

Northridge Local School District A YEAR TO CELEBRATE

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A Look Back at 2019 : A Lot to Celebrate

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In this edition of Northridge Local Schools Newsletter, we take time to reflect on the many great things that took place in the first half of the 2019/2020 school year. The excitement of the Levy passage in May of 2019 continued as the new school year started. Throughout the summer and continuing on to this very day, people are still talking about the passage of the bond and permanent improvement levy. With these funds, we will not only be building a new centralized elementary building (expected to open August of 2021), but we are also able to provide important updates to the middle school and high school. However, for the Northridge community, this is so much more than just new and updated buildings for the students. The excitement and support from the community speaks to how great of a place Northridge is and will continue to be.



Scott Schmidt, Superintendent

Our third-grade students did better than ever in October on their first attempt at the state reading assessment. This is attributed to not only their hard work, but also to the new literacy resources that our amazing teaching staff have been using to guide our literacy instruction. Our middle school students have had

the opportunity to explore different areas of interest during the “Discovery Period” this year. Traditional study halls have been shortened to allow teachers to provide short discovery period classes on a variety of topics students are interested in. The community service discovery class was even recognized by the Humane Society for their project. The high school welcomed a new principal and athletic director this year. Under the leadership of Mrs. Bernowski and Mr. George, students have been engaged in a variety of leadership opportunities and have focused on improving the school climate by using the principles of Positive Behavior Supports.



Amanda Bernowski, High School Principal and Mike George, Athletic Director

There are many great things happening at Northridge Schools, and we invite you to come be part of the excitement. Check out our website for a listing of all events and activities and be sure to follow up on social media. As always, if you have any questions about Northridge Schools, I am happy to discuss them with you. **It's a great day to be a Viking!**

Scott Schmidt, Superintendent



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Groundbreaking Ceremony Marks Milestone for District

Community members, local leaders, district administration and staff, and students officially broke ground on the site of the new elementary on Saturday, November 9th, 2019. The ceremony to kick off the start of the construction process included musical performances by the NHS band and Vocalise and proclamations from the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. District officials discussed project details and voiced gratitude for the overall support from the community and for all involved thus far. Representative Scott Ryan expressed

appreciation to the community for investing in education. People who symbolically broke ground included the School Board and teachers from the school buildings of Homer, Hartford, and Alexandria; teachers and staff from the present schools; Northridge community elected officials; the levy committee; the district administrative team; and all students in attendance. Following the event, the community was encouraged to shovel ceremonial dirt and snap photos to remember the historic milestone for the district.



The Board of Education, along with teachers and students, were first to break ground on the site of the new elementary building (expected to open August of 2021).

Campaign Promise Kept

During the 2019 campaign we promised to demolish the Homer school. We heard during the campaign that while the community was sad that the Homer school was closed, they knew the building had served its purpose and needed to be demolished. The demolition was completed in December of 2019. A few bricks were saved from the original Homer building and are available for pick-up by calling 740-967-6631.



Modern Learning Facility Project

With the passage of the Building Bond and Permanent Improvement Levy in May of 2019, the district is able to move forward with the Modern Learning Facilities project. The project includes not only a centralized elementary building for students grades PK- 5 but also projects and updates for the middle school and high school. The foundation work for the new elementary is expected to start in March 2020, and updates to the middle school and high school to increase security and provide direct entrances to the office will begin in the summer of 2020. Track all the projects by visiting our website www.northridge.k12.oh.us and clicking on the construction updates link.

It's a GREAT Time to be a Viking!

Successful Season for Fall Sports



The Northridge Vikings fall athletics wrapped up the season with great success! The soccer team had its best season in school history, finishing as Sectional Champs with a record of 12 wins and 6 losses. They even set a school record of 10 shutouts. The volleyball team finished an incredible season as Sectional Champs and Division III District Runners-Up. The golf team had a great season with Ross Teeter taking 1st Place in DII Central District Golf Tournament and qualifying for the State Tournament. Ross broke the 18 Hole School Record with a low score of 68 and currently holds the top four school-record spots. The middle school girls cross country team finished second, and the middle school boys team finished fourth in the Licking County League. The Viking football team beat Lakewood 41 to 13 on the shoulders of Dylon Parman who had 300 yards rushing and set a school record with 6 touchdowns. The NHS cross country team had a tremendous season. The boys were Licking County League Cardinal Division runners-up, while Zion Carpenter and Nick Houck also qualified for the regional competition. With the success the teams achieved during the fall season, Northridge looks forward to the same success in the upcoming winter and spring seasons, and in the years to come.



Community Event

"The future looks bright in Viking Land. Participation is up. Teams are successful, we have great coaches in place and great student-athletes to work with. It is truly a pleasure to work with our student-athletes on a daily basis. Our student section is beyond incredible and represents all of our teams with pride and enthusiasm. Come out and join the excitement!

It's a great time to be a Viking!"

- Mike George, Athletic Director

THE NORTHRIDGE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN IN A FUN FLYING BASKETBALL GAME FEATURING THE **HARLEM WIZARDS** AS THEY TAKE ON OUR VIKING FACULTY AND ALL-STARS ON MONDAY, **MARCH 2ND, 2020 AT 6:30PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM.**

Northridge News

Construction

- ✓ Updates
- ✓ Progress
- ✓ Information

Visit www.northridge.k12.oh.us and click to view the latest details about Northridge District's Modern Learning Facility Project

Keep up to date with all the construction happenings by visiting our Modern Learning Facility website. Videos, pictures, presentations...

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Want to stay up to date on all of the great things Northridge students are doing? FOLLOW US on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter.



MARK THE CALENDAR

✓ **COMMUNITY ACADEMIC
COMMITTEE MEETING**
January 29 | 6:30pm



✓ **COMMUNITY FACILITIES
COMMITTEE MEETING**
February 5 | 6:30pm



✓ **COMMUNITY FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
February 12 | 6:00pm



✓ **STAFF BASKETBALL GAME
VS. HARLEM WIZARDS**
March 2 | 6:30pm



✓ **HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:
THE MUSIC MAN**
March 13, 14, 15



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HAPPY NEW YEAR! May 2020
be filled with more celebrations and adventures.

Enjoy the ride!



District Receives Auditor of State Award



Once again, Treasurer Britt Lewis and his team were recognized with an Auditor of the State Award from the State Auditor's office. This marks the sixth straight "clean audit" for the Northridge Local School District. The clean audit is an important indicator that the financial books and accounting procedures at Northridge Local Schools are strong. The audit confirms that the district's finances are all accounted for and that reports are filled appropriately. This is proof that the district's accounting practices are in check and that they are reviewed by an independent source. It also indicates that there are no findings for recovery for six years.

Treasurer Brett Lewis continues to work with our community-based Finance Committee to review all expenditures. The community Finance Committee strives to ensure that our financial decisions are aligned with and driven by our mission of "Empowering All Students To Reach Their Fullest Potential."

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School Board President Doug Hart congratulated Treasurer Britt Lewis for Auditor of the State Award