



THE DISTRICT DISPATCH

The monthly update for Northridge Schools & Community



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NEW YEAR NEW GOALS

As we start the new calendar year, it's a great time to reflect on the first half of the year and set goals to help finish the year strong. One important aspect of the new year is setting academic goals for your child. These goals can help your child stay motivated, track their progress, and achieve their full potential.

Here are some tips for setting effective academic goals:

- Make your goals specific and measurable. Instead of setting a general goal like "do well in school," try setting a specific goal like "read or study for 30 minutes every night" or "earn a 3.5 GPA this semester." This way, you'll be able to track your progress and know when you've achieved your goal.
- Set goals that are challenging, but achievable. Your goals should push you to work hard and strive for excellence, but they should also be realistic. If your goals are too easy, you won't be motivated to work hard. If they're too difficult, you'll get discouraged and may give up.
- Break your goals down into smaller, achievable steps. A big goal can seem daunting, so it's important to break it down into smaller, more manageable tasks. This will help you stay focused and motivated.
- Get support from others. Share your goals with your family, friends, and teachers. They can offer encouragement and help you stay on track.

I hope these tips help you set and achieve academic goals for the new year and help you have a strong finish to the 2022-2023 school year. Remember, with hard work and determination, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

Best wishes for a successful and fulfilling year ahead!

~Mr. Schmidt, Superintendent



The Northridge Peterman Bus Garage joined the Northridge Elementary School's Adopt-A-Family program to assist in making this season a magical time of year for a Northridge family. We appreciate all of the generosity and kindness of our district's families, bus garage and community.

JANUARY LIBRARY EVENTS

Check out the local libraries for this month's community activities and information.

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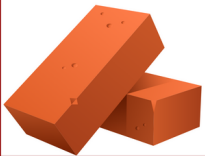
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ALEXANDRIA BRICKS

Bricks from the Alexandria building will be saved and available to the public for free.

****DO NOT ENTER THE FENCED DEMOLITION AREA****



The pile of bricks available to the public will be located near the round stone planter outside the fenced area.

Interested in learning more about being a substitute, aide, secretary, custodian, bus driver or teacher? [CLICK HERE](#)

Want in-person help filling out an application for substitute teaching? [CLICK HERE](#)

JANUARY

▶ **Welcome Back, Students!**
Wednesday, January 4th

▶ **PTO Meeting**
Thursday, January 5th
3:30pm Elementary Media Center

▶ **Athletic Boosters Meeting**
Monday, January 9th
7:00pm High School Media Center

▶ **Finance Meeting**
Wednesday, January 11th
6:00pm District Office

▶ **School Board Meeting**
Tuesday, January 17th
6:30pm District Office

▶ **Academic Meeting**
Thursday, January 26th
6:30pm Elementary Media Center



Johnstown Athletic Boosters and Northridge Athletic Boosters will be holding a joint fundraiser at The Zone Bar & Grill during Super Saturday. We will be splitting 10% of the total food bill for the day, so I encourage both Johnnies and Vikings to stop out for this amazing fundraiser. We will have an all day 50/50 and will notify the winner by phone. Proceeds from the 50/50 will also be split between both booster groups. I would like to thank Mandy Cox owner of the Zone Bar for approaching both boosters w this fundraiser idea.

SUPER SATURDAY FUNDRAISER

THE ZONE
Bar & Grill
8866 SPORTSMAN CLUB RD.
JOHNSTOWN, OH

JANUARY 7
2:00 PM - 10:00 PM





WINTER ATHLETICS



Be sure to catch a winter sport in action! Click [HERE](#) to view athletic schedules.

The Vikings varsity boys basketball team has started the season with a strong 6-1 record, 4-0 in LCL play. Most recently they competed in the Holiday Hoops fest at Harvest Prep High School where they defeated Chillicothe 54-47. The team kicks off 2023 with Rivalry Week hosting Licking Heights on the 4th and traveling to cross-town rival Johnstown on Jan. 7th.

Girls basketball is having a very competitive season with the varsity currently at 4-5 while the JV has improved to 4-4. Much of the improvement from last season rests with the leadership and play of captains Reese Callan, Hannah Aamodt, Darla Dorman, and Kenzie Hannahs. The team travels to Licking Heights on Jan. 3rd and will host Johnstown on Friday, Jan. 6th.

The High School team has competed in 7 meets so far, including venues such as Ohio State University and Kenyon College. They are getting ready to host the Northridge Viking Classic at Kenyon College on January 7th, where over 400 swimmers will be in attendance. The middle school team is training hard and will complete their season on January 14th in the Central Ohio Middle School Championships.

Northridge wrestling has been wrestling well so far with Michael Fister leading the team in wins. The team will compete at a huge two-day tournament in Maumee Bay coming up in January.

Viking boys bowling is currently 2nd in the LCL with a 6-1 record (8-4 overall). Logan Hupp tied the school record for high game with a 258. The JV boys are in 2nd in the LCL with a 5-2 record (6-3 overall). Varsity girls are improving their averages and putting up higher team scores than last year.

Breaking News!

DREAMS BECOME A REALITY FOR NORTHRIDGE STADIUM PROJECT

What started out as a dream three years ago took a major step toward being realized this week when the Northridge School Board passed a resolution supporting financing the construction of the stadium facility using Permanent Improvement funds. The project has been a vision of the Northridge Athletic Boosters and school district since 2019 when discussions about the need for an upgrade first began.

The School Board initially passed a resolution in August of 2019 supporting a fundraising campaign led by the Booster organization. Aggressive work began on the project until the global pandemic created unforeseen challenges, pushing the launch of the fundraising campaign back to spring of 2021. To-date \$1.68 has been pledged to the project with \$1.4 million in cash collected toward the \$2 million Booster campaign goal.

"We have received great support from the Northridge community to help us get this far in the fundraising efforts, but with the incredible commitment from the district this week we are kicking it into full gear to reach our \$2 million goal," commented Curt Booher, Booster president. "The Booster officers would like to thank the School Board and district leadership for the support during this campaign to build a facility our student-athletes can be proud of."

The resolution passed this week by the School Board pledges the district will use permanent improvement funds to enter into a lease purchase option up to \$6 million to support the project which will include a track, field (lights and scoreboard), bleachers, press box, restrooms and concession stand. The action was the result of a recommendation originating from the Athletic Facility Master Plan Committee, established in July to determine the scope and direction of the project. Upon receiving the initial budget cost information from Robertson Construction which was just over \$7 million, the committee recommended the project be a priority for our student-athletes. The Finance Committee then made a recommendation that the district move forward with the project with the commitment of \$2 million from the Boosters and financing up to \$6 million from the district.

Superintendent Scott Schmidt is appreciative of the combined efforts that will ultimately provide a much needed facility that will benefit not only our student-athletes but the community as a whole. "The generosity of this community has helped this **dream come alive**," stated Schmidt.

As a result of this week's school board resolution, Robertson Construction will complete the design phase of the project while the Boosters work diligently to reach the fundraising goal so **we can break ground this spring**. Thank you to every individual, family and business who has generously donated to the campaign! If your family or business has not donated yet or you know of a contact we should reach out to for donations, please call Brian Elder (740.739.7020) or Teri Holder (740.403.6593).