



# Northmont Today

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## Upcoming Dates:

Due to the Governor's orders during the COVID-19 pandemic, all extra-curricular activities have been cancelled or postponed. Please check the website for an updated calendar of events.  
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## NORTHMONT RESPONDS TO COVID-19

On March 13, when Governor DeWine announced the closure of school buildings, Northmont was prepared for a situation no one had ever experienced.

The integration of technology into student learning experiences has been a part of the district's Strategic Plan for many years. Eight years ago, the district began providing iPads to high school students to allow them the opportunity to learn in non-traditional ways. As the district saw success with these tools, it expanded the program and has provided iPads to each student in the district for the past two years. With devices in place across the district for each student, teachers were already creating learning experiences that go beyond the classroom walls. Teachers have also been provided professional learning on how to use these devices to promote creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Because of that, Northmont has been recognized by Apple as one of ten districts in the state as an Elite One-to-One District for the past two years. This recognition has provided opportunities for the district to receive access to professional development and to be a part of a cohort of districts that share ideas and resources. (story continued on Page 2)



Food Service Director Pam Pearson and her team prepared over 2000 meals per week to be distributed to families during the pandemic. Administrators and staff assisted with the weekly distribution.



## THUNDERBOLTS SERVING THUNDERBOLTS

During the COVID-19 situation, acts of kindness have become more prevalent than ever before. We recently asked the Northmont community to quantify those acts by posting a lightning bolt on the window of their homes for every kind act they achieve. For students, this could be just being kind to their parents or siblings or encouraging classmates. For families, it could mean donating, making cards for assisted living facilities, reaching out to a loved one, making masks or other projects. We ARE Thunderbolts Serving Thunderbolts!



# GREEN PRIDE

## ... throughout the community



Covid Response (continued from Page 1)

*Congratulation to Skye Gerhart, Northmont's 2020 Franklin B. Walter Award winner!*

*Skye is pictured with Superintendent Tony Thomas and Honored Teacher David Jones.*



Before the Governor's announcement, Northmont was already preparing for the possibility of remote learning. Professional development and resources were being provided to teachers, parents started receiving communication about what it would look like and how they could provide feedback, and students were shown how they would access work and assignments while at home. This planning helped the Northmont community be prepared for the months of remote learning. While it has not always been easy, parents, students, and teachers have overwhelmingly provided positive feedback about the remote learning experiences.

Throughout this remote learning experience, Northmont teachers and administrators continue to engage in conversations with others from around the state to share ideas and best practices. The district is also participating in a Remote Learning Alliance Steering Committee organized by the Montgomery County and Central Ohio Education Service Centers. This committee is dedicated to supporting the work of all districts no matter what role remote learning plays in the future. While we do not know what the future of education looks like, Northmont will continue to lead the way by offering our students the high-caliber education that our community expects and our students deserve.

## Schools Support Community

Athletic Trainer Eric Newman's team, along with Northmont's Operations team, were able to gather several boxes of gloves, hand sanitizer, and other personal protection equipment to share with Northmont's partner Premier Health during the shortage due to the pandemic. According to Newman, "I am happy we were able to help them because they sure have helped us." Premier plans to replace all district purchased items in full when the crisis is over.

Below left: Northmont Trainer Jordan Eshbaugh and Trotwood Trainer CJ Briggerman

Below right: some of the supplies that were donated



# EXCELLENCE

... throughout the district



## Congratulations, Graduates!

Congratulations to the entire Class of 2020 on accomplishing your goals under difficult circumstances. The following students are Valedictorian candidates from the graduating class of 2020: Rachel Byrnes, Ellie Coppock, Lauren Daniel, Athena Angelique Dobles, Reagan Doppelt, Elly Drew, Skye Gerhart, Ethan Gniazdowski, Sarah Krizner, Gavin Lucas, Noah McGilton, Bryce McNary, Taylor Pritchett, Kamorah Ryhlick, Tyler Schock, Justus Thomas, Tai Tran, Bao Truong, and Katelyn Tucker. Salutatorian candidate: Megan Schaurer. Top 1% Students: Dasia Dewberry, Athena Angelique Dobles, Skye Gerhart, Ethan Gniazdowski, Justus Thomas.

## Remote Education Experience



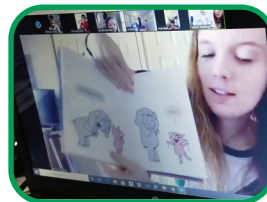
During the remote education experience, Northmont teachers have gone beyond the learning and gotten creative in reaching out to their students:

Kindergarten teachers sent handwritten letters to their students with a pre-stamped envelope for them to write back. According to one mom, "My son cried happy tears when he received the letter! He misses Kindergarten and all his friends and teachers."

Several elementary buildings put together teacher parades to drive through neighborhoods with students and share the love from a distance. From a community member, "Huge Shout Out for the Teacher Parade!! Heard the honking and went outside. I don't have kids in school anymore but soon realized the vehicles were occupied by a lot of caring people from Northmont School District."

Google Meets became the new normal as teachers created meaningful lessons for students while also checking on their welfare and learning more about each child. Teachers got to visit with pets, siblings, and parents while sharing their own pets, children, and homes with students.

Teachers are using apps they haven't used before such as FlipGrid and ClassKick to reach their students. Everyone is learning together!



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

*Due to the Governor's  
orders during the  
COVID-19 pandemic,  
all meetings will take  
place at the Board of  
Education Offices and  
will be livestreamed at  
[www.facebook.com/  
NorthmontCitySchools](http://www.facebook.com/NorthmontCitySchools)  
and  
[https://youtu.be/z7Nz-  
ngH8n4](https://youtu.be/z7Nz-ngH8n4)*

**May 11**

**June 8**

**July 13**



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The Northmont Board of Education wished to thank Student Representative Isaiah Underwood for his year of service during the 2019-20 school year. Underwood is shown here with Superintendent Tony Thomas and Board President Linda Blum. The board passed a resolution at the April 27 board meeting declaring Friday, May 8, 2020 **"ISAIAH K. UNDERWOOD DAY"** in the Northmont City School District.

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

*The senior class often celebrates soon-to-be freedom from school, but this class had a different experience in that the friendships they developed ended with little notice. The normal senior experiences did not happen. As I talked to seniors, they said they wanted to come back to school. I feel for them. Unfortunately, they understand the relationships they're missing, but they really do not understand everything else they're missing. The ceremonies and banquets we plan for them are designed to honor them. This graduating Northmont class is special to me. My youngest son is in this class. He and his classmates have been in my home, and I enjoyed watching them succeed in the classroom, on the field, on the court, and on the stage. I can attest the future is bright after watching them grow academically and socially into soon-to-be graduates.*

*Please celebrate the class of 2020! They have missed some ceremonies, but they have learned lessons that will transform them into problem-solvers with grit and resolve and will make our future better. Congratulations Class of 2020!*

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## 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.

