



Northmont Today

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Northmont Celebrates Graduation

Upcoming Dates:

High School Summer School
begins Monday, June 3

ACT Test
Northmont High School
Saturday, June 8, 8:00 a.m.

Fathers Day
Sunday, June 16

Juneteenth
Wednesday, June 19
Schools Closed

High School Summer School
End of First Session
Friday, June 21

High School Summer School
Beginning of Second Session
Monday, June 24

Independence Day
Thursday, July 4
Schools Closed

High School Summer School
Ends Friday, July 12

Last Day to Complete Online
Registration for school
provided Transportation
Monday, August 5

Back to School!!
(See back page for specifics)



Northmont High School celebrated Graduation on Sunday, May 19 at Wright State University's Nutter Center. Over three hundred fifty seniors were honored with music, speeches, and recognition for military plans. Sixteen Valedictorians and three Salutatorians were also recognized. Congratulations to the Northmont Class of 2024!! Go Bolts!!



Top of the Class 2024

Northmont Superintendent Tony Thomas and the Board of Education and Administration celebrated the accomplishments of sixteen Valedictorians and three Salutatorians from the Class of 2024 on Wednesday, May 15. The students were joined by their parents and one special Northmont educator who has made an impact in their life and education at Northmont. Congratulations to Northmont's "Top of the Class!" Valedictorians: Trudie Arling, Caleb Bannister, Jacob Beck, Josiah Belton, Ryan Fitzgerald, Owen Franks, Sophia Gorretta, Morgan Kee, Libbi Mergler, Christian Moncrief, Elliot Moyer, Avery Rieger, Seth Schmaltz, Bridget Scranton, Gabriel Strobel, and Koletin Watson
Salutatorians: Amelia Brown, Zachariah Clements, and Carson Stone



GREEN PRIDE

... throughout the community



Roll of Recognition



In 1990, the mission to identify and recognize individuals who contributed time, effort, and commitment in exemplary ways directly to or in benefit of the Northmont School system and community was created and is known today as Northmont's Roll of Recognition. On May 18, three recipients joined the elite committed individuals who have been honored and recognized with their plaques proudly displayed in the Northmont Auditorium.

Pete Chakiris

A 1966 Northmont High School graduate, Pete began his teaching and coaching career in 1970. After serving in the Army, he spent 46 years as a high school wrestling coach, achieving 86 league champions, 80 sectional champions, 38 district champions, 26 state placers, 1 state runner-up, and 4 state champions. Named Miami Valley Wrestling Association's Coach of the Year 12 times and State Coach of the Year in 2002, Pete is inducted into several halls of fame, including the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame.

Beyond athletics, Pete is renowned for his woodworking and drafting instruction and his dedication to community service. He supports military veteran programs, health and wellness initiatives, and families in need, while also contributing to his church and participating in mission trips.

Douglas P. Doherty

Doug, a 1983 Northmont High School graduate and former wrestler and soccer player, has built a distinguished career in law enforcement. After earning a BS in Criminal Justice from Herzing University and completing programs at Northwestern University's Traffic Institute and the FBI Academy, he served as a Marine before joining the Xenia Police Department in 1990. Rising through the ranks, he demonstrated exceptional work ethic, character, and human relationship skills, eventually becoming chief of the Bellbrook Police Department in 2013 where he served for eight years before being appointed Chief Deputy for the Greene County Sheriff's Office in May 2022.

Throughout his career, Chief Doherty has earned numerous accolades, including the "Casey Elliot's" Xenia's Finest Award Officer of the Year and multiple leadership and service awards. His personal experience with PTSD has driven him to help others improve their lives, while his ability to analyze and solve complex problems has been crucial in his various leadership roles.

Debbie Ritter Stahl

Debbie Stahl, a 1971 Northmont High School graduate and retired cardiac care nurse, has dedicated herself to serving the Northmont community since 2008. As Chairperson of the Community Table Board since 2012, Debbie ensures that children in need receive school supplies, food for weekends, and Christmas gifts. Her efforts include starting food pantries at local schools and organizing the annual "Back to School Fair," providing essential supplies to hundreds of children.

Debbie collaborates with Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, and various civic organizations to secure donations, demonstrating her commitment to nurturing young minds. Under her leadership, Community Table not only provides immediate relief but also empowers families to overcome their challenges. Debbie Stahl's compassion and dedication have profoundly impacted the Northmont community, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.



EXCELLENCE

. . . throughout the district

Harding Honored

Micah Harding, Northmont's Athletic Director, has received the Jim Rolfes Professional Development Award. This award recognizes individuals who significantly contribute to the vision of professional development, a legacy championed by Jim Rolfes during his tenure with the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association (SWOADA).

Harding's leadership and dedication have benefited Northmont's athletic programs and the broader athletic director community in Southwest Ohio. His initiatives have enhanced the skills and knowledge of coaches, staff, and student-athletes, reflecting the values that Rolfes held dear.



Seal of Biliteracy



More than 25 students were on track to receive the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy recognizes graduating seniors who can demonstrate high levels of proficiency in English and at least one other language. This year, Northmont had 21 seniors and seven juniors who passed the rigorous exam. This is a record number of students from Northmont who mastered these skills.

Northmont Consolidates PK & Central Office, Saving 135K Annually

Northmont City Schools Board of Education approved a proposal to consolidate Preschool and Central Office operations, to save approximately \$135,000 annually from the general fund.

The consolidation plan includes opportunities to partner with the YMCA to offer services for preschool students, leveraging the proximity to Kleptz Early Learning Center, (KELC) and other Northmont facilities for improved efficiencies.

One of the key benefits of this consolidation is the creation of a dedicated professional development space, which will enhance staff training and support. Additionally, by utilizing vacated Pre-K classrooms at KELC for additional grade levels, we can consolidate staff and operations, resulting in approximately \$100,000 in annual savings starting FY26. Finally, the additional funds generated by leasing the current administration building at 4001 Old Salem Rd, and the new leasing space to the Chamber will offset a portion of the contract.

The proposal also includes benefits such as better protection for servers through the KELC Data Center's climate-controlled tech closets and backup generator. The YMCA's 24/7 staffing ensures a more secure environment for staff working at night, with comprehensive camera, alarm, and door security systems provided, maintained, and monitored by the YMCA.

This consolidation prepares the district for a more favorable allotment of square footage for phase II of the OFCC Building project. It also aligns with a growing trend among other districts, such as Huber Heights, Mad River, and Kettering, in housing Pre-K and Central offices together to realize various benefits.

"We are excited about the potential of this consolidation proposal to not only save costs but also enhance our services and partnerships," said Tony Thomas, Superintendent of Northmont City Schools. "This strategic move reflects our commitment to providing the best possible educational environment for our students and community."

**2024
School Board
meetings and
locations
All meetings
begin at 6:00 p.m.**

**June 24
Northwood Elementary**

**July 15
Northwood Elementary**

**August 12 & 26
Kleptz Early Learning
Center**

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Northmont City School District
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Englewood, OH 45322**

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**First Day of School 2024
by Grade Level**

Teacher Workday - August 12

Professional Development - August 13

Grades 7 & 9 - August 14

Grades 8 (no 7th), 9, 10, 11, 12 - August 15

**Grades KG & 1 - August 16, 19, 20 (watch for
communication for assigned day)**

**Grades 2-6 - August 16 & 19 (watch for
communication for assigned day)**

PreK - August 21

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THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

We recently celebrated the graduation ceremony. As the years roll along one thing stays the same. Northmont is successful. We witnessed great academic achievement as we saw students going to elite colleges, enlisting in various military options, and entering the workforce with skills they learned at Northmont. State champions were crowned in athletics and academics. Our musicians and other fields in the arts received incredible recognition. Staff members were recognized with awards for their hard work and skill. As we prepare for 2024-2025, we are excited to know that our students and staff will again prove worthy of the history and pride of being a Thunderbolt!



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www.northmontschools.net**

Our Mission:

The mission of Northmont City Schools is to provide our students an exceptional education with diverse opportunities so they maximize their potential and are productive, responsible citizens.

