase Options

1. Buy tickets at the gate using a credit or debit card.
2. Buy tickets online prior to the event by visiting the Northridge Athletic Department Box Office. <https://www.northridgeschools.org/boxoffice.aspx> or scanning the QR code off of posters at multiple locations around the school campus.
3. Download the **Hometown Fan App** to a mobile device. By downloading the app you can search Northridge and find all upcoming events to purchase tickets. The app also allows you to store your downloaded tickets in a consistent, easy-to-find location allowing you to quickly access and scan your tickets upon arriving at an event.

EVENTS Calendar

- 13 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

September Sports (Schedules are subject to change.)



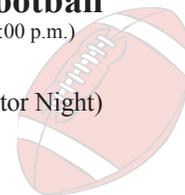
Cross Country

- 8 Valley View Inv. - 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Brookville Inv. - 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Franklin Inv. - 4:30 p.m.
- 18 Eaton Inv. - 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Neil Charski Inv. - TBA

Varsity Football

(Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

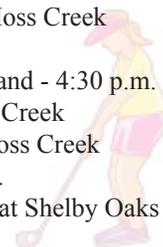
- 3 Carlisle*
- 10 Miami East*-(Mentor Night)
- 17 Riverside
- 24 Covington



Golf

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

- 2 Troy Christian* at Moss Creek
- 7 Bethel
- 8 Miami East at Lakeland - 4:30 p.m.
- 13 Covington* at Moss Creek
- 14 Milton-Union* at Moss Creek
- 16 Riverside - 5:00 p.m.
- 23 TRC Championship at Shelby Oaks - 9:00 a.m.



Girls Tennis

(Match time 4:30 p.m. unless noted.)

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| 1 Preble Shawnee | 14 Madison |
| 2 Greenview* | 16 Lehman Catholic |
| 7 Milton-Union | 20 Preble Shawnee* |
| 8 Trotwood | 27 Greenview |
| 13 Stivers* | 29 Stivers* |

Lady Bears Volleyball

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

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| 2 Riverside | 16 Milton-Union |
| 7 Covington | 18 Dixie* |
| 9 Bethel* | - 11:00 a.m. |
| 11 Bradford | 21 Lehman Catholic |
| - 11:00 a.m. | 23 Miami East |
| 13 National Trail* | 28 Riverside* |
| 14 Troy Christian* | 30 Covington* |

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Curriculum Corner

Academics, Social-Emotional Skills Main Focus for Summer Learning at Northridge

Summer is an opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and for schools to accelerate learning and close academic gaps. Northridge Local Schools is dedicated to creating various high-quality summer learning experiences focused on meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of students through safe and fun activities. This summer Northridge held five different summer learning opportunities: K-4 Careers in STEM Camp, K-5 Summer SPARK! Camp, K-3 Kids Read Now, Middle School Summer Academy, and Credit Recovery Summer School.

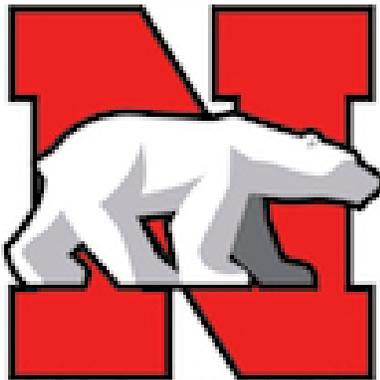
Over 70 students in grades K-4 participated in the 6th annual Northridge Summer STEM Camp. The free, two-week camp consisted of hands-on activities revolving around science, technology, engineering and math. The theme for this summer's camp was *Careers in STEM*. Participants learned about construction engineers by building model earthquake resistant buildings; about marine engineers by creating a submersible device; about prosthetists by building prosthetic legs; and about coding through online programs. A volunteer from the *WOW! Program* through the *Wright Patterson Air Force Base Education Outreach Program* came to do a design challenge with the students about bridges. To celebrate the summer Olympics, students completed STEM Olympic design challenges, creating sailboats, balance beams, and bow and arrows for archery. Students went on field trips to COSI in Columbus and the Ohio Caverns. Breakfast, lunch and transportation was provided. It was an incredible summer of learning and fun!



2021-2022 School Calendar

August 16	First Day for Staff / Staff Development	October 22	Staff Development - No School
August 17-23	Staff Development - No School	November 2	Staff Development - No School
August 24	First Day for Students	November 22-25	Thanksgiving Break - No School
September 6	Labor Day - No School	November 26	Compensation Day for Fall Conferences - No School
October 21	End of 1st Quarter	December 20 - 31	Winter Break - No School
		January 13	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
January 14	Staff Development - No School	March 18	Staff Development - No School
January 17	Martin Luther King Day - No School	March 28 - April 1	Spring Break - No School
February 18	Staff Development - No School	May 3	Staff Development - No School
February 21	President's Day - No School	May 27	End of 2nd Semester - Last Day of School
March 17	End of 3rd Quarter		- Early Release for students

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