



# THE DISTRICT DISPATCH

*The monthly update for Northridge Schools & Community*

## Achievements, Growth and New Leadership

*A Message from Superintendent Scott Schmidt*

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 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.



[Click HERE to read more about our new superintendent!](#)

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.

**BREAKING NEWS**
**NORTHRIDGE  
ATHLETIC  
BOOSTERS**

The object of the Northridge Athletic Boosters is to promote and support the Athletic Programs recognized by the Northridge School Board.

June 26, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

***It's not too late  
to be a part of  
the project!***



Click [HERE](#) to  
**DONATE TODAY!**



## GROUNDBREAKING SCHEDULED FOR NORTHRIDGE VIKING STADIUM

What started out as a dream four years ago will become a reality on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm when ground is officially broken for Viking Stadium on the campus of the Northridge School District. The project launched in 2019 when the Athletic Boosters started a capital fundraising campaign with no idea a global pandemic was on the horizon. Despite unforeseen obstacles and new challenges in the field of construction related to the business growth in central Ohio, work on Viking Stadium will begin in August 2023 with a summer 2024 anticipated completion date.

"It has been a long road to get here but we never doubted that the efforts of so many people and the generosity of this community would result in a new stadium facility for our students," commented Brian Elder, Athletic Booster campaign chair. "It won't only change the landscape of the campus but will elevate the level of pride for every Viking who plays and practices in it as well as all the alumni we hope will return to see it. We are extremely grateful for the generous donations helping make this dream come true."

The project is currently in the final phase of design/development for a new 8-lane all-weather track, artificial turf, lighting, bleachers, press box, paved walkways, concession stand and restrooms. At a recent special meeting of the Northridge School Board, attended also by the Boosters and representatives from Legat Architects, Robertson Construction and Mendenhall and Associates, Northridge Treasurer/CFO Brit Lewis commented, "The amount of money raised to-date by the Boosters is absolutely amazing for a school this size. And the great news is that the Stadium Project is happening."

Superintendent Scott Schmidt commented, "I have been impressed with the incredible work that has gone on between all parties to move this project forward and to reach the point of establishing a groundbreaking date. It is a great example of the partnership between the Board and the Boosters that will ultimately have profound impact on the students at Northridge today and for years to come."

**[CLICK HERE TO HELP THE BOOSTERS HIT THE  
STADIUM PROJECT GOAL AND LEARN MORE!](#)**



## SAVE THE DATE

→ **JULY 17**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
6:30PM  
DISTRICT OFFICE

→ **AUGUST 15**

STADIUM GROUND  
BREAKING  
5:00PM  
NORTHRIDGE CAMPUS

→ **AUGUST 15**

OHSAA ATHLETIC  
MEETING  
6:30PM  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIA

→ **AUGUST 22**

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**



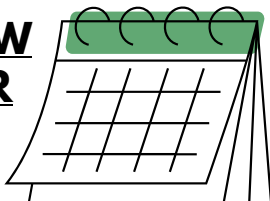
## SUMMER READING & JULY EVENTS AT LOCAL LIBRARIES

Check out the Alexandria and Homer Libraries websites for this month's community activities, summer reading programs and information:

<https://alexandrialibrary.org>

<https://www.homerlibrary.org>

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THE CALENDAR FOR  
THE 2023-2024  
SCHOOL YEAR**



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY

**SUMMER**



# NORTHRIDGE VIKINGS FOOTBALL

*Mom's Night*

**NYAA-HS MOMS**



**JULY 13TH, 7PM – 9PM  
AT HILLCREST**

**NO ADMISSION CHARGE**

**Presentation by  
new Head Football  
Coach Dustin Calhoun**

**SOCIAL HOUR, DRINKS,  
RAFFLE TICKETS FOR  
PRIZES AND  
LOTS OF FUN!**



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- FOOTBALL 101
  - SAFETY & INJURY PREVENTION
  - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FOOTBALL MOM?
  - WHAT ARE WE DOING AS A PROGRAM TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER PERSON?