



Northmont Today

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Upcoming:

Friday, October 9, 2020
Professional Development
No Classes PK-12

Thursday, October 22, 2020
Professional Development
No Classes PK-12

Friday, October 23, 2020
Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Classes PK-12

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
ELECTION DAY

Monday and Tuesday
November 23-24, 2020
Professional Development
No Classes PK-12

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020
Schools Closed

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27, 2020
Schools Closed

Bond Refi Saves Over \$5.3 Million

Over the next 26 years Northmont will save over \$5.3 million due to bond refinancing. Northmont Board of Education was able to take advantage of the drop in interest rates to refund bonds. Refunding bonds is similar to refinancing a home mortgage. This is our third time to take advantage of the drop in interest rates over the last four years. By refunding the bonds, the district will be able to save over \$12,150,000 either by the reduction in years off the “loan” or reducing the yearly installment payments. The most current refunding will reduce our annual payments by an average of \$203,846 over the next 26 years. Superintendent Tony Thomas stated, “We are happy that we were able to realize a savings for the community. The people who make up Northmont value education, and in particular, our schools. We are so thankful for the support community members have shown, and we are working hard to make sure we make good fiscal decisions.”

Northmont Teams Up With Waibel Energy

For the last three years, Northmont Schools and Waibel Energy Systems have engaged in an Energy Service Agreement. This agreement creates the opportunity to create a comfortable, healthy learning environment in the most efficient way possible. Some of the benefits include:

*Energy Savings - Waibel and the school district teamed up to recognize nearly \$100,000 in cost avoidance over a 2016 baseline. These savings were achieved through efficient unit scheduling, equipment upgrades, the implementation of advanced energy programming, and the rapid acknowledgement and resolution to energy efficiency issues.

	2017	2018	2019	Total
Annual Cost Avoidance	\$351.00	\$45,236.00	\$52,542.00	\$98,129.00

*Utility Rebate Programs - The partners utilized the DP&L Retrocommissioning program at Kleptz and Northmont HS in 2019. The simple payback of seven months resulted in a \$16,781 rebate.

*Reduced runtime of District HVAC Equipment - The efficient operation of equipment not only saves energy, but reduces wear and tear on equipment. This minimizes repairs and extends the life of HVAC equipment.

*Installation of HVAC Analytic Software- Waibel installed and trained district staff on HVAC analytic software. This system analyzes the comfort, efficiency, and ventilation of district HVAC systems and grades them in a manner that allows district staff to be targeted and efficient in where they spend their maintenance time.

Back to School!

Superintendent Tony Thomas announced a plan at the September 28 Board of Education meeting to bring students back into the buildings with a soft reopening. Details of the plan were laid out beginning with bringing back the youngest learners at the KELC beginning Monday, October 12, followed by grades 2-6 students on Monday, October 19, and middle school and high school students on Monday, October 26. The first three weeks, students will be coming to the buildings at a 50% capacity, with the intention to have everyone back by the first week of November. Families were given the option to remain remote and approximately 20% of families chose that option. “We’re not only looking forward to opening,” stated Mr. Thomas, “we’re looking forward to remaining open.” Parents were reminded to follow safety protocols and to keep children home if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. For more details about the soft opening and second quarter, visit www.northmontschools.net.

GREEN PRIDE

... throughout the community

Please check out our website: www.northmontschools.net for the most updated information about Remote Learning and so much more!

Interested in Northmont Athletics? Visit our website at www.northmontathletics.com or click on the Athletics button on the district website.

Have you downloaded our app? Visit the App Store and look for Northmont City Schools.



Remote Learning Update



Teachers, students, and families adjusted and adapted quickly this year to a new learning environment called remote learning. All students have been learning remotely for the first quarter this year. This experience will continue to change as many students return to school face-to-face during the second quarter. The first quarter remote experience has contained more structure than last spring. Playlists have been created by teachers that walk students through how to learn the content, how to apply what they have learned so they can understand it at a deeper level, and how to show what they have learned. Students have also had more time in virtual meetings with their teachers so teachers could build relationships with students, provide instruction to students, and support students who struggled with either the content or the technology. The students and teachers have been using two learning management systems: Seesaw for grades PreK-3 and Canvas for grades 4-12. These systems are where students access the playlists and content and where they also submit assignments.

As the district transitions to students returning to the buildings, remote learning will also shift. Students who are learning fully remotely at home will still have regular access to their teachers, but their schedules for virtual meetings will be adjusted. Both face-to-face and remote learning students will continue to access content and playlists on the learning management systems.

Remote learning has been a huge undertaking and a shift in the way students, teachers, and families interact. The Northmont community should be proud of the work everyone (teachers, support staff, students, and families) has done during this challenging time and the work that will continue to happen to ensure each student is receiving a high quality Northmont education.

Northmont Family Engagement Coordinator

Many studies of successful schools report that family engagement is a significant factor in their outcomes for students, including closing the achievement gap between diverse groups of students. Authentic engagement takes place when families and school officials work together, on an ongoing basis to support and improve the learning and growth of students. True engagement is not a strategy that sees a lot of “quick wins.” This is work that requires patience and a deep understanding that families should be working alongside their community’s schools. Hiring a family engagement coordinator shows Northmont’s commitment to engaging all families in meaningful and equitable ways.



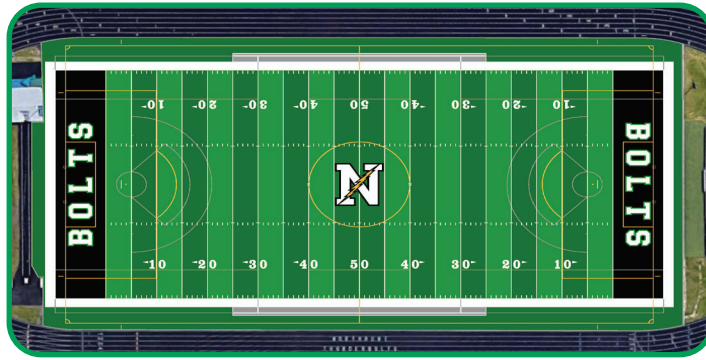
Parents and families, we appreciate you. You trusted us to provide quality education to your child(ren) during the remote learning experience despite the inconvenient position many of you were in. We understand that COVID-19 has taken away much more than our ability to teach your child face-to-face last spring and first quarter; it has taken lives, jobs, financial security, and more. Thank you for your faith in us and for entrusting your child’s education to us. I am so excited to be part of a district that puts students first and is committed to educating the whole child. If you need anything, please feel free to contact me by email at jennifer.mills@northmontschools.net or by phone (937) 765-4080. We are great by ourselves, but we are amazing when we work together and support one another. Go Bolts!

EXCELLENCE

... throughout the district



Turf Project Update



A Turf Committee was formed in 2005 to raise funds to install stadium turf and also to help plan and fund future replacement. A new Turf Committee will be created comprised of Northmont's business manager, athletic director, booster club presidents, head coaches, and band director, to once again help raise funds for future turf replacement. This fall marks the 11th season on the turf. The average lifespan of turf is 10 years. Northmont has exceeded the life span due to the superior maintenance plan and upkeep of the stadium turf. Turf replacement will begin at the conclusion of fall sports.

*New turf will include a shock pad that will help reduce the risk of injuries caused by impact and will also extend the life of the turf.

*Total cost of this project is approximately \$575,000.

*This project will be paid through several partnerships and accounts outside the district's general fund used for operating expenses and two additional fundraisers. No general funds are being used for this project.

*Partnership donations include: Premier Health's donation, the 2005 Turf Committee (Thunderback Club, Northmont Soccer, Northmont Band Boosters - each donated \$35,000), Northmont Athletic Department, the district Turf Account, and the District Stadium account. There will be two fundraisers to help raise additional money with a goal to raise \$100,000.

1 - Sponsors at 3 different levels - Platinum \$5,000, Gold \$1,000, and Silver \$100. Donors will be recognized by having their names on plaques at the entrance to the stadium.

2 - There will be a grid of the field and people can sponsor a square for \$50. The endzone will be divided into 5 sections (one for each letter - BOLTS) and those will be sold for \$100 per square. The center circle and logo will be sold for \$500.

Community Collaboration

Northmont City Schools and the Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to welcome Angela Clifford, Community Outreach Coordinator/Executive Director – Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce. The position was created as a collaboration to increase community involvement in the schools and to build relationships between businesses and students. On the Chamber side, Mrs. Clifford will be supporting community small businesses through Chamber activities, events, and offerings. When asked what the biggest challenge of the new position might be, Mrs. Clifford said, "My position is new so my biggest challenge is creating it as I go and bringing the two sides of my position together." Mrs. Clifford and her husband, Robb, are Northmont graduates and are raising two daughters, who are also Thunderbolts.



2020
School Board
meetings

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthmontCitySchools/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NorthmontTBolts>

*YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS14gCn_ccuy2vux-gattfgh
until further notice.*

October 12 & 26

November 16

December 14

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Fall 2020

Northmont City Schools has a ZERO tax increase renewal levy on the November 3 ballot. Since the State of Ohio has cut funding by 3.7% this 5.9-mil levy is needed to continue to deliver high-quality educational programs to our children.

*Opportunities for students of all abilities

*Gifted learning opportunities

*Utilization of technology devices and training

*Advanced programming offering students an edge after graduation

*Continued individual attention to students for achieving success

*ZERO tax increase and will not have to be voted on again

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

We all know how much life has been altered during the pandemic and staff, students, and families have had to make many pivots as we navigate these times. We are truly thankful for the understanding given to us as we made the best attempt to educate our students through remote learning. Our teachers worked extremely hard to learn the new platforms to provide the best education available to their students. We have released information about phasing students back into the buildings as we also support the families who have chosen to stay enrolled in the remote learning option.

We believe in the plan we have released, and we again ask for patience as we voyage through another new journey together. Please review the information shared in this issue of the Northmont Today as well as emails to families, our website, and social media platforms. We are aware the amount of communication can be overwhelming, but please do not hesitate to call the school building if you have any questions or contact Jenn Mills at jennifer.mills@northmontschools.net if you have a district level question. As always the success of our district is a result of the foundation that we have great parent and community involvement.

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.

