



# Northmont Today

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## Upcoming Dates:

End of Semester Grades 2-12  
December 19

Teacher Workday  
No Classes PK-12  
December 20

Winter Break  
December 23 - January 3

Classes Resume January 6

Board of Education Meeting  
Mondays, January 13 & 27  
6:00 p.m.  
Northwood Elementary

2-Hour Delay  
January 15  
Staff Development  
No AM Pre-K

AM Pre-K Make-up Day  
Friday, January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 20  
Schools Closed

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
All Buildings  
February 10 & 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
No Classes PK-12  
February 14

## What YOU Need to Know About Ed Choice

According to the Ohio Constitution the Governor must sign the 2-year state budget by June 30. Current legislators added an item in the last 24 hours before passage last summer called Ed Choice. It allows local tax money, that was voted on by local taxpayers, to be rerouted to pay tuition to a private school.

**\*\*Families electing to go to a private school can make a high-end salary and still take money that was voted to go to a public school to pay for a private school education.**

**\*\*Originally, this mechanism was to allow families choice to escape failing schools. The new rules relax the rules for labeling failing schools so some of the most respected schools in Ohio are now on that list.**

**\*\*The number of schools being identified will increase by over three times over the next year because lawmakers are using unreliable state data.**

**\*\*Public school officials and board members urge you to contact your state representative and senator and demand this law change.**

**\*\*Now that the legislators have had time to read the budget that was passed, many of them are questioning the inclusion of Ed Choice in that budget. Contact them and encourage them to take action to end Ed Choice! Sen. Peggy Lehner's phone number is (614)466-4538 or email her at SD06@ohiosenate.gov. Rep. Phil Plummer's phone number is (614)644-8051 or email him at rep40@ohiohouse.gov.**

## Facilities Update

Over the last few years, Northmont City Schools has taken steps to actively engage our stakeholders in conversations regarding current and future facility needs. In-depth interviews with community leaders, listening sessions with parents and staff, and a community online survey provided opportunities to share priorities, opinions, and concerns related to the school district's facilities and their impact on education and the community. Our Facilities Planning Team has broadened its membership, collected additional data, shared information through district newsletters and board meetings, and created a facilities web page where information can be easily accessed.

We want to continue that engagement and develop a focused, shared, and feasible plan for facilities that will support the mission and vision of Northmont City Schools. The district is planning a series of stakeholder forums in the new year to share information and facilitate guided conversations and exercises so participants can share their assessments of current needs, priorities, and visions for the future of the district. We encourage parents, staff, and community members to stay tuned for specific dates and times for these forums, and thank you in advance for your participation in this important process.

## Premier Partnership

Northmont continues to celebrate its great partnership with Premier Health throughout the district. Premier offers student career opportunities, student and staff education, sports medicine services, and much more.

Pictured from left to right: Teresa Leeper, AT, Sports Medicine Connections Manager; Cheryl Woodward, Sports Medicine Marketing Coordinator; Gary Blake, V.P. of Service Integration for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine; and Superintendent Tony Thomas.



# 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!*

*ALL High School and Middle School concerts begin at 7 pm. and are held in the High School Auditorium.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Northmont received the annual rebate check from the Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) in the amount of \$32,849.20, which is comprised of rebate programs with EPC vendors in the categories of food, dairy, bakery, wellness, and classroom supplies. The main area contributing to the rebate amount is the Food Service Department, which received the fourth highest amount of all 205 school districts that participate!*



## Social Emotional Learning



Singer/Songwriter Jewel has teamed with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center (ESC) to help children learn self-awareness, behavior management, and to build positive relationships. “I knew statistically kids like me should end up repeating that cycle, so I set out to beat those odds,” Jewel said, talking about exercises to “retrain her brain” when dealing with anxiety and depression.

Northmont is one of the schools that piloted the program through the ESC and uses the learning modules to address academic skills through journaling and social-emotional skills through breathing techniques. Students learn to regulate emotion and cope with stress so they can focus on their schoolwork.

At the 2019 Wellness Your Way Festival in Cincinnati, Northmont students were interviewed by Jewel about the program and its impact in their own lives and in their classroom environments. The curriculum meets the existing state reading and writing standards.

Northmont students were interviewed about their experiences by Jewel and ESC Superintendent Shannon Cox



## Military Wall of Honor

Northmont City Schools is continuing its search for any and all Northmont graduates who have served or are currently serving in our nation’s military. The Military Wall of Honor will be installed at Northmont High School during winter break and will be dedicated between the basketball games on January 25. It is understood that this will be an ongoing project, but we would like to have as many names as possible for the dedication. Please visit [www.northmontschools.net](http://www.northmontschools.net) and click on the Military Resources link for more information or to sign up.

## Community Supports Schools

Northmont Education Foundation awards grants and scholarships to staff and students every year. This student is describing her activity to members at the annual breakfast.



Community Table hosts a Back to School Fair each August, supplying backpacks and school supplies to students who need assistance. Volunteers work together to gather and sort supplies.

# EXCELLENCE

. . . throughout the district



## Athletic Hall of Fame

Another group of deserving individuals who have contributed to the success of Northmont athletics will be inducted into the Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame on January 11, 2020 during the home basketball game:

**\*\*Cathy Brumbaugh Anderson** - Class of 1972 - Softball, Tennis, Basketball

**\*\*Mike Foley** - Class of 2007 - Track & Field

**\*\*Don Gillespie** - Retired Tennis Coach/Teacher - coached 70s, 80s, 90s

**\*\*Kenny Hayes** - Class of 2005 - Basketball

**\*\*Angie Poppaw** - Class of 1991 - Soccer

**\*\*Ralph Steffano** - Class of 1961 - Basketball, Baseball, Football, Track & Field

Congratulations to all these individuals! #GoBolts!

## Athletic Director of the Year

Northmont Athletics Director Micah Harding received the Southwest Ohio Athletics Director of the Year award on Monday, November 11 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. According to the press release, the award by the Southwest Ohio Athletics Directors Association/Ohio Interscholastic Athletics Administrators Association is “presented to individuals who exemplify the highest standards of their profession and who, through their influence on the lives of young people under their direction, have made significant contributions to their school and community.”

One of Harding’s initiatives is the SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Team) program. He meets with the students on a regular basis to teach leadership and citizenship.

After growing up in Cedarville, Harding graduated from Cedarville University. He previously served as athletics director at Fairborn High School before coming to Northmont in 2017.



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

***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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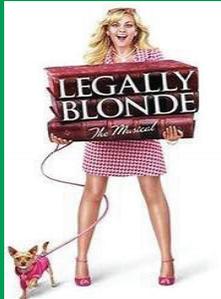
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### NORTHMONT DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:



February 27, 28, 29 -- 7:00 p.m.

March 1 -- 2:00 p.m.

@Northmont Community Auditorium

Tickets - \$10 adults

\$5 student/seniors

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### THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

#### Enroll, Enlist, Employment

Northmont leadership has focused on developing a graduate profile over the last several years. You may ask yourself, what is a graduate profile? In short, it is the skills and attributes a graduate of Northmont should possess. Some of the words and phrases we value include: Problem-Solver, Resilient, Collaborative, Compassionate, Motivated, Resourceful, Life-Long Learner, Persistent, and Well-Rounded. The belief is that if our graduates can develop these skills, then they will be prepared to **enroll** in post-secondary education options, **enlist** in the armed services, and/or be prepared for **employment** opportunities upon graduation from high school. There are many ways to be successful, and we want our students to believe all of these options are pathways to their future.

New to the District? Check out our website for important information:  
[www.northmontschools.net](http://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.

