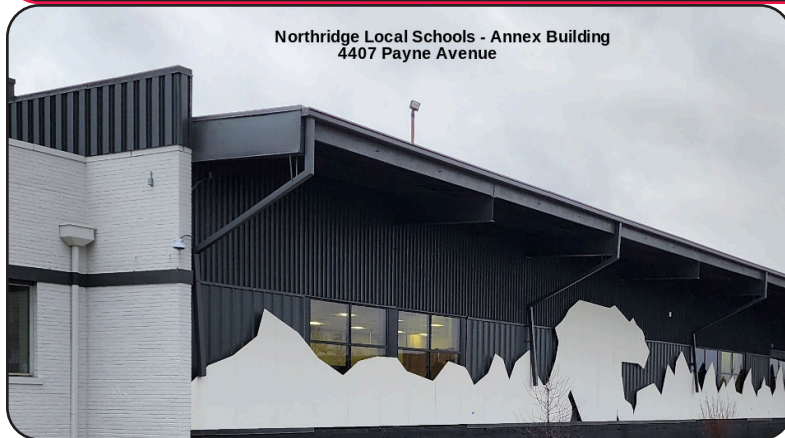


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Community Pride Committee Recommends New Name for Annex



The Community Pride Committee recently convened to discuss potential names for the school district's Annex. After several brainstorming sessions, the committee proposed two possible names for the facility. To ensure community involvement, a survey was distributed to gather opinions on the final name.

The survey results are in! With 56.4% of the votes, the community selected **Polar Bear Career Center** as the preferred name for the Annex. At their meeting on October 24th, the Board of Education officially voted to approve this new name.

The committee is thrilled to move forward with the recommendation and is grateful for the valuable input from the community. Stay tuned for further updates as we continue the process of officially naming the facility.

Celebrating English Learners' Achievements

On the morning of Friday, October 25th, Northridge Elementary hosted a special ceremony in the gym to honor the achievements of K-5 English Learners (EL) and recent graduates of the EL program. Led by **Ana Maria Vasconez**, the event celebrated students who have shown remarkable progress in their English language proficiency and those who have successfully graduated from EL services. In recognition of their hard work, students received certificates, school gear, and candy, while staff members **Dave Jackson**, **Derrick Thomas**, and **Judi Hunter** joined in to show their support.



The accomplishments highlighted at the ceremony were based on students' performance on the Spring 2024 Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA), a rigorous three-day exam that evaluates skills in four language domains: listening, reading, speaking, and writing. Nineteen students demonstrated significant growth, improving across 43 language domains, and six students achieved full English proficiency, allowing them to graduate from EL services.

The students recognized for their improvements included: **Evelyn Mata Lopez**, **Kelly Hernandez Alvarado**, **Hector Perez-Vazquez**, **Bineta Mbengue**, **Marie Mbengue**, **Cytlaly Hernandez**, **Aileen Choachi**, **Brian Cruz Flores**, **Ryan Rasaily**, **David Ebelate**, **Rolman Herrera-Flores**, **Saphia Than**, **Diego Cuazitl Ahuatl**, **Mauricio Castillo Garcia**, **Brando Ramirez-Xique**, **Rocio Astudillo**, **Anita Baraili**, and **Delaila Delasancha**. Graduating from EL services were **Merry Abisage**, **Mauricio Trejo**, **Reyna Pelagio Cruz**, **Victoria Castillo Garcia**, **Anamaria Mateo**, and **Bikesh Kalikotey**.

After honoring the students for their hard work and dedication, Mrs. Vasconez distributed treat bags to all the EL students as a token of encouragement. Northridge Schools is proud of their achievements and looks forward to seeing even greater progress in the 2025 OELPA!

Northridge Community NEWS

Christmas Basket Project: Celebrating 68 Years



This year, the Kiwanis Club of Northridge celebrates 78 years of service, and its 68th Annual Christmas Basket Project, supporting local families during the holiday season. The club pledges to provide food baskets and \$50.00 Walmart gift cards to help over 75 families create a memorable holiday

meal this season.

In partnership with Northridge Schools and the High School Key Club, the project includes collecting canned goods and providing gifts for children under 12 years of age. Families will be notified the week of December 9th, with pick ups scheduled from December 16-19 at door #10, from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

How You Can Support the Project:

- Encourage Families to Apply: Applications are open from November 12th thru December 3rd until 11:00 p.m. via QR Code link.
- Donate Canned Goods: Contact **Ann Ewing** at aewing@northridgeschools.org.
- Provide Wrapping Supplies or Monetary Donations: Contact **Trish Engle** at tengle@northridgeschools.org.
- Attend the Annual Blind Christmas Auction: Join us on December 5th at 6:15 p.m. in the Polar Bear Career Center for an entertaining fundraising auction to support the project. Dinner is \$15.00.

For more information or to donate, contact **Tina Fiore** at momfiore3@woh.rr.com. Thank you for helping us make this holiday season brighter for Northridge families!



Trip to OtherWorld

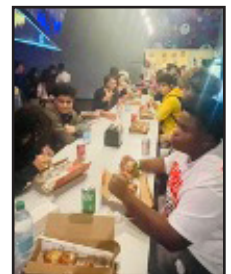
On November 11th, Northridge 9th graders who met the eligibility criteria for our First Quarter Reward Trip, based on academics, behavior, and attendance, enjoyed an exciting day at *OtherWorld* in Columbus!

OtherWorld is a massive 32,000 square-foot immersive art museum featuring the work of over 40 artists. Students were thrilled to explore the museum's unique, interactive displays and mixed-reality playgrounds, discovering secret passageways and enjoying the creative surprises that make *OtherWorld* so unique.

Before diving into the exhibits, the group kicked off the trip with a delicious lunch from *Jet's*

Pizza, providing the perfect energy boost for an afternoon of exploration and fun. The students returned inspired, having celebrated their hard work in a memorable, one-of-a-kind way!

We're so proud of our students' achievements and look forward to more exciting reward trips throughout the year!



Advanced Manufacturing Lab Expands Capabilities with New CNC Mill and Lathe



The Advanced Manufacturing Lab at Northridge High School is excited to announce the addition of a state-of-the-art CNC mill and lathe to its equipment roster for the 2024-2025 school year. These new machines will significantly enhance the lab's capabilities and provide students with even greater opportunities to learn about and develop skills in advanced manufacturing.

CNC mills and lathes are computer-controlled machines that can be used to create a wide variety of parts and components with high precision and accuracy. They are used in a variety of industries, including aerospace, automotive, and medical device manufacturing. Students will be able to work on more complex projects and develop the skills needed to succeed in careers in advanced manufacturing.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer these new machines to our students," said **Joe Miller**, the instructor of the Advanced Manufacturing Lab. *"These machines will allow us to provide our students with a world-class education in advanced manufacturing, CNC machining."*

A variety of Advanced Manufacturing Lab courses are open to all students at Northridge High School. These courses include Pre-Engineering as well as a series of Maker classes that involve learning in machining, lathes, industrial robotics, and all forms of advanced manufacturing.

The addition of the CNC mill and lathe to the Advanced Manufacturing Lab will allow students to gain hands-on experience with the latest manufacturing technologies. The lab is equipped with mills, lathes, and routers as well as traditional tools such as band saws, drill presses, table saws and miter saws. The lab also houses advanced makerspace equipment to include a laser engraver, ultra-high quality vinyl printer and cutter, a water-jet cutter and other hand tools.

The funding for the Career Tech equipment was secured through a grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. The Northridge Local School District is in collaboration with the *IUE-CWA*, *Budde's Precision Machining*, and *Dysinger Tool & Die* as well as many other local businesses, allowing the lab to continue to be a leader in advanced manufacturing education and training for the students of Northridge.



Advanced Manufacturing students (pictured left to right): **Dowson Perez**, **Terry Daniels**, and **Landon Blakley** work with industry partner **Dave Cash** from *IUE/CWA*.

EVENTS

12 Board of Education Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.

Happy Holidays



**December 23 -
January 3**

**Winter Holiday
Break**

No School

December Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

Game time 7:30 p.m. unless noted.

- 2 Hilliard Davidson
- 6 Miami East
- 10 Riverside*
- 13 Covington*
- 17 Bethel
- 20 Troy Christian
- 21 Scott Winter Classic - TBD
- 22 Scott Winter Classic - TBD
- 28 4th Annual Holiday Hoop Fest - TBD
- Coach Dennis Court at The Cave

Varsity Girls Basketball

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

- 5 Riverside*
- 7 Covington* - 12:15 p.m.
- 12 Bethel
- 14 Troy Christian - 12:15 p.m.
- 20 Beach Ball Classic - TBD
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- 21 Beach Ball Classic - TBD
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- 23 Beach Ball Classic - TBD
- Myrtle Beach, SC

Bowling

Home games are held at
Poelking Lanes on Wilmington Pike.

- 7 Bethel* - 4:30 p.m.
- 14 Riverside* - 4:00 p.m.
- 21 Trotwood* - 4:30 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

- 7 Mechanicsburg
- 14 Tipp City
- 21 Middletown Madison
- 28 Gallia Academy

Girls Wrestling

- 14 Memorial High
- 22 West Liberty-Salem
- 29 Mansfield Madison

* Home

Weather Delays/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.

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.

In order to receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.

Allied Health Students Attend Surgical Symposium

On Saturday, October 26th, a group of Northridge students in the Allied Health Program traded their usual weekend sleep-in for a unique educational opportunity at Miami Valley Hospital's Surgical Symposium. These dedicated students, including **Jera Miller, John Cantrell, and KeBriana Davis**, explored hands-on medical experiences and gained insights into the world of surgery.

During the symposium, students engaged in a panel discussion with four MVH surgeons, who shared their journeys, challenges, and advice for aspiring healthcare professionals. Students then rotated through various surgical stations, each designed to give them a feel for real-life medical procedures.

At one station, Jera, John, and KeBriana were introduced to the cystoscope, a tool used in minimally invasive surgeries. Under guidance, they practiced by using a cystoscope on a bell pepper,

skillfully observing a small toy hidden at the bottom. KeBriana even suited up in full operating room gear, getting a true sense of the OR environment.

This hands-on experience not only offered students a chance to build skills but also inspired them to consider exciting careers in the medical field.



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