



THE DISTRICT DISPATCH

The monthly update for Northridge Schools & Community

NEW YEAR, NEW ROLES, NEW FACES

2023 Administration Updates



Dr. Kristine Michael

Superintendent

Dr. Michael, who has served the district as Assistant Superintendent since 2020, has more than 28 years of service in education. Dr. Michael started her career as a fourth-grade teacher and has experience as an elementary teacher and administrator in international schools and Ohio public schools. Her central office experience includes serving as Curriculum Director, Student Services Director, and Assistant Superintendent before being hired as the Assistant Superintendent at Northridge. Dr. Michael and her husband, Guy, live in Granville and have a daughter and son, Maggie and Simon. When not in school, Kristine can be found walking her dogs or reading a book.



Mrs. Amy Warren

Director of Curriculum

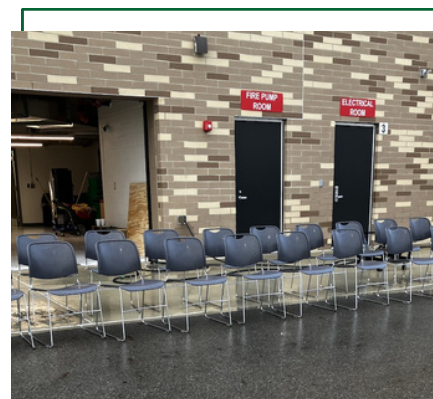
Amy is joining us, having most recently been the High School Principal at Canal Winchester. She is an experienced educator and administrator with 18 years of experience. Prior to her years as a building administrator, Amy was a high school English teacher in Pickerington. She has a great deal of experience leading professional development as well as MTSS. You will find Amy to be a proactive problem-solver and communicator as well as a careful listener. Amy, her husband, and two boys live in the New Albany/Gahanna area.



Dr. Katie Karacson

Director of Special Education

While Katie is a familiar face here at Northridge having served as the Director of Curriculum for the past two years, she has shifted into the role of Director of Special Education for both Preschool and School Age programs. Katie was previously a building principal, school counselor, and teacher prior to joining us at Northridge. The extensive work she has done to support curriculum over the past two years here at Northridge will continue under the direction of Mrs. Warren. When not at work Katie enjoys running, listening to music and attending Broadway Musicals.



Campus Updates

The Northridge facility and grounds team have been working hard over the summer cleaning and preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. The Elementary and High School parking lots have been sealed and lined with fresh paint, ready to be filled with vehicles again. As viewed in the photo above, the chairs and desks are being deep cleaned and ready to be filled with students!



Academic Updates

Teachers and staff have taken time over the summer to enhance their teaching skills. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Brechbill attended the Summer Leadership Institute for MLC Bridges, our elementary building math curriculum for this coming year!

August



MEET THE VIKING PRINCIPALS

AUG 6 - 12

HARTFORD FAIR
ALL DAY
HARTFORD FAIRGROUNDS

AUG 15

STADIUM GROUND
BREAKING
5:00PM
NORTHRIDGE CAMPUS

AUG 15

OHSAA ATHLETIC
MEETING
**REQUIRED FOR ALL FALL ATHLETES*
6:30PM
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIA

AUG 17

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4:00PM-6:00PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL
5:00PM-6:30PM

HS-FRESHMAN & NEW
STUDENT ORIENTATION
6:30PM-7:00PM

AUG 21

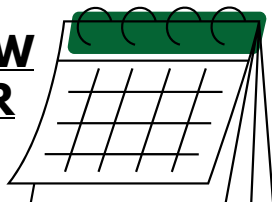
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30PM
DISTRICT OFFICE

AUG 22

WELCOME BACK,
STUDENTS!



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THE CALENDAR FOR
THE 2023-2024
SCHOOL YEAR**



Mrs. Kathy Erhard

Elementary Principal

Kathleen Erhard, a former Clevelander, is a graduate of OSU. GO BUCKS!! Her undergraduate degree is in elementary education with a master's degree in Ed Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction. She has been a principal for over 30 years and loves cooperatively building a school community with loads of fun and family involvement. Kathy has worked in schools in Westerville, Newark, Licking Heights, and Gahanna. In her free time, Kathy enjoys reading (especially children's literature), vintage, antique flea markets, baseball games, and the arts. Kathy lives in Newark with her husband, Dave. They have a son, Jon, who is 25 and is a college baseball coach at DePauw University. She has two very spoiled bassett hounds Rosie and Belle who provide loads of laughter and antics. Kathy is honored and excited to be a part of the Northridge community!



Mr. Sean Smith

Middle School Principal

Sean Smith is looking forward to starting his 2nd year as the Northridge Middle School principal. He has spent 31 years in the education field. He began his career as an elementary and middle school teacher and spent the last 5 years as an administrator. Sean is a life-long resident of Central Ohio and attended The Ohio State University as well as the University of Dayton. Sean has been married to his "high school sweetheart" for 31 years. Together, they raised 2 independent and strong daughters, Molly and Kendal. Sean and his entire family are HUGE fans of everything Disney! He is excited to be a part of the novel and varied learning opportunities with real-life experiences planned this year for our students.



Mr. Joe Rowe

High School Principal

Joe Rowe and his wife are relocating to Central Ohio from Ironton to be near their first grandchild who lives in the New Albany/Gahanna area. They are building a home of their own in that area. Joe is an experienced principal with 16 years of high school principal experience as well as 5 years as an elementary principal. During his tenure in Ironton, the high school won ODE's School of Promise three times for Gap Closing measures as well as National Blue Ribbon High School. Joe is thrilled to be chosen to lead at Northridge High School!



AUGUST EVENTS AT LOCAL LIBRARIES

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

Alexandria Library: <https://alexandrialibrary.org>

Homer Library: <https://www.homerlibrary.org>

NORTHRIDGE
V I K I N G S

DREAMS COME ALIVE



GROUND BREAKING
Ceremony

August 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM

6066 Johnstown-Utica Rd. Johnstown

Please join us behind the High School and to the back of the softball field as we break ground for the new stadium.

Parking available at the Elementary School.



Croton Church of Christ



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Sunday 8/27 6pm-8pm

PreK-5th

Bonfire, Food and Fun

RSVP to Traci Laslo

(614) 507-5147

Location: Church Shelter House

across from Fairgrounds

Rain Location:

Kidz Zone building at the church

(Changes will be communicated on

Croton Church FB pg.)

