



# NORMANDY CONNECTIONS

THE NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER

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## Normandy Schools Collaborative Mission Statement

*Normandy Schools Collaborative prepares global leaders for college, career, and productive citizenship by empowering a community of confident learners and valuing the unique contributions of every student.*

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**AL DIXON**



"Al is a true problem solver. He always takes the initiative to complete tasks to get things done. He is the epitome of a team player and an extremely hard worker. Al is a critical part of the Facilities team, and I appreciate all of his hard work and efforts."

-Submitted by Evelyn Days

### NSC Staff Spotlight

Help us recognize teachers and staff members making a difference in our schools. Nominate them today!

[Chris Trahan](#), Director of Communications

[Raygan Clark](#), Multimedia Specialist

[Kennedy Davis](#), Multimedia Specialist

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### Obama 6th Grader Wins Art Contest

[Barack Obama Elementary School](#) 6th grader Bart Baker won an art contest sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health. His winning artwork is featured in the 2024 Healthy Living Calendar, which is shared with county residents to encourage healthy habits, including tips for proper hygiene habits, healthy eating, and how to be a good friend to others. Bart also received a poster of his artwork, four calendars, and a gift card to the St. Louis Zoo. Way to go, Bart!





L to R: Christen Casaine and Bart Baker

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## Normandy Wrestlers Shine

Normandy High School senior wrestlers received medals for their outstanding performance for the season after the last meet held on January 17. Marlo James was awarded a trophy for reaching his 100th career victory as a Normandy Viking. Good Work, Vikings!



L to R: Aden Normand, Coach Tyrone Baker, Marlo James, and Jacobe Rhodes.

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## NSC Commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Normandy Schools Collaborative is proud to have partnered with [Young Voices with Action](#) and other community organizations to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a prayer breakfast held on Saturday, January 13 at Normandy High School.

10th-grade Normandy High School Student Zachary Harrell, Superintendent Dr. Michael Triplett, and Normandy High School administrators and staff represented the district well.

On Monday, January 15, our community came together once again to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s enduring legacy with a march from Normandy High School to Barack Obama Elementary. The event featured book donations, student performances, and impactful speeches, emphasizing the collective celebration and commitment to Dr. King's values.













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## Unleashing Innovation at Normandy

Uncover the behind-the-scenes magic! Join us for an insightful interview with the dedicated facilitators of Normandy Schools Collaborative's Robotics teams. Gain exclusive insights into their mentorship, guidance, and the incredible journey of shaping young minds in the world of robotics. Don't miss the chance to meet the driving force behind our students' innovation and success!

### Normandy Robotics





## St. Louis County Leaders Visit Normandy

St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page, Education Liaison Desiree Whitlock, and other St. Louis County government staff recently visited Normandy to learn more about the district and discuss ways we can partner and work together to ensure success for our students and community.



L to R: Dr. Michael Triplett, Desiree Whitlock, Dr. Sam Page

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## Dr. Taylor Takes on New Role at Normandy

Dr. Netra Taylor, who has served the Normandy School District for more than thirty years, brings unparalleled knowledge of the District to her new role as Director of Continuous Improvement and Title IX Coordinator.

Dr. Taylor is now responsible for process improvement activities supporting the District, developing and facilitating systems-level learning, and providing support for the Normandy Schools Collaborative. Her Title IX Coordinator's responsibilities include overseeing all complaints of sex discrimination and identifying and addressing any patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of such complaints.

Taylor began her career as a fifth-grade teacher at Bel-Ridge Elementary School. She also served as a Reading Specialist at Normandy Middle School and Bel-Nor Elementary. Dr. Taylor has served as



principal at Normandy Kindergarten Center, Bel-Nor Elementary, and most recently at Barack Obama Elementary School. In 2023, she transitioned to the Campus Support Center, dedicating herself to providing vital support to the District.



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### **NSC Welcomes Two New Doctors to the District**

Congratulations to Pamela Hollins, Washington Elementary Principal, and DeAndria Player, Director of Special Education for NSC, for successfully obtaining their Doctorate degrees. Be sure to congratulate them both when you see them. Way to go!





Dr. Pamela Hollins





Dr. DeAndria Player

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# THERE'S A PLACE HERE FOR YOU!

WHY WORK FOR  
NORMANDY  
SCHOOLS  
COLLABORATIVE?

## THE KIDS

You'll have the opportunity to have a meaningful impact on their lives.

## THE STAFF

You'll be a part of a team, bringing your own unique set of skills and talents to contribute to the overall success of our district.

## THE EXPERIENCE

Utilize your unique skills and grow your career - all while making a real difference in our kids, our schools, and our community.

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PART-TIME  
POSITIONS  
AVAILABLE

**Teachers**  
**Social Workers**  
**Cafeteria Workers**  
**Maintenance Staff**  
**Coaches**  
**Bus Drivers**  
**Counselors**  
**...and more!**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Can We Text You? Opt-in For District Text Messages.

Emergency school closures? Bus delays? Last-minute schedule changes? We can get that information to families & staff quicker via text messaging.

*To get text messages from the district, we have to get your permission—text 'Y' to 68453.*

There is no charge to sign up. Your service provider may charge a fee for text messaging, depending on your plan.

If you have questions, please email [info@normandysc.org](mailto:info@normandysc.org).





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