Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

Teacher Workday
Wednesday, December 20
No Classes PK-12

WINTER BREAK
December 21 - January 2

Board of Education Meetings
Mondays January 8 & 22
6:00 p.m. - Northwood

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 15
No Classes PK-12

Community Breakfast
Wednesday, January 17
9:30 a.m. - Englewood Elem.

High School Blood Drive
Friday, February 2

Board of Education Meetings
Mondays February 12 & 26
6:00 p.m. - Union Elem.

Parent Teacher Conferences
February 12 & 14
All Buildings

Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday, February 16
No Classes PK-12

Presidents Day
Monday, February 19
No Classes PK-12

Northmont Receives Second Consecutive Momentum Award

Northmont City Schools won its second straight Momentum Award from the state school board, recognizing the District for exceeding expectations in student growth.

Schools win Momentum Awards if they receive straight A's on all "value-added" measures on the report card, tracking year-over-year test score growth. Just over ten percent of school districts statewide won the award and only five percent have achieved the accomplishment two years running.

"These districts and schools are doing a wonderful job providing students with the tools to succeed — and their students are rising to the challenge," said State Board of Education President Tess Elshoff. "The State Board of Education is proud to recognize these students, teachers, administrators, and parents for their accomplishments."

Rebate? Yes, Please!

- At a recent meeting of the Educational Purchasing Council, rebate checks were dispersed for food service, classroom supplies, and the health insurance wellness program.
- Northmont received the third highest amount in food service rebates of over 175 districts who participate in the rebate program.
- The rebate program on supply purchases is based not only on spending amounts, but also quick pay incentives.
- The Human Resources Department and the Wellness Committee head up the wellness program and employee participation yielded $14,385 towards the total rebate of $35,249.
- Northmont is constantly looking for any sources of revenue to help offset the rising costs of purchases, and this is just another example of the little things that add up due to extra effort by all departments.

Middle School Team Visits MVCTC

Northmont Middle School's Team Optimism was invited to spend an entire day at MVCTC, piloting an extension to the annual tour of the campus. Students were able to choose two programs to have a hands-on experience. The MVCTC had labs where students listened to online instructions and followed a written folder of instructions to complete a task that MVCTC students might do in their program choice. Students also participated in a tour of the campus.







Above: Robotics/Automation
Far Right: Construction
Right: Biotechnology

GREEN PRIDE

. . . throughout the community

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four FREE Community Breakfasts left for the school year and we would LOVE for you to join us!

Jan. 17 - 9:30 a.m.
Englewood Elementary

Feb. 21 - 9:30 a.m.
Englewood Hills

March 21 - 8:30 a.m.
Middle School

April 18 - 8:30 a.m.
High School

DON'T FORGET!

Check to make sure the District has updated phone numbers in the One Call system.
www.OneCallNow.com
or
Lisa Maggard
832-5062

Modeling & Simulation Recognized by Ohio School Boards Association

High school students from Mr. Aaron Brumbaugh's Modeling and Simulation class were chosen to present during the Ohio School Boards Association Fall Conference Student Achievement Fair in November. The presentation focused on real world applications of computer simulations that students have developed in class. Modeling and Simulation is a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) class that has been developed by the Dayton STEM Center. Goals of the class are to expose students to modeling and simulation skills used by professionals and to help them explore opportunities in the modeling and simulation profession. Students use a wide variety of computer applications such as Microsoft Excel, Sketch-Up, Fusion 360, Scratch, Python, Unity 3D, and Ureal Engine 4. The course also contains a capstone project where students must create a school evacuation simulation using knowledge gained throughout the semester.



Pictured left to right: Teacher Aaron Brumbaugh, Board Member Jane Woodie, Board Member-Elect Chris Pulos, Board Member Tom Walker, Students Caleb Via, Dillon Hall, Darryl Kinsler, Board President Linda Blum, Superintendent Tony Thomas

In Memory of Mr. Richard Shell

Strong. Consistant. Honorable. These words have been used often to describe the late Richard Shell, Northmont's first high school principal. After his recent passing, many of his former students decided to memorialize him with a scholarship in his name. The scholarship has been established through The Dayton Foundation and will be overseen by Mr. Shell's cousin Jean Plunkett.

A "mighty oak" tree has been planted at the north end of the high school band field in his honor. Brown's Nursery donated and planted the tree, and several former students were present to preserve the memory.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Richard "Dick" Shell Scholarship Fund can send tax deductible gifts to: Ms. Tracie Boshears, Senior Staff Accountant, 40 N. Main St., Suite 500, Dayton, Ohio 45423.





Pictured left: Former student Dave Hoke

Pictured far left: Milt Plunkett and granddaughter Rylie

Pictured right: Mr. Shell's Cousin, Jean Plunkett



EXCELLENCE
. . . throughout the district

Project Lead The Way

The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) and Northmont City Schools offer a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program for Northmont eighth graders. The program provides every Northmont eighth grader the opportunity to learn more about careers in engineering. According to www.pltw.org, "Project Lead The Way is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges."

MVCTC instructor Jayme Boston, is the PLTW instructor at Northmont Middle School. With resources provided by both school districts, students are able to participate in this classroom environment that prepares them for a 21st century workforce.

In the PLTW Automation and Robotics curriculum, students explore the career fields of computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering through building ten mechanisms and writing ROBOTC programs to solve challenges using the Design Process as a problem solving tool. Mrs. Boston expanded on the learning objectives saying, "Students complete four challenges: two mechanical challenges and two automated challenges. The mechanical challenges include building a windmill and pull toy. The automated challenges include designing a spinning sign for a business and a drag race robot."

The Northmont-MVCTC Project Lead the Way program was recently selected to participate in the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) "Student Achievement Fair." The Annual OSBA Student Achievement Fair is part of the Capital Conference held every November in Columbus. Northmont-MVCTC students demonstrated skills they have learned in the program for school board members and administrators from across the state.



Pictured left to right: Superintendent Tony Thomas, MVCTC Supervisor Theresa Lingenfelter, Students Joe Taylor, Jocelynn Asbra, Janelle Tipton, School Board President Linda Blum, MVCTC PLTW Instructor Jayme Boston

Monica Richardson Reflection Garden

Northmont City Schools, in collaboration with Miami Valley Career Technology Center and the Northmont Rotary Club, is building a Reflection Garden in memory of Dr. Monica Richardson. Dr. Richardson was the principal at Northwood Elementary for many years and lost her battle with cancer in May of 2016. Dr. Richardson was a strong proponent for all children and lived life with an enthusiasm for learning. She taught those around her to love with vigor and to fight with dignity. The joint project is being constructed on the grounds of Northwood Elementary.



2017-18 School Board meetings and locations
All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

January 8 & 22
Northwood Elementary

February 12 & 26
Union Elementary

March 12
Kleptz ELC

April 9 & 23
Northmoor Elementary

May 14
High School

June 11
Northwood Elementary

July 9
Northwood Elementary

Northmont Board of Education
Northmont City School District
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Englewood, OH 45322

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December, 2017

Northmont Drama Club Presents:



January 26, 27, February 1, 2, 3 - 7:30 p.m.
January 28 - 2:30 p.m.
Northmont Community Auditorium
Tickets $10 - Adults or $5 - Student/Senior
can be purchased from any Drama Club member or online at:
https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/northmonthsdrama/buy-tickets?d=1

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

A sign of a healthy and prosperous community is one that supports education. Northmont is fortunate to be such a community. The Northmont Education Foundation (NEF) supports innovative programs in our school buildings with grant seed money for staff to try new and innovative techniques and programs. NEF also gives scholarships to our students. The major fundraiser each year is the NEF Auction. I often hear community members say they did not know it is open to the public. Please mark your calendar for March 2, 2018 at Meadowbrook of Clayton. This always **FUN** event features auction items from many community businesses and a chance to spend an evening with Northmont community members. Tickets are available at the Board of Education office for $20 each and more information will be posted at http://www.northmonteducationfoundation.org/.

New to the District? Check out our website for important information:
www.northmontschools.net

Our Mission:

The mission of Northmont City Schools is to provide students an exceptional education with diverse opportunities so they maximize their potential and are productive, responsible citizens.