



# Northmont Today

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## Upcoming News:

Stay tuned for articles in the next Northmont Today.

In homes October, 2020.

\*Student Achievement

\*Facilities Update

\*Remote Learning Update

\*Turf Project Update

## Zero Tax Increase November 3

The Northmont City School district is dedicated to providing the best education for all students. A zero increase renewal levy will be on the November 3 ballot. Since the State of Ohio has cut our State funding by 3.7%, this 5.9-mil levy is needed to continue to deliver high-quality educational programs for our children.

\*\*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

\*\*33 years of “perfect” safety inspections of our bus fleet

This levy will not increase taxes and will not have to be voted on again.

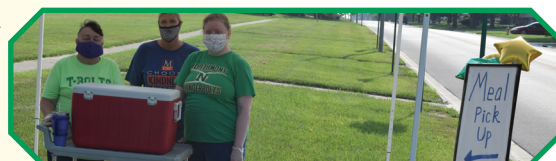
## Joy McKarns, Teacher of the Year!



Northmont Middle School teacher Joy McKarns has been selected as the Ohio District 3 2020 State Board of Education Teacher of the Year. Mrs. McKarns received the notification in July stating the board’s recognition of “exceptional educators across the state” and celebration of her “dedication in the classroom and her voice as an advocate for the teaching profession.” This award moves Mrs. McKarns forward to the 2021 Ohio Teacher of the Year state selection committee. Mrs. McKarns also received the 2020 Henry Ford Innovation Nation Teacher Innovator Award for her “ability to demonstrate habits of an innovator.” Congratulations, Joy!

## Northmont Food Distribution

Through the state of Ohio’s Summer Seamless program, Northmont was able to extend the free meal program from last school year to all Northmont students until August 31. Meal distribution started on August 17 at all five elementary buildings. Any student within that assigned catchment, regardless of grade level, was able to receive meals daily. To address the concern that ALL students weren’t being serviced, food was distributed at a variety of bus stops from August 24-31. Approximately 1000 meals per day have been distributed. All apartment complexes were contacted and informed where a bus would be, and they were all very supportive of the meal distribution plan.



# GREEN PRIDE

## ... throughout the community



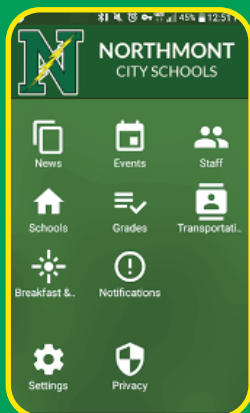
### Remote Learning



*Please check out our website: [www.northmontschools.net](http://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](http://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.*



Due to the ongoing pandemic, all Northmont students will be attending school remotely for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. A team, consisting of teachers and administrators, met this summer to research and prepare the district for remote learning. The team agreed we did the best we could this past spring given the emergency situation, and the successful pieces of that experience needed to be enhanced. To accomplish this, the team created new expectations for teachers, students, and families to follow during remote learning this year. With these expectations comes increased student-teacher interaction through virtual meetings and a structure that all teachers and students will follow. This structure, also called a Playlist, will be created by teachers for students to follow on a daily/weekly basis. Playlist consists of goals, activities to help students learn the content, activities to help students apply what they have learned, and assessments for students to show what they have learned. To support teachers and students even more during remote learning, Northmont is using two Learning Management Systems (LMS) called Seesaw (grades K-3) and Canvas (grades 4-12). These two tools create the virtual classroom where teachers will post assignments and provide feedback to submitted student work. Information about the Learning Management Systems will be shared with families and training will be provided. Our staff has been working hard to prepare for this remote learning experience. Regardless of being face to face or remote, Northmont will continue to provide an elite education to all students this school year.



### Northmont Student Assistance Coordinator

Sheree Coffman has been a counselor for 28 years with the last 13 in the Northmont District. She has served as the Student Assistance Counselor at the high school assisting the administration and teaching staff in identifying and addressing the mental health and social/emotional needs of students. She has also developed programs in prevention to support students at school as well as in-service programs for staff.



In her new role within the district, she will be advising and coordinating with personnel to ensure a comprehensive approach to addressing mental health and social/emotional needs across the district. She will be coordinating the Whole Child initiative, including child abuse reporting and suicide prevention, as well as many other areas.

Sheree is a licensed counselor and has Masters degrees in clinical mental health/addictions as well as school counseling. She is married to Scott and they have five children.

# EXCELLENCE

... throughout the district



## Northmont Family Engagement Coordinator

As part of the Northmont Strategic Plan for Family and Community Engagement, please welcome Jenn Mills to the Northmont family! Jenn's roles will include:

- \*Serving as a liaison between schools and families
- \*Focus on creating initiatives that engage families and strengthen relationships
- \*Assisting with district-wide communications
- \*Leading on-going equity work across the district
- \*Advocating for families
- \*Supporting schools



Jenn a Bachelor's from Central State University and a Master's from Miami University. She has four years of family and community engagement experience in the Dayton Community. She and her husband Steven have three children. Welcome, Jenn!

## Staff Changes at NHS



Chelyn Sledge is Northmont's Dean of Students 7-12. Mrs. Sledge started her career with Northmont as an intervention specialist at Englewood Hills. This is her 21st year in education. Her duties include student behavior and helping to build a positive school climate. She will be working directly with the administrators at the middle school and high school to plan, develop, and implement student behavior plans. She will also be compiling, analyzing, and sharing student discipline data to inform decision-making. She is originally from Detroit and has a Bachelor's from Tennessee State. She also holds two Masters degrees. Mrs. Sledge and her husband have lived in the Dayton area for 11 years with their two teenagers.

Collin Abels has been named Central Unit Principal and will oversee students P-Z as well as the Language Arts & Social Studies Departments. He will also handle Supervision/Study Hall and help facilitate the National Honor Society. Mr. Abels is a 1993 NHS grad and has been a Northmont teacher for 20 years. He received his Bachelor's, Master's, and Principal Licensure from the University of Dayton. He has coached at Northmont as well, most recently as the head basketball coach. He and his wife, Jenn, have 3 daughters. He is also a member of the Northmont Athletic Hall of Fame, Football HOF, and Baseball HOF.



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/UC4vkueHz-Mgu7YyQbtUX0\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4vkueHz-Mgu7YyQbtUX0_Q) until further notice.*

September 14 & 28

October 12 & 26

November 16

December 14



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September 2020



Due to COVID-19, all dates in the current 2020-21 issue of the district calendar are subject to change. Please follow the Events Calendar on our website for updates and cancellations.

A limited number of printed district calendars are available at the Board of Education Office, 4001 Old Salem Road.

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

*The Northmont City School District has always believed the school district is only as good as its parents and other community members. During this pandemic, we believe that statement is as true as ever. We know this has been a challenging time for all of us, and much of the success we have had is because of the support our parents and community have given to our students and the teachers' dedication to re-inventing themselves to give the best version of themselves even in a remote format. Thank you for the time you have taken to read or listen to the extra instructions on how to log-in to devices, how to set up a learning area for your child, and even helping a neighbor who needed help in order to take advantage of the food distribution or any other service provided to help our students. We will get through this by helping neighbors and our willingness to have a can-do attitude in all we do for our students. We have hope in knowing each day is one day closer to having our students back in the school buildings where we know they belong.*

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.

