



Northview News

INSPIRING ALL STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL BEST

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THE

2026-2027

SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN

We can't wait to meet our newest Wildcats and welcome them to the family!

Northview Public Schools is not just a school district—it's a community. One where every person is a valuable member with much to contribute. Northview residents who have a new student to enroll are encouraged to complete the online enrollment process now for the 2026-27 school year. See page 7 for important details, then visit our web page at nvps.net/district/enrollment/k-12-enrollment to enroll your child.



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Families who are interested in having their child attend Northview as a non-resident student are encouraged to visit nvps.net/district/enrollment/schools-of-choice to learn more about the Kent ISD Schools of Choice program. The application period will be open April 13 through May 15.



If you're a current Schools of Choice family and would like to enroll a new sibling for the 2026-27 school year, use your ParentVUE account to enroll them, then submit a Schools of Choice application for Northview during the application period.

OUR BEST. YOUR BEST.



INFO nvps.net/k-12-enrollment

CALL 616-363-6861

EMAIL enroll@nvps.net

CROSSROADS MIDDLE OPENS NEW STUDENT-LED SPIRIT STORE

The halls of Crossroads are humming with school spirit with the opening of a new student-led spirit store. The shop is more than a place to buy apparel and Northview items. It is a showcase of student creativity, hard work and the community partnerships that made it possible. The project took shape during the school's FLEX time, where students traded their traditional study materials for sandpaper and paintbrushes. Every detail of the shop reflects student effort. Participants spent weeks sanding, staining and painting to transform the space into a new retail display. Aleena, an 8th-grade student who participated in nearly every offered workday, shared that "At first, I was really scared at how the piece was going to look, and I was so surprised by the end! My favorite part was sanding and painting the display." The vision for the store became a reality thanks to a generous grant from the Northview Education Foundation (NEF) that was awarded in the fall of 2025. These funds provided foundational materials for the shop by covering the costs of materials and inventory so that the store can remain self-sustaining in the future. The spirit store is student-led and operates weekly. Questions? Contact Ashley Sugiyama at Crossroads Middle at 616-361-3430 x22231.



WHEN:

Fridays
(7:15–8:00 am)

WHERE:

Crossroads
Middle School

OFFERINGS:

School apparel
and various spirit
items. More items
coming soon!

PAYMENT:

Cash or check only
at this time.

4365 Hunsberger NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 363-6861
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Northview High School	363-4857
Northview Next	361-7396
Crossroads Middle School	361-3430
Highlands Middle School	361-3440

East Oakview Elementary	361-3460
North Oakview Elementary	361-3450
West Oakview Elementary	361-3470
Administration Building	363-6861
Transportation Department	361-3480

Dear Northview families, staff and students,

As we navigate the winter months, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth and energy of our Northview community. I am excited to share our **Mid-winter ABCs**—a quick look at the **A**ccessibility, **B**ond Projects and **C**elebrations shaping our district's future.

Accessibility: A Welcome for Everyone

True belonging begins with access. After listening to your feedback, we partnered with Disability Advocates of Kent County (DAKC) to review our facilities. While many of our older spaces require updates to meet modern standards, we are committed to doing the work. We are currently piloting an accessibility improvement at the East Oakview entrance. This pilot will guide us as we enhance every building across the district, ensuring every student and guest feels welcome from the moment they arrive.

Bond Projects: Investing in Our Students

Following your incredible support of the May 2025 bond, our plans are officially turning into action! This summer, work begins at:

- **East Oakview Elementary:** We are adding a new gymnasium, which means students will no longer have to pause physical activity for lunch. We are also replacing our aging Field School portable with a permanent building addition and brightening the cafeteria with new windows and fresh finishes.

- **Northview High School:** We are reimagining the media center as a modern collaborative hub and expanding the Performing Arts Center lobby for a better guest experience. Our music classrooms (band and choir) will be refreshed, and we are adding a new team room and female locker room to ensure equitable athletic spaces for all students.

You can follow our progress and see project photos at nvps.net/bond-update

Celebrating Our Students

Beyond the bricks and mortar, the heart of Northview is our people. From upcoming concerts and fine arts performances to the heat of athletic competitions, our students are shining. I invite you to join us at an upcoming event to witness their talents firsthand. Please check our district calendar for dates and details.

Together, we are building more than just classrooms; we are creating a space where every student is inspired to achieve their individual best. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Christina Hinds
Superintendent
Northview Public Schools



FOX 17 HIGHLIGHTS HIGHLANDS TEACHER, CELIA BISSETT

Every week FOX 17 highlights an educator who is excelling in the classroom. During the week of January 28, the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education winner was Celia Bissett from Highlands Middle School! You can check out the full story at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/HighlandsExcellenceInEd>.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHVIEW

Northview is one of the finest school districts in the nation. It's small enough for staff to know each child and large enough to provide the best that K-12 education has to offer. If you're interested in applying for employment in Northview, we encourage you to check our job openings at nvps.net/district/employment. Our online system provides an easy application process for individuals seeking employment by reducing paperwork and time, while providing access to more job opportunities. Our part-time and substitute positions offer these great benefits:

- Flexible hours and work schedule.
- Summers free to enjoy with your family.
- Complimentary membership to the Northview Fitness & Aquatic Center.
- Complimentary passes to all home sporting events.

DYNAMIC DUO DANCE RETURNS ON MARCH 7



Join us for our annual Dynamic Duo Dance (K-8th grade) on Saturday, March 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm! The ticket price includes entertainment by DJ Poppa Wheelie, refreshments and a wonderful experience! A photographer will be available to commemorate the evening for an additional cost. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the DJ starts at 6:30 pm. Purchase your tickets for \$15 each using the QR code now through February 27—or until sold out (per capacity limits)! Refunds are available if requested on or before February 27. Questions? Email NVComEd@nvps.net.

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YOUR VOICE, OUR SCHOOLS: SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

To best serve our students, the Northview Board of Education must hear from **YOU**. We invite all community members to participate in our annual Policy Governance Survey that will help shape the future of our district. Thank you for partnering with us to help our students thrive!

When: Now - February 27

Digital: Scan the QR code

Paper: Clip and return pages 3-4 of this newsletter, or pick up a paper copy at the Administration Building.



POLICY GOVERNANCE SURVEY

The Northview Public Schools Board of Education is composed of an elected group of residents who serve the residents and students of Northview. A brief survey was created to gather input on how well the board is meeting the needs of the district. We are seeking your feedback on a few important questions to help guide our work!

The Northview Public Schools Board of Education's primary responsibilities are overseeing the education of the students in the district, hiring and evaluating the superintendent, as well as setting goals to guide the superintendent in achieving those goals.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC JOB DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND THE SUPERINTENDENT?

SCHOOL BOARD	SUPERINTENDENT
To serve as a representative of the community.	The Superintendent is accountable to the Board for the achievement of the Board's expected outcomes, and to do so within the identified parameters.
To establish policies that state the expected outcomes of the school district.	To serve as the executive administrator of the district and to oversee all matters having to do with the district, and education in general.
Direct the Superintendent through board policy, and then monitor and evaluate their performance.	Is accountable for seeing that all board policies and directives are implemented.
Hold hearings on serious matters, often with the support of legal counsel.	

If you would like to contact the Northview Public Schools Board of Education, you can email them at boardofeducation@nvps.net.

**PLEASE DROP-OFF YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO THE
NORTHVIEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OR SEND IT VIA MAIL
(4365 HUNSBERGER AVE NE GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49525).**

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PLEASE CIRCLE OR CHECK THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER BELOW.

If you don't know the answer to the question, please skip it.

1. I am answering this survey as a **(choose all that apply)**:

- ☐ Northview Parent/Guardian
 ☐ Northview Staff Member
☐ Northview Resident
 ☐ Northview School of Choice Parent/Guardian

2. Does the Northview Public Schools Board of Education put students first in their decision-making process?

- ☐ Never
 ☐ Sometimes
 ☐ Often
 ☐ Always

3. Do members of the Northview Public Schools Board of Education demonstrate awareness of issues that are important to the Northview community?

- ☐ Never
 ☐ Sometimes
 ☐ Often
 ☐ Always

4. Do members of the Northview Public Schools Board of Education interact with members of the community when they attend community events?

- ☐ Never
 ☐ Sometimes
 ☐ Often
 ☐ Always

5. To what extent does the Northview Public Schools Board of Education solicit and consider input from various stakeholders (parents, teachers, students, community members) when making decisions?

- ☐ Never
 ☐ Sometimes
 ☐ Often
 ☐ Always

6. Are you satisfied with the policies the Northview Public Schools Board of Education have established?

- ☐ Not at all
 ☐ Somewhat
 ☐ Quite
 ☐ Extremely

7. How effectively does the Northview Public Schools Board of Education address and resolve conflicts or concerns raised by the community or within the board itself?

- ☐ Not at all
 ☐ Somewhat
 ☐ Quite
 ☐ Extremely

8. Do you believe that the Northview Public Schools Board of Education demonstrates transparency in its decision-making processes?

- ☐ Not at all
 ☐ Somewhat
 ☐ Quite
 ☐ Extremely

9. Overall, how effective is the Northview Public Schools Board of Education in fostering a positive and inclusive school environment for all students, staff and parents?

- ☐ Not at all
 ☐ Somewhat
 ☐ Quite
 ☐ Extremely

10. Does Northview Public Schools effectively prepare students for their next steps?

- ☐ Not at all
 ☐ Somewhat
 ☐ Quite
 ☐ Extremely

11. Do you feel the Northview Public Schools Board of Education prioritizes safety and security for all students and staff in the district?

- ☐ Never
 ☐ Sometimes
 ☐ Often
 ☐ Always

12. Do you feel the Northview Public Schools Board of Education is making changes in the district to keep up with current trends in education?

- ☐ Never
 ☐ Sometimes
 ☐ Often
 ☐ Always

13. Has the Northview Public Schools Board of Education met your expectations in the following areas? (choose all that apply)

- ☐ Student Learning
 ☐ Instrumental/Vocal Music
 ☐ Athletics
☐ Community Interest
 ☐ Financially Responsible





JANUARY 2026

CHAMPIONS FOR STUDENTS



SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

The month of January provided a unique opportunity to acknowledge a special group of volunteer, elected officials in education. School Board Recognition Month provides communities across Michigan a way to acknowledge the continuing efforts of local and ISD school board members in providing leadership and guidance to local school districts. Across the state, there are more than 4,000 school board members who dedicate countless hours of hard work to improving education for Michigan children.

Our school board members take that responsibility and public trust very seriously, dedicating an enormous number of hours to their work both in and outside of board meetings. Attending school functions, preparing for board meetings, reading financial reports, agendas and proposals, and making a host of difficult and challenging decisions are just a few of the regular activities board members participate in through their service.

Board members come from all walks of life with diverse experiences and backgrounds, but working together, they make decisions in the best interests of Northview students. Northview wishes to recognize the work and years of dedicated service of our board members:

- Renee Montgomery (2013)
- Linda LaBerteaux (2017)
- Teresa Ramirez (2019)
- Matt Nibbelink (2021)
- Emily Carpenter (2023)
- Jake Conway (2024)
- Jeremy Oliver (2025)

BOARD DIRECTORY

Email: boardofeducation@nvps.net

Linda LaBerteaux, President 822-4499

Matt Nibbelink, Vice President 258-6288

Emily Carpenter, Secretary 295-5656

Teresa Ramirez, Treasurer 802-4232

Jake Conway, Legislative Liason 644-9854

Renee Montgomery, Trustee 363-5760

Jeremy Oliver, Trustee 550-5940

WHERE CAN I FIND THE BOARD MINUTES?

Current minutes from the board meetings can be found on the district's website at nvps.net/board-of-education.

Attention November 2026

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

If you're a Northview resident who is interested in running for the board of education in November 2026, please email northviewnews@nvps.net with your intent to file as soon as possible, and no later than **July 6**. Doing so will ensure we can hold space for your bio and photo as you work through the filing process, given the tight timeline for back-to-school communications.

All filed candidates must submit a short biography (300 words or less) and a photo to northviewnews@nvps.net no later than **12:00 pm on July 22**, to be reviewed and featured with other candidates in the back-to-school issue of the *Northview News*. **Please note the use of Northview district logos is strictly prohibited on candidate campaign materials.**

UPCOMING NORTHVIEW NEWS DEADLINE

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, for the Spring 2026 issue (in homes near Saturday, May 9). Send items to the Communications Team at northviewnews@nvps.net.



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OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, voters in the Northview Public Schools district will be asked to renew the 18.3894 mills of property tax on non-homestead properties. There are three very important things to understand about this renewal:

- This **NOT** a tax on primary residential property.
- The renewal of this levy will **NOT** result in a tax rate increase.
- The district may **NOT** levy more than 18 mills in any given tax year.



This renewal is **necessary** because it funds the day-to-day operations of the school district, including teacher and staff salaries and benefits, classroom supplies and instructional materials, utilities and maintenance (i.e., electricity, heating, cooling, cleaning, repairs), and student services (i.e., transportation, counseling, special education programs).

The following questions and answers are provided for your information so that you may cast an informed vote.



1. What is meant by homestead and non-homestead property?

A homestead property is your primary residence—the home where you live. Non-homestead properties are land and buildings that have not been designated as primary residences, such as businesses, rental properties and vacation homes.

2. Why is this proposal on the ballot now?

Our authority to collect this millage is expiring soon and we need your approval to continue collecting these dollars.

3. How does an Operating Millage work?

In Michigan, schools levy up to an 18 mill operating tax on non-homestead properties (i.e., businesses, rental properties, vacation homes). This tax is assessed based on the property's taxable value (not market value). The state of Michigan assumes that we collect the full 18 mill operating tax when setting the "foundation allowance" (a certain amount of money per student). If we do not collect the full amount, the state does not make up the difference. The school district simply loses that money.

4. Why is the current authorized millage rate greater than 18 mills?

On November 4, 2014, voters approved an 18 mill operating millage. By June 2018, this millage rate was rolled back to 17.5466 mills due to the assessed value of property increasing at a faster rate than inflation. This rollback in the millage rate prevented the district from collecting the full foundation allowance from the state of Michigan. In November 2018, we asked, and the voters approved, up to an additional 2.0 operating mills so that we could collect the full foundation allowance from the state. Since November 2018, between both operating millages, we have been able to collect the full 18 mills of operating tax. Since then, both operating millage rates have continued to roll back due to the rate of increase in property tax values. Currently, our operating millage has rolled back to 16.508 and the additional operating

millage has rolled back to 1.8814. Together these equate to 18.3894 mills and represent what the voters have authorized us to levy on non-homestead property. For this reason, we are asking for a **RENEWAL** of 18.3894 operating mills. Remember, we may only levy 18 mills in any given tax year. The additional .3894 mills above 18 provides a small cushion for future rollbacks in the millage rate.

5. What happens if the proposal does not pass?

If the proposal does not pass, we would lose more than \$5,000,000 of funding. This would have a major impact on the quality and quantity of educational programs and services offered.

6. May the district use bond money to cover the loss if the proposal does not pass?

No, bond funds are restricted by law to construction, technology, and equipment and may not be used for general fund expenditures.

7. What is the actual ballot language?

NORTHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2027 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.3894 mills (\$18.3894 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Northview Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 15 years, 2028 to 2042, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2028 is approximately \$5,335,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2027 tax levy)?

ATTENTION NORTHVIEW RESIDENTS!

*If you have a child who will be
age 5 by September 1, 2026...*



Northview's enrollment process is online to make it as smooth as possible for the families of our newest Wildcats. Visit our website at nvps.net/district/enrollment/k-12-enrollment to enroll your child today. If you are the parent of a current Northview student and wish to enroll another child, sign into your ParentVUE account to enroll them. Once you've completed the enrollment form, you can drop off the required documents at the Administration Building (4365 Hunsberger Ave. NE) at any time. If you have questions, email Central Enrollment at enroll@nvps.net.

A developmental kindergarten program is available for students who meet the kindergarten age requirement but are not yet ready for the comprehensive kindergarten program, or students whose birthday is between September 2 and December 1 and do not meet the kindergarten age requirement. A limited number of spots are available. Placement is determined by our kindergarten teachers.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- State I.D. of enrolling parent
- Original birth certificate
- Proof of residency (see website for approved documents)
- Immunization records
- Hearing and vision screening (DK and K only)
- Oral health screening (DK and K only)
- Transcripts (9th-12th grade only)

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM 2026**

Northview Public Schools participates in the Kent Intermediate School District's Schools of Choice program. This program is open to all families residing within one of the twenty Kent ISD school districts. Students are eligible for the Kent ISD Choice Plan, regardless of grade level, ethnic background or student ability. The only limits on movement between school districts are the number of spaces available in each district or the student's suspension or expulsion record.

The Schools of Choice application period will run from April 13 through May 15. Watch our social media for reminders and check our website for details at nvps.net/district/enrollment/schools-of-choice. If you have questions, contact Central Enrollment at enroll@nvps.net.

• **Attention Current Schools of Choice Families!** If you're a current Schools of Choice family and would like to enroll a new sibling for the 2026-27 school year, use your ParentVUE account to enroll them, then submit a Schools of Choice application for Northview during the application period. Contact Central Enrollment with questions at enroll@nvps.net or 616-363-6861.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT NIGHT

Do you have an incoming kindergarten student? If so, mark your calendar to attend an informational meeting to learn about the enrollment process and kindergarten programs at Northview. You'll also meet the building principal and developmental kindergarten and kindergarten teachers. Please note, these informational meetings are intended for parents/guardians only. **There will be no childcare provided.**

DATE: Thursday, April 23

TIME: 6:00–7:00 pm

WHERE: East Oakview, North Oakview,
West Oakview

Kindergarten screenings will take place May 26 at East Oakview, on May 28 at North Oakview, and on May 29 at West Oakview. You can schedule your screening time during the Kindergarten Parent Night or by contacting the elementary building directly.

WINTER BUS SAFETY REMINDERS

With the recent snowy winter weather, it's important to remember these winter bus safety tips. We appreciate the community-wide effort to keep our students safe!

- ❖ Dress your child in bright, warm clothing: hat, mittens and boots. Bright clothing will ensure your student is more visible to the bus driver.
- ❖ Winter weather tends to slow both foot and vehicle travel. Make the necessary plans to arrive safely at your stop no less than five minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.
- ❖ Like all vehicles, buses can slide on the ice and snow. Students at bus stops should remain well back from the roadway (at least 10 feet) and never approach the bus until it has come to a complete stop.
- ❖ Students should not stand or play on piles of snow near the bus stop—they could slide into the street and the path of the bus or other vehicles.
- ❖ Wintery weather can result in slippery bus stop conditions. Students should make use of the handrails when getting on and off the bus.
- ❖ Families are asked to keep areas around our bus stops clear of snow and ice.
- ❖ Drivers need to remain vigilant in their safe driving efforts around bus stops. Follow the laws regarding flashing bus lights, allow extra distance to stop on slippery roads and expect the unexpected.

Northview Senior Citizens

Join us! Northview Senior Citizens is an active and engaged organization offering a variety of events. In addition to mini-bus outings, lectures, luncheons, classes and motor coach day trips, we offer many weekly programs. Listed below are just a few. Membership is just \$18 per year. Everyone is welcome! Visit www.northviewseniors.org for more information and our latest newsletter. You can also contact us at 616-365-6150 or northviewseniors@nvps.net with questions. Feel free to drop-in Monday through Friday (9:15-11:15 am) to check it out. The Plainfield Senior Center is located at 5255 Grand River Dr. NE (where the E. Beltline and Plainfield merge to become Northland Drive).

Apprentice for Life Lecture Series presents... Willow Run Rosies—A Labor of Love

Date: February 18 at 2:30 pm

Location: Northview High School's Max J. Colley Performing Arts Center (4451 Hunsberger NE)

How did the mothers, daughters, sisters and girlfriends of men sent to war—many with little to no industrial experience—step onto assembly lines and transform the United States into the “Arsenal of Democracy?” During World War II, millions of American women answered the call by building planes, ships and tanks, and proving they were just as capable as the men they replaced. This presentation dives into the extraordinary history of the home front, from the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant, to the nationwide movement that reshaped the workforce. We'll explore the origins of Rosie the Riveter, the real women behind the image and the lasting impact of their contributions on women's rights, labor and industry. **Lectures are FREE and open to non-members, but reservations are required.**

About the Speaker: Wendy Zielen is the executive and development director of Bendix Academy in Brighton, Michigan, where she leads mentorship initiatives through hands-on toolmanship education. Passionate about youth empowerment and historical

preservation, she shares stories of American heroes, from Rosie the Riveter to her Doughboy grandfathers, to spark purpose, resilience and confidence in the next generation.

Underwritten by Hulst Jepsen Physical Therapy: The leading 100 percent locally owned physical therapy company in West Michigan with 24 locations and at-home care. They offer convenient care in your neighborhood!

Apprentice for Life Lecture Series Presents...A Conversation with Patrick Henry and Dorothea Dandridge

Date: March 24 at 2:30 pm

Location: Northview High School's Max J. Colley Performing Arts Center (4451 Hunsberger NE)

Meet Patrick Henry and his second wife, Dorothea Dandridge Henry, who was a cousin of Martha Washington. Together, they share their stories of America's struggle for independence and the establishment of a new nation. You will hear the famous speech of Patrick Henry that sparked the American Revolution and discover the roots of his oratorical skill and political passion. Dorothea will talk about giving birth to 11 of Patrick's 17 children, and what life was like as Virginia's first lady in the late 1770s and mid-1780s. Together, the Henrys turned hardship into triumph. Prepare to be

inspired as you meet this dynamic duo. **Lectures are FREE and open to non-members, but reservations are required.**

About the Speakers: Gary L. Hauck holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University and is Dean Emeritus of Arts & Sciences at Montcalm Community College. He is the author of 26 books, and has traveled to all 50 states, all seven continents, and 118 countries. He will be accompanied by writer, speaker, teacher and event coordinator, Kim Murphy.

Underwritten by: Brian Hauenstein, Certified Senior Advisor® and owner of Oasis Senior Advisors of Grand Rapids. Oasis offers free, personalized senior guidance. Brian co-chaired the Greatest Generation Celebration (2020 and 2025) and supports veteran and senior causes statewide. He serves on the boards of the Michigan Heroes Museum and St. Mary's Foundation, contributes to Holland Home planning, and supports leadership development through the Hauenstein Center/Cook Leadership Academy at GVSU.

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS!

Cardio drumming, Stretch and Balance, Rhythm and Reps, Mahjongg, Zumba Gold®, crafting group, cards and coffee, wood carving, line dancing and Tai Chi.

Membership is required.

BLOOD DRIVE: GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

The spring blood drive is tentatively scheduled for:

APRIL 30, 2026

All blood drives take place at the high school in the auxiliary gym.

8:00 am to 1:15 pm

Any student and/or community member who is 17-years-old (or 16-years-old with parent permission) can schedule a donation. Registration information will be posted in advance on the district's social media channels.

BRICK JAM!

**We're taking a break
from our annual event...**

Thank you for supporting our past Brick Jam events. Unfortunately, we won't be hosting this event during the 2025-26 school year. If you have questions, please email the Northview Band Boosters at nvbb.patron@gmail.com.

Thank you,

FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLACK OUT EVENT

It is still hard to believe that our first ever Black Out Pediatric Cancer game was held 16 years ago. From day one, you've been all in. You've supported not only the game, but also the event by purchasing t-shirts (even when you already have 5+ Black Out shirts in your closet) and sponsoring the game-day jerseys. Your support also adds up at the games by throwing change into the buckets or purchasing some beads. It all matters!

Thank you, Northview community, for your overwhelming support of Black Out 2025. Once again, your support made the statement, "We are Northview," more meaningful than ever. Through your support and generosity, we were able to raise \$25,421 for Pediatric Oncology Resource Team (P.O.R.T.) and Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. This brings our 16-year donation total to P.O.R.T. to an astounding \$299,400! WAY TO GO NORTHVIEW! That money has gone far in helping so many families who are on a journey to overcome pediatric cancer. Northview community, you have touched MANY lives. It really is incredible!

Thank you to Dr. Fahner who has been present at 15 out of 16 Black Out events as a way to thank the community. For anyone who knows Dr. Fahner, they know him as Helen DeVos Children Hospital's very own superman for all he does and all he is. A genuine, loving and caring doctor and friend. Thank you to P.O.R.T. Director, Melissa Wittlinger, who also attended the game. Thank you to Kevin Bustrum, a teacher at Crossroads Middle who so willingly shared his family's pediatric cancer journey with our high school students.

Thank you to Crossroads Middle School, Northview High School and the administration team, for selling t-shirts, and thank you to those who purchased a t-shirt, sponsored a football jersey, attended the football games and who put change in the bucket. Thanks, Northview, for coming together to make a difference! **A special thanks to Straight Line Fence, CE Drywall and Roersma & Wurn for your generous donations!** Your passion for this event is appreciated more than you know.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM?

Did you know that by filling out the Education and Nutrition Benefits application, you may qualify to receive discounted school fees, class materials, utilities support, and may result in important resources for your student, such as Summer EBT? All information is confidential and protected—and you can apply at any time of the year. So, act now and fill out your application at northview.familyportal.cloud. Click on "Apply for Benefits."



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP TO MENTOR A STUDENT!

Please help us celebrate our 20th year of mentoring at Northview by either signing up to be a mentor yourself or encouraging someone else to do so. Remember, just **15 minutes** per week is all it takes to make a lifelong difference in the life of one of our Northview students. There are currently over 200 mentor-matches meeting weekly, but there are still students on a waitlist, so we need mentors! For more information, or to sign up to become a mentor, email Janine at jconway@nvps.net.



Program



Mean Girls, The Musical is coming to Northview! This satirical comedy about the craziness of high school life will bring our entire audience to North Shore High as Regina George and "The Plastics" try to rule over their entire school culture. Over 80 Northview students are involved in making this show amazing, so you won't want to miss it! While the music and fun can be enjoyed by everyone, some language and topics in this story are best suited for mature audiences. If you have any questions, please reach out to nvtheatre@nvps.net. See you there!

NV Band Boosters SPRING Craft & Vendor Show

Northview High School, 4451 Hunsberger Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI

**SAVE THE DATE!!
APRIL 25TH 9-3!**

Search Facebook for our event page: NV Band Boosters Spring Craft & Vendor Show
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1794670541205459>

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Roasted
Corn food
truck will be
joining us!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SPRING BREAK

This year's spring break will run from
Thursday, April 2 through Friday, April 10.
We will welcome students back on Monday, April 13.

AUTHOR AARON REYNOLDS VISITS NORTHVIEW

Students from West Oakview, East Oakview, North Oakview and Highlands Middle had the best time visiting with author Aaron Reynolds at the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center (PAC) in November. Aaron is the author of over 50 books for children, including the award-winning *Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales* picture book series. In preparation for his visit, classroom teachers each read aloud at least one of his books and students studied up on his other various titles during library class. Aaron's energy on stage was contagious! The PAC was filled with smiles and laughter around reading and books. Students couldn't wait to get back to their school libraries to check out one of his books or others that he had recommended. Thank you to all who made this visit possible for our Northview readers!



NORTHVIEW CHORISTERS SHINE AT SANTA BREAKFAST

The festive season was celebrated with song as the talented Northview Choristers delivered an excellent performance at the annual Santa Clause Breakfast. This dedicated, auditioned ensemble combined with students from East Oakview, North Oakview and West Oakview Elementaries to provide heartwarming holiday music for the community. Families and residents turned out to support the young musicians, making the event a great success. Congratulations to all our performers!



NEF GRANT ENHANCES COLLABORATION & CREATIVITY FOR NORTH OAKVIEW 3RD GRADERS

Ms. Wilcox's classroom received a generous grant from the Northview Education Foundation (NEF) that allowed her to purchase a wide variety of engaging manipulatives that are designed to foster collaboration, problem-solving and hands-on creativity. These new materials enable students to share ideas while solving problems and building amazing creations together. Just a few of the exciting items now in their 3rd grade classroom, include Play-Doh, Kanoodles, Dominoes, Tinker Toys and so much more! The excitement when the materials arrived was immediate! The first day the materials were introduced, the 3rd graders were practically jumping with joy. They have been using them daily since, developing critical skills while having fun and absolutely loving the new opportunities for creative building and exploration. The entire class extends their sincere gratitude to the NEF for approving this grant to help bring these essential, creative learning materials into their classroom. The support they provide makes a real difference to the daily educational experience of the students!



STORYTIME JUST GOT SWEETER WITH NEW YOTO PLAYERS

Thanks to the generous support of the NEF, Ms. Beckering's kindergarten classroom is now equipped with six Yoto Players and tons of story cards! Yoto Players are screen-free audio platforms that are transforming how our students learn, listen and engage. The Yoto Players let children explore a rich library of audiobooks, music, podcasts and stories simply by popping in a story card. These devices allow students to



independently listen to stories, songs and learning prompts, thereby helping to build their comprehension, vocabulary and confidence as readers! Ms. Beckering is so grateful for this support, and the students are already loving this engaging new way to experience literacy. Thank you, NEF!

Santa Brings Smiles to Northview!

Santa paid a special visit to Northview just before winter break! He greeted elementary students with candy canes as they boarded the buses and made a stop at Crossroads Middle to check in on those who had been especially nice this year.



FIELD SCHOOL REMEMBERS THE S.S. EDMUND FITZGERALD

Each November 10, there is a special event that occurs at the East Oakview Field School trailer with over 100 students, friends, family and community members. This year, students in Mr. Fenech's 3rd and 4th grade Field School class led a memorial ceremony to remember the day that a great ship—the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald—went down in Lake Superior. Each year, students in Fenech's class read the name, date of birth, job aboard and hometown of one sailor who went down with the ship. Additionally, this year Northview High School performed the play, *November 10*, and members of the cast attended and spoke at the ceremony. This year was also special because it was the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. A public



ceremony was held for the first time at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, where the actual bell from the ship is kept. The ceremony at Whitefish Point is usually privately held for the families of the crew. The story of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald is a great way for students to learn about the movement of goods in the Great Lakes region, connect personally to our state and help their community appreciate and love the Great Lakes in a meaningful way.

CROSSROADS COLLECTS 200+ TOYS IN SUPPORT OF TOYS FOR TOTS

Crossroads students and Crossroads Student Council collected over 200 toys for the Toys for Tots initiative hosted by WZZM13. Thirty students met on Friday, December 12, at 6:00 am, along with Mrs. Moens and Mrs. Rivas, and delivered those toys to the news station. They even got to be on the news, with 8th grade president, Leah Bauman, giving a fantastic interview. We are proud to have been a part of this holiday tradition two years in a row!



CROSSROADS CHOIR NOTES

Crossroads Choirs are BUSY! They had a great fall with some wonderful performances, and now they're preparing for some fun events. Their next choir concert, which is their foreign language concert, is on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 pm at the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center! The students are working hard at singing in Spanish and German. They're also working toward the District Choral Festival, where they must sing and sight-read for some esteemed judges. If they receive an EXCELLENT rating, they'll be invited to the State Choral Festival at Hope College! On Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 pm, the 8th grade choir is singing the national anthem and the Canadian anthem at the GR Griffins game against the Manitoba Moose. Please come on out and support the 8th grade choir! And, if you REALLY want to help them out, order tickets online and they can earn \$3 on the already discounted seat! Plus, you can sit with other Northview folks. Visit www.griffinshockey.venue.net/promotions/CROSSROADS. In the meantime, the choirs will be working hard and singing loud!



LEADING WITH HEART: NORTHVIEW NEXT STUDENTS SPEARHEAD SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

Northview Next Career Center students, Niryah Galarza and Genevieve Sutherby, recently led a successful food drive benefiting the St. Mary Food Pantry at St. Mary Catholic Church. The initiative resulted in the donation of much-needed food items to help support local families in the community.

Through their organization and leadership, Niryah and Genevieve encouraged participation and demonstrated the importance of service and giving back. Their efforts highlight the strong sense of community involvement and responsibility promoted at Northview Next Career Center.



MRS. MILES REPRESENTS NHS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

English language arts teacher, Janelle Miles, serves as the National Honor Society (NHS) advisor at Northview High School. Mrs. Miles attended the National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA) in December, where she also took on two special roles.

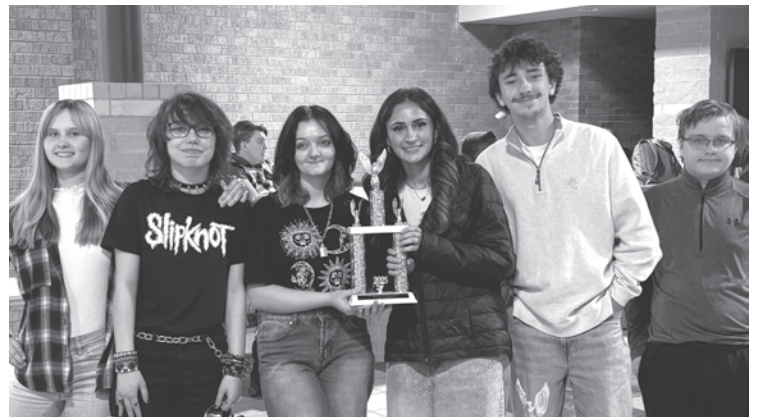
First, she teamed up with other advisors from around the state to get donations for "swag bags," which she and Northview students assembled on Thursday night. Then, on Friday, she led a group of advisers and advocates



for student activities on a tour to showcase some of the finest spots around Grand Rapids—the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Christkindl and Downtown Markets and Fredrick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. It was a great way to kick off the camaraderie and nationwide connections for the conference! The conference offered a weekend of learning and networking through a combination of keynote speakers, breakout workshops and information sharing. Youth speaker Dr. Lamarr Womble, author Molly Kennedy and AI specialist Matt Mervis anchored the general sessions with keynotes as motivation for advisors to deepen their work with students and other advisors. Workshops focused on themes to "HEIGHTEN student activity programs," "OPTIMIZE projects and processes," "MARKET activity programs," "EMPOWER students and advisors," and "SUPPORT students, program and advisors." Participants also rotated through Table Talk presentations for introductions to a variety of topics related to co-curricular activities and an opportunity for informal networking with professionals from around the country.

NHS DEBATE TEAM CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN OK METRO LEAGUE

Every year, the National Forensics League selects a topic for high school students across the nation to debate. This year's topic focused on the United States federal government increasing its research and development of the Arctic. The NHS Debate Club meets from September through January to research the topic and prepare for competition in the OK Metro League, which consists of eight West Michigan schools. Each school fields four-person teams split into junior varsity (JV) and varsity divisions: one two-person team argues for the topic (Affirmative), and another two-person team argues against it (Negative). Students can earn individual speaker awards—the equivalent of All Conference honors—and teams that place in the top three receive trophies. This year, NHS fielded a JV team and partnered with two students



from Forest Hills Central to form a varsity team. The varsity duo of Alyssa Erard and Zachary Ziober finished the season with a 10-10 record, placing 4th in the league. The JV team had an outstanding season, tying for 1st place with a 15-5 record. The JV Affirmative team featured Alexa Temple and Lola Boyd, while the JV Negative team included Jenna Hamed, Colin Yanik and Jack Degraff. Notably, Jenna Hamed earned 3rd place in individual speaker points, ranking as the 3rd best speaker out of more than 100 JV competitors in the league.

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MONEY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

There is money waiting for the Class of 2026 through the Michigan Achievement Scholarship! You could be eligible for up to \$2,000/year for a career training program, \$2,750/year at a 2-year community college, \$4,000/year at a 4-year private college/university, or \$5,500/year at a 4-year public college/university. **All Kent County students** are eligible for the Community College Guarantee to attend Grand Rapids Community College. How do you get the money? You **MUST** fill out the 2026-27 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)! All Northview seniors are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA to open the door to their next step.

NEW THIS YEAR: CLASS OF 2026 FAFSA
1:1 SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

To better support families, Northview counselors are offering FAFSA 1:1 Support Workshops. RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/FAFSA-Support-Workshops. These sessions offer personalized help with FAFSA completion and submission, answer common FAFSA questions and verification issues and will help you understand financial aid offers and Michigan Achievement Scholarship eligibility.

- **WORKSHOP OPTIONS:** Seniors (and family members) will have access to counselor support to help navigate creating a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID and completing the FAFSA. These FAFSA workshops will be held in the Counseling Office conference room and are open as a 'drop-in' option on Wednesdays during A lunch, B lunch or after school (2:45-4:00 pm). Additional times are available upon request.
- Helpful resources, such as step-by-step videos and other tools are available at MI Student Aid (www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-families/fafsa-resources) and the Northview FAFSA FAQs (www.tinyurl.com/NHS-FA-Toolbox).

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH REMINDERS

Seniors are strongly encouraged to check the scholarships listed in their Naviance Student account (many Northview-specific scholarships), the financial aid/scholarship page of the institution they are planning to attend and scholarship databases such as bold.org, scholarships.com, goingmerry.com and Fastweb.com. Also, be sure to check out the Grand Rapids Community Foundation's scholarship web page (www.grfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarships). Applying to multiple scholarships can significantly reduce out-of-pocket college costs.

NATIONAL COLLEGE COMMITMENT
DEADLINE IS MAY 1

Seniors with letters of acceptance to more than one institution should be planning visits to those campuses, if possible. Visit the institution's "Visit" web page to schedule your in-person or virtual tour. If you have questions regarding your plans after high school, college applications or financial aid, your counselor would love to meet with you to help you finalize your plans! Use your counselor's appointment links on the NHS Counseling Office web page.

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM (MME)
& PSAT SPRING TESTING

All juniors will participate in the Michigan Merit Exam on **April 15 (SAT)**, **April 22 (WIN Work Ready Assessment)** and **April 29 (M-STEP)**.

While many colleges and universities are test-optional, strong SAT scores can improve admissions outcomes and increase scholarship opportunities. Families are encouraged to explore the SAT practice site (www.satsuite.collegeboard.org/practice) for FREE SAT prep, helpful test tips and the Parent/Guardian SAT Guide.

PSAT TESTING & LEARNING
FOR UNDERCLASSMEN

At Northview, we're committed to helping students explore college and career pathways in meaningful, real-world ways. We define *college* broadly to include four-year universities, community colleges, skilled trades, apprenticeships, military service, and career training programs. **This year, we're excited to introduce NEW learning experiences during MME testing windows!** More information about standardized testing and these experiences will be shared with families before the April testing window. Testing dates:

PSAT 9 (9th grade) on April 22;
9th Grade Industry Tours on April 15;
PSAT 10 (10th grade) on April 15; and
10th Grade College Visits on April 29.

KENT CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER (KCTC) offers career-focused programs that enable students to earn industry-recognized credentials, gain real-world experience, and in many cases, earn college credit while still in high school. KCTC programs are open to **11th and 12th grade students**, with transportation provided from Northview. Students interested in attending KCTC for the 2026-27 school year should stop by the Counseling Office for more information and an application.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

If you are looking for mental resources for your student or family, please check out www.tinyurl.com/NVPS-family-resources.

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A GREAT DAY TO BE A WILDCAT

The Crossroads' 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball Teams had the opportunity to attend a game at Western Michigan University (WMU) on January 10. The boys were able to cheer on two former Wildcats, Brady Swartz and EJ Ryans, who play on WMU's basketball team. It was a great opportunity for the student-athletes to witness a higher level of basketball, while supporting their fellow former Wildcats. Two of the boys were even able to compete in a half-time competition, won by 7th grader Brekken R. It was a great day to be a Wildcat!

IT'S RED WHACKER TIME!

The Red Whacker Softball Tournament will return on **Saturday, February 28**. This "Large Ball" tournament is a fundraising event sponsored by the Northview High School baseball program. Team and rules of play are:

- Ages 12 years and up
- 5-6 players per team (co-ed teams are okay)
- 16" ball is used, no gloves needed
- 3 teams play on a field at one time (2 in the field and 1 at bat)
- 4 inning games, 3 outs per inning
- 7-run limit per inning
- Prizes awarded to winners

Scan the QR code to register your team. The registration deadline is February 18. The cost is \$120 per team and includes a t-shirt for all players. All games are played at Northview's "Quad" softball facility. The money raised supports the Northview baseball program. Games start at 10:00 am. The tournament is played in almost all weather conditions, so come on out and have some fun! Any questions, please email Christian Davis at cdavis@nvps.net. Hope to see you **February 28**...snow OR shine!



GIRLS ON THE RUN (GOTR) registration

for the spring 2026 season is open at Highlands Middle until the team is full. GOTR is a fun, evidence-based program that inspires participants to recognize their inner

strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities, and confidently stand up for themselves and others. Highlands Middle practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5:00 pm. The season begins February 24, and ends with the Celebration 5k on Saturday, May 16. We are excited for a new curriculum and hope your child can join us this season. They do not need to be a runner to participate! For questions, contact Chantil DeWitt (tildewitt@comcast.net). Register at www.gotrwrm.org.

STRONG FINISH FOR NORTHVIEW ESPORTS PROGRAMS

Esports—short for electronic sports—are organized, competitive video games wherein students work as teams, practice strategy and compete against other schools from around the state and country. Much like traditional athletics, esports emphasize teamwork, communication, discipline and problem-solving. At Northview, the middle and high school esports programs continue to grow, providing students with meaningful opportunities to compete, connect and excel. Over the last three years, the strength of this program has helped four graduating students earn full-ride scholarship offers, highlighting the real-world impact esports can have for students.



This past fall was especially successful for Northview High Schools' teams. The Mario Kart team, featuring Samuel Schmidt, Clark Bennett, Ren Slade, Travis VanSetters and Jackson Chuchvara, earned an impressive 3rd place finish at the state championships held at Michigan State University. In addition to that podium finish for Mario Kart, the Apex Legends team captured Northview's first-ever state championship, led by Myles Henderson, Ben Davis and Anthony Casarez-Hudson. Individual excellence was also recognized at the state level, with Ellesse Petitjean named an All State performer in Overwatch 2 and Jackson Chuchvara in Smash Bros. Samuel Schmidt and Clark Bennett earned All State honors in Mario Kart. Northview's middle school esports teams also made a strong showing this season. The Splatoon 3 team finished in 2nd place in the Eastern Time Zone Region, featuring Belle Erard, Kohen Karns, Hayden Borek, and Colton Yost. Mario Kart 1 placed 4th in the state with Kyle Trask, Maycee Smith, Mae Lago, Max Tyler and Lincoln Tefft, while Smash 1 earned 3rd place in the state behind the efforts of James Mantyk, Sullivan Coe, and Kyler Stanley. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our students and coaches and demonstrate that Northview esports is building a strong, competitive foundation at every level.

BOYS LACROSSE: THE FASTEST GAME ON TWO FEET

Love fast-paced sports? It's not too late to sign up for boys' youth lacrosse! The season runs from late March through late May. Registration is currently open for 5th-8th grade boys with an option for 3rd and 4th graders, depending on the amount of interest. Search "Northview Youth Athletics" on the district website for sign-ups. For more information, email nvboyslacrosse@gmail.com.



JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters are in need of more members this school year! This opportunity is a great way to get involved and meet new people, all while helping to improve uniforms, equipment and other athletics-related items. Email northviewathleticboosters@gmail.com with any questions or stop by our next meeting on Monday, March 9, in the PE classroom. See you at the concession stand!



NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY FITNESS & AQUATIC CENTER

CLASSES • PERSONAL TRAINING • LAP SWIM • INDOOR TRACK • STRENGTH & CARDIO EQUIPMENT

Get Healthy & Stay Fit... STOP IN TODAY!

The Northview Fitness Center is open for public adult use with a membership fee. We are located in Northview High School, at 4451 Hunsberger NE. Entry to the Fitness Center is located at the FRONT entry door, adjacent to the bus loop. Look for the Fitness Center signage above the door. **During the school year, buses run drop-offs before school from 6:45-7:30 am and pick-ups after school from 2:25-3:00 pm. Please park in the main front lot when visiting the school during these times.** If you have questions, call us during our business hours or email us anytime.

CONTACT INFORMATION

JoAnn VanSlooten,
jvanslooten@nvps.net

Website:
nvps.net/community/fitness-center

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

MON: 5:30–7:00 am; 5:00–9:00 pm
TUES: 5:30–7:00 am; 5:00–9:00 pm
WED: 5:30–8:00 am; 5:00–9:00 pm
THU: 5:30–7:00 am; 5:00–9:00 pm
FRI: 5:30–7:00 am; 5:00–8:00 pm
SAT: 8:00 am–3:00 pm
SUN: 11:00 am–3:00 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Fitness Center is open **REGULAR HOURS** during all school breaks, but will be closed on:

- Sunday, April 5
- Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday

FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

Fitness Center classes meet weekly. Preregister for classes using the MindBody app so that instructors can plan their class and communicate any last-minute changes to their schedule. Search for Northview Fitness Center to find the most current schedule and reserve your spot. Cancellations are noted in the MindBody app. Check in for all classes at the Fitness Desk upon arrival and the desk attendant will show you to class. New visitors should arrive 15 minutes early to fill out their visitor pass.

SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE	
Monday	• Water Fit (5:30 pm) • Zumba® (5:45 pm)
Tuesday	• Rip and Ride Cycle (6:00 am) • Women 50+ Strength (5:15 pm) • Pilates (6:15 pm)
Wednesday	• Water Fit (6:00 am) • Power-45 Strength (6:00 pm) • Cycle Spin (6:00 pm) • Yoga (7:00 pm)
Thursday	• Women 50+ Strength (5:15 pm) • Water Fit (5:30 pm) • Yoga (6:15 pm)
Sunday	• 90-min. Cycle Endurance (2:00 pm) • Tri Swim Training (12:45 pm)

CLASS PRICING	
Purchase classes by cash or check (written to NVPS) at the fitness center desk. Class 10-packs can also be purchased online at nvps.revtrak.net/rw-fitness-center-classes .	
Single Classes: Pay by cash/check at the Fitness Center desk.	Package Pricing/Scan-Per-Use: Pay online or by cash/check at Fitness Center desk.
• \$10 – Fitness (35-60 min.)	• \$80 – 10-class Fitness (35-60 min.)
• \$13 – Cycle (45 min.)	• \$110 – 10-class Cycle (45 min.)
• \$20 – Endurance Cycle (90 min.)	• \$119 – 6-week Endurance Cycle (90 min.)

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are open to adults in and around the Northview community for a membership fee. Annual, monthly or daily members receive unlimited use of all strength and cardio equipment, the walking track, and free lap and open swim. Annual members also receive discounted rates on classes and personal training. Students may request a free membership to use during Fitness Center hours.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP FEES

- **Annual:** \$340 per person (Northview Community* Discount, \$180)
- **Monthly:** \$35 (Northview Community* Discount, \$20)
- **Daily:** \$8 (Northview Community* Discount, \$6)
- **Annual/Track Only:** \$70 per person (Northview Community* Discount, \$40)

*Northview community includes resident, parent of current student and Northview graduates.

** Senior citizens (65+) and non-Northview students, please see desk personnel for discounted membership prices.

PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY:

Cash or check at the Fitness Center desk during open hours.

Online at nvps.revtrak.net/rw-fitness-aquatic-center. On the first visit, you must verify your online purchase with your receipt. Bring your form of payment and your driver's license to the Fitness Center desk, and an attendant will assist you.

Senior citizens (ages 65+) receive discounts on all memberships. We also accept many insurance-based programs (e.g., SilverSneakers®, One Pass, Active&Fit Direct™ and Silver&Fit™), which allow the insured annual options for a free membership at the Fitness Center. Obtain your fitness ID number from your insurance company and bring that, along with your driver's license or state-issued identification card, to the Fitness Center desk on your first visit.

Northview students in 7th-12th grade receive a free membership to the Fitness Center when they bring their school ID to the Fitness Center desk during our "open to the public" hours. The desk attendant will be happy to assist students and answer their questions. Please note that after-school workouts are run by the Athletic Department. Questions about those hours or rules should be directed to their office.

SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMS

TRIATHLETE OFF-SEASON SWIM TRAINING (Pre-season Training Workouts)

Jumpstart your triathlon season with focused, small-group swim workouts designed to build endurance, technique, and confidence for competing in triathlons. Each class features structured workouts, instructor encouragement, and technique tips—all aimed at preparing you to compete in an open-water swim. Ideal for triathletes and experienced swimmers looking for guided, goal-oriented swim training. Class will be held on Sundays, April 19 through May 17 (12:45-1:30 pm). Cost is \$96 (4-week program).

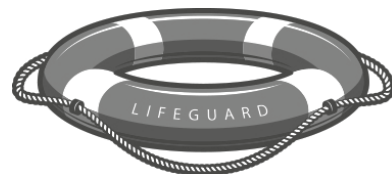


ENDURANCE CYCLE (AGES 16-ADULT)

Whether you're preparing for the outdoor cycling season or simply looking to improve your fitness level, this class will maximize your indoor training and put you ahead of the pack when spring rolls around and you can get back to your outside riding. Join this fun group to keep you motivated for the final weeks of winter as we transition to spring riding! Class will be held on Sundays, March 1 through April 12 (2:00-3:30 pm). No class on April 5. Cost is \$119 (6-week program).

NOW HIRING: LIFEGUARDS & SWIM INSTRUCTORS

Anyone looking for a position as a lifeguard should contact Ethan Leach eleach@nvps.net or Terri Eudy at teudy@nvps.net. Good pay, FREE certification courses, awesome team—and Northview is a great place to work! Retired or seeking part-time hours? We'd love to hire you! Please reach out!



WHAT'S NEW AT THE POOL?

Northview's state-of-the-art swimming facility is committed to improving the health, safety, enjoyment and athletic competition of the Northview community. The pool supports all competitive water sports with 13 lanes and two levels for diving (2-1 meter boards and 1-3 meter board). The pool has a 20-foot x 40-foot shallow area that can be used for activities like swim lessons, water therapy and water aerobics.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Teri Eudy
teudy@nvps.net

Website: [nvps.net/
community/aquatic-center](http://nvps.net/community/aquatic-center)

LAP & OPEN SWIM

The Northview Aquatic Center pool is available for lap swim with a Fitness Center membership or day pass (\$8), and weekend open swim (lap lanes available) for \$5 (no charge for Fitness Center members). Pay and check-in at the Fitness Center desk upon arrival. For your safety, the pool also asks you to sign the clipboard when you enter at the pool door.

WINTER & SPRING POOL ADJUSTMENTS/CLOSURES

- February 17 (no PM lap swim), 19 (lap swim only), 28
- March 5
- April 4 (no AM lap swim, no open swim), 5
- April 6-12 (annual maintenance; hours TBD)
- May 23 (no PM lap swim), 24, 25, 26, 29, 30

STAY INFORMED: GET THE LATEST NEWS BY SIGNING-UP FOR POOL UPDATES

- Sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/Pool-Updates>
- Please check the web page or the whiteboard near pool entrance for updates.
- AM lap swimmers will receive an email the night before of any last-minute closures, if known.

AQUATIC PROGRAMS 2026

Group and private swim lessons are offered for community members and taught by trained instructors. All lessons are dependent upon pool and instructor availability.

- Group lessons are for children ages 6-12 and preschool group lessons are for children ages 3-6. Group swim lessons for adults are also available and are dependent on instructor availability.

SUMMER 2026 SWIM INSTRUCTION - LEARN THE STROKES!

Our summer swim programs will take place in June 9-24. Sign-ups will be available April 27. Classes will be capped based on instructor availability. If this program reaches capacity, your swimmer will be added to a waitlist. For more information or to sign up, visit bit.ly/NVPSLTS26 or scan the QR code.

- \$185 – Youth (ages 6-12): 8 lessons beginning June 9, 2026 (T-W-TH; 10:45-11:30 am)
- \$155 – Preschool (ages 3-6) beginning June 9, 2026 (T-W-TH; 11:45 am-12:15 pm)

REGISTRATION



NATIONAL LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE:

Our country continues to face a nationwide shortage of lifeguards and swim instructors. Northview, too, has experienced the shortage of qualified lifeguards and instructors to fill all shifts and to cover unexpected absences. Until we can fill all openings, we may have unexpected programming cancellations. We're doing all we can to avoid this, but ask for understanding when these circumstances arise, as we prioritize your safety. We're sorry for any inconvenience caused by unforeseen class closures or cancellations. If you know someone who may want part-time work with a great facility safety team, the Northview Aquatic Center is the place! Contact Terri Eudy at teudy@nvps.net or Ethan Leach at eleach@nvps.net for more details. Lifeguard training provided.

BECOME A LIFEGUARD



American Red Cross

American Red Cross lifeguard training and lifeguard recertification courses will be offered this spring at the Northview Aquatic Center! For more information or to sign up, visit www.tinyurl.com/NVLifeguardCert and complete the form.



FULL CERTIFICATION COURSE

\$265.00 per student*

Class Dates/Times

- Friday, April 24 (5:30–8:00 pm, includes pre-course assessment)
- Saturday, April 25 (11:30 am–5:30 pm)
- Sunday, April 26 (12:00–5:30 pm)
- Saturday, May 2 (11:30 am–5:30 pm)
- Sunday, May 3 (12:00–5:30 pm)
- Saturday, May 9 (11:30 am–5:30 pm)
- Sunday May 17 (if needed)

RECERTIFICATION COURSE

\$85.00 per student*

Class Dates/Times

- Saturday, May 2 (10:00 am–4:30 pm, includes pre-course assessment)
- Sunday, May 3 (10:00 am–4:30 pm)

*Pay by cash or check made payable to Northview Public Schools.

POOL SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 1, 2025–APRIL 1, 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	*Lap Swim 5:45-6:45 am		*Lap Swim 5:45-7:45 am		*Lap Swim 5:45-6:45 am	*Lap Swim 9:00-11:00 am
Open Swim Noon-2:45 pm (lap lanes available)	Lap Swim 7:00-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 6:30-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 7:15-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 6:30-8:30 pm		Open Swim Noon-2:45 pm (lap lanes available)

*Busiest times, be prepared to share lanes.

**Holiday weekend adjustment and semi-annual maintenance dates are below. Reminders will be emailed.

- Individual (1:1) swim lessons are set up by the number of sessions desired and filled based on instructor availability.



Our youth swimming program, North Kent Aquatic Team (NKAT), practices at the Aquatic Center and competes in the West Michigan Swim League (WMSL) as members of United States Swimming. The team competes throughout Michigan and at regional and national meets. With several age and ability groups training and competing under certified coaches, our youth swimming program engages young athletes who have graduated from swimming lessons through high school and beyond. For more information,

contact Terri Eudy at teudy@nvps.net.

SPRING 2026 PRE-TEAM CAMP

Come join the NKAT fun by signing up for the pre-team swim camp! Swimmers must be able to swim freestyle, float and surface unassisted after entering the pool from the deck. The pre-team is not designed to take the place of swimming lessons. Spring pre-team members are not yet strong enough for our Cubs Group but want to join a swimming team. Pre-team tryouts will be held on April 21 (5:15–7:00 pm). Our staff will provide a link for times. Our spring pre-team members will practice during select times with an instructor/coach. Pre-team is a part of our youth sport program North Kent Aquatic Team (NKAT), and as such, you will sign up for the spring season (prorating is unavailable). A caregiver is

not required to be on deck. Participants who meet the eligibility requirements at the end of the session can move up to the swim team in the summer if space is available in our Cubs Group. A swimming assessment will be scheduled.

- Pre-Team Schedule: Tuesdays, 4/28, 5/4, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2 (5:15–6:15 pm)
- Fee: \$175 (no prorating)

Camp registration numbers will be capped. Should this program reach capacity, your swimmer may be added to a waitlist. For more information or to sign up for lessons, go to <https://bit.ly/4jlk9b8> or scan the QR code. Sign up will be available in mid-March.



N COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Northview Community Education offers a variety of activities, workshops and programs for adults and children in and around the Northview community. We work with the Northview Fitness and Aquatic Center and other partners to provide additional programming that enhances learning and promotes a healthy mind and body. Like us on Facebook (@NVCommunityEnrichment).

2026 SPRING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FEES: We now use a fully online registration system. Fees are set by our community partners and help to cover expenses for each specific program. There is a small processing fee that adds to the cost of each class, which is taken into consideration when pricing the programs.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Many of our programs fill fast, so we recommend early registration and at least five days prior to the first class so that our instructors can plan accordingly. Most programs will email additional details a few days prior to their start date. If you do not receive an email, please show up for the first scheduled date.

WAITLISTS: If the class is full, you will be placed on an online waitlist. You will be

contacted via email should a spot open up in the program. If you are on a waitlist and no longer want to be considered, please email NVComEd@nvps.net to be removed.

LATE REGISTRATIONS: Any registrations received after the five-day deadline will be considered if there is still room in the program. When we receive your late registration, we will determine if you can be added and you will receive an email if there is room in the program. If you register the night before or day-of and no email is received, contact us for your enrollment status or show up to the first class to see if there is room for you.

REFUNDS: Full refunds will be given if a request is received five business days

prior to the first date of the program. After this deadline, no refund requests can be honored. If a program is canceled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be issued.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY: Indoor programs will be held in all weather conditions. Outdoor programs have a backup plan. If severe weather warnings are issued immediately before or during our camps, students will take shelter in the district-approved area in the building where the class is held. Any class canceled due to weather or other emergencies may or may not be rescheduled due to complications with facility and instructor schedules. We always do our best to reschedule the canceled date if we're able to.

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REGISTRATION WEBSITE

To find a full description of each class or to register, visit nvps.revtrak.net or scan the QR code.

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ADULT ENRICHMENT

Northview Community Education offers a wide variety of new and returning programs each season. While we highlight a new program in each edition of the *Northview News*, please **visit our registration website** (scan QR code above) to find a full description of each course listing. Space is limited in some programs, so we strongly encourage early registration.

ADULT ENRICHMENT: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

UNICYCLE 101 (AGES 10-ADULT):

Whether you've ridden in the past or you've never touched a unicycle before, this course will teach you about how the unicycle operates, best practices for riding and techniques for safe and effective learning. Unicycles are provided and all skill levels are welcome.



Program	Dates	Times	Fee
ASL 1 (American Sign Language)	April 16–May 21	5:15–6:45 pm	\$48
ASL 2 (American Sign Language)	April 16–May 21	7:00–8:30 pm	\$48
Drawing Fundamentals	March 19, April 16, May 14	6:00–8:00 pm	\$21/class
Unicycle 101	April 16–May 21	7:15–8:15 pm	\$50
Puppy “Manners” Class	February 24–March 31	6:30–7:30 pm	\$120
Puppy “Manners” Class	April 14–May 19	6:30–7:30 pm	\$120
Dog “Manners” Class	February 24–March 31	7:45–8:45 pm	\$120
Dog “Manners” Class	April 14–May 19	7:45–8:45 pm	\$120
Instant Piano	March 2 or May 4	6:30–9:30 pm	\$75
Instant Guitar	March 3 or May 5	6:30–9:00 pm	\$75
Shamrock Cookie Decorating Class	March 16	6:30–8:30 pm	\$36
Decadent Drip Cake Decorating Class	March 26	6:30–8:30 pm	\$39
Basket of Flowers Cake Decorating Class	April 23	6:30–8:30 pm	\$39
Cross Stitch Cookie Decorating Class	May 7	6:30–8:30 pm	\$36

FIT-4-U FITNESS & CYCLE CLASSES:

Classes are offered as a 4–8 week series on the same weekday and time to help you commit to a routine to improve your strength, balance, flexibility and aerobic-cardio abilities. All classes are planned for varying individual work rates and ability levels and are scheduled for 35-55 minutes in length depending on the class.



Program	Dates	Start Time	Fee
Cycle Endurance (6 weeks)	Sundays, March 1–April 12	2:00–3:30 pm	\$119
Pilates	Tuesdays, March 17–May 12	6:15 pm	\$58
Power Strength 45	Wednesdays, March 18–May 13	6:00 pm	\$58
Water Fit	Mondays, March 16–May 11	5:30 pm	\$58
Water Fit	Thursdays, March 19–May 14	5:30 pm	\$58
Water Fit	Wednesdays, March 18–May 13	6:00 am	\$58
Women 50+ Strength	Thursdays, March 19–May 14	5:15 pm	\$58
Women 50+ Strength	Tuesdays, March 17–May 12	5:15 pm	\$58
Yoga	Thursdays, March 19–May 14	6:15 pm	\$58
Yoga	Wednesdays, March 18–May 13	7:00 pm	\$58
Zumba®	Mondays, March 16–May 11	5:45 pm	\$58
Tri Swim (4-week preseason workouts)	April 19–May 17	12:45–1:30 pm	\$96

.....YOUTH ENRICHMENT.....

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YOUTH ENRICHMENT: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

KID'S PAINT PARTY: ANIMAL & NATURE CERAMICS (AGES 8-13):

Kids will be invited to let their creativity shine! They'll have a blast while painting adorable mini animals and nature-themed ceramics with acrylic paints. No experience needed—just imagination!



Program	Dates	Times	Fee
Kids Paint Party	March 24	6:00-7:30 pm	\$36
Safety, Survival and First Aid	March 9	9:15 am-2:00 pm	\$65
Babysitter Training	May 16	9:15 am-2:00 pm	\$80

SUMMER CAMPS:

*Your student is invited to join the summer fun! The list below is a sampling of what will be offered from June 8 through July 31. A complete list of camps, dates, and descriptions will be online and in the *Spring Northview News*! Summer registration opens April 1 with our fun new camps and returning favorites.*

Adventure Camps

Art Camps

Babysitter Training

Brick-4-Kidz (different camp theme weekly)

Cooking Camps

Cupcake, Cookie, and Cake Decorating

Dance Camps

DRAMAdventure: Front Stage

DRAMAdventure: Back Stage

STEMventure (different camp theme weekly)

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Our Mission

Northview Public Schools and its community develop literate, creative problem solvers who are respectful, productive members of society ready for continued learning.

Our Vision

Inspiring all students to achieve their individual best.

Our Beliefs

- Every student can learn – just in different ways and at different rates.
- Every person is a valued member of the Northview school community.
- We are all responsible for student success and learning.
- Integrity, honesty and ethical behavior guide the treatment of students and adults in Northview.
- People working together toward common goals can accomplish anything.
- Embrace change and continuous improvement.
- Focus on performance and results.
- Our words and behaviors accelerate student academic performance and nurture their social development.

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