



Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

SPRING BREAK
March 25-April 1
Classes Resume April 2

Staff Development
Monday, April 1
No Classes PK-12

Board of Education Meeting
Mondays, April 8 & 22
6:00 p.m.-Union Elementary

**Kindergarten Registration/
Screening - Kleptz ELC**
April 11 & 12

High School Prom
April 13, 8-11 p.m.
Thunderdome

Drama Club Production
April 18-20 - 7:00 p.m.
Auditorium

Community Breakfast
Wednesday, April 24
9:30 a.m. - Englewood Hills

8th Grade Parents Meeting
(Washington D.C.)
April 29, 7:00 p.m.
Auditorium

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE WINS 11 STRAIGHT GWOC TITLES!

The machine that is Northmont Academic Challenge keeps rolling along as students traveled to Copley High School in February. The high school team won the 56-team invitational by posting an undefeated record. This was the 7th tournament championship of the year, including the Greater Western Ohio Conference for the 11th straight time!

The middle school team was 9-1 and finished 3rd of 48 teams, qualifying them for the Middle School National Championship tournament in May.

Team Captain Samantha Street says "Academic Challenge has given me the opportunity to travel all over the country competing on behalf of our school. We have won tournaments in 5 states just this year alone! I get to compete with my closest friends and that makes the experience even better."



Left: MS Team-Audrey Rickmon, Aubrey Williams, Alex Stone, & Ethan Stickle



Right: HS Team-Samantha Street, Zach Weeks, Amara Nwanoro, & Athena Dobles

APRIL 1 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Northmont staff will participate in a Cost of Poverty Experience facilitated by Think Tank on April 1. The experience will take staff through a simulation of what it is like to live in poverty for a month. They will be budgeted resources such as food, medicine, and lodging to survive the month. Many volunteers from around the community will be helping with this simulation. This exercise is meant to help participants understand what some students and families experience daily and how to be empathetic and supportive to all students and families.

The staff will also learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the impact these can have on students' lives and their educational experiences. Staff will watch the movie "Paper Tigers" and have discuss how to better support students. Assistant Superintendent Susanne Lintz stated, "We look forward to seeing the learning and growth that happens on this day and where it will take us as a district and community." For more information about Think Tank go to <https://thinktank-inc.org/cope>.

FACILITIES UPDATE

At the Board of Education meeting on February 11, the Strategy 3 (Facilities) Team presented to the Board. Action Plans 1-3:

- *Outdoor learning spaces are being developed.
- *Security improvements are being implemented.
- *Energy efficiency is being addressed.

Action Plan 4 includes:

- *Develop a survey to gain community feedback regarding facilities.
- *Survey the community in late April/early May.
- *Analyze the survey results in June and develop a plan for the next steps.



Address questions to jwatson@northmontschools.net. More information can be found at www.northmontschools.com under "News."

GREEN PRIDE

... throughout the community

*Did You Know?
Northmont's Board of
Education has been
designated as a Gold Level
Board every
year since the award was
created? Thank you to
President Linda Blum, Vice
President Jane Woodie,
members Dr. Gerry
Espeleta, Mr. Chris Pulos,
and Mr. Tom Walker for
your tireless service to our
community.*

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

Wed. Oct. 24-9:30 am
Northmoor Elem.

Fri. Nov. 9-9:30 am
Union Elementary

Wed. Nov. 14-8:30 am
Northwood Elem.

Wed. Dec. 12-9:30 am
Kleptz ELC

Wed. Jan. 9-8:30 am
High School

Wed. Feb. 27-9:30 am
Englewood Elem.

Wed. Mar. 13-8:30 am
Middle School

Wed. Apr. 24-9:30 am
Englewood Hills



TECHNOLOGY TIME

This month, our Apple Professional Learning centered around our staff and students at the Kleptz Early Learning Center. Several staff members spent the day discussing the culture needed to sustain meaningful technology use within the building, as well as taking time to build lessons that incorporated technology use.

Pictured are first grade students using Keynote to go on a digital scavenger hunt in their classroom. Students have been discussing nonfiction text features during their ELA classes and this scavenger hunt allowed them to demonstrate their understanding of the different features of their novels!

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategy Teams have been meeting and working on Action Plans to be implemented over the next 5 years. Regular updates will be posted on the District website.

Strategy 1 - We will develop and implement a plan to ensure active, ongoing parental and community engagement in partnership with all Northmont schools.

The team has met with community members and parents to work on effective communication strategies. They will meet in March to solidify the Action Steps.

Strategy 2 - We will develop and implement a plan to ensure a progressive curriculum and programs, which improve individual student achievement and growth that supports our ever-changing student culture.

Conversations about how to adjust the plans and action steps will continue moving forward. The team was encouraged to see the amount of commitment and support from the Northmont community. They will update the Board of Education during the March 11 Board meeting.

Strategy 3 - We will develop and implement a plan to continue to build, renovate, expand, and/or eliminate facilities to support the mission and vision.

Highlights from the group's presentation to the Board of Education meeting in February are on Page 1.

Strategy 4 - We will develop and implement a plan to guarantee and enhance staff development and growth.

Professional Development is being planned to enhance instructional delivery, strengthen safety, and better understand student needs.

DISTRICT SAFETY TRAINING

Northmont staff members work closely with area law enforcement and emergency teams to provide the safest possible environment for our students and staff. The district has a Safety Committee that meets monthly with police and fire personnel from Clayton, Englewood, and Union.

Members of the team recently completed trainings in Threat Assessment and Run, Hide, Fight. Plans are under way for participation in two SRO (School Resource Officer) conferences during the summer followed by a rollover bus evacuation drill in August. Several full-scale evacuation drills will be happening around the district in the spring and fall. Parents will be informed when these major drills take place in their child's building.

EXCELLENCE

... throughout the district

COLLEGE PROMISE

Congratulations to the four 8th grade students who were chosen to participate in the Montgomery County College Promise program. College Promise provides 8th grade students, who meet a specific criteria, an opportunity to attend and graduate college at little or no cost to their families. Students are paired with a volunteer adult mentor, who they meet with on a weekly basis throughout high school.



Left to right: Kelechi (Kay-Lay) Nwanoro, Brooklyn Danes, Molly Dineen, Tessa Dillon

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR!



Northmont Athletics Director Micah Harding has been selected as the SWOADA/OIAAA Athletic Director of the Year. This award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the highest standards of his/her profession and who, through his/her influence on the lives of young people, has made a significant contribution to his/her school and community. Congratulations, Mr. Harding!

BASKETBALL PROGRAM SCORES 700TH WIN!



Members of the 1959 Northmont basketball team and the 2018-19 Northmont basketball team celebrated the 1st and the 700th wins in the program's history on February 16 at the Thunderdome. Also present were members of Coach Yensel's family. Coach Yensel led the program from 1957 (Randolph)-1964 with 61 wins and only 2 losses!

TRANSPORTATION IN-SERVICE

Northmont Transportation held an in-service recently for all drivers to refresh and enhance skills required for transporting our students safely. Drivers worked on multiple scenarios and safety protocols that could take place in their daily duties. National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is Monday, May 6.



2018-19
School Board
meetings and
locations
All meetings
begin at 6:00 p.m.

September 10 & 24
Englewood Elementary

October 8 & 22
Englewood Hills

November 19
Middle School

December 10
High School

January 14 & 28
KELC

February 11 & 25
Northwood Elementary

March 11
Northmoor Elementary

April 8 & 22
Union Elementary

May 13
Middle School

June 10
Northwood Elementary

July 8
Northwood Elementary

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Winter 2019

UPCOMING FREE CONCERTS

APRIL 10 - 7TH GRADE CHORUS - MS**
APRIL 11 - 8TH GRADE CHORUS - MS**
APRIL 23 - ELEMENTARY BAND/STRINGS - HS*
APRIL 30 - A CAPPELLA - HS*
MAY 6 - HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR - HS*
MAY 7- MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND - HS*
MAY 8 - MS/HS ORCHESTRA - HS*
MAY 9 - HS JAZZ BAND/PERCUSSION - HS*
MAY 14 - HS BAND - HS*

*HS=High School Auditorium

**MS=Middle School Gymnasium

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and are FREE and open to the public

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

Sometimes I ask myself what does Northmont stand for or, in other words, who are we? I believe Northmont is made up of people who want the best for kids and are willing to sacrifice for the generation of young people attending our schools. I see a community willing to give. We have a history of community members giving with their hearts both financially and with their time. Parents believe in the importance of education. I see teachers and other support staff giving their best effort and their hearts for the students of this district. Northmont is a place willing to give students a lift up and challenge them at the same time. Northmont is a place that prepares students for the rigors of work, military, certificated programs, and college. Northmont is a place where people from different races, levels of income, and backgrounds can learn, grow, and achieve together. We invite everyone to be proud of this community and our schools. Northmont was recognized as a Momentum School. Only 4% of the schools in Ohio have achieved this distinction each of the last three years. This outcome is because the community, parents, and Northmont staff work together.

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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.

