



NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message from the Superintendent

As we enter the second half of the school year, we're gearing up for the Spring with renewed energy. Soon we will begin working on a strategic plan to guide our district toward a future rich in educational excellence and community engagement. It will be more than a set of goals; it's a commitment to our students' success, both in the classroom and beyond.

Within the pages of this newsletter, you'll find a showcase of the remarkable achievements of our students. From STEM and academics to sports, arts, and music, our students continue to excel and inspire.

I am excited to share this Viking Voyage with all of you. Embracing the principles of listening, learning, and leading, we are set to achieve great things together.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Kristine Michael

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Superintendent/CEO of
Schools



VIKING VOYAGE
Listening, Learning, Leading

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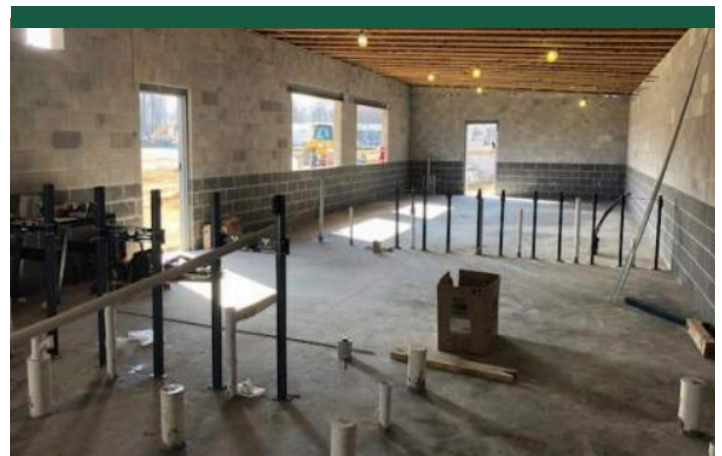
A Look at STEM in Northridge Schools

Northridge School District integrates STEM seamlessly, engaging all grades. Elementary students explore electricity through The Works workshops, leading to illuminating field trips. STEAM day features diverse activities like origami engineering and interactive storytelling. Eager Engineers after-school program fosters creative exploration in engineering and science. Middle schoolers focus on technology, from programming to video production. High schoolers pioneer with our FIRST Robotics Team, offering hands-on learning and scholarship opportunities. We're dedicated to providing a robust STEAM education, preparing students for the future.



Update on Athletic Complex Construction

Progress on the athletic complex is in full swing! Plumbing and electrical work for the grandstands and turf field are done. Next up: finalizing track grading, water line installation, and starting grandstand foundation work. It's exciting to see this project taking shape!



Northridge's College Application Blitz

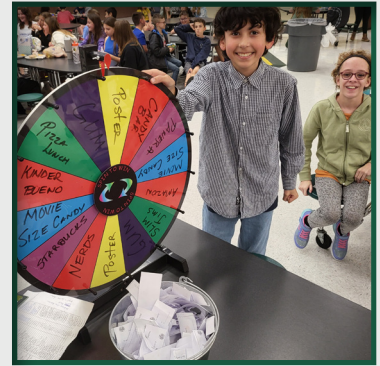
This Fall, Northridge High School hosted its College Application Blitz, featuring 35+ colleges. Students explored diverse higher education options, with waived application fees promoting broader application choices, easing financial burdens, and expanding post-graduation pathways.





Fostering Kindness and Resilience

Throughout the Northridge School District, we prioritize kindness and positivity. Northridge Elementary and Middle Schools use reward systems for commendable behavior. The High School focuses on resilience-building, aiming for a standardized language across classrooms. At Northridge, kindness is key.



Library Enhancements

Thanks to the Cecil Mauger Charitable Trust grant, our 6-12 library now boasts updated non-fiction and biography books on coding, app design, sustainable agriculture, crafts, and history. Many thanks to the Trust for enriching our library and enhancing student learning!



Celebrating Viking Athletes

Record Breaker!

Carter Mallernee made Northridge history on January 15th by surpassing 1,000 career points and becoming the all-time leading scorer in Northridge history.



Photo: John Hulkenberg

Commitment to Leadership and Sportsmanship

In January, Northridge athletic leaders demonstrated their dedication to leadership and sportsmanship during the Licking County League Athletics All-League Conference. Through collaborative sessions, they developed innovative sportsmanship initiatives and learned from a mental health speaker. The focus was on the critical role of resilience and well-being in sports.



Rising Star in Shooting Sports

Kinsey Duzan, a member of the Centerburg Youth Shooting Sports team, has made a name for herself in the world of competitive shooting, earning a spot on the 2024 Sub-Junior ATA All-American Team and being named to the OSTA All-Ohio Team twice showcases her remarkable talent.



Save the Date: Spring Music Concerts

Join us in celebrating the vibrant musical future taking shape at Northridge Schools.

March 12:

Middle School Band concert

April 4:

4th & 5th Grade Musical Program

April 13:

Middle School Band performs at the Solo and Ensemble competition

May 9:

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Musical Program



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Launching Our Strategic Planning Journey

This spring, we will embark on crafting a strategic plan to enhance education and community engagement as well as focusing on student success. Your input is crucial in shaping and realizing this vision. Join us in charting our future together. Look for information this spring!

Save the Date

PTO Craft Show
Northridge Elementary School
Saturday, March 16

Senior Citizens Musical Preview
Into the Woods
Northridge High School
Thursday, April 18 at 8:30am

Come join us for a morning of coffee, donuts and a preview of our high school musical. This event is free for senior citizens.

The Boosters Dinner Auction
B Carr Pavilion
Saturday, April 20

High School Musical
Into the Woods
Senior Citizen Preview April 18 at 8:30am
General admission: April 19-21

Financial Focus from Britt Lewis, Treasurer/CFO

The role of the Treasurer/CFO is to manage receipts and investments, strictly adhere to legal and school board policies, and ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Currently, we're updating our five-year forecast and planning for the fiscal year 2025 budget. Our budget planning begins with an analysis of local and state funding sources. For instance, in fiscal year 2023, local taxes and collections formed about 60% of our General Fund revenue, with state subsidies making up the rest. This insight is vital for crafting a budget that meets our students' educational needs, maintains our facilities and grounds, and responsibly uses public funds.

The budget process, a collaborative effort of all the administrative team, will continue into Spring and conclude with school board approval in June.

