



Viking Musicians and Artists Shine in March

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Viking Community,



Unexpected flooding has certainly presented us with a unique extension to our Spring Break. Please know we are working diligently to reopen schools as quickly and safely as possible. Meantime, as we ready to dive back into the school year, I'm energized by the achievements of our students. A huge congratulations to our High School Band and Choir for their "superior" ratings at the recent Ohio Music Education Association District Large Competition! Their dedication and talent are truly inspiring, and I can't wait to cheer them on as they head to States!

It's an exciting time of year for our Viking community. In our newsletter below, you'll find stories that capture our vibrant spirit—from an engaging Elementary STEAM night and a memorable camp for 5th graders, to cutting-edge phlebotomy certification for seniors. Plus, we cover a variety of upcoming activities, including athletic competitions and the anticipated "Into the Woods" performance. Join us as we celebrate this community together.

Warmly,
Dr. Kristine Michael
Superintendent

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

NHS Band and Choir Achieve Superior Ratings, Advance to OMEA States

Congratulations to our high school band and choir who both earned "superior" ratings at the OMEA District Large Competition and are advancing to States!



Pep Band Inspires Future Musicians at NES

Northridge Pep Band performed at NES to encourage students to sign up for Beginning Band next year!



Mr. Healey Honored with Make a Difference Award

Mr. Healey, a Northridge High School alum and current NHS band teacher, received the Make a Difference Award from Licking County, a recognition for teachers impacting students' lives. He is celebrated for transforming the band into a close-knit community, significantly boosting its size and spirit.



M(art)ch Madness at Northridge Elementary

Northridge Elementary celebrates M(art)ch Madness with students exploring a variety of art forms, from interior design to pixel art and stained glass, filling the halls with creativity.



**2nd Grade Minecraft
Pixel Art**



**5th Grade Interior Design
Drawings**

ACADEMIC UPDATES



NES Celebrates Leap Year with STEAM Day

This leap year, Northridge Elementary made an exciting leap into STEAM with a visit from storyteller and origamist Christine Kallevig. The event, held during the school day for students and in the evening for families, was a vibrant celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Thank you to the PTO for organizing this fun and enriching community event!

NHS Seniors Aim for Phlebotomy Certification with Community Support Needed

Five Northridge seniors are pursuing a Certified Phlebotomy Technician certification through a partnership with C-TEC, all while balancing a significant workload that includes a full course schedule, College Credit Plus classes, and numerous extracurricular activities. In April, a crucial part of their certification process requires them to meet a specific number of successful blood draws. If you're willing to be a part of their educational journey, please consider volunteering by emailing Amy Warren, Director of Curriculum: awarren@northridgevikings.org.

Northridge Middle School Springs into Educational Journeys

Spring at Northridge Middle School means educational adventures! Our 6th graders will delve into experiments at COSI, while 7th graders explore the Columbus Zoo's wildlife. The 8th and 9th graders are looking forward to a May trip to Washington D.C., promising them a deep dive into our nation's history and government!

ATHLETICS

Athletic Complex Construction Progress: Lighting Up the Grandstands

Construction on the Athletic Complex is underway. The preparations for the grandstands have been completed, with the lighting system now installed and operational. Work continues on the construction of the concession stand. It's exciting to see the project coming to life!



Stadium Lighting



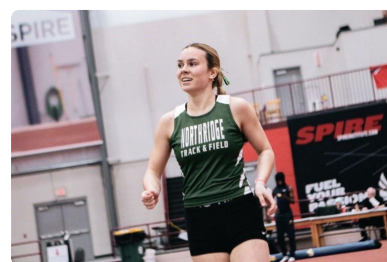
Home Grandstand Foundation



Interior of Concession Stand, Installed HVAC and Electrical

Isabel Evans Shines at Indoor Track Nationals

Congratulations to Isabel Evans for placing 35th out of 143 runners today at The Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Boston! She crushed winter track and is primed for the outdoor season.



Show Your Viking Pride and Support Our Athletes

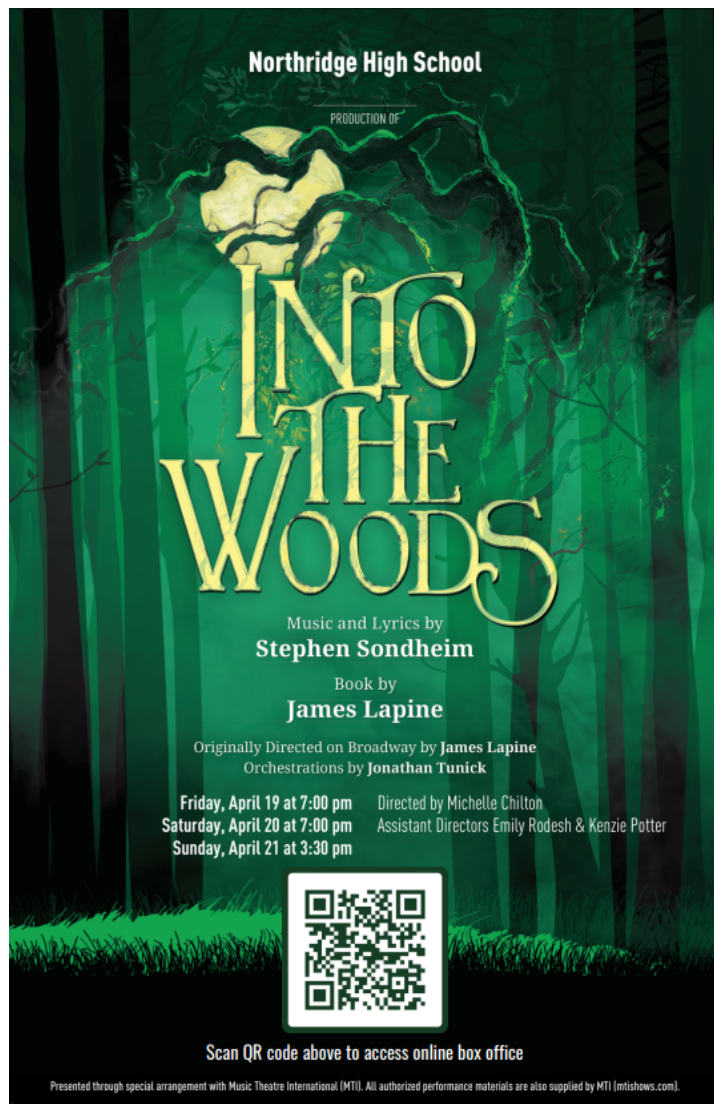
Spring sports are underway! Show your Viking pride by supporting our athletes at the games. Find the full schedule [here](#).

REMINDER: Schools Closed April 8 for Eclipse

As a reminder, Northridge Schools will be closed on Monday, April 8th for the solar eclipse. We hope you'll find safe ways to enjoy this historic moment and share the stories when we return to school on April 9th.

Coming Up...

- April 4: 4th and 5th grade music program 6 pm at NES
- April 9: State testing beings (principals will be sharing more detailed information with families)
- April 19-21: Into the Woods production at NHS, details below



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