



Northridge Local School District

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Taking “We Care” and Putting It into Action

By Superintendent Scott Schmidt

At Northridge Local Schools, we often say that we care about students, staff and the community. We say this because it’s true. We want to see students succeed. We want to contribute to the overall health of our community. We believe that supporting good teachers makes for a better educational experience for kids. We know that raising children today is hard and it takes parents, schools and the community as a whole working together as a team.

This is why we offer programs and partner with community groups to offer informative sessions for parents. Our Triple P-Positive Parenting Program provides regular speakers on topics that encourage families to address important issues in a proactive manner that supports students. These sessions are for **every** parent and provide research-based approaches

of how to help kids today. The recent “Raising Competent Teenagers” was a huge success and shared practical tips for parents.

This is also why I share my “Talking Tuesday” sessions on Facebook. I care about keeping our community informed, involved in the education process and highlighting our students’ achievements. We want to address your questions and make sure every community member is a partner in the education of

our young people. We talk about what’s going on in the schools, important staffing changes and why different decisions are made. These are short sessions that are filmed live and then shared on the district’s Facebook channel. Please join the conversation and send your questions to sschmidt@northridgevikings.org.



Northridge also focuses on providing a quality education at a good value because we care. We want students to receive the education they need to be successful in life after graduation. We also know that taxpayers deserve to know that their investment is being put to good use. School districts play a major factor in the overall economic health of a community. At Northridge Local Schools we take that responsibility seriously, which is why we are constantly seeking new ways to help our students to grow. By offering a low tax rate and a strong academic program, we know that we are providing a good value to our residents.

At Northridge Local Schools, we are proud to say that we care but we don’t just stop with this simple statement. We take this sentiment and put it into action each and every day. We are grateful for the support of our community and pledge to keep demonstrating how much we care about all of our residents. If you have questions, please contact me at 740-967-6631. ✨

Sincerely,

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Swimming Team Works Hard to Achieve Season Goals



Jason Roser, Audrey Holt, and Gabe Farthing



Riley Bunstine

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It has been an exciting year for the Northridge High School Swim team. Sophomore Riley Bunstine powered her way all the way to the state meet, placing 5th in the 100 backstroke. Several of her teammates also broke school records, qualified for Districts, and achieved a multitude of personal bests.

According to Junior Captain Gabe Farthing, the team has grown immensely since he first began swimming for the middle school. His first year on the team, there were six members of the swim team. Fast-forward four years, the team is now 26 strong. The swimmers insist that the team could not be the success that it is today without the incredible support of the parents. The parents get them to evening practices at Denison and run the home meets at New Albany High School.

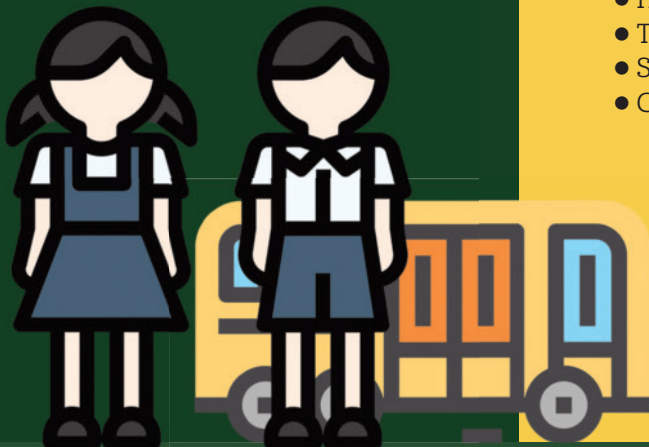
Farthing explains, “we all work together to push each other to do our best.” Senior Audrey Holt says, “it isn’t always easy to juggle swimming, academics, and other activities,” but she is motivated to get her work done, as she aspires to swim at the collegiate level next year.

Both Farthing and Co-captain Jason Roser had a fantastic showing this season. Roser was striving to break 30 seconds in the 50 freestyle. He obliterated that goal with a time of 27.5 seconds! Farthing’s goal for the year was to stand on the podium at Districts. He did that with a time of 1:58.25 in the 200 freestyle, earning him 8th place and the honor of being the first male Northridge swimmer to reach the podium at Districts in an individual event. Farthing also broke the school record with that performance, marking his 6th school record in the sport. Next year, his goal is to qualify for states. Both young men believe that the mental toughness they have developed in the sport will take them big places in this world. ✨

KINDERGARTEN KICK OFF!

Tuesday, April 16

Northridge Primary School
6-7 p.m.



Welcome Class of 2032

Northridge Local Schools is excited to welcome families of incoming kindergarten students to the Kindergarten Kick Off on April 16 from 6-7 p.m. at Northridge Primary School, 124 College Street in Alexandria. This exciting event features:

- How to get your child ready for school
- The registration process
- School start and dismissal process
- Check out a school bus
 - Tour the school
 - Meet the staff
 - Sign up for registration
 - Answer questions you may have!



5 years-old by September 30, 2019

If your child will be five years of age by September 30, 2019, we hope to see you soon! If you have any questions, please contact Principal Jill Beaver at 740-924-2691 or email her at jbeaver@northridgevikings.org ✨

Guidance Department Celebrates Student Achievements

Guidance Counselor Jenny Rauchenstein doesn't just take note of her students' plans for life after high school. She celebrates in a way that engages all of the students in Northridge High School.

Each year, Rauchenstein selects a theme for her annual life after high school bulletin board. This year the students of the senior class get to select a hot air balloon to add



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to the UP-themed board as they get accepted into universities, branches of the military or receive job offers. The central location of the board grabs the eye of staff, students, and visitors alike. Principal Amy Anderson said "teachers from the younger grades often make the trip to the high school to see what's happening with their former students. This is something that the whole school looks forward to each year."

Rauchenstein explains that the board is a work in progress. As students receive offers, they add them to the board. Rauchenstein says "most of our students really work hard to get their name on the board at least once before graduation day." Over the years, this board generates excitement in all of the students of the school and inspires them to ponder their aspirations.

This year, the students are rising UP to the occasion and the bulletin board is off to a strong start. Over the years, this board generates excitement in all of the students of the school and inspires them to ponder their aspirations. ✨

Board Votes to Place Issue on the May Ballot

The Northridge Local Schools Board of Education voted to place a combined issue on the May 7, 2019 ballot. The 4.3-mill bond issue and 0.5 percent earned income levy will allow the district to build a new elementary school and also provide ongoing maintenance and repair needs at the middle and high school. These critical updates are necessary to bring the district's facilities up to modern day standards and meet the increasing educational, structural and safety issues that currently exist in the schools.

"This issue is about addressing real needs at our schools," said Board of Education President Doug Hart. "We are asking for what is necessary to support the educational needs of students. This is about maintaining the good value the district provides, not about a bunch of fancy extras."

It is important to note that the plans for the construction of a new elementary school have not changed. The new building will offer a good, no-frills learning environment. However, due to the continued rise in construction costs, the cost of materials and increased construction labor wages, the same building now costs more to build. The district must account for these growing expenses that are happening across all building and renovation projects throughout the state.

In addition, the length of the bond issue has been reduced from 30 to 27 years. This feedback came from the community through an online survey that was reviewed by district leadership. "We are listening to the community," Hart said. "We have put together a reasonable request that meets the needs of our students that is also in line with what residents have told us they want in terms of a financial package."

"We plan to share more detailed information about this ballot issue in the coming weeks," Hart said. "We want to make sure that every voter has the information they need to make an informed decision about this important vote." ✨

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Important Dates



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Monday, April 8



SOUP & SCHOOL FOR SENIORS (CITIZENS)

Thursday, April 11

High School Media Center – 11:30 a.m.



COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday, April 11

Question & Answer at High School Media Center – 7 p.m.



NORTHRIDGE PRIMARY OPEN HOUSE TOURS

Monday, April 15

at Northridge Primary – 5-6:30 p.m.



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, April 15

at Northridge Primary – 6:30 p.m.



ELECTION DAY

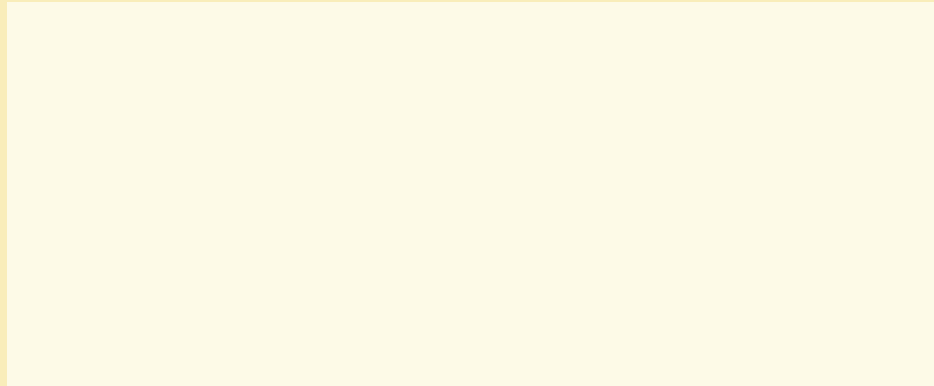
Tuesday, May 7

Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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Parent Support Makes *The Lion King* Possible

You can feel excitement radiating off the cast and crew of this year's musical, *The Lion King*, as they describe what the show means to them. In

November, the cast began a four month journey to bring this show to life in March. While the schedule was rigorous, the students were motivated to excel in their schoolwork in order to ensure their participation in the production.

Being part of the Northridge production is something special and draws a large number of student participants. Students estimate about 90 percent of the students in choir participate in the musical each year. Bre Absten, who played the part of Rafiki, described the group as one big family. The friendships created through the shows are something she looks forward to each year. She finds the musical to be a fantastic reward for good grades, as you must "have good grades in order to be eligible."

Jason Roser, the actor playing the part of Simba, juggled academics, rehearsals and swim team over the winter. Roser described life as a member of the cast "a big puzzle that all fits together perfectly."



Chris Curran, who played the part of Scar, also juggled a full schedule. Like many of his classmates, he is active in several aspects of the school. He also enjoys being a part of the Quiz Bowl team. He practices with his Quiz Bowl team every Friday after-school in addition to his rigorous theater schedule.

Many of the students have been a part of the program for years. Curran has been in shows at Northridge since fifth grade. That being said, new members are welcomed by the program. Senior Audrey Holt was excited to become a first year member of the cast as a featured dancer. Holt says, "The show was a lot of work, but a lot of fun!"

Parent volunteers helped to make *The Lion King* "one for the books." They made props and costumes, provided food for tech week, and were make-up artists for the shows. The community support for the theater program is always overwhelming. The students gushed that the last three shows were all sell outs! ✨