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Northridge Local School District Newsletter

Another Year Full of Achievements

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As another academic year wraps up, I am filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we have embarked upon together. It has been an honor to serve as the Superintendent of Northridge Schools and witness the tremendous growth and achievement of our students, staff, and the entire school community.

Our amazing staff has worked hard to enhance the educational experience of our students. We have continued to prioritize innovation and technological advancements, ensuring that our classrooms remain dynamic and engaging learning environments. We have strived to equip our students with reading, writing, and mathematical knowledge, as well as the critical thinking and executive function skills necessary for success in an ever-evolving world.

Our students have demonstrated outstanding achievements in academic, artistic, and athletic pursuits. From 906.5 total college credits earned by the Class of 2023 while in high school to winning LCL titles and showcasing their talents on stage, they have consistently exemplified the spirit of excellence and perseverance. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the guidance and support of our exceptional educators, coaches, and advisors, who have gone above and beyond to inspire, mentor, and nurture our students throughout the year.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated parents who have played an integral role in their children's education. Your involvement, collaboration, and support have been instrumental in fostering a strong partnership between home and school. Together, we have created a synergy that has propelled our students to new heights.

As we prepare to enjoy a well-deserved summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a bittersweet announcement. After six years of serving as the Superintendent of Northridge Schools, I will be stepping away from my role. It has been an incredible privilege to work alongside such talented individuals and witness the incredible growth of our students. I am grateful for the support and trust you have placed in me, and I have no doubt that the Northridge School community will continue to flourish under new leadership.

With that being said, I am delighted to welcome Dr. Kristine Michael as the incoming Superintendent of Northridge Schools. Dr. Michael has served as an Assistant Superintendent for eight years, with the last three being here at Northridge. She brings with her a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to educational excellence. Her passion for fostering and nurturing lifelong learning aligns perfectly with our Viking Values. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Kristine Michael as she assumes her new role as Superintendent. I am confident she will lead Northridge Schools with dedication, integrity, and a genuine focus on student success. ☺

Superintendent Scott Schmidt





NHS Track and Field Team NATIONALS BOUND!

Congratulations to Colette Patti, Isabel Evans, Darla Dorman, Mia Siegenthaler, and Stephanie Gilmore! This hardworking team of five is NATIONALS BOUND!!

More than 70 teams from schools across the state competed at the Jesse Owens Stadium at the Ohio State University for the D2 State Championships. Our Northridge Vikings were amazing with everyone finishing on the podium. The team finished 5th overall landing them a spot to compete at Nationals in Philadelphia.

We are proud of our entire Vikings Track and Field Team and coaches for taking the Licking County League title and a remarkable season. We can't wait to see what they can accomplish on a new home track in the coming years!



Scan the QR code to donate to the Stadium Project today!

2023 Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2023 Athletic Boosters Scholarship recipients:

Hannah Aamodt

**Butch Davison Award*

Ian Travis & Zach Holder

**Bob and Nancy Crist Award*

James Kalas

**Ross Meyer Award*

Brody Booher

**Caleb "The Dude" Cooperrider*

Scholarship

Darla Dorman

** Inaugural Pat Swikard Award*

Kora Garee

** Inaugural Sarah Phillips Award*

Zach Holder

** Wayne Howard Spirit of Sports*

Scholarship



CONGRATULATIONS

NORTHRIIDGE TRACK

LICKING COUNTY LEAGUE

Varsity Girls

FIRST PLACE
Colette Patti - 100m dash
Colette Patti - 200m dash
Colette Patti, Mia Siegenthaler, Darla Dorman, Stephanie Gilmore - 4x200
Colette Patti, Mia Siegenthaler, Hannah Aamodt, Ava Travis - 4x100
Isabel Evans - 100m hurdles
Isabel Evans - 300m hurdles
Stephanie Gilmore - 400m dash
Hannah Aamodt, Darla Dorman, Stephanie Gilmore, Isabel Evans - 4x400

SECOND PLACE
Sarah Koker, Albree Ashbrook, Heather Houck, Courtney Bevier - 4x800
Kinsley Tuttle - Pole Vault
Mia Siegenthaler - Long Jump
Isabel Evans - 200m dash
Stephanie Gilmore - 100m dash

THIRD PLACE
Heather Houck - Pole Vault
Hannah Aamodt - 400m dash
Courtney Bevier - 1600m

FOURTH PLACE
Sarah Koker - 800m
Albree Ashbrook - 3200m

FIFTH PLACE
Dixie Ashbrook - Long Jump
Cheyann Severance - 1600m
Annabeth Hilton - 3200m
Kinsley Tuttle - 100m Hurdles
Kinsley Tuttle - 300m Hurdles

SIXTH PLACE
Darla Dorman - High Jump

Varsity Boys

FIRST PLACE
Bryce Isler - Shot Put
Stihl Foster - Pole Vault
Zach Holder - High Jump
Nathan Burkey - 110m Hurdles
Jack VanFossen, Charlie Kinkead, Willie Poulton, Logan Knerr - 4x400

SECOND PLACE
Nathan Burkey - 300m Hurdles

THIRD PLACE
Bodhi Foster - Pole Vault
Justin Townley - Discus
Ian Travis, Jack VanFossen, Cameron Brannigan, Tony Theodoropoulos - 4x100
Logan Knerr - 800m

FOURTH PLACE
Justin Townley - Shot Put
Braden Yutzky, Willie Poulton, Zach Moats, Logan Knerr - 4x800
Jack VanFossen - 400m
Seth Bentz - 110m Hurdles

FIFTH PLACE
Cameron Brannigan - Long Jump
Charlie Kinkead, Ian Travis, Willie Poulton, Ben Aamodt - 4x200
Braden Yutzky - 1600m
Braden Yutzky - 3200m

SIXTH PLACE
Zeph Stafford - High Jump
Logan Knerr - 1600m
Seth Bentz - 300m Hurdles

2023

GIRLS - LCL CHAMPIONS

BOYS - RUNNER UP

Viking Community Newsletter

Grateful for Community Involvement and PTO

A MESSAGE FROM NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Northridge Middle School would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Viking community for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your dedication and active involvement in our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and middle school have truly made a positive impact on our school community.

Your continuous support, volunteer work, fundraising efforts, and participation in various events have been instrumental in enriching the educational experience of our students.

We would like to acknowledge the countless hours you have devoted to organizing fundraisers, chaperoning field trips, coordinating school events, and lending a helping hand whenever needed. Your commitment to our school has been truly commendable, and it has fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie among our students, teachers, and parents.

Moreover, your generous financial contributions through the PTO have allowed us to enhance our field trips by providing scholarships to students, allowed for a successful implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and supported our staff.

Beyond your tangible contributions, your positive attitude, enthusiasm, and unwavering support have uplifted our school community. Your support at parent-teacher conferences, school assemblies, and extracurricular activities has shown our families and students that their education matters and that they have a strong support system backing them.

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude. Our collective efforts have created a safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environment for our students. Together, we have celebrated their accomplishments and nurtured their talents.

The entire faculty and staff extend their sincerest thanks for your incredible support. Our partnership with the PTO has been invaluable, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the coming school year. Together, we can achieve even greater heights and provide our students with the best possible education.

Your support has made this school year a resounding success, and we are truly grateful for all that you have done. Thank you once again for being an essential part of our school community.

*Sincerely,
Sean Smith, Middle School Principal*



5th Grade Camp

Fifth grade students attended a 3-day overnight camp at Camp Heartland in Marengo, OH. This was a wonderful experience full of hands-on learning, outdoor activities and class bonding. Thank you, teachers and parent camp counselors!



Summer Calendar

July 17: School Board Meeting

District Office
6:30pm

July 31-Aug 4: Camp Invention

Elementary School
All Day

August 15: OHSAA Athletic Meeting

High School Auditoria
6:30-7:30pm

August 21: School Board Meeting

District Office
6:30pm

August 22: Students Back to School

All Day

View full school calendar at www.northridge.k12.oh.us



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Viking Stadium Ground Breaking This Summer!

On June 8th the School Board held a special meeting with the Athletic Boosters to confirm the details of the new Viking Stadium! The stadium project is moving forward using Permanent Improvement Funds and private donation dollars. The Athletic Boosters have raised 1.66 million and need your help to reach their \$2 Million goal. Scan the OR code to donate today to be a part of the donor recognition wall and this important project to support our student athletes.

Stay tuned to the district website for a late summer ground breaking date!



Annual AG Day at Northridge

The Northridge annual Ag Day was a great day spent sharing knowledge about the different parts of agriculture from our FFA members to our littlest Viking at the elementary school!

A variety of stations were set up with livestock, hands-on activities, and crafts. The livestock included rabbits, cows, bees, donkeys, goats, and lambs.

A popular hands-on activity was a sensory station where kids dug around grain corn to find different objects to learn about the importance of senses.

Students learned about the big role of poultry and enjoyed an egg race. The craft station was a Flower Ball which used clay to form a ball with a hole to put wildflower seeds in to plant at home. With the different livestock stations, kids had a chance to see and pet some animals as well as learn about their species.

FFA Members had posters with all types of information including nutrition, habitats, breeds, fun facts, and much more. The 2023 Ag Day was a great success and we appreciate our FFA chapter for doing a fantastic job organizing the event. ☺

