Northmont Today

Published by the Northmont City School District Volume 50/2 December, 2024

Upcoming Dates:

Winter Break
December 23 - January 3

Teacher Workday
Monday, January 6
No Classes PK-12
(including MVCTC)

Classes Resume
Tuesday, January 7

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, January 13 & 27
Northmont High School

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 20
Schools Closed

Community Breakfast
Wednesday, January 22
8:30 a.m. - High School

Parent Teacher Conferences
February 10-12

Professional Development
February 13
No Classes PK-12
MVCTC - in session

Parent Teacher Conferences
February 14
No Classes PK-12
MVCTC - in session

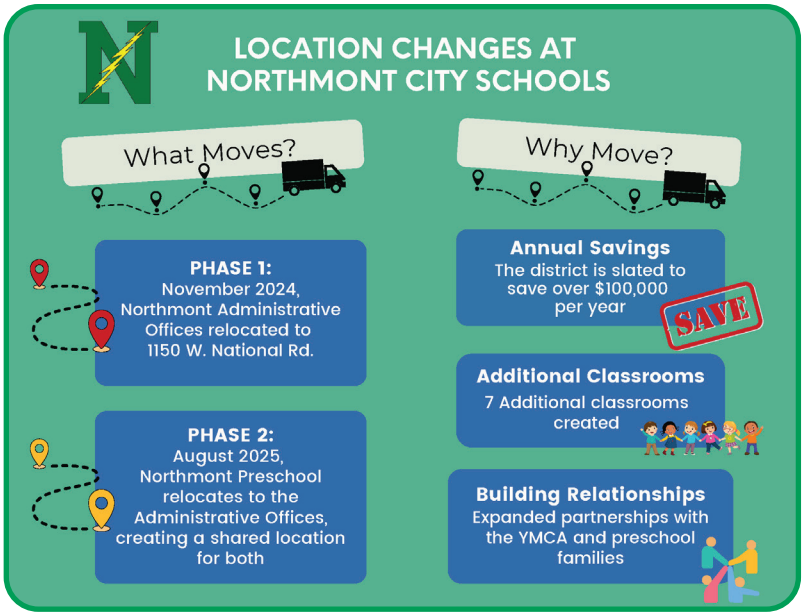
Presidents Day
February 17
Schools Closed

Board of Education Has Moved

The Northmont Board of Education and Administrative offices for the district have moved to 1150 W. National Rd. The building was recently vacated by Sinclair giving Northmont the opportunity to take advantage of a cost-saving measure, as well as creating more classroom space by a planned move of the Northmont PreK program from the Kleptz Early Learning Center. A strong partnership with the Kleptz YMCA made for a very smooth transition.



Above: Northmont Board of Education/Administration offices at 1150 W. National Road





Pictured left and right: NJROTC Students "bucket brigade" to move hundreds of boxes from the Old Salem location to the new offices adjacent to the YMCA.



DECA Promotes Heart Health

As part of the DECA Community Awareness Project, Payton Richards, Shelby Shingler, and Luke Mangen have been educating various audiences about the importance of heart health. During October, they shared a new stat, post, piece of information, and interview each day on Instagram. (Please follow @Thunderboltsforheart.) Their goal is to educate a broad range of individuals. They worked with the Northmont Curriculum Department, including teachers Jim Smith and Eric Newman, to certify staff members in CPR during the Professional Development day on November 26.

The team also collaborated with 4th Grade Teacher Diane Schweitzer to create Heart Day at Englewood Hills. They brought in representatives from Premier Health and created lessons in Stress Management, Nutrition, Heart Health, and CPR.



Premier Health Employees with DECA students Payton Richards, Luke Mangen & Shelby Shingler

GREEN PRIDE

. . . throughout the community

Did You Know? Anyone over 60, who lives in the Northmont community is eligible for a Senior pass. This pass admits the person to any regular sporting event (not including tournaments) or Drama Club production. Bring an ID with proof of residency to the Board of Education Office and get yours today!

Did You Know? Many Northmont administrators are members of the various civic groups in the community. Staff is represented in Rotary, Lions Club, Northmont Optimist Club, Northmont Education Foundation, Community Table, Kiwanis, and more.

Treasurer Presents 5-Year Forecast

The Northmont School Board met on November 18 and a detailed five-year financial forecast was presented by Treasurer Ann Ferraro.

Ferraro outlined revenue and expenditure trends affecting the district:

*Property values in the Northmont community increased by 36%, with significant growth in residential and agricultural sectors, contributing an estimated $1.53 million increase in inside millage revenue.

*However, due to HB 920, voted millages remain flat.

*State funding was reduced to the district as a function of the district appearing more wealthy in the state formula.

*The bottom line for Northmont was a 0.26% increase in revenue which falls short of inflation.

*Utility costs are expected to surge by 14–30% through 2029, further straining resources.

*The district is also navigating increased special education and transportation expenses due to higher student needs.

Despite these challenges, strategic reductions and careful planning have stabilized operations. Savings from reduced staff over the past two years and efficiencies in consolidating facilities have offset some rising costs. The district is prioritizing long-term sustainability through responsible budgeting and alignment with student enrollment trends.

Board President Linda Blum asked Mrs. Ferraro to compile a report sharing the lowest levy amount needed to keep the district in the black. “We must be sensitive to the needs of our community while recognizing that our older buildings are more expensive to maintain and operating costs continue to rise,” said Mrs. Blum.

The report in its entirety can be viewed at ***www.northmontschools.net/departments/finance-treasurer.***

Northmont Academic Challenge Team #1 in State



Pictured: Nathan Haley, Russell Dillak, Ethan Kral, and Kevin Adler.

The Northmont High School Academic Challenge team continues to win tournament after tournament, posting a perfect 9-0 record recently at the University School of Nashville. The team defeated schools from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia to win the event. This was the second tournament win of the season, as they also won the Tiffin Columbian Tournament earlier in the fall. The team is currently ranked #1 in the state (after winning state last year) and has a record of 58-8 on the season, losing only to teams who are some of the best in the country. The team recently opened the GWOC season and is 2-0. Currently, the team is ranked #16 in the nation. Northmont hosted the annual Thunderbolt Classic Academic Challenge on December 7.

EXCELLENCE

. . . throughout the district

Drama Club Presents

The Northmont Drama Club will perform Winter One Acts!



SELFIE
"It's senior year and problems are mounting for a group of high school students as they prepare for the future. Facing bullies, parents, pressure, sickness, and their own self-judgment, the characters search for ways to stand out. As they document their year, one click at a time, they come to realize life is not about what other people see -- it's about the pictures they have of themselves."



10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
"It's the end of the world and hordes of rampaging zombies are about to kill you. What do you do? Try your hand at kung fu against the undead? Attempt to reason with creatures that would rather eat brains than use them? Turn to this handy and hilarious guide to survive the apocalypse! (Hint: sacrifice the weak is step number one.)"
Performances: January 16, 17, and 18 at 7pm in the Northmont Community Auditorium at the high school. Tickets can be purchased at ***onthestage.tickets/northmont-drama-club***.
Adults - $10/Students & Senior Citizens - $5.

Sonner Receives Award

Northmont High School NJROTC Cadet Maddie Sonner has been awarded the prestigious Cadet Achievement Award by Area 14 Manager, Commander Mike Robinson, who said, "This honor recognizes Maddie's outstanding achievements and sustained superior performance within the NJROTC program."



The Cadet Achievement Award is given selectively to cadets who demonstrate exceptional military aptitude, dedication to the program, and overall excellence across all facets of NJROTC. Maddie's hard work, leadership, and commitment to excellence have distinguished her among her peers, making her a deserving recipient of this accolade.

Maddie is the commander of the Academic Team and is building on the success of last year's 12th place finish at the NJROTC National Brain Brawl Championship. She is also the commander of the Unarmed Exhibition Team and designed the Area 14 logo.

Congratulations to Cadet Maddie Sonner for her remarkable accomplishments and for setting a high standard of excellence in the NJROTC program!

2024-25 School Board meetings and locations All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

January 13 & 27
High School

February 10 & 24
Kleptz ELC

March 10
Union Elementary

April 14 & 28
Englewood Hills Elem.

May 12
Middle School

June 23
Board of Education Ofc.

July 14
Board of Education Ofc.

Northmont Board of Education
Northmont City School District
1150 W. National Rd.
Englewood, OH 45315

Information Line
937-832-5037 or
superintendent@northmontschools.net

www.northmontschools.net
www.facebook.com/NorthmontCitySchools

Northmont Education Foundation

Community Night of Giving

Friday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook of Clayton

NORTHMONT EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Invest in a brighter future

Non-Profit Organ.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 644
Dayton, OH 45401

ECR WSS
POSTAL CUSTOMER

THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

Result of 2 Failed Levies

What has changed at Northmont after two unsuccessful attempts to pass a levy? Here are the facts since November of 2023. A building was closed and 41.5 positions have been cut, including administrators. Class sizes have increased. Fewer elective courses are offered at the high school. The district does not pay for field trips. Revenue growth is lagging behind expenditure growth largely as a result of inflation, but also because voted levies cannot increase in dollar amount from the day they are passed. This means Northmont does not see growth on the source of revenue we are most dependent on in our budgeting process. Please reach out to me if you have any questions and I am more than happy to talk on the subject.

New to the District? Check out our website for important information:
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.