

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

A Note From The Superintendent



Dear Northridge Family:

It has been a summer of excitement and change! Many new faces

have joined our Northridge family, while many familiar faces are appearing in new places. It is truly my honor and privilege to continue to serve and lead as your superintendent. Many of you know me well, and I am eager to continue (and strengthen) our great relationship. To others of you, I am only a name and face, but I look forward to forming a successful and meaningful bond with you as well. I am truly humbled by the awesome responsibility of serving and leading. I believe so strongly in each individual on our team, but realize that collectively, as family, we will reach even greater heights. It is our great desire to partner with YOU, parents, guardians, family, friends and community members, in order to be the catalysts for every student to learn, grow and achieve at HIGH LEVELS! Our challenge this year will be to set lofty goals and to do the necessary work to attain those goals: to make the most of every moment in our quest for student growth and student success; to grow together as family and friends, expecting the best from our students and from one another; to love deeply, listen intently, serve humbly and succeed collectively. Excellence is attainable, but only if we com-

mit to giving our absolute best everyday in order to meet the needs of our students, our staff and our community. May we never forget the passion that we have for inspiring students to maximize their potential ... Let's be true to our HEADS UP CORE VALUES as we strive to become ONE FAMILY UNITED ... Together we can! TOGETHER WE WILL!!

We have much to celebrate from the 2022-2023 school year, and many new and exciting challenges to face for the 2023-2024 year. Last year the Northridge Local School District Board of Education led the charge to develop a new strategic plan. They worked alongside staff members, administration, students, community partners, and parents to build a future plan for our district. I am proud to report that their efforts resulted in something all Polar Bears can look forward to and take pride in. The new strategic plan aligns current and future work within the district and includes updated and revised vision and mission statements, core beliefs and importantly, five district-wide goals. These broad goals will serve as the district's governance pillars. All work within the district will tie directly to one or more of these key areas of focus, ensuring consistent focus and forward momentum. Here are the specifics of that **Strategic Plan:**

VISION STATEMENT:
ONE FAMILY UNITED.

Engage. Innovate. Inspire.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We empower our students to succeed and our community to thrive by providing exceptional instruction and compassionate support to prepare tomorrow's leaders.

DISTRICT CORE VALUES: **HEADS UP!**

Honest, consistent and appropriate communication
Education is our calling
Always improving
District is family
Student success
Understand and meet legitimate needs
Personal responsibility and behavioral integrity

5 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

- 1. Student Success.** 100% of Northridge students graduate prepared for enrollment, employment or enlistment.
- 2. Physical and Emotional Well-being.** We identify and utilize data-based strategies to support the physical and emotional well-being of all students and staff and to maintain a stable, compassionate learning environment.
- 3. Opportunity and Engagement.** To engage all Northridge students and their families and to promote lifelong learning, we offer a full and varied array of educational, sports, arts, clubs and community service opportunities.
- 4. Expectations and Accountability.** We set clear and high expectations through daily practices, policies and (Continued on page 2.)

Northridge Community NEWS

A Note From the Superintendent (Continued from page 1.)

Welcome New Polar Bears!

This year the Northridge Family is welcoming a few new additions. We are so thankful for the expertise and experience they bring to our students and staff. They were selected by an interview team after a rigorous interview process designed to highlight their strengths and how their attitudes and beliefs align with those of the Northridge Family. Each one of these new teachers/staff members is excited to serve the Northridge students. Please help welcome these new faces at Northridge.

This year the Wee Cubs preschoolers are attending preschool classes at Northridge again, and we are grateful to have the expertise of **Merlinda Mattison** as the teacher in that classroom and **Bridget Burig** (not pictured) as the Instructional Assistant. We are happy **Samantha Mack** (not pictured) and **Seth Pritchett** joined the kindergarten team this year. New to the first grade team are **Erin Williams** and **Logan Alderman**. Welcome **Maria Sicurella** and **Angie Coomer** (not pictured) to the fourth grade team. The new elementary staff also includes **Shirley English** and **Toni Perry-Gillispie** as Instructional Assistants to help support the important work of reading intervention.

In grades 6-12, we welcome **Nekesha Renfroe** in our new Employment Pathway program and **Tonya Wiltshire** will teach our new Allied Health program. At the high school, we are thankful to add **Brian True** (not pictured) to teach Geometry, **Kyle McDaniel** (not pictured) in Physical Science, and **Larissa Jones** in English Language Arts for grade 10. We are also thrilled to have **Jerome Clager** in math at the middle school and **Maggie Longberry** as our School Psychologist. To round out the high school team, **Jerry Gates** (not pictured) will serve as our newest Behavior Interventionist.

Mason Hardin (not pictured) joined the janitorial staff this summer, and the Health Clinic added an experienced and positive **Dana Kenyon** as Clinic Assistant and **Tabitha Jones** (not pictured) as an LPN. The Polar Bear Athletics have a new leader, **Kaleb Lingg** (not pictured) has recently been named our new Athletic Director.



Northridge welcomes new staff for the 2023-2024 school year. In the back row from left to right, Logan Alderman, Larissa Jones, Seth Pritchett, Nekesha Renfroe, Maria Sicurella, Jerry Clager, Dana Kenyon, and Tonya Wiltshire. In the front row from left to right, Maggie Longberry, Erin Williams, Toni Perry-Gillispie, Merlinda Mattison, and Shirley English.

guidelines for all staff, students and families where consistent, open communication is valued and all are accountable.

5. District and Community Pride. Through open communication, the sharing of success stories and promoting our Polar Bear culture, we instill and enjoy district and community pride.

The district looks forward to creating, planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating a wide variety of initiatives — big and small — across all 5 of these goals over the next five years. Stay tuned for updates on our progress as we work to achieve the highest levels of success for our students, staff and community! PLEASE PLAN TO GET INVOLVED AND PARTNER WITH US ON THIS INCREDIBLY EXCITING ADVENTURE! I, for one, can't wait for the journey ahead! **TOGETHER WE CAN! TOGETHER WE WILL! ONE FAMILY UNITED!**

On a personal note, thank you for your continued efforts here in Northridge; efforts to support, encourage and partner with us for the benefit of all students and our entire Northridge Family. You are valued, appreciated, cared for, believed in, and loved. If there is EVER anything that I can do to assist you, support you, or to encourage you, please do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to our journey together and to the incredibly amazing success story that we will write TOGETHER as THE NORTHRIDGE FAMILY. May God richly bless you and your families ... TODAY and ALWAYS!

Enjoying the journey,
Dave



Directory Information

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High School/Middle School

Grades 6 - 12

Student Day: 7:35 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

ONE HOUR DELAY EVERY FRIDAY

Building Administrator

Aaron Drakeford

Student Success Administrators

Tonishia Burgan
Sharon Coleman
Nicholas Long
Joshua Roeth

Elementary School

Grades K - 5

Student Day: 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

ONE HOUR DELAY EVERY FRIDAY

Building Administrator

Anthony Hiser

Student Success Administrators

Todd Petty
Derrick Thomas

Northridge Preschool

Phone: (937) 759-3884

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

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

ONE HOUR DELAY EVERY FRIDAY

Director - Elana Matthews
Site Director - Dana Dixon

Athletic Tickets

Tickets for all Northridge games 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. **Effective October 1st, we will start accepting cash again as well.** Until then, please plan accordingly if you plan to drop a student off for a game.

Ticket Prices

Varsity events -

\$8.00 adults

\$6.00 students and senior citizens

Non-Varsity events - \$6.00 adults

\$4.00 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 -

\$225.00

Each additional pass is \$40.00.

Home Event

Ticket Purchase Options

1. Buy tickets at the gate using a credit or debit card. **Effective October 1st, we will start accepting cash again as well.**

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

28 Board of Education Meeting and Work Session
- 5:30 p.m.

September Sports

(Schedules are subject to change.)



Cross Country

9 Brookville Inv. - 9:00 a.m.
16 Eaton Inv. - 9:00 a.m.

Varsity Football

(Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

1 Carlisle*
8 Miami East*
15 Riverside
22 Covington
29 Bethel*



Golf

7 Miami East - 4:30 p.m.
18 Milton Union - 4:00 p.m.

Girls Tennis

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

5 Middletown*	19 Lehman Catholic
6 Trotwood	20 Stebbins
7 Franklin	26 Lehman Catholic*
11 Milton-Union	- 4:30 p.m.
13 Piqua	27 West Carrollton
18 Carlisle	28 Stivers*

Lady Bears Volleyball

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

5 Covington	21 Miami East
7 Bethel*	25 Dixie
9 Bradford*	25 Middletown
- 11:00 a.m.	Christian
12 Troy Christian*	- 7:00 p.m.
14 Milton-Union	26 Riverside*
19 Lehman Catholic	28 Covington*

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
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.

56th Annual Northridge Homecoming Parade and Community Celebration

Sunday,
October 1, 2023
at 2:00 p.m.

"Polar Bear Express"

Community Celebration
immediately
following the parade
until 6:00 p.m.

For information, contact
Tina Fiore at
momfiore3@woh.rr.com

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.

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2023-2024 School Calendar

August 14-16	Staff Development - No School	Dec. 25-Jan. 5	Winter Break - No School
August 17	First Day for Students	January 12	Staff Development - No School
September 4	Labor Day - No School	January 15	Martin Luther King Day - No School
October 13	Staff Development - No School	February 16	Staff Development - No School
October 17	End of 1st Quarter	February 19	Presidents' Day - No School
November 7	Staff Development - No School	March 14	End of 3rd Quarter
November 20	Compensation Day for Fall Conferences - No School	March 15	Staff Development - No School
November 21-24	Thanksgiving Break - No School	March 25-29	Spring Break - No School
December 22	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	May 22	End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester - Last Day of School - Early Release for Students

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