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A Century of Courage: Stepping Into A New Era

Welcome to the start of a brand-new school year, Northridge families, friends, and neighbors! Before we look ahead at what this exciting year holds for our students, I want to take you on a short journey back a little more than 100 years ago.

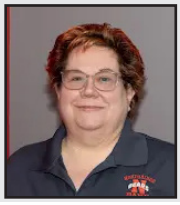
The picture shown above is of a classroom at Ebenezer 11B school, located at the corner of North Dixie Drive and Neff Road. It, along with Ebenzer 11A (in what is now Maggie's Bar), were the first multi-room schoolhouses in Northridge. By early 1926, a 14-room, $110,000 school was built on the very same grounds where our school is now located. On June 16, 1931, the district would officially be renamed Northridge.

Our community had a vision to change education for future generations, and their courage, vision, and deep belief in the future paved the way for our current district. Exactly 100 years later, we continue to embrace innovation and change. From our new plan for the district's administrative leadership structure to our state-of-the-art Career Center, Northridge embraces a future-facing orientation thanks to the leadership and hard work of those who have come before.

As the Board of Education, we want to express our deepest gratitude to every single teacher, administrator, counselor, bus driver, custodian, food service team member, and support staff person in the district. We also want to thank our community: parents, fine arts boosters, community volunteers, local businesses, and community members who rally behind our kids every single day.

Our focus remains steadfast: nurturing student growth, academic excellence, safe environments, and pride in the Northridge Community. Let's step into this new school year with the same courage, faith, and determination that created our district 100 years ago.

Have a wonderful school year, Northridge!



Happily in Service 100/0,

Tina Fiore

Board of Education President

59th Annual Northridge Homecoming Parade

Get ready to step back in time as the 59th Annual Northridge Homecoming Parade and Community Celebration is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4th, and get ready to celebrate with the theme *Cruising to the Oldies*.

The festivities kick-off at 10:00 a.m. with a fantastic car show on the front lawn of Northridge Local Schools, featuring a variety of classic vehicles. The parking lot facing North Dixie will be transformed into a vibrant vendor and community resource area, where you can shop from local crafters and artisans.

But the fun doesn't stop there! The main event, the homecoming parade, will begin at 2:00 p.m. starting at Arthur Ave. and ending on Timber Ln. A float competition will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize trophies, being judged on Theme Alignment, Creativity & Originality, Craftsmanship & Effort, Enthusiasm & Crowd Interaction, and the WOW factor! To register, contact **Tina Fiore** at tfiore@northridgeschools.org.

Making It Right

In the June 2026 issue of the *Dividends of Learning*, we incorrectly identified Athletic Hall of Fame inductee **Ed Montgomery** as a member of the Class of 1977. Ed was a proud graduate of the Northridge High School Class of 1976. We regret the error and apologize for the mistake.

Northridge Community NEWS

Student Records

In accordance with law and with policies enacted by the Northridge Board of Education, the following is provided to make you aware of the content of your child's school records, gaining access to those records, and the procedure for amending the record if necessary.

Directory information includes name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially organized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, the most recent school attended, certificates and awards received, and other similar information. Non-directory information includes grades, proficiency test scores, family background information, disciplinary actions and reports of serious or recurring behavior patterns, reports by staff specialists, and interest inventories.

Directory information may be released without obtaining written consent unless you notify your child's building admin. Release of non-directory information will always be with your prior knowledge unless by court subpoena.

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, text message, or email from the district's school-to-parent notification system.

Search For Children With Disabilities

The Northridge Local School District, along with other school districts across the state of Ohio, continue participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as cognitive disability, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment, visual impairment, emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the mainstream of the community. Also, some identified children with disabilities are preschoolers.

The Northridge Local School District is committed to meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability or have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

The district's written policies and procedures for the identification of children with disabilities are available upon request.

ADA Accessibility

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance or arrangements to participate in a program or activity should contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

Student Day Times

Middle/High School (6-12)
7:35 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Elementary (K-5)
8:35 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Preschool
AM Session: 8:35 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
PM Session: 12:25 p.m.-3:35 p.m.

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.

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.

Directory Information

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Treasurer
Lori Green

Director of Operations
Jeffrey Lisath

Northridge Local Schools
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Dayton, OH 45414
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Building Administrator
Anthony Hiser

High School/Middle School
Grades 6 - 12
Student Day: 7:35 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

Student Success Administrators
Grades 9-12: Marcey Robinson
Grades 6-8: Nicholas Long
Career Tech: David Weigand

Elementary School
Grades K - 5
Student Day: 8:35 a.m.-3:35 p.m.

Student Success Administrators
Grades K-5: Derrick Thomas
Grades 3-5: Tonishia Burgan
Grades K-2: Todd Petty

Northridge Wee Cubs Preschool
Phone: (937) 275-7469
AM Session: 8:35 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
PM Session: 12:25 p.m.-3:35 p.m.

Special Education Supervisor
Karen Cigrang

Champion's Preschool
Phone: (937) 759-3884
AM Session: 8:35 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
PM Session: 12:25 p.m.-3:35 p.m.

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 can be purchased with cash, a debit or credit card.

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 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.

EVENTS Calendar

7 Labor Day - **No School**
10 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
24 Board of Education Work Session - 6:00 p.m.

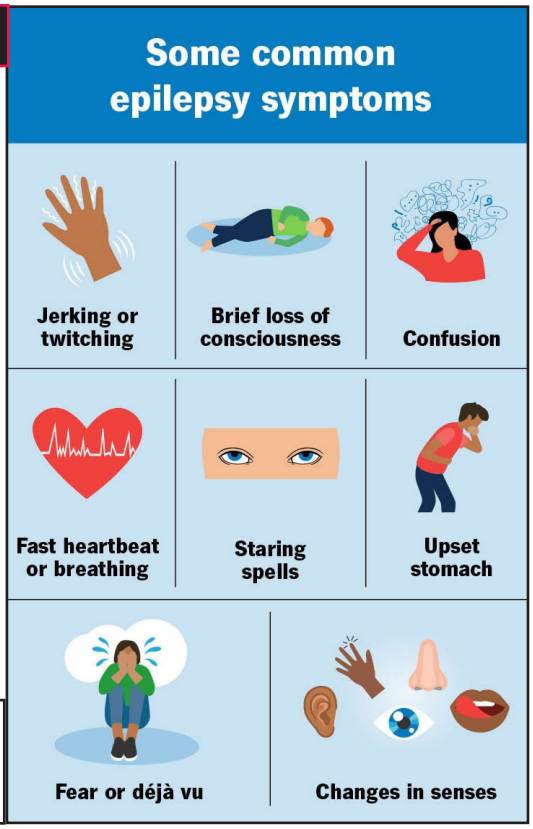
September Sports

(Schedules are subject to change.)

Shane's Brains: Seizures and Epilepsy

Do you know what Lil Wayne, Teddy Roosevelt, Harriet Tubman and Vincent Van Gogh all have in common? They all suffered from a seizure disorder. In fact, about 1 in 10 people will experience a seizure during their lifetime and about 1 in 25 will suffer from epilepsy for an extended period of time or their entire life. Children often grow out of their seizure disorders. Here at Northridge Schools, every student with a seizure disorder has a care plan to keep them safe and healthy while here at school.

Seizures can look very different as there are many different types. Of course, there is the traditional type associated with the disorder - shaking, stiffness, loss of consciousness. But sometimes seizures can look like staring or "zoning out." And sometimes they can seem like tics/habits such as smacking lips or making repetitive noises or "acting clumsy." Seizures can be VERY serious. But, for most people, medication and regular care from a health practitioner that specializes in seizures leads to a normal, healthy life.



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Northridge Local Schools

2026-2027 School Calendar

August 12-14	Staff Development - **No School**
August 17	**First Day for Students**
September 7	Labor Day - **No School**
October 15	**End of 1st Quarter**
October 16	Staff Development - **No School**
October 19	**No School**
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break - **No School**
December 17	**End of 1st Semester**
December 18	Staff Development - **No School**
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Winter Break - **No School**
January 4	Staff Development - **No School**
January 15	Staff Development - **No School**
January 18	Martin Luther King Day - **No School**
February 12	Staff Development - **No School**
February 15	President's Day - **No School**
March 4	**End of 3rd Quarter**
March 5	Staff Development - **No School**
March 8	Compensation Day for Fall Conf. - **No School**
March 26-April 2	Spring Break - **No School**
May 13	**End of 2nd Semester - Last Day of School - Early Release for Students**

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