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Northview News

INSPIRING ALL STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL BEST

LOOK INSIDE FOR 2026-27 BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

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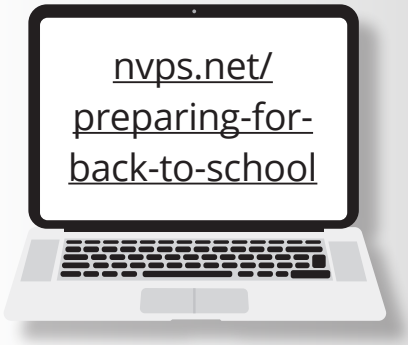
Where to Find BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

The new school year is almost upon us, and planning has been underway throughout the summer.

Even so, some timely information is better communicated via our website and other communication channels.

We will host a special back-to-school web page at nvps.net/preparing-for-back-to-school.

Please check back often for last minute updates and important information. We also encourage you to follow us on social media, where we provide weekly updates and other pertinent details throughout the year.



From corn hole boards to beds for kids:

NNCC students are MAKING a DIFFERENCE

The Northview Next Career Center (NNCC) would like to extend its sincere thanks to the Northview Education Foundation (NEF) for its generous support of student projects that provide meaningful, hands-on learning experiences. Specifically, NEF grant funding has provided students in the manufacturing program with the opportunity to apply classroom skills to real-world projects that benefit both their education and the community.



One such project involved designing and building custom corn hole boards, wherein students developed skills in measuring, cutting, assembly, finishing and quality control, while also experiencing the complete manufacturing process. Students also partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for children in need. This project provided valuable woodworking and manufacturing experience while making a meaningful difference in the lives of local families. Through these projects, students learned the importance of craftsmanship, teamwork and service to others.

These projects demonstrate how hands-on learning prepares students for future careers while reinforcing the value of community involvement. The experiences students gain through these projects and in the manufacturing program, help them develop technical skills, problem-solving abilities and a strong work ethic that will serve them well in their future endeavors. NNCC is grateful for the support that makes these opportunities possible and is proud of the positive impact students are making both in the classroom and throughout the community.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Northview families, community members, staff and students,

Welcome back, Northview! It is with great pride and excitement that we announce a familiar face has stepped into a key leadership role for our district. Jerry Klekotka, A.K.A. "Mr. K.," is now serving as our district's deputy superintendent. To many of you, Mr. K. needs no introduction. As a lifelong Northview Wildcat, his journey within our halls has been defined by a deep-rooted passion for this community and an unwavering commitment to the success of our students. From his early days as an All-American student-athlete to his decades of service as an educator, Mr. K. embodies the "All In" spirit of Northview. Please join us in congratulating Mr. K. on this well-deserved appointment. We look forward to the energy, heart and dedication he will continue to bring to Northview Public Schools in this new chapter.

As we gear up for the upcoming school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we're sharing. Just one year ago, our community came together to pass the monumental May 2025 bond. Today, that vision is actively turning into reality.

Your unwavering commitment to our schools—firmly rooted in our shared promise of **supporting students, connecting community, and focusing on the future with fiscal responsibility**—continues to inspire everything we do. Because of your generosity, we are moving forward with transformative projects that will elevate our learning environments for generations to come.

Thanks to the continued momentum of the bond, several major upgrades are well underway or coming to life across the district. Our students will soon benefit from modern, safe, and inspiring spaces designed to foster both creativity and collaboration, including:

- An expanded **Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center lobby** to better welcome our community.
- A revitalized **high school multipurpose room** (formerly the Media Center).
- A brand-new **high school girls' locker room**.
- A new **gymnasium** and two new **Field School classrooms** at East Oakview Elementary to permanently replace the old portables.

The energy across Northview Public Schools is palpable right now, and we're eagerly anticipating the return of our students to campus for the first day of school on **Monday, August 24**.

As we launch into another remarkable academic year, I encourage you to stay deeply connected with us. Please keep an eye on the *Northview News* to follow the exciting progress of our construction projects and to celebrate the incredible achievements happening across all of our departments. Your continued engagement is the secret to our success.

Thank you, Northview, for your steadfast partnership and for everything you do to support our students and schools!

Warmly,

Dr. Christina Hinds
Superintendent of Northview Public Schools



HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

Did you know that each spring and fall the Northview Board of Education gathers with volunteers from our school community to clean up a section of Plainfield Avenue (between 5 Mile and I-96)? Last year, the board was joined by staff, students and family members. The board is always looking for more helpers! If you or your organization would like to join the fall clean-up, email krittenhouse@nvps.net. It only takes a few hours. The date will be determined in September/October.



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SCHOOL NEWS NETWORK
A Window into Your Public Schools

Check out the latest and greatest stories about our local public schools, including NORTHVIEW. Visit www.schoolnewsnetwork.org.

NEXT *NORTHVIEW NEWS* DEADLINE

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, for the Fall 2026 issue (in homes near Saturday, November 14). Send items to the Communications Team at northviewnews@nvps.net.



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.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

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Northview Public Schools will have two Board of Education seats up for election in November 2026. Candidates were invited to provide a bio to introduce themselves to our families and the community. All candidate bios are printed as submitted.



JAKE CONWAY

I'm Jake Conway, a proud 2004 Northview High School graduate and current school board member. I am running for re-election after three years of service on the board. As a father of five children attending Northview schools, I am deeply invested in our district's success.

I am involved with many areas of the Northview community, including coaching my children's soccer teams through Northview Youth Soccer, and mentoring multiple FIRST robotics teams. With five children, I attend multiple sporting and music events and fundraisers throughout the year. This engagement gives me a comprehensive understanding of our community's needs and values.

As a software engineer specializing in safety-critical systems like avionics, I bring a unique perspective to the board. I apply those same tools and methodologies, using clear metrics to surface what's working and where we can improve, so our policy decisions are built on strong evidence.

I recognize the excellence of Northview's teachers, administrators, and support staff. Many are familiar faces from my own school days or my children's experiences. I'm committed to attracting and retaining top talent, ensuring they have the resources and support needed to provide an outstanding education.

With your support, I'll work tirelessly to maintain Northview's high standards, promote innovation in education, and ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive. Let's work together to build a bright future for our children and our community.



VALERIE ENDRES

Valerie Endres is running to become a member of the Northview Public Schools Board of Education. She is a passionate public schools advocate, parent, and 18-year resident of the Northview School District.

She and her husband have three children who all attend Northview Public Schools and are active participants in many of the athletics programs and musical presentations Northview has to offer. Valerie is fully invested in the long-term success and excellence of Northview Public Schools.

A 2009 graduate of Calvin College, Valerie currently works as a professional art educator in Kentwood Public Schools. In this role, she manages large and diverse classrooms, educating over 600 students each week. Valerie believes that art plays a critical role in education. She inspires students to ask big questions and encourages students to use their voice, believing both are essential in fostering the next generation.

As a member of the school board, Valerie will bring vital classroom experience, a growth mindset, and a commitment to listening to the community's concerns. Her mission is to champion educators, promote creative critical thinking, and develop a sense of belonging for everyone in the Northview school community.

Outside of the classroom, she and her husband are busy making memories with their children and proudly cheering on the Northview Wildcats!



MATT NIBBELINK

My name is Matt Nibbelink, and I'm asking for your vote this November 3rd, to continue serving as a Trustee on the Northview Public School Board. I am serving my sixth year on the board, currently as Vice President, and have held roles of Treasurer, Secretary, and Legislative Liaison. My wife, Amber, and I have four children and our experiences at Northview began in 2010 when we enrolled our oldest in the preschool program at West Oakview. Our daughters recently graduated in 2024 and 2025 and our sons will both attend High School this year. You will frequently find us at the pool or the PAC, cheering or helping with their pursuits.

It has been my privilege to serve the district these past several years. During my first term, I achieved Certified Board Member status through the Michigan Association of School Boards. I've found that through mutual understanding, consensus, and solid policy, Northview is a place where our school leaders can lead, our teachers can teach, and our students can thrive! This is something our community can be proud of. Since joining the board in 2020, we have dealt with some challenges, but because the boards before us established a strong framework there have never been obstacles we can't overcome. As such, we owe it to ourselves to leave a stronger Northview and a system of leadership to our future generations. That will always be my goal.

At my day job, I'm a Product Development Manager for GE Aerospace. I have lived my entire life in West Michigan and spent many years at GVSU, where I met my wife, earned an Engineering degree and an MBA, and later taught classes for the Engineering program. You can reach me at mattnibbelink@gmail.com if you have any specific questions.



WILLIAM WIARDA

Hello, good people and thank you for this moment to introduce myself and my run for the Northview School Board. I grew up in Northview and we moved back during Covid seeking a better education for our four children. My amazing wife Jeannie and I have appreciated working with teachers, coaches, and administrators toward our kids' success. Northview has so many talented and passionate leaders! I am excited for the opportunity to serve them and YOU: our friends, neighbors, and enrolled families to improve your children's education. My primary focus on the school board will be raising the bar on academics, especially the reading skills and scores of our young people. We are lagging behind, especially since Covid, but we can strive forward together! Strong reading aptitude is a lifelong skill that will serve students well in whatever field they choose in their future careers.

In my career, I have worked for 15 years in communications and 11 years serving in finance including 4 years working with a non-profit called Young Money Finance which helps grow financial literacy among young people. I'd like to apply my communications experience to help increase awareness of what is happening in schools and where we as families and as a community can pitch in to help out. Where we are more engaged, the children will benefit. I'd like to apply my finance experience to ensure we are prioritizing district funds to the best methods for learning at each grade level. It would also be important to improve math competency especially as it applies to family finance so our students are well prepared to make wise money decisions out in the world.

Thank you for your consideration when we go to the polls this November!

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 calendar year. Everyone is welcome! Visit www.northviewseniors.org and click on the "newsletter" tab in the top menu. 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...
Making the Call: Lessons from the NFL and Federal Service

Date: September 24 at 2:30 pm

Location: Northview High School, Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center (4451 Hunsberger Ave)

Carl Paganelli shares behind-the-scenes stories from the NFL, offering a unique perspective on what happens on and off the field. He also reflects on lessons learned throughout his career in federal service, highlighting the importance of integrity, accountability and decision-making under pressure. Filled with humor, insight and memorable experiences, this program provides an entertaining and inspiring look at a life spent making important calls both on the football field and in the community. ***AFL lectures are free and open to non-members, but reservations required.***

About the speaker: Carl Paganelli enjoyed a distinguished career as both an NFL referee and a federal probation officer, serving at the highest levels of professional sports and public service. During his years in the NFL, Carl officiated some of football's biggest games, where quick thinking, sound judgment and effective teamwork were essential.

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APPRENTICE FOR LIFE LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS...
Inside the Grand Rapids Public Museum: The Clapp Family Mastodon

Date: October 19 at 2:30 pm

Location: Northview High School, Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center (4451 Hunsberger Ave)

This presentation will offer a broad overview of the Grand Rapids Public Museum's science collection and share the story of the Clapp Family Mastodon. Explaining how the mastodon's remains were discovered, the steps for curating/preserving the bones, what we have learned about this unique animal and the process taken to exhibit it. ***AFL lectures are free and open to non-members, but reservations are required.***

About the speaker: Dr. Cory Redman is the science curator at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. His primary responsibility is to care for and improve the science/natural history collection, but he also assists with any science-related educational programming and museum exhibit development. Dr. Redman holds a doctor of philosophy degree in geology from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in biology from San Diego State University.

Generously underwritten by: ComForCare Home Care, with offices in Northview and Grand Rapids, we can help individuals with daily activities such as hygiene, meal prep, transportation and more. Our caregivers are available as little as a few times per week or 24-hours-a-day.

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.

A membership is required.

2026 SUMMER MOBILE LIBRARY EVENTS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS

The Northview Mobile Library was on the move this summer, and there was a huge turnout! It stopped at the Kent District Library - Plainfield Branch on June 10, the Plainfield Fire Department on June 30, and Crossroads Middle School on August 13. At each stop, there were books and delicious treats! Many thanks to Kona Ice and Bumblebee Ice Cream for participating in these events!









BLACK OUT
PEDIATRIC CANCER
17th Annual Event!

You have the chance to be part of an event that will impact many lives, particularly children who are on a journey to overcome pediatric cancer. This event not only raises money for families battling this disease, but it also brings us together as a community to do our part in helping others.

On **Friday, September 11**, the Wildcat Stadium stands will be filled with supporters wearing special Black Out t-shirts at the varsity football game. The t-shirts will be for sale at the Administration Building, Northview High School and home football games while supplies last.



There are children's sizes on up. **Get your shirts early! In previous years, the t-shirts SOLD OUT the week before the event!** Thank you to our friends from CE Drywall, Roersma & Wurn Builders Inc. and Straight Line Fence who made very generous donations to help with the cost of the t-shirts. We thank them for their passion in sharing this cause with Northview! Don't miss this event or a chance to make a difference in a child's life!

SPONSOR A BLACK OUT 2026 FOOTBALL TEAM JERSEY!

Once again, the NHS Varsity Football Team will wear new Black Out jerseys sponsored by the community. When you sponsor a jersey, you can honor a loved one by having their name printed on the back of a varsity football player's jersey, which they will wear during the Black Out game. Following the game, you will be given the jersey. To sponsor one, please make a donation to P.O.R.T. (Pediatric Oncology Resource Team). Forms are available in the main office at Northview High School, the Athletics Department or Administration Building. You can also get one via email by sending your request to northviewblackout@gmail.com.

EUROPEAN TRAVEL:
NON-CHAPERONE ADULT SPOTS OPEN

Every four years, the Northview High School band travels to Europe, and there is a parallel trip for adult family and friends to go along. This 15-day adventure through **six European countries** is a life-changing experience! No chaperoning and no traveling with the students, but you will see them often and for concerts. Tentative dates are **June 21 through July 5, 2027**. There are several spots available! Pricing includes ALL travel, lodging, meals (breakfast and dinner) and entry fees for attractions! For ALL details, including itinerary, pictures, FAQs and how to register, visit nhs.imagetours.com. Email Greg at gwells@nvps.net with questions.





ATTENTION NEW & RETURNING MENTORS: ANNUAL TRAINING IS COMING UP

The Northview Mentor Program matched 268 students with a mentor last year! Thank you, Northview community, for being the village pouring into our kids. We greatly appreciate all of our former and current mentors. What a gift you are to our district! However, we still have a long waitlist of students who need mentors! For only 15 minutes a week, you can be part of this life-changing program. If you have any more questions, or would like to sign up to be a mentor this fall, contact Janine at jconway@nvps.net.

Mandatory training sessions for all current and new mentors will be held at Crossroads Middle School on the following dates. You only need to attend ONE of the sessions.

- Tuesday, September 15 at Noon
- Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, September 17 at 8:00 am

BLOOD DRIVE: GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Mark your calendar! This school year's Northview High School blood drive dates are tentatively scheduled for:

October 27, 2026 • January 19, 2027 • April 20, 2027

All of the blood drives will take place at the high school in the auxiliary gym from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. A sign-up QR code and web address will be posted in advance on the district's social media channels. Questions? Contact Olivia Brown at obrown@nvps.net.



VOLUNTEER CONSENT FORM

In a continuing effort to keep our schools safe, Northview Public Schools requires that parents and community members submit to a criminal background check prior to participating in any volunteer activities involving our students. If you do not complete this form, volunteer activities will be limited to group situations as approved by the principal or superintendent. You'll find the form here: nvps.net/get-involved/volunteer-in-our-schools. Thank you for your understanding and for all that you give to our schools, community and children!

IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION

If you have any questions related to technology, please reach out to our tech support team for assistance at techsupport@nvps.net.

ParentVUE

All students' records (both new and returning students) must be confirmed in ParentVUE. Please take the time to review and update your student's records digitally to ensure accuracy and availability. Please access ParentVUE and follow the instructions provided. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and active participation in maintaining accurate records and ensuring a smooth transition into the new school year.

TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

Each Northview student will have a device available for their educational use. These devices are assigned to students in grades 3rd–12th, and the devices will remain assigned to students throughout their time at Northview. The devices for grades 3rd–8th are collected each summer and redistributed in the fall.

DEVICE PROTECTION PLAN

You may choose to purchase a Chromebook protection plan that covers the school-issued device for $25 per year. This must be purchased/renewed on an annual basis and is available for students in grades 3rd–12th. It is highly recommended for students in grades 5th–12th, as that is where our team sees the majority of accidental damage claims. For more information about what is covered and not covered, please visit nvps.revtrak.net/purchases-fees/chromebook-coverage-plan2.

NVPS GUEST NETWORK

The Information Technology Department offers a guest Wi-Fi network. This network is configured to align with best practices for wireless access and will provide the district additional insight related to our technology usage. This will impact anyone who currently connects to our guest Wi-Fi, including cell phones and/or student's personal devices.

WILL I NEED A LOGIN?

- Staff and students may login with their current NVPS username and password. This will allow additional resources to those users (e.g., YouTube) and the network will automatically remember the device for several months.
- Visitors/guests will need to enter their name and email address to access the network. This will primarily affect parents and infrequent guests.

Child Care for Students in Grades DK–6th



In partnership with Northview Public Schools, the Wolverine Worldwide YMCA offers before and after school care at East Oakview and North Oakview for students in grades DK–4th, and at Highlands/West Oakview for students in grades DK–6th. Child care for "no school" days is also available at each location.

Interested families can register for child care at www.grymca.org/school-age. Morning hours are 6:30–8:15 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (Wednesdays 6:30–9:15 am) and afternoon hours are 3:15–6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

NOW HIRING: BUS DRIVERS



Northview is seeking people who love kids and would like a rewarding part-time job driving a school bus. We offer paid training once you pass a background check. Drivers start as substitutes with the potential for it to develop into a permanent part-time position. Join our team! Contact the Transportation Department at 616-361-3480.

ATTENTION DRIVERS: BE AWARE OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LIGHTS

SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD RED OR YELLOW LIGHTS (WITH OR WITHOUT BUS STOP SIGNS)

Yellow lights flashing: Be prepared to stop.

Red lights are flashing: Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus.

Red lights turned off: Proceed.

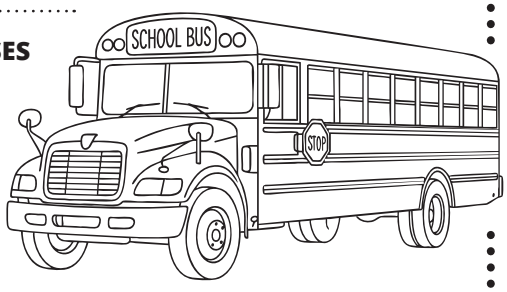
SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD RED LIGHTS (WITH OR WITHOUT BUS STOP SIGNS)

Red lights are flashing and bus is stopped: Stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus.

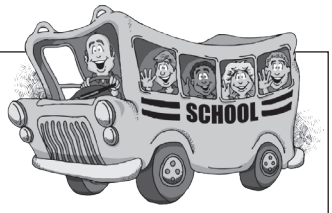
Red lights turned off: Proceed.

ALL SCHOOL BUSES YELLOW LIGHTS

Yellow hazard warning lights are flashing: Proceed with caution.



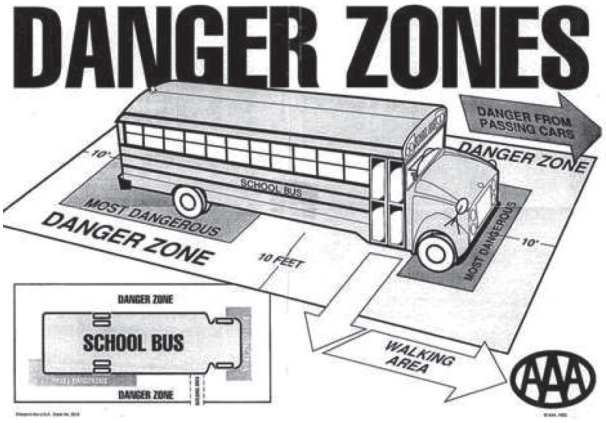
Don't Miss the Bus!



It's not too late for Northview resident families to register for bus transportation! EVERY student who requires transportation for the 2026–27 school year must be registered. Please visit nvps.net/transportation to sign your child up.

STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONES

The primary function of the Transportation Department is the safe delivery of students to and from daily classes and other school-related activities. We request the assistance of parents and guardians in helping to ensure student safety. Please take time to discuss the importance of staying out of the danger zone with your student.



The size and shape of a bus creates limitations on what the bus driver is able to view from the driver's seat. The diagram displays the danger zones around a bus. As the diagram shows, a ten-foot danger zone surrounds the entire bus. The most dangerous areas are directly in front of the bus and the area near the rear tires on the entry-door side of the bus. When seated in the driver's seat, the driver is unable to directly view these "most dangerous" areas and cannot see these areas in the bus mirrors. Students who cross the street after exiting the bus must remember there is danger from other vehicles as they are passing the bus. After students get off the bus, they should walk at least 10 steps out in front of the bus. After receiving permission to cross the street from the driver, students should proceed to cross the street, looking and listening for vehicles. Once they make sure no vehicles are approaching, they should walk across the street.

Students carry a variety of items with them to school. This includes backpacks, cell phones, books, folders, papers, instruments, sports equipment, and various other items. A student should never attempt to retrieve an item that has been dropped into the danger zone or under the bus. They should inform the bus driver of the situation and let the driver make arrangements to retrieve the item. We thank you for your assistance and will strive to do our best in providing a safe environment for all of our bus passengers.

Please note that the Transportation System Rules, Guidelines and Procedures may be accessed online at nvps.net/transportation or by calling the Transportation Department Office at 616-361-3480.

IMPORTANT
SAFETY REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

SAFETY FIRST

Getting Ready for School

- Have your child put everything they must carry in a backpack or bag so that they won't drop things along the way.
- Encourage them to wear bright, contrasting colors so they will be more easily seen by drivers.
- Make sure your child leaves home on time so they can arrive at the bus stop before it is due, ideally at least five minutes early. Running after or in front of a bus is dangerous.

Walking to the Bus Stop

- Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage them to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.
- Practice good pedestrian behavior by walking on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, stay out of the street. If you must walk in the street, walk single file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as you can.
- Stop and look left, right and then left again if you must cross the street. Do the same thing at driveways and alleys. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your child knows you are looking left, right and left.

At the Bus Stop

- Have children wait in a location where the driver can see them while driving down the street. Try to avoid waiting in a house or car.
- Do not let children play in the street. Playing with balls or other toys that could roll into the street is also dangerous.

Getting On and Off the Bus

- Warn children that if they drop something getting on and off the bus, they should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions.
- Remind children to look to the right before they step off the bus.
- If you meet your child at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where the child will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited to see you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Mobile Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices are permitted on the school bus as long as:

- They are in backpacks or other holders, keeping hands free to use handrails while boarding and departing the bus.
- Sound is muted or headphones, earbuds or similar devices are used.
- Content does not violate the law or school district policy and procedures.
- Use does not create a distraction for the driver.

DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

The Transportation Department uses a mobile app for bus stop information. It's called, *MyRide K-12.* Check the Transportation Department's page on the district website for instructions on how to download and use the app. **We will NOT give out bus stop information over the phone.** Thanks for your understanding!

CLASSES FOR ALL NORTHVIEW STUDENTS BEGIN MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

EAST OAKVIEW, NORTH OAKVIEW & WEST OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES DK/K-4TH)

East Oakview	**3940 Suburban Shores NE**	**616-361-3460**
North Oakview	**4300 Costa NE**	**616-361-3450**
West Oakview	**3880 Stuyvesant NE**	**616-361-3470**
Office Hours:	**7:30 am–4:00 pm**	

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Register at the Administration Building or online at nvps.net/district/enrollment/k-12-enrollment. You must provide the following documentation when enrolling a student: state I.D. of enrolling parent, original birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency (see website for approved documents), hearing and vision screening (DK/K only) and oral health screening (DK/K only). After registration, contact your assigned elementary building to schedule classes.

FAMILY OPEN HOUSES: WEST OAKVIEW & NORTH OAKVIEW

The open house date for West Oakview and North Oakview is **August 18**:

- Last names A-M: 5:30-6:00 pm
- Last names N-Z: 6:00-6:30 pm

MEET & GREET AND OPEN HOUSE: EAST OAKVIEW

Due to construction, there will be a meet and greet outside Highlands Middle School on **August 19** so students can meet their new teachers. On **September 15**, families are invited to East Oakview for an open house to see their child's classroom. To ensure a smooth experience for all families, please plan to attend at the following times:

Meet & Greet: August 19

- Last names A-M (5:45-6:05 pm)
- Last names N-Z (6:05-6:30 pm)

Open House: September 15

- Last names A-M (6:00-6:15 pm)
- Last names N-Z (6:15-6:30 pm)

HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5TH-6TH)

4645 Chandy NE
Phone: 616-361-3440
Office Hours: 8:00 am–4:00 pm

STUDENTS NEW TO NORTHVIEW

Register at the Administration Building or online at nvps.net/district/enrollment/k-12-enrollment. You must provide the following documentation when enrolling a student: state I.D. of enrolling parent, original birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency (see website for approved documents). After registration, contact your assigned building to schedule classes.

TEAM NIGHTS (OPEN HOUSE) INFORMATION

Team night is scheduled for **August 18**, and gives parents/ guardians an opportunity to meet our teachers and get an overview of Highlands.

5TH GRADE

- Visit teachers/homerooms (6:00–6:30 pm)
- Music meeting in gym (6:30–7:00 pm)

6TH GRADE

- Visit teachers/homerooms (5:00–5:30 pm)
- Music meeting in gym (5:30–6:00 pm)

Please be sure to check our back-to-school web page for updates and other timely information at nvps.net/preparing-for-back-to-school.

SCHOOL DAY STUDENT DROP-OFF is on the SIDE of the building, near the loading dock. The front drive is for buses only!

CAR PICK-UP LINE ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

With the new school year upon us, we're reminding our families of a few basic practices that will keep our community and our children safe. Thanks for practicing safety first!

Be a good neighbor and don't block driveways. Many of our drop-offs are located in neighborhoods. If a neighbor is trying to pull into their driveway, allow them to pass through the line. They're not trying to cut in line.

Don't get out of your vehicle. Not to "quickly grab" your child, wave "come on" to your child over the playground fence, or just to "say hi" to your friend in line behind you. Stay in your car. And, when the car in front of you moves, please pull forward.

Don't cut in line. There is a line and a process. Please wait patiently in the line and know that we all share the same goal of picking up our children safely.

Please put away your phone and pay attention. Waiting for your child in your empty (and wonderfully quiet) car seems like the perfect opportunity to catch up on work—but it's also a distraction. People on their phones don't notice when the car in front of them has moved and they need to pull up. More importantly, it's dangerous. People on their phones don't see children darting out between cars.

Don't double park. Even if you see your child waiting. Wave at them to meet you at the end of the line when you circle back around the block. Plus, it's illegal.

Keep the line moving. You don't need to get everything organized or have a conversation about your child's day. Just have them buckle up and then pull away from the line when it's safe to do so, allowing other parents to pull up and get their children.

Be a good steward of the earth. Consider turning off your vehicle while you wait.

Be patient. We think it's a pretty safe bet to say that no parent likes the car pick-up line, but honking at other parents or kids or displaying any other form of road rage behavior is not necessary and will probably not make them move any faster.

In short, a little politeness goes a long way in the car pick-up line. Remember, being behind the wheel of a car doesn't make you invisible. We see you. We all see you. Including our children. So, let's try to set a good example. Now put the phone away... the car in front of you just moved up.

CROSSROADS MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7TH–8TH)

4400 Ambrose NE
Phone: 616-361-3430
Office Hours: 7:00 am–3:30 pm

STUDENTS NEW TO NORTHVIEW: Register at the Administration Building or online at nvps.net/district/enrollment/k-12-enrollment. You must provide the following documentation when enrolling a student: state I.D. of enrolling parent, original birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency (see website for approved documents). After registration, contact your assigned building to schedule classes.

INCOMING 7TH GRADERS

It is required that all 7th grade students have updated immunizations before beginning the school year. Please confirm with your healthcare provider that your student has the following: 1 meningitis, 2 varicella (or history of chicken pox) and DTaP within the last five years. If you choose not to vaccinate your child, you must present a certificate of waiver, signed by the Kent County Health Department. Waivers must be certified for the 2026-27 school year and indicate the school the student will be attending. Visit www.kentcountymi.gov/641/Immunizations to locate an immunization clinic.

Students who do not have current immunizations or a current certified waiver, will not receive schedules on orientation day.

STUDENT SCHEDULE PICK-UP DAY

Student schedules may be picked up on **August 17 (8:30-10:30 am or 5:30-6:30 pm).**

What happens at schedule pick-up?

- Receive class schedules and locker assignment
- School picture/ID taken
- Find your locker and classrooms

Meet the Teacher Night/Orientation will be held on **September 1 (5:30–6:30 pm).** We hope to see you there!

The **STUDENT DROP-OFF** and **PICK-UP LOCATION** is on the east SIDE of the building, near the loading dock. ***The front drive is for buses only!***

ATHLETICS

Participation requires a **sports physical** and a **concussion form** to be on file in the main office before try-outs (no exceptions; this is a state law). Sports physical forms and concussion forms are available in the Crossroads Main Office or online at nvps.net/forms.

For information, schedules and locations of Crossroads-specific athletic contests and events, visit crossroads.bigteams.com.

NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9TH–12TH)

4451 Hunsberger NE
Phone: 616-363-4857
Office Hours: 7:00 am–3:30 pm

FRESHMAN and **NEW STUDENT** orientation will take place on **August 17** from **10:00 am–1:00 pm**. The high school will be open during this time for students to drop by and walk around, and to find their classes and lockers. Northview students and staff will be present to assist new students. Student schedules will be available on StudentVUE or can be printed, if necessary.

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Student schedules will be available in StudentVUE on **August 17**. Student schedules have very little flexibility for changes. In order for students to adjust their schedule for any reason, they MUST complete the *2026-27 Schedule Adjustment Form*. The form will open on August 17 and is required for all schedule adjustment requests. The link is www.tinyurl.com/26-27-Schedule-Adjustment-Form. The deadline for changes is **August 26**.

Please note, there will be **NO** schedule changes to change hours or lunches. Students may only be considered for schedule changes for the following reasons:

- The student does not have six class periods.
- A course is at the incorrect grade level, such as a senior scheduled for English 9.
- A senior is missing a graduation requirement.
- A course completed during summer school still appears on the schedule.
- Work-based learning, dual enrollment or Michigan Virtual scheduling must be finalized. Northview application forms must be submitted first. Forms are available in the student's Class Toolbox.

WELCOME FRESHMEN! HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

Freshmen and their parents/guardians are invited to learn more about the transition to high school and how to make the most of the Northview experience.

- Join us **September 15 (6:00–7:00 pm)** in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center.

This meeting is packed with valuable information to help you successfully navigate your high school years. We'll cover:

- Understanding the Michigan Merit Curriculum
- Northview's graduation requirements
- Discovering clubs and activities
- Other important tips for a rewarding high school experience

SENIORS: YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE!

Seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to explore the many opportunities available after high school.

- Join us **September 15 (7:00 pm)** in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center.

At Northview, we define "college" broadly to include an array of paths, such as:

- Workforce certifications and specialized job training
- Two-year associate degree programs
- Four-year bachelor's degree programs

Counselors will provide an overview of how students can explore their options, complete applications and prepare for a successful transition after graduation. We will also outline Northview's new FAFSA graduation requirement (see page 24), including available support and the waiver process.

PARKING AT NHS

ONE-WAY DRIVEWAY OFF HUNSBERGER: for STUDENT DROP-OFF & VISITORS.

Enter on the north end and exit on the south end. The parking lot in the middle is for teachers and visitors ONLY.

ONE-WAY DRIVEWAY OFF SERVICE ROAD: FOR BUSES ONLY

STUDENT PARKING: Located BEHIND NHS ***(not in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center lot)***

NORTHVIEW NEXT CAREER CENTER AND LEARNING CENTER

Northview Next Career Center and Learning Center will be holding an open house and two enrollment days for families to ensure students are properly signed up prior to the start of the year. ALL students must come to one of the enrollment days to sign up.

Learning Center Enrollment Days:

- August 13 (Noon–3:00 pm)
- August 17 (2:30–6:30 pm)

Career Center Open House:

- August 18 (5:15–6:15 pm)

HEALTH topics

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE?

Your children may qualify for low cost or free health insurance through Healthy Kids or MIChild. Visit www.michigan.gov/fyit/health/insurance/health-care-programs-for-children to learn about these programs. To apply online, go to www.newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page. Call 1-844-799-9876 for help, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, students must follow state vaccine laws in order to attend school. These laws are the minimum standard to help prevent disease outbreaks in school settings. The best way to protect your child from serious diseases is to follow the recommended vaccination schedule at www.cdc.gov/vaccines-children. In order to be compliant with state law, your child must be ***completely* vaccinated prior to the start of school on August 24, 2026**. Parents and guardians choosing to decline vaccines must obtain a certified non-medical waiver from the Kent County Health Department.

An invitation from Superintendent Hinds:

EAT BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT SCHOOL

Do you want your child to be more alert, focused and ready to tackle the challenges of the day? Encourage them to eat breakfast! It's well-documented that kids who eat breakfast are healthier and more energetic throughout the day. School breakfast at Northview is the perfect option when students don't have time to eat at home, don't have access to breakfast at home or simply aren't hungry first thing in the morning. Likewise, lunch recharges students as they head into an afternoon of study. Healthy eating makes sense!

For the 2026-27 school year, the Michigan Department of Education is requesting that all families who think they may qualify for the Child Nutrition and Education Benefits Program, and wish to participate, complete the application. The quickest and easiest way to do this is online at northview.familyportal.cloud. If you don't have access to a computer, contact Vince Sturgis (vsturgis@nvps.net or 616-361-3473) or pick up an application in any of the school offices. Completing the application does much more than determine eligibility for school meals. Qualifying families may also receive reduced or waived fees for athletics, Advanced Placement (AP) exams, technology programs, dual enrollment and other school-related expenses. Completing the application helps Northview too. For example, the district may receive additional federal and state funds to enhance educational programs, technology and student services as many of these opportunities are based on the number of students eligible for the program.

FOOD SERVICE: GENERAL INFORMATION

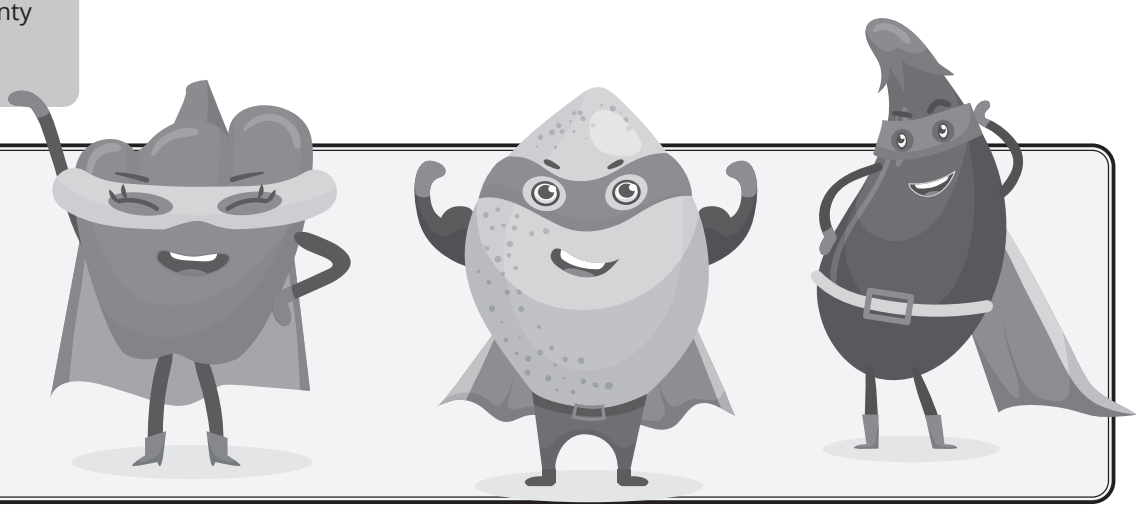
Breakfast is served at all Northview schools before school begins in the morning. Breakfast consists of a fruit, a grain, a meat or meat alternate and milk. Lunch consists of a fruit, a vegetable, a grain, a protein and milk. **Students must take a fruit or vegetable at breakfast and lunch in order for their meal to qualify for meal pricing.**

If your child is being charged for their meal, it may be because they are not taking all of the components. Please encourage your child to take advantage of getting at least one item from the fruit and vegetable bar. If there is not something offered that day that they want for their meal, have them take an item that can be put into their backpack and taken home for after school.

The Food Service webpage can be located in the menu under District -> Departments -> Food Service. Our menu program has many user-friendly features. For example, you can click on an item and see the nutritional information and ingredients. Not sure what a Dutch waffle looks like? Click on the item to see a picture! A weekly menu will also be posted so you know what will be served each day. Every effort is made to post the weekly menus on Wednesday for the following week. Please note that we occasionally need to make adjustments to our menus.

Beverages are $1.00. One beverage—milk or juice—is included with meals as noted above. However, if a child wants a second beverage or a beverage to go with a sack lunch from home, then the price is $1.00.

Healthy eating makes sense



CHILD NUTRITION AND EDUCATION BENEFITS APPLICATION

Families who are planning to participate in the meals program this school year are asked to complete a Child Nutrition and Education Benefits application if they think they may qualify based on the Federal Income Eligibility Chart for School Year 2026-2027 (below). Fill out an application online at northview.familyportal.cloud. The site walks you through a set of questions and sends the information directly to Northview. What are the advantages? You will not have to send in the paper application and your application is processed much quicker. Be sure to list ALL household members on the same application with ALL household income. Benefits are based on household size/income ratio. If you're currently receiving SNAP benefits, you MUST include the case number. If you don't have access to a computer, pick up a paper application from any of our school buildings. As noted on the application, school officials may require applicants to verify information provided on this application.

IF YOU'VE RECEIVED A NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION for free meals for the current school year, DO NOT complete the online application! However, do let the school know if any children in your household are not listed on the NOTICE OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION letter you received.

FEDERAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	$29,526	$2,461	$568
2	$40,034	$3,337	$770
3	$50,542	$4,212	$972
4	$61,050	$5,088	$1,175
5	$71,558	$5,964	$1,377
6	$82,066	$6,839	$1,579
7	$92,574	$7,715	$1,781
8	$103,082	$8,591	$1,983
Each additional person:	$10,508	$876	$203

WHAT IF MY STUDENT WAS ELIGIBLE IN PRIOR SCHOOL YEARS?

You will still need to complete a new application online for this year. We encourage all families who think they might qualify to fill out the application any time after July 1 to qualify for the 2026-27 school year. Once qualified, you will remain qualified for the duration of the school year. If your income changes and goes up during the school year, you do not have to report the change until the start of 2027-28 school year.

IF YOU'RE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, KEEP A BALANCE...

Although it is the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide their child a lunch (from home or purchased from the school), Northview Public Schools will feed every student who wants a meal. However, they will not be allowed to purchase an extra lunch or à la carte items, as this will create a negative balance on their account. Negative and/or low balance reminders will be sent to the email address on file until the balance has been paid. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for the negative balance accrued on their student's account. Any unpaid charges at the end of the school year remain the responsibility of the parent or guardian and may follow the student to the next school year.

Monitoring Your Child's Account

- Visit northview.familyportal.cloud to access to your child's account to view balances and charges made. Parents/ guardians can be proactive and sign up to receive an email alert when funds dip below a selected dollar figure.
- Northview will email parents/guardians daily when an account is negative. Please keep your email address up-to-date in the school office and add vsturgis@nvps.net to your contacts to ensure you receive emails.

Making Payments to Your Child's Account

- Make a payment on your northview.familyportal.cloud account. There is a small fee to deposit through this website. Funds will show on the account within one day.
- Set up Northview Public Schools in your online banking's bill payment system. You can send checks on a regular basis. Please use: Northview Food Service, 4451 Hunsberger NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Include your student's account number in the memo section.
- Send checks (made out to Northview Food Service) to school with your student.
- Cash is always accepted; however, cash deposits cannot be guaranteed.

Student Access to Their Meal Account

All students are assigned a meal account when they enroll in Northview. This account stays the same for the duration of their school years. Students in 5th-12th grade may access their account by registering for the finger scan system. The building food service staff will assist your student in getting registered. The finger scan system is the easiest and most secure way for students to access their account. The system is a finger imaging program that measures unique points of each student's fingerprint and transfers it to a unique number. To register, the student holds their finger on the scanner while the points are measured and transferred to a unique number. That unique number is what identifies each student in the lunch room. Fingerprints are never being captured and copies cannot be made from the unique number.

For any questions about the food service program, contact Vince Sturgis at 361-3473 or at vsturgis@nvps.net.

It's more than a meal application.

Filling out the Child Nutrition and Education Benefits Application may help provide:

- **Reduced or waived fees for athletics;**
- **Increased funding to support student education;**
- **Additional funding for technology programs;**
- **Discounts on fees associated with college application processes;**
- **Discounted fees for Advanced Placement (AP) exams; &**
- **Support for dual enrollment and other school-related expenses.**

It may also help the district secure additional state and federal funding for educational programs, technology and student services.

REQUIRED ANNUAL NOTICES

BULLYING POLICY

It is the policy of the district to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. This policy protects all students from bullying/aggressive behavior regardless of the subject matter or motivation for such impermissible behavior.

Bullying or other aggressive behavior toward a student, whether by other students, staff or third parties, including board members, parents, guests, contractors, vendors and volunteers, is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes written, physical, verbal and psychological abuse, including hazing, gestures, comments, threats or actions to a student that cause or threaten to cause bodily harm, reasonable fear for personal safety or personal degradation. Bullying behavior is distinct from behavior in which a conflict may be present between two or more parties. Conflicts, differences of opinion, and other forms of disagreement occur in school settings. The district desires civil resolutions to such conflicts, but such conflicts are not automatically synonymous with bullying behavior.

Demonstration of appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers to provide positive examples for student behavior. This policy applies to all "at school" activities in the district, including activities on school property, in a school vehicle and those occurring off school property, if the student or employee is at any school-sponsored, school-approved or school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the school's control, or where an employee is engaged in school business. Misconduct occurring outside of school may also be disciplined if it interferes with the school environment.

Any student who believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying, hazing or other aggressive behavior should immediately report the situation to the principal or assistant principal. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the superintendent or human resources. Complaints against the superintendent should be filed with the Board president. Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe to be aggressive behavior directed toward a student. Reports shall be made to those identified above. Reports may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action may not be taken solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

Retaliation or false allegations against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying or aggressive behavior (as a witness or otherwise), or is the target of the bullying or aggressive behavior being investigated, is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy, independent of whether a complaint of bullying is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as bullying/aggressive behavior.

Making intentionally false reports about bullying/aggressive behavior for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally making false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

The district may use restorative practices that emphasize repairing the harm to the victim and school community in the correction of bullying behavior.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICER (EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY)

It is the policy of this district to provide an equal educational opportunity for all students. Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, or any legally protected characteristic in its programs and activities, while at school or a school activity should immediately contact the school district's compliance officer listed below:

Dr. Christina Hinds, Superintendent
Northview Public Schools
4365 Hunsberger Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Telephone: 616-363-6861
Email: chinds@nvps.net

The compliance officer can provide additional information concerning equal access to educational opportunity. Complaints will be investigated. Any student making a complaint or participating in a school investigation will be protected from any threat or retaliation. The compliance officer can provide additional information concerning equal access to educational opportunity.

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against may also, at any time, contact the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights listed below:

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Bldg
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100
Telephone: 800-421-3481
Fax: 202-245-8392
Email: OCR@ed.gov

MCKINNEY-VENTO ASSISTANCE ACT

Federal legislation requires school districts to address problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling, attending and succeeding in school. Anyone who lacks a "fixed," "regular" and "adequate" nighttime residence may qualify as homeless. Protections are in place so that children and youth facing homelessness have exposure to the same achievement standards of all students. Districts are required to abide by the laws, regulations, practices and policies to avoid any barriers to the education of children. If you believe a member of your household fits homeless eligibility criteria, please contact us immediately to obtain the necessary paperwork.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

IDEA is a United States federal law that governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to children with disabilities. It requires school districts to identify all children with disabilities from birth through 25 years of age. By identifying children with disabilities, the school district can provide them with the support and services they need to succeed in school. This also includes children attending private school, being homeschooled or children who are wards of the state. It is very important that we identify children who may need service as research clearly indicates that children do better when they attend school.

SECTION 504 OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES REHABILITATION ACT

This is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. This law ensures that children with disabilities have equal access to an appropriate education. Unlike the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 does not require the school to provide an individualized educational program (IEP) that is designed to meet the child's unique needs and provides the child with educational benefit. Under Section 504, fewer procedural safeguards are available to children with disabilities and their parents than under IDEA. Section 504 is a consideration if a student requires additional support to have equal access to educational opportunities.

SCHOOL VISITORS

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community and interested educators. In order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to establish visitor guidelines. During the times when school is in session, all visitors are required to report to the main school office to check in prior to visiting any other location in the school.

The superintendent or the principal has the authority to prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this district or to expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be detrimental to the good order of the school. If such an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the administrator in charge is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Parents/guardians, who are registered sex offenders and wish to participate in their child's school activities, may be allowed on campus at the discretion of, and under the direction of, the principal. Conditions may be imposed, including but not limited to the following: must have prior permission, must check in, must have approved escort in building or at event, must leave premises immediately upon conclusion of business and/or may not visit while school is in session.

Non-staff access to students and classes must be limited and only in accordance with a schedule, which has been determined by the principal after consultation with the teacher whose classroom is being visited. Classroom visitations must be non-obtrusive to the educative process and learning environment and should not occur on an excessive basis.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS

Northview Public Schools will make reasonable accommodations for any disabled person wanting to participate in events. Service animals used by persons requiring this type of assistance shall be permitted in all district facilities and at all school events. Certain restrictions may be applied when necessary due to allergies, health, safety, disability and other issues of those attending the event. The goal shall be to provide all attendees with the same access and participation provided to other members of the public.

TITLE I PROGRAM INFORMATION

Parents/guardians in Title I schools may request the following information about their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught; the current licensing status of the child's teacher; and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. Parents may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves their child in a Title I program. This information may be requested from the Human Resources Department by calling 616-363-6861 or sending a letter of request to the Human Resources Department, 4365 Hunsberger Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

DRUG PREVENTION

The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the entire school community. As the educational institution of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive means.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean: all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Michigan statute; all chemicals which release toxic vapors; all alcoholic beverages; any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy; "look-alikes," performance-enhancing drugs as determined annually by the Kent County Health Department, and any other illegal substances so designated and prohibited by law. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment or distribution of any drug at any time on district property or at any district-related event.

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PERMANENT EXPULSION POLICY

State law requires the permanent expulsion of any student who physically assaults a school employee, or who commits an act of rape or arson on school property, at a school event or on school transportation. Students also may be expelled for assault, drug violations or other disciplinary reasons.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS, FALSE ALARMS, AND BOMB THREATS

The Board of Education will not tolerate the possession of weapons by anyone while on school property or at a district-related event. In implementing this policy, the district will comply with M.C.L. 380.1313, which prohibits students from possessing a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to, a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife, pocket knife opened by a mechanical device, iron bar, brass knuckles or other devices capable of inflicting bodily harm while in attendance at school or a school activity, or on a school bus. This policy shall also encompass such actions as false fire alarms, bomb threats or intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The Board of Education charges school authorities with the responsibility of safeguarding the students in their care. In the discharge of that responsibility, school authorities may search school property such as lockers used by students or the person or property, including vehicles, of a student in accordance with the policy.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS AND ON SCHOOL SITES

For the safety and security of all students, staff, family members, and volunteers, video surveillance cameras may be used in all schools and at all school sites. Personal information and activities recorded and collected will be disclosed for disciplinary and/or law enforcement purposes.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of receiving a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students should write the school principal to clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-8520.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

The Board of Education respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. No student shall be required as a part of the school program or the district's curriculum, without prior written consent if the student (whether an adult or an emancipated minor) or, if an emancipated minor, his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning: political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally-recognized, privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; or income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

The superintendent shall ensure that procedures are established whereby parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis or evaluation. Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. Additionally, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. The parent will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. The term instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed and representational materials, audio-visual materials and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the internet), but does not include academic tests or assessments.

The Board will not allow the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Michigan's Freedom of Information Act requests that student "directory information" be listed for school district patrons. The following information on students may be released during the school year so that regular functioning of school activities may take place: student name; student address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; scholarships; telephone numbers only for inclusion in school or PTO directories; school photographs or videos of students participating in school activities, events or programs. Any parent/guardian or student reaching the age of majority may notify the principal's office by submitting a signed, written request that any or all of the categories of personally identifiable information may not be released.

It is the purpose of Northview Public Schools to only release information about our students that will recognize particular needs for maintaining sound school district programs. Regarding notice of disclosure of student directory information to military recruiters and/or military service academies, federal and state law requires all public school districts to make available "directory information" the name, address and telephone number of secondary school students to military recruiters and/or military service academies. Follow the above procedures to request that Northview not disclose such information.

ASBESTOS POLICY

Northview Public Schools is required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act to make annual notification of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plan for viewing. Records are filed in the AHERA book in the office of the Director of Facilities. All books have been reviewed by Asbestos Consultants of Michigan. Documents are available for review during normal business hours. A personal copy will be furnished within 7 working days after receipt of a written request at a nominal charge of $.50 per page.

For the protection of "outside workers," any short-term worker (telephone, plumber, etc.) requiring access to nonpublic areas of the building where exposure to asbestos fibers is probable, is required to sign a "Notification of Potential Hazard Form" before access is granted. Forms are on file in the director of facilities' office.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY UNDER TITLE IX

1. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extra-curricular, research, occupational training or any other education program or activity operated by a recipient.
2. All educational agencies or activities receiving federal funds must comply with the employment provision of Title IX regulations, which include but are not limited to - recruitment, pre-employment inquiries, employment procedures, assignment, salaries, fringe benefits, and "any other terms, condition or privilege of employment."
3. Equal opportunity for members of both sexes must be provided in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics operated or sponsored by a recipient.
4. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be denied admission or be subject to discrimination in admission by any recipient subject to the admissions provision of Title IX.

The Northview Board of Education has resolved that:

1. The superintendent or designee will act to coordinate efforts to comply with Title IX.
2. The superintendent or designee will notify students, parents/guardians, and employees of the specifics for compliance.
3. A grievance procedure has been established for resolution of student and employee complaints.
4. An evaluation of the school districts' policies and practices has been conducted regarding the extent of discrimination on the basis of sex with recommendations for appropriate remedial measures.

PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Northview Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are Northview's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much

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as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review Northview's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting the Director of Facilities (616-361-348).

Parents/guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, contact Director of Facilities David Holsworth (616-361-3480) and provide your name, mailing address and school your child attends.

Please note that after the school year is completed and during the months when school is not in regular session (summer), parents who requested advance notice by mail will be notified using an alternative method consisting of a telephone message notification system. Parents and guardians may call the phone number, at least 1 day before an application, for advance notification. The school will also continue posting advance notification at the school by the methods identified above.

WELLNESS POLICY

As required by law, the Board of Education establishes the following wellness policy for the Northview Public School District. The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the district's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school. The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits. The Board sets the following goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits:

A. With regard to nutrition education, the district shall: 1. Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subject areas of the curriculum, when appropriate, to complement, but not replace, the standards and benchmarks for health education. 2. Nutrition education shall include opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition, involving, when possible, community agencies and organizations. 3. Nutrition education posters, such as the Food Pyramid Guide, will be displayed in the cafeteria.

B. With regard to physical activity, the district shall: 1. Physical Education: a. A sequential, comprehensive physical education program shall be provided for students in K-12 in accordance with the standards and benchmarks established by the state. b. Physical education classes shall provide students with opportunities to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally-appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to engage in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity. c. Planned instruction in physical education shall teach cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation. d. Planned instruction in physical education shall include cooperative as well as competitive games. 2. Physical Activity: a. Physical activity and movement shall be integrated, when possible, across the curricula and throughout the school day. b. All students in grades 7-12 shall have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports programs.

C. With regard to other school-based activities: Free drinking water shall be available to students during designated meal times and may be available throughout the school day. 1. The schools shall provide at least thirty (30) minutes daily for students to eat. 2. Students, parents, and other community members shall have access to, and be encouraged to use, the school's outdoor physical activity facilities outside the normal school day. 3. The schools may demonstrate support for the health of all students by hosting health clinics and screenings and encouraging parents to enroll their eligible children in Medicaid or in other children's health insurance programs for which they may qualify. 4. Students are discouraged from sharing their foods or beverages with one another during meal times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some students' diets.

D. With regard to nutrition promotion, any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus, during the school day, will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Additionally, the district shall encourage students to increase their consumption of healthful foods during the school day.

E. Rewarding children in the classroom should not involve candy and other foods that can undermine children's diets and health and reinforce unhealthy eating habits. A wide variety of alternative rewards can be used to provide positive reinforcement for children's behavior and academic performance. Furthermore, with the objectives of enhancing student health and well-being, and reducing childhood obesity, the following guidelines are established: A. In accordance with Policy 8500, entitled Food Service, the food service program shall comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages, including but not limited to the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, as well as to the fiscal management of the program. B. As set forth in Policy 8531, entitled Free and Reduced Price Meals, the guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The sale of foods of minimal nutritional value in the food service area during the lunch period is prohibited. C. The sale of foods and beverages to students that do not meet the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards to be consumed on the school campus during the school day is prohibited. D. All food items and beverages available for sale to students for consumption on the school campus (any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that is accessible to students during the school day) between midnight and thirty (30)minutes after the close of the regular school day shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, including, but not limited to, competitive foods that are available to students a la carte or as entrees in the dining area (except entree items that were offered on the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) menu on the day of and the day after they are offered on the NSLP or SBP menu), as well as food items and beverages from vending machines, from school stores, or as fund-raisers, including those operated by student clubs and organizations, parent groups, or boosters clubs. E. All foods offered on the school campus during the school day shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including competitive foods that are available to students a la carte in the dining area, as classroom snacks, or from vending machines. F. All food and beverages that are provided, other than through sale, on the school campus during the school day (which may include classroom snacks, for classroom parties, and at holiday celebrations) shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans. G. The food service program will provide all students affordable access to the varied and nutritious foods they need to be healthy and to learn well regardless of unpaid meal balances and without stigma.

The Board designates the Food Service Director as the individual(s) charged with operational responsibility for verifying that the district meets the goals established in this policy. The superintendent shall appoint a district wellness committee that includes parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, educational staff (including health and physical education teachers), mental health and social services staff, school health professionals, members of the public and school administrators to oversee development, implementation, evaluation and periodic update of the wellness policy. The Wellness Committee shall be an ad hoc committee with members recruited and chosen annually. School-level health advisory teams may assist in the planning and implementation of these Wellness initiatives. The Wellness Committee shall be responsible for: assessment of the current school environment; review of the district's wellness policy; presentation of the wellness policy to the school board for approval; measurement of the implementation of the policy; recommendation for the revision of the policy, as necessary. Before the end of each school year the Wellness Committee shall recommend to the superintendent any revisions to the policy it deems necessary and/or appropriate. In its review, the Wellness Committee shall consider evidence-based strategies in determining its recommendations. The superintendent shall report annually to the Board on the progress of the Wellness Committee and on its evaluation of policy implementation and areas for improvement, including status of compliance by individual schools and progress made in attaining goals of policy. The superintendent is also responsible for informing the public, including parents, students and community members, on the content and implementation of this policy. In order to inform the public, the superintendent shall distribute information at the beginning of the school year to families of school children, and post the policy on the district's website, including the Wellness Committee's assessment of the implementation of the policy. The district shall assess the Wellness Policy at least once every three (3) years on the extent to which schools in the district are incompliance with the district policy, the extent to which the district policy compares to model wellness policies, and the progress made in attaining the goals of the district wellness policy. The assessment shall be made available to the public on the school district's website.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The personal curriculum (PC) is a tool for modifying the MMC in order to individualize the rigor and relevance of the state graduation requirements. All students are eligible for a personal curriculum with different populations of students falling under different rules for modifications allowed.

NORTHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 2026-2027 NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION

Fall 2026 School Start/Dismissal Times

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON WEDNESDAYS, THERE IS A 1-HOUR DELAYED START.

Building	Start/End Times	Half-Day Dismissal
Elementary Schools (DK-4th): East Oakview, West Oakview & North Oakview	8:15 am - 3:30 pm	11:30 am
Highlands Middle School	8:10 am - 3:15 pm	11:15 am
Crossroads Middle School	7:20 am - 2:25 pm	10:25 am
Northview High School	7:25 am - 2:30 pm	10:30 am
Northview Next Career Center	7:30 am - 2:35 pm	10:35 am

SEVERE WEATHER & OTHER EMERGENCIES

School closing and delay decisions are made by administrative staff with the safety of your student(s) in mind. In a situation when school remains open, parents may choose not to send their student(s) to school. Adverse weather conditions and other emergencies may make it necessary to cancel school, delay the start of school or send students home early or late. Whenever this happens, notice will be communicated through:

1) our district notification system and
2) the district's social media.

Whenever possible, event cancellations/ reschedules will be posted on the website throughout the day as they occur. Please arrange an alternative shelter home where your student(s) can go if you will not be home. Emphasize that students should stay off the streets once they reach home. Review your family's plan with your student(s) regularly.

TWO-HOUR DELAY PROCEDURE: In the case of a two-hour delay, your child's bus pick-up time and school start time will be exactly two hours after the originally scheduled bus pick-up/school start time.

Tornado watch/warning procedures:
If a tornado "watch" is announced prior to, or during, regular school hours, students will normally be dismissed at the regular dismissal time. If an official tornado "warning" is announced, or if a tornado appears, students will be retained in school in predetermined shelter areas until the warning is lifted.

After school and community activities:
If a tornado "watch" or "warning" is announced during school hours, all after-school and evening activities will be CANCELED unless an ALL CLEAR is announced prior to 4:00 pm.

NORTHVIEW'S VISION:

Inspire every student to achieve their individual best.

NORTHVIEW'S MISSION:

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

NORTHVIEW'S BELIEFS:

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

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2026-27 CALENDAR

AUGUST 24
1ST DAY FOR STUDENTS

AUGUST 28
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

SEPTEMBER 4
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

SEPTEMBER 7 (Labor Day)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

OCTOBER 23
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

OCTOBER 26
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

NOVEMBER 25–27 (Thanksgiving Break)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

DECEMBER 21–JANUARY 1 (Winter Break)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

JANUARY 18 (MLK Day)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

FEBRUARY 19 (Mid-Winter Break)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

MARCH 8
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

APRIL 2–APRIL 9 (Spring Break)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

MAY 7
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

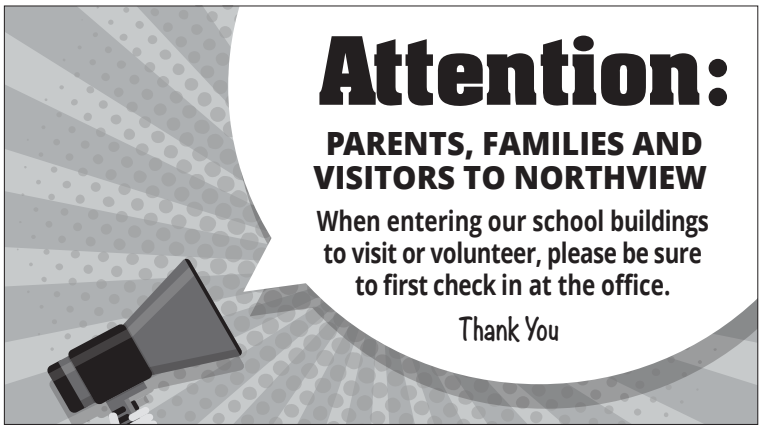
MAY 31 (Memorial Day)
NO SCHOOL (ALL GRADES)

JUNE 3-4
HALF DAYS OF SCHOOL

JUNE 4
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES!

Parent/teacher conferences will be held the weeks of October 19–22, 2026 and February 15–18, 2027.



BUILDING/DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Administration Building
- Superintendent's Office 365-6151

School Buildings
- Elementary: East Oakview (DK/K-4) 361-3460
- Elementary: North Oakview (DK/K-4) 361-3450
- Elementary: West Oakview (DK/K-4) 361-3470
- Middle School: Highlands (5-6) 361-3440
- Middle School: Crossroads (7-8) 361-3430
- High School: Northview (9-12) 363-4857
  - Athletics 365-6100
  - Attendance 365-6103
  - Counseling/Guidance 365-6102
  - Fitness Center 365-6140
  - Performing Arts Center 365-6114
  - Pool 361-3466
  - Principal 365-6101
- Northview Next Career Center 361-7396
- Northview Next Learning Center 361-7396

Services
- Community Education 361-3444
- Day Care Partnership with YMCA 363-3000
- Food Service 361-3473
- Maintenance/Custodial 361-3444
- Preschool/Early Childhood 361-3470
- Special Services 361-3446
- Transportation 361-3480



SERVING THE COMMUNITY, ONE MEAL AT A TIME



Crossroads' Student Council visited Kids' Food Basket on May 18 and helped pack meals for approximately 7,500 children in Kent County. One of their goals last year was to give back to the community and this was one excellent way they did just that!

GRADUATIONS AT WEST

Congratulations to all of the 4th graders (now 5th graders!) in our Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH), Field School and traditional programs. All of the teachers and staff are so proud of each of you and you will be greatly missed as you move on to Highlands Middle!







CROSSROADS STUDENTS VISIT EAST COAST

Crossroads 7th and 8th grade students ventured to the East Coast right after school let out, visiting the Cleveland Zoo, Boston and New York! Students were able to visit Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Fenway Park in Boston, and go on a duck boat tour of the city! In New York, they visited the Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Central Park, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Madame Tussauds Wax Museum and even got a view from the highest building in the city—One World Observatory. It was a fun-filled trip full of history and new discoveries. Our students were also recognized as the "best group our tour guide has ever had!"



WEST OAKVIEW CHORISTERS ENDED THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE!





The West Oakview Choristers are a select group of 3rd-4th grade students who love to sing together. The choir started in 2021 and has steadily grown every year since. The Choristers enjoyed a "tour" of the Northview community last school year, with performances at West Oakview's Halloween parade, SANP Santa Breakfast at Northview High School, West Oakview 1st & 2nd grade holiday concert, NHS varsity basketball game, West Oakview's Lit with Love literacy event and the West Oakview 3rd & 4th grade concert. To celebrate the end of their tour, the West Oakview Choristers performed at Michigan's Adventure on May 30 and at West Oakview's talent show on June 1. They sang jazz, musical theatre and a pop ballad to show off their musical growth. Way to go, Wildcats!

A GREEK ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER

During spring break, 28 Wildcats descended upon the rolling landscape of mountains and seas in Greece. The group explored ancient Mycenaean ruins, including the Tomb of Agamemnon and the Parthenon. They cruised the Argolidean islands and learned about Greek dancing and pottery. They also sampled a variety of delicious Greek treats. Educational travel experiences this rich create lifelong memories and cannot be duplicated in the classroom. The next adventure will be in England and Scotland (including Stonehenge), and is planned for spring break of 2028. To learn how to join us visit www.eftours.com/3054695ZK or email September Buys at sbuys@nvps.net.



GET READY FOR AMAZING CONCERTS

Northview bands and choirs are looking forward to a wonderful year of making music! The annual Coffee Concert will be held on **Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 pm** in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center. Admission is free. Additional concert dates and times can be found on the PAC calendar at nvps.net/community/performing-arts-center/calendar.

NOTHVIEW 8TH GRADER EARNS AWARD IN DYER-IVES POETRY COMPETITION

Autumn Smith, an 8th grade student at Northview, received a 2nd place award in the 58th Annual Dyer-Ives Poetry Competition for her poem. She was invited to read her poem, which is titled, *Morningside Drive*, on June 13 and received special recognition. Congratulations, Autumn!

"morningside dr" by Autumn Smith

there we were,
just a few years back
happy and careless,
wild and free
but it was the road less traveled,
one where we had no fear
and then the future creeps up for a silent attack
and leaves for you a mess
that only you can see
after that night,
everything went downhill
you thought things i didn't do,
i thought things that weren't true
you throw rocks at my windowsill,
while i twiddle my thumbs and realize
that all along i was the fool
now whenever i'm on morningside,
i think of the fairytale that died
peter cut tinks wings and her will to live
is it really worth it to be magic
if all you do is give and give?
the past feels bittersweet now
me and you were something to adore
but now i sit and watch as you pace the floor

MODEL UNITED NATIONS IS COMING TO NHS—AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

Have you ever wanted to debate world issues, negotiate with other countries, solve global challenges or speak like a diplomat? Now's your chance! Join Model United Nations (Model UN) for your chance to:

- Debate real-world global issues;
- Build confidence in public speaking;
- Work with teammates to solve international problems;
- Represent countries from around the world; and
- Develop leadership, communication, and critical-thinking skills.

No experience is necessary—just bring your curiosity and your voice! This club is open to all students in 9th-12th grade. The first meeting will be held on **September 2 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm** in NHS room 2115. Come see what Model UN is all about. Reach out to Mr. McKay at mmckay@nvps.net or Mrs. Vogel at kvogel@nvps.net with any questions.

CROSSROADS ARTISTS ARE BEAUTIFYING THE BUILDING



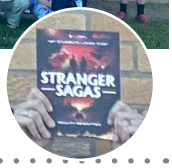
At the end of last school year, Crossroads Middle School artists shared their efforts to reimagine the NEF-funded cafeteria mural canvases by creating an additional collage canvas! The new cafeteria mural is 16 feet long by 4 feet high, and includes the Northview logo, school fight song and a map of the district and all of the student's favorite landmarks—the movie theater, Kool Kone, Cheers and more! The collaged canvas is of a roaring Wildcat made with newspaper and black construction paper. Both of these projects were collaborative across all of the art classes and interested former art students who came in on their lunches to work on them.



YOUNG WRITERS SHINE IN *STRANGER SAGAS*

Crossroads Middle School students in Mrs. Moens' 8th grade language arts class had an opportunity to see their writing published in an actual book titled, Stranger Sagas! Students were invited to write complete mysteries in 100 words or less with a beginning, middle and end. This format encourages students to make powerful vocabulary choices and zero in on the essence of their stories. Congratulations to all of these young writers! We hope seeing their work in print will encourage them to keep writing and keep creating.





24-Hour Theatre is a collection of all student-run productions (~10-minute plays) written, produced and performed in 24 hours. Student writers gather the night before and write new plays in just 12 hours. The next morning, directors, actors and crew - all students - arrive, receive the plays written especially for a set of actors, and rehearse for another 12 hours. That evening, each play is performed for the public in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center in Northview High School. This year's event is tentatively set for **Saturday, October 10 at 7:00 pm.** Admission is just $5. Don't miss this fun, high-energy evening!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Financial Aid Night & Dinner-to-Go: Seniors and their parents/guardians are invited to join us on **September 30 (6:30 pm)** in the Max Colley Jr. Performing Arts Center for Financial Aid Night & Dinner-to-Go. Representatives from a university will provide an overview of the financial aid process and a preview of the new FAFSA. Families will have time to ask questions during and after the presentation. A dinner to go will be provided for families after the presentation. Watch for more meeting information and a dinner RSVP in a future communication.

New FAFSA Graduation Requirement: Beginning with the class of 2027, Northview requires seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as part of the district's graduation requirements. Michigan

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FIND YOUR STRIDE ON CROSSROADS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Looking for a sport where everyone can succeed? Cross country is the perfect sport to challenge yourself, make new friends and become part of an encouraging team! Whether you're an experienced runner, play another sport or have never considered running before, cross country welcomes **all ability levels**. The team focuses on improving one step at a time, while having fun together.

WHY JOIN CROSS COUNTRY?

- No experience necessary—we'll help you every step of the way.
- Build strength, endurance, and confidence.
- Make lasting friendships and be part of an amazing team culture.
- Explore beautiful local trails and compete in exciting meets.
- Improve your fitness for other sports like basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, wrestling, and track.
- Set personal goals, celebrate your progress, and discover what you're capable of.
- Have a blast at our Neon Night Race and Color Run.

The only person you have to beat is the runner you were yesterday. Every practice is an opportunity to grow stronger, push yourself and accomplish something you never thought possible. Come run with us—we can't wait to meet you! Our first practice is on **August 25 from 2:45-3:45 pm**. Meet in Coach Sugi's classroom. Reach out to Coach Vogel at kvogel@nvps.net or Coach Sugiyama at asugiyama@nvps.net with any questions.

CROSSROADS SIDELINE CHEER TRYOUTS (7th/8th grade)



Crossroads Cheer is on the lookout for enthusiastic and hardworking student-athletes who are ready to bring the energy this sideline season! No previous cheerleading experience is necessary. Please join us for tryouts on **August 18** AND **August 19** from **6:30-8:00 pm** at **Wildcat Stadium**. Come with your hair fully up and out of your face, no jewelry or long/acrylic fingernails, tennis shoes/cheer shoes, black workout shorts, any t-shirt, and a water bottle (or two!). To try out you MUST have an updated sports physical on file (dated on or after April 15, 2026) AND Final Forms filled out (please select "Cheer" as one of your sports).

PURCHASE ATHLETIC EVENT TICKETS & PUNCH PASSES

To purchase tickets to Northview athletic competitions, visit https://gofan.co and search for Northview. You can also get your NHS athletic punch pass good for any 10 events for just $30 (+ $2.50 processing fee). Go, Wildcats! For more information, call 616-365-6100 or email nmulheisen@nvps.net.



JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters are looking for new booster members for the 2026-27 school year. This is a great way to get involved in getting to know coaches, other parents and helping to improve uniforms, equipment and other athletics-related items around the Northview community. Email questions to northviewathleticboosters@gmail.com or stop by our next meeting on August 10 at 7:00 pm at the picnic area next to the stadium concessions (if the weather is bad, we will be in the PE classroom).

See you at the concession stand!

CROSSROADS MIDDLE: 2026 VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT SCHEDULE

All girls **MUST** have a physical form on file in the Crossroads Main Office before trying out for a team! No exceptions!

Monday, August 24
7th grade Open Gym: 3:45–4:45 pm
8th grade Open Gym: 2:45–3:45 pm

Tuesday, August 25
7th grade Tryouts: 5:00–7:00 pm
8th grade Tryouts: 3:00–5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 26
7th grade Tryouts: 5:00–7:00 pm
8th grade Tryouts: 3:00–5:00 pm

Thursday, August 27
7th grade Tryouts/Final team selection: 4:00–5:00 pm
8th grade Tryouts/Final team selection: 3:00–4:00 pm



NORTHVIEW WILDCATS
Athletic Hall of Fame

KUDOS TO 2026 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Northview Athletics is thrilled to induct the **2026 Athletics Hall of Fame** class. The following individuals will be inducted on September 25 at the homecoming football game:

- Bob Dailey: Coach and athletic director
- Marvin Boluyt: Class of 1972, state champion wrestler
- Julie Launiere: Class of 1977, state champion swimmer
- Sue Weersing: Class of 1986, 2x state champion swimmer
- Jerry Klekotka: Class of 1989, All-State honors in football
- Tim Christian: Class of 1989, All-State honors in hockey
- Morgan Otteson: Class of 2018, All-State honors in soccer

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 Ave 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

We will be closed Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The Northview Fitness Center strives to keep its prices affordable, and as we analyze instructor pay and upkeep costs for equipment, minor price increases may be necessary for 2027. Thank you for understanding.

FITNESS CLASSES

Fitness Center classes meet weekly and you can attend on a drop-in basis for $10 per class. You may also purchase a 10-pack punch card for $80 that can be used on any group fitness classes. These can be purchased online or at the Fitness Center desk with cash or check.

Pre-register 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 schedule and reserve your spot.

Mondays	• Water Fit (5:30 pm) • Zumba (5:45 pm)
Tuesdays	• Rip and Ride (6:00 am) • Women 50+Strength (5:15 pm) • Pilates (6:15 pm)
Wednesdays	• Water Fit (6:00 am) • Cycle Spin (5:30 pm) • Power-45 Strength (6:00 pm) • Yoga (6:30 pm)
Thursdays	• Women 50+Strength (5:15 pm) • Water Fit (5:30 pm) • Yoga (6:15 pm)

FALL FREE TRY-IT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8-14

Try ANY fitness classes FREE for one week! Meet instructors. Ask questions. Check out the workout level and see if it's right for you! FREE classes have limited spots available and fill fast, **so register early on the MindBody App. This is the only way to reserve your spot during FREE WEEK.** Check in 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.

Lap swim is run in conjunction with our Aquatic Center. Check–in and purchase your membership or day pass ($8) at the Fitness Center desk upon arrival. Lap swim hours are managed by the pool personnel and can be found in the Aquatic Center section of this newsletter.

Weekend open swim hours run in conjunction with the Aquatic Center; see the schedule at the bottom of page 21.



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.

- **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. PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE:

- 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 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 when you arrive.

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. After-school supervised hours will be announced by the Athletic Department after school begins. Questions about those hours or rules should be directed to their office.

PERSONAL TRAINING (1:1 AND SMALL GROUP)

Work with one of our personal trainers to keep you motivated, freshen up your workout or to learn how to use the equipment to achieve your goals. To schedule your private sessions, contact JoAnn for fitness (jvanslooten@nvps.net) or Terri for swim (teudy@nvps.net).

PRICING: PERSONAL TRAINING & PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Cost Per Person	1 Session	5 Sessions	10 Sessions
1-On-1 Lessons	$55	$255	$480
Small Group	$45	$210	$400

Additional Fitness Center information can be found on our webpage nvps.net/community/fitness-center. We are happy to answer any questions during business hours or via email (northviewfitness@nvps.net).

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
Terri Eudy
teudy@nvps.net
Website: nvps.net/community/aquatic-center

STAY INFORMED

- Sign–up for pool schedule updates at www.tinyurl.com/Pool–Updates
- Please check the website or the whiteboard near the entrance for updates.
- AM lap swimmers will receive an email the night before of any last–minute closures, if known.

LAP & OPEN SWIM

- Lap swim is available with a Fitness Center membership or day pass ($8). Check–in and pay 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.
- Weekend open swim (lap lanes available) is available for $5 (no charge for Fitness Center members). Check–in and pay at the pool door upon arrival. For your safety, the pool also asks you to sign the clipboard when you enter at the pool door.

POOL ADJUSTMENTS/ CLOSURES

- August 22, 27
- September 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 29
- October 13
- November 7, 10 (PM lap may start 15 minutes late), 12, 23, 25, 26, 27
- December 12, 19, 23 (no PM lap), 24, 25, 26, 27, 31
- January 1, 26
- February 9
- March 4

SWIM LESSONS

Group and private swim lessons are set up by the number of sessions desired and are filled based on instructor availability. The Aquatic Center offers youth lessons for children ages 6-14, preschool group lessons for children ages 3-6, and adult lessons. Group and private lessons are offered for community members and taught by trained instructors.



All lessons are dependent upon pool and instructor availability. Visit www.tinyurl.com/Swim26-27 for inquiries regarding our lesson programs.

YOUTH SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our youth swimming program, North Kent Aquatic Team (NKAT Swimming), practices at the high school and competes in the West Michigan Swim League (WMSL) at regional and national meets as a member of United States Swimming. 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, visit the NKAT website (www.nkatswimming.org/page/home) or contact Terri at teudy@nvps.net.

NOW HIRING: LIFEGUARDS & SWIM INSTRUCTORS

Now hiring! Anyone looking for a position as a lifeguard or swim instructor should contact Ethan at eleach@nvps.net. Good pay, FREE certification courses, awesome team and Northview is a great place to work! Retired or seeking part-time? We'd love to hire you!

LIFEGUARD SHORTAGE

Our country continues to see a nationwide lifeguard shortage. Northview, too, is short of qualified lifeguards to fill all our shifts or cover an unexpected absence. Until we are able to fill these openings, we may have unexpected programming cancellations We're doing all we can to avoid this, but we ask for your understanding when these circumstances arise as we prioritize your safety and well-being. If you know someone who might want part-time work with a great facility safety team, the Northview Aquatic Center is the place! Contact Terri Eudy or Ethan Leach for more details.

FALL & WINTER POOL SCHEDULE

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 7:30-8:30 pm	Lap Swim 6:30-8:30 pm		Open Swim Noon-2:45 pm (lap lanes available)

**Busiest times, be prepared to share lanes.*

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).

STAFF

JoAnn VanSlooten, Community Education Director

Michelle Bakos, Administrative Assistant

CONTACT INFORMATION

NVComEd@nvps.net or 616-365-6176

REGISTRATION WEBSITE

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

SCAN ME TO REGISTER!

NVPS.REVTRAK.NET

FALL 2026 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.

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

APPLE PIES FROM SCRATCH

In this delicious class, Pam from Joy of Sprinkles will take you through the steps to make a flaky, homemade pie crust, prepare your own apple pie filling and leave with a bake-at-home apple pie. This is the perfect class to prepare for your holiday gatherings. ***Special thank you to DeYoung Orchards for providing us with their delicious apples!***



Program	Dates	Time	Fee
Sweet & Savory Scones (Ages 16+)	September 21	6:30–8:30 pm	$38
Beginner Puppy & Dog Manners	Tuesdays, September 22-November 3	6:30–7:30 pm	$120
Intermediate Puppy & Dog Manners	Tuesdays, September 22-November 3	7:45–8:45 pm	$120
Royal Icing 101: The Fab 4 (Ages 15+)	September 29	6:30–8:30 pm	$38
Apple Pies (Ages 16+)	October 19	7:00–8:00 pm	$38
Stack, Fill & Frost (Ages 15+)	October 22	6:30–8:30 pm	$38
Instant Piano (Ages 13+)	November 9	6:30–9:30 pm	$72
Instant Guitar (Ages 13+)	November 10	6:30–9:00 pm	$72
Three Roses, One Piping Bag (Ages 15+)	November 12	6:30–8:30 pm	$38
Instant Ukulele (Ages 13+)	November 12	6:30–9:00 pm	$72
Instant Piano by Ear (Ages 13+)	November 21	9:00–11:30 am	$72
Decadent Chocolates (Ages 16+)	December 2	6:30–8:30 pm	$38
Royal Icing Workshop (Ages 15+)	December 10	6:30–8:30 pm	$38

FIT-4-U FITNESS & CYCLE CLASSES (AGES 16+)

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 Note: *Park in front of Northview High School (4451 Hunsberger NE). Entry to the Fitness Center is the "A5" door adjacent to the bus loop. Check-in for each class at the Fitness Center desk at the end of the hall and arrive early for your first class to fill out paperwork.*



Program	Dates	Time	Fee
Pilates	Tuesdays, September 22–November 10	6:15 pm	$58
Power Strength 45	Wednesdays, September 23–November 11	6:00 pm	$58
Rip 'n Ride	Tuesdays, September 22–November 10	6:00 am	$76
Rip 'n Ride	Wednesdays, September 23–November 11	5:30 pm	$76
Water Fit	Mondays, September 21–November 9	5:30 pm	$58
Water Fit	Wednesdays, September 23–November 11	6:00 am	$58
Water Fit	Thursdays, September 24–November 12	5:30 pm	$58
Women 50+ Strength	Tuesdays, September 22–November 10	5:15 pm	$58
Women 50+ Strength	Thursdays, September 24–November 12	5:15 pm	$58
Yoga	Wednesdays, September 23–November 11	6:30 pm	$58
Yoga	Thursdays, September 24–November 12	6:15 pm	$58
Zumba®	Mondays, September 21–November 9	5:45 pm	$58

ADULT SPORT NIGHTS (AGES 18+)

Drop-in teams are loosely formed as registered participants arrive throughout the night. When doors open, participants work together to set up the courts, then help put them away at the end of the night. Each session has 11-15 potential dates with cancellation when school/gym is closed for weather, other emergencies or special school events. Registrants will be notified via email of any cancellations whenever possible. ***Registration for these classes opens on August 10.***

Program	Dates	Time	Fee
Adult Pickleball: Advanced/Competitive	Mondays, September 21–December 14	7:30 pm–10:15 pm	$50
Adult Pickleball: Beginner/Intermediate	Tuesdays, September 22–December 15	7:30 pm–10:15 pm	$50
Adult Pickleball: Intermediate+ (PLUS)	Wednesdays, September 23–December 16	7:30 pm–10:15 pm	$50
Adult Volleyball: Intermediate	Thursdays, September 24–December 17	7:30 pm–10:15 pm	$50

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YOUTH ENRICHMENT: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

YOUTH PICKLEBALL: AN 8-WEEK SKILLS & GAME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (AGES 8-14)

Is your child ready to discover one of the fastest-growing sports? This fun and engaging program will combine skill-building drills, fun games and supervised match play to reinforce learning in an encouraging environment. By the end of the program, players will have the skills and confidence to enjoy recreational play.



Program	Dates	Time	Fee
Junior Kickers (Ages 4-8)	Fridays, September 18–October 23	6:00 pm–7:00 pm	$75
Youth Pickleball (Ages 8-14)	Fridays, September 25–November 20	6:30 pm–8:30 pm	$60
Babysitter Training (ages 10-16)	October 17	9:15 am–2:00 pm	$80
Halloween DRAMAventure (Ages 8-14)	October 23	9:30 am–4:00 pm	$80
Backstage Theater Workshop (Ages 8-14)	October 23	9:30 am–4:00 pm	$80
Wilderness Survival & First Aid (Ages 8-14)	October 24	9:15 am–2:00 pm	$65

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encourages universal FAFSA completion because it helps students learn what federal, state and college financial aid may be available. This may include grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities and/or student loans. The FAFSA is also required for consideration for many Michigan financial aid programs. Even if you are unsure of your plans after graduation or believe your family may not qualify for financial assistance, completing the FAFSA keeps options open and helps families make informed decisions about education and training after high school. Students interested in Michigan's Community College Guarantee through the Michigan Achievement Scholarship must complete the FAFSA to receive the free tuition. Families who choose not to complete the FAFSA may submit a waiver. More information about the requirement, FAFSA support and the waiver process will be shared throughout the school year.

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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