



Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

Homecoming - October 3-5
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End of 1st Grading Period
October 10

Teacher Workday
No Classes PK-12
October 11

Board of Education Meeting
Mondays, October 14 & 28
6:00 p.m.
Northmoor Elementary

2-Hour Delay
October 16
Staff Development
No AM Pre-K

Parent/Teacher Conferences
All Buildings
October 21 and 23

Parent Financial Aid Night
October 21 - 6:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium

Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Classes PK-12
October 25

Drama Club Fall Production
October 31 - November 2
High School Auditorium

NOVEMBER 5 LEVY - ZERO TAX INCREASE

Northmont is dedicated to providing an excellent education, meeting the schools' day-to-day operating costs, and providing the necessary educational tools for our more than 5,300 students.

- **Opportunities for students with all abilities
- **Gifted learning opportunities
- **Utilization of technology devices and training
- **Advanced programs like Robotics, Aeronautical Engineering, Modeling & Simulation technology offering Northmont students an edge after graduation
- **Continued individual attention to students for achieving success
- **32 years of "perfect" safety inspections of our bus fleet
- **Elementary choir, band, and orchestra programs
- **Reasonable class size

The Board of Education passed the final resolution at the June 24, 2019 board meeting to place a renewal levy on the November 5, 2019 ballot. This levy will not increase taxes and will not have to be voted on again. The community first passed this levy in November of 1990. This levy brings in \$5.4 million dollars for the district's daily operating expenses and is vital for day-to-day operations.

Bond Refinancing Saves Additional \$1 million

Currently, the Northmont Board of Education is involved in a refinancing action that will save approximately \$1 million in additional bond dollars. These actions create a scenario allowing the bonds to be paid off sooner. This is in addition to the \$5.6 million that was saved in 2018 when tax laws eliminated a provision allowing government entities to advance refund their bonds, which is similar to a homeowner refinancing a home mortgage.

State Report Card Data Released

On Thursday, September 12, the Ohio Department of Education released the Report Cards for each school district in the state. Northmont received an overall grade of a C. Teachers and administrators will continue to review and analyze all of the data from this Report Card to help make decisions that will best meet all of the students' needs. Some of the highlights from this past year include:

- **Over 95% of Northmont's passage rates are above the state average
- **Third, seventh, and eighth grade English Language Arts Tests' passage rates showed significant improvements from the year before
- **The "Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers" grade improved from the year before

According to the Ohio Department of Education, "Ohio School Report Cards are not the only measure of the success or accomplishments of a school or district. Many elements combine to form a teaching and learning community, and Ohio's districts and schools have many points of pride to share."

GREEN PRIDE

... throughout the community

DID YOU KNOW?

*All music concerts at Northmont are **FREE** of charge and open to the public. Come see our great performing groups!*

October 7 - High School Top Ensembles

October 8 - High School Choir

October 9 - High School Orchestra

November 4 - 7th Grade Chorus

November 5 - Middle School Orchestra

ALL concerts begin at 7 pm.

ALL concerts are in the High School Auditorium.



Unity Day/Rocks



Each year, Northmont High School staff members lead a series of full-day events for freshmen to teach the culture/climate that is desirable at Northmont High School. Students participate in small group and large group activities and hear speakers focusing on concepts like belonging and empathy.

In keeping with the theme of the week, city leaders from each of the jurisdictions that comprise Northmont have been invited to paint symbols of the community on large rocks in the rain garden adjacent to the high school. These rocks will stand as a reminder that all the communities stand together in support of Northmont students.

District Safety Committee

Northmont's Safety Committee is comprised of representatives from the cities of Clayton, Englewood, and Union public safety departments, as well as school principals and administrators. This group meets monthly to communicate about the needs of the district and to ensure all State of Ohio mandates are in compliance within each building. State required fire, tornado, and safety drills are held in each building based on current law. The committee discussions and recommendations are targeted to provide consistency among the different buildings around the district.

Last year the Middle School took part in a mass evacuation that included components of bleeding control and rescue breathing. In August the transportation department observed a simulation of a bus accident with participation from CareFlight and the Northmont Drama Club. These trainings take months of preparation to coordinate and a lot of cooperation from the various jurisdictions that make up the Northmont community.



Community Supports Schools

The Northmont Optimists donated a 6x8 foot Clinton Mat Therapy table to meet the needs of some of the wheel chair bound students. (below)



The Stillwater YMCA campus provided school supplies, cookware, and a laminator to the high school Special Education department. (right)

The Lions Club provides glasses and hearing aids for students and staff in need. (left)



Northmont Rotary has provided Unity Day shirts, as well as supporting other district projects. (above)

EXCELLENCE

... throughout the district



Lacrosse Comes to Northmont

Northmont High School is proud to be adding both boys and girls lacrosse as a varsity sport in spring 2020! We are happy to introduce Mrs. Holly Tipton as the new head varsity girls lacrosse coach and Mr. Branden Geyer as the head varsity boys lacrosse coach.

Mr. Geyer has nine years of coaching experience and played lacrosse in college. He said he coaches because he has a “passion to pay it forward and do what I can to help grow the game.”



Brandon’s wife, Erin, is a Northmont teacher and athletic trainer and when asked what attracted him to Northmont, Geyer said, “My wife has been part of the Northmont community for a few years now and it has been nothing but welcoming. Everybody has been extremely supportive of her in her career and myself through this process, and I am very excited to officially be a part of the community. The addition of the lacrosse program provides an exciting, and sometimes once-in-a-lifetime, opportunity to build something from the ground up, and I can’t wait to get started and continue to grow the game!”

Mrs. Tipton is a 1994 Northmont graduate who played basketball in school. She has been a coach and mentor for over 20 years and is excited to start coaching lacrosse at Northmont.

When asked why she coaches, her response was “to help adults/students develop leadership skills that come with working together for a common goal. I am an advocate for making everyone feel important and valued in whatever role they have on a team. Working with student athletes, I will help them strengthen and grow individually, while also letting them love the sport they enjoy playing.”

Holly said, “As a past graduate and a current resident of the Northmont District, I am drawn to the mission, vision, and strategies that the district enforces with Northmont’s Strategic Plan. I am looking forward to making connections with the young athletes that I will be coaching, as I hope to make an impact on each individual’s life both on and off the field.”



Northmont Athletic Director Micah Harding said, “We believe that involvement in athletics is a huge part of the high school experience, and that student-athletes learn valuable life lessons through participation in sports. The addition of lacrosse will afford our students yet another opportunity to get involved at Northmont High School, and to be a part of a team. We look forward to growing the lacrosse program and adding to the rich athletic tradition at Northmont High School.”

**2019-20
School Board
meetings and
locations
All meetings
begin at 6:00 p.m.**

***October 14 & 28
Northmoor Elementary***

***November 18
Middle School***

***December 9
High School***

***January 13 & 27
Northwood Elementary***

***February 10 & 24
Kleptz ELC***

***March 9 & 23
Englewood Elementary***

***April 13 & 27
Union Elementary***

***May 11
High School***

***June 8
Northwood Elementary***

***July 13
Northwood Elementary***

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Fall 2019

HOMECOMING 2019

**OCTOBER 1 - POWDER PUFF GAME 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 3 - HOMECOMING PARADE 6:00 PM
Union Road from Wenger to Centennial Park
OCTOBER 4 - ALUMNI TAILGATE DINNER
GAME VS. SPRINGBORO
ALUMNI EVENT AT THUNDERBOWL
OCTOBER 5 - HIGH SCHOOL TOUR 10:00 AM
HOMECOMING DANCE 8:00 PM**

**DETAILS FOR ALUMNI EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
ON THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE**

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

Make Positive Contributions

In the first month of school I have had some opportunities to talk to our students about making a positive difference in their school. We have talked about leadership opportunities, living with integrity, and the importance of serving each other. As we continue through this year I hope to be able to point to adults in our community doing the same thing. Examples could include using social media to encourage one another, being engaged in civic duties, and simply being kind to our fellow neighbor. These are the behaviors that make up a great community and that is what makes Northmont such a great place. I have been challenging the students to take action on such things, so I am throwing that challenge to all of us. I include myself. Do great things by serving your community!

**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.

