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A Note From the Superintendent



Dear Northridge Family: We are so excited to welcome students, staff, and families

back for the 2024-2025 school year, starting with a renewed commitment to creating a positive, inclusive, and supportive learning environment. As part of this commitment, we are proud to announce the continuation and expansion of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Behavioral Leadership initiative.

PBIS is a proactive approach that promotes positive behavior, improves school climate, and increases student success by implementing data-driven strategies and interventions. This year, Northridge Local Schools will focus on enhancing its PBIS framework to foster a culture of respect, responsibility, and effort.

Our goal is to ensure that every student feels valued, supported, and equipped to succeed academically and socially. By renewing our focus on PBIS and Behavioral Leadership, we are investing in the well-being of our students and staff, which ultimately leads to a more productive and positive learning environment.

In addition to these efforts, Building Administrators will implement clear and consistent communication with students and families about (*Continued on page 4.*)

Welcome New Polar Bears!

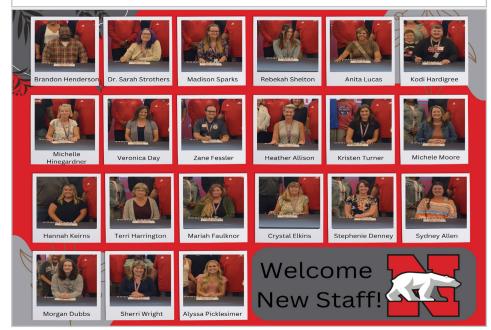
This year the Northridge Family is welcoming twenty new additions to our staff. We are so thankful for the expertise and experience they bring to our students and staff. They were selected by an interview team after a rigorous interview process designed to highlight their strengths and how their attitudes 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.

We are happy to welcome **Stephenie Denney** to the first grade team and **Michele Moore** to the second grade team. Also new to the elementary teaching staff are **Hannah Keirns** and **Terri Harrington**. **Mariah Faulknor, Morgan Dubbs** and **Alyssa Picklesimer** are joining the team as educational aides. The new elementary staff also includes **Crystal Elkins, Sydney Allen** and **Kristen Turner** as Instructional Assistants to help support the important work of reading intervention.

At the middle school, we are thankful to add back to our staff **Veronica Day** to teach 8th grade science and **Michelle Hinegardner** newly joins our middle school mathematics teachers.

In grades 9-12, we welcome **Kodi Hardigree** who will teach our new Welding program and **Zane Fessler** will be heading up the Parks & Recreation program. We are also thrilled to have **Dr. Sarah Strothers** to lead our high school music and marching band, as **Rebekah Shelton** teaches Physical Science at the high school. Guidance counselors **Anita Lucas** and **Heather Allison** and Instructional Assistant, **Brandon Henderson** round out the additions to the Middle/High School staff.

Sherri Wright joined the clerical staff this summer supporting Food Service and Special Education. Welcome all to the Northridge family!



Northridge Community

NORTHRIDGE HONORS CONCERT BENEFITING THE NORTHRIDGE ALUMNI VETERANS MEMORIAL

Northridge Alumni and Grammy Award Winner FRANK MYERS with special guests JIMMY NICHOLS, and BRETT JONES in this exclusive acoustic concert.



JIMMY NICHOLS

Jimmy is an internationally known Jimmy is an internationally known producer, session player and touring musician. He has played professionally for over 50 years and has toured with or recorded with such illustrious names as Faith Hill, Elton John, Reba, Tim McGraw, Kenny Rogers, Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood, just to name a few.



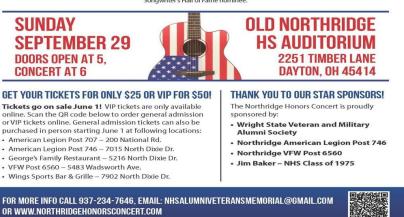
FRANK MYERS

Frank is a Grammy-award-winning songwriter/ producer and four-time Grammy nominee whos credits include hits for Alabama, John Michael e whose credits include hits for Alabama, John Michael Montgomery, Eddie Rabbit, and Crystal Gayle. He has a total of 12 number one hits and 20 top ten hits to his credit, including 1 Swear, You and I, My Front Porch Looking In, and I'm Already There. His songs have been recorded by over 50 country and pop artists and he is a two-time Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame nominee.



BRETT JONES

Brett is an American singer, songwriter, and music publisher. He has over one hundred songs recorded, including fourteen top-ten hits and multiple number-one hits, including If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away, That's How Country Boys Roll, and Crazy Town.



Northridge Parade Celebrates 57 Years

Did someone say *PARADE*? The Annual Northridge Homecoming/Community Parade celebrates 57 years on Sunday, September 29th. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. starting at Arthur Avenue and ending at Northridge Local Schools on Timber Lane.

Prior to the parade, there will be a car show organized by C.J. Szekely and a flea market at the school with Northridge souvenirs and other fundraising items for sale.

For parade entries and Flea Market entries, please contact Tina Fiore at momfiore3@woh.rr.com.

After the parade, why not finish the evening with a great local concert? Northridge alumni and Grammy award winner, Frank Myers, will be back in the 'Ridge with special guests Jimmy Nichols and Brett Jones for a Northridge Honors Concert benefitting the Northridge Alumni Veterans Memorial.

Northridge Community Rallies for Clean-Up

Residents of Northridge came together on Saturday, September 14th for the 2nd Annual Love Thy Neighbor Community Clean-up event. Volunteers of all ages donned gloves and grabbed bags to tackle litter and debris throughout the neighborhood, including a large team of Northridge Staff.

The event, organized by Danielle Bradley, Diana Leighner and Tina Fiore, aimed to beautify the community and foster a sense of unity among neighbors. Participants cleared flower beds, removed trash, and trimmed overgrown vegetation.

The Love Thy Neighbor Community Cleanup was a successful endeavor again this year! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of volunteers, 10 sites across Northridge benefitted!

To learn more about the event and how you can help, please contact **Tina Fiore** at momfiore3@woh.rr.com. **#NorthridgeStrong #TheRidgeisRising #POLARBEARPRIDEFOREVER**



From left to right: Travis Jackson, Marcey Robinson, Joe Buelow, Andrew Buelow, Jeff Lisath, and Dave Jackson

Directory Information

Northridge Board of Education 2008 Timber Lane Dayton, OH 45414 Phone: (937) 278-5885 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. www.northridgeschools.org

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> > Treasurer Lori Green

Director of Operations Jeffrey Lisath

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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 Sharon Coleman Nicholas Long Marcey Robinson 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 Tonishia Burgan 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 <u>living</u> in the household may be purchased. <u>Please note:</u> family passes are not valid at tournament games hosted at Northridge.



Family Season Pass Price -\$125.00

\$125.00 Each additional pass is \$40.00.

Family Yearly Pass Price -\$225.00 Each additional pass is \$40.00.

<u>Home Event</u> <u>Ticket Purchase Options</u>

1. Buy tickets at the gate using cash, 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.



- 12 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Board of Education Meeting and Work Session - 6:00 p.m.

September Sports (schedules are subject to change.) Varsity Football (Game Time 7:00 p.m.) (Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

- 10 Milton Union 4:00 p.m.
- 19 Multiple Schools 8:30 a.m.

Lady Bears Volleyball

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

- 3 Covington*
- 5 Bethel
- 7 Bradford*
- 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Troy Christian
- 12 Milton-Union*
- 14 Meadowdale
- 17 Lehman*
- 19 Miami East*
- 24 Riverside
- 26 Covington
- 28 Stivers*
 - 11:00 a.m.



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behavioral expectations and support systems. This includes regular updates through our website, newsletters, and community events.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for student success. We encourage all families to stay engaged and communicate with us as we work together to support our students' growth and development.

We are looking forward to a successful and fulfilling school year, guided by a shared commitment to creating a positive and nurturing environment for all students. Together we will!

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.

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.



2024-2025 School Calendar

August 12-14 August 15 September 2 October 14

October 18

Staff Development - No School **First Day for Students** Labor Day - No School End of 1st Quarter

Staff Development - No School November 5 Staff Development - No School November 25 Compensation Day for Fall Conferences - No School November 26-29 Thanksgiving Break - No School December 20 End of 1st Semester

Dec. 23-Jan. 3 January 17 January 20 February 14 February 17 March 13 March 14 March 31-April 4 April 18

May 22

Winter Break - No School Staff Development - No School Martin Luther King Day - No School Staff Development - No School President's Day - No School End of 3rd Quarter

Staff Development - No School Spring Break - No School Staff Development - No School End of 2nd Semester - Last Day of School - Early Release for Students

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