



# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



**Northridge Hall of Fame  
Class of 2016**

This month we continue our Hall of Fame articles by featuring **James Douglas "Smokey" Jordan**.

Just prior to graduating from NHS, James Jordan left school and joined the United States Navy. He chose to specialize in submarine training and graduated from submarine school in September 1948. During his naval career his duties took him along the east and west coast, plus the Caribbean waters. James later completed course work for his high school diploma.

After his military service, James worked for General Electric and Endicott Johnson Corporations. He continued his career as a journeyman electrician and later was employed by General Motors. However, James served in many other positions throughout his life as a chef and cook in the food industry, an officer of the law, a security agent, and an auto mechanic. Later in life he became skilled as a computer technician and a refrigeration and air-conditioning

specialist.

James Jordan's love for music enabled him to tour as a musician with various groups. In fact, he was, for a short period, the lead drummer for **Sam Cooke** and performed on tour on both coastlines.

In his later years James has volunteered and given back in various ways. For his church he has donated, repaired, and upgraded computers for seniors and low-income families. He also has assisted at the local food bank.

James is the proud father of six children - three daughters and three sons. They are **Charleen** (1954), **Brian** (1955), **Calvin** (1956), **Renee** (1957), **Nathan** (1958), and **Nadine** (1960).

James recalls fondly his days at Northridge High School. He played an active role in both band and chorus, and also participated for the Polar Bears on both the football and basketball teams.

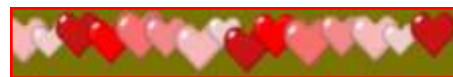
*"I enjoyed playing both football and basketball with the Hirsh brothers, and Ben Ankney was my favorite coach. My favorite teacher was Vivian Jones, who was both my homeroom teacher and English instructor."*

## Northridge Board of Education

The Board of Education is a five-member governing body elected by the voters of the Northridge Local School District. It represents the community and has the legal responsibility for educating the community's children.

The Board of Education office is located at 2011 Timber Lane. Meetings are on Monday nights and begin at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2016: February 8 and 22; March 14 and 28; April 11 and 25; May 9; June 27; July 11; August 8; September 12 and 26; October 10 and 24; November 14; and December 12. All meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages residents to attend.

This year's Board of Education members from left to right: President **Glenn Jones**, **Tina Fiore**, **Margie Lairson**, **Mark Brumley**, and Vice President, **Margie Glock**.



# Northridge Community NEWS



Northridge  
Optimist Club

## Christmas Sharing Program

The Denny Mantel Christmas Sharing Fund

sponsored by

The Northridge Optimist Club



**Christmas Sharing Program:** Each holiday season (since 1984) Northridge Optimist Club members have provided some local families with groceries for a good holiday meal. The Northridge School System provides the Optimist Club with a list of families who are particularly needy due to economic circumstances. Club members and other volunteers meet on a particular Saturday in December to buy groceries and deliver them to the families.

**The Denny Mantel Christmas Sharing Fund:** Beginning with 2014, the program was named in honor of the late **Denny Mantel**, an Optimist member who had chaired the event for the previous 30 years. This fund was established in his memory to make sure that the club can continue the program, using direct donations as well as portions of club fundraising events.

**2015 Event:** The 2015 event was held on Saturday, December 12, 2015. The school provided a list of 18 families to serve this year (49 children were in this group). The budget for the 2015 event was set at \$2900.00 with the help of a \$1300.00 contribution from Cargill and other donations throughout the year. Volunteers met at the Needmore Road Kroger store and grouped into teams. Each team shopped for a given family, and then delivered the groceries to that family. It was a great turnout, with about twenty club member/family member volunteers, plus over thirty volunteers from Cargill. The club wishes to thank Cargill for the financial support of the program, and also to the Cargill employees and families who volunteered.

More information on The Northridge Optimist Club and the Denny Mantel Christmas Sharing Program is available on the club website at [www.NorthridgeOptimist.org](http://www.NorthridgeOptimist.org).

### Board of Education News

Meeting on January 11th, the Northridge BoE:

- recognized outstanding students from Timberlane Learning Center: **Mi'Yuanna Anderson, Peyton Armstrong, Lane Bittner, Ian Burchett, Jareck Carroll-Martinez, Elexus Cassell, Cash Crabtree, Mariah Davis, Christian Douglass-Hall, Arianna English, Greg Finch, Cambrie Fuduloff, Tanner Fugate, Rylee Goodwin, Bentley Henry, Makayla Hymer, Isabella Jackson-Manns, Jaxson Jones, Jazira Jones, Seth Kalak, Rosalie Kennedy, Surrie Knight, Madison Litchfield, Caden Mitchell, Kinzley Mitchell, Alex Nguyen, Taelor Norvell, Makaelynn Owens, Shalayia Parks, Linda Pratt, Jayden Ramey, Trecca Repinski, Blake Shelton, Matthew Stratton, Nevaeh Willis, Zariah Womble, Charlie Young.**
- reviewed the financial report and bill listing for December.
- approved amended appropriations for FY 2016.
- employed **Tre'Von Martin, Daniel Kosak, and Louis Butler** as substitute teachers.
- approved supplemental contracts for softball to **Andy Ehrhart, Erika Silvey, and Bill Nelson.**
- accepted bid from A.G. Sports LLC as agent for Sports Surfacing Distributing, Inc.
- approved agreement from Levin Porter Associates for architectural services for OFCC project.



## Varsity Wrestlers Continue Success

The Northridge Varsity Wrestling team won their dual against Meadowdale Wednesday, January 6th at the Northridge High School gym by a score of 48-18. Winning by pin for the Bears were: **James Dyer, Alex Fiore, Wesley Carter, Mason Hardin, Travis Childers, and Madison Swanton.**



On January 9th the Polar Bears Varsity Wrestling team participated in the Bellbrook Invitation. Wrestlers that placed were:

- **James Dyer** - 4th place at 106 pounds
- **Travis "Chili" Childers** - 4th place at 145 pounds
- **Kevin Mays** - 4th place at 182 pounds

The Northridge Varsity Wrestling team is coached by **Randy Carter** and assistant coach, **Josh Patterson.**

## Cultivating Positive Choices at EDMS

The students at Esther Dennis Middle School continue to model and discuss ways to make positive choices during difficult circumstances. As we all know, students are faced with a multitude of both positive and negative decisions on a daily basis. The goal at EDMS is to help students develop positive responses to these situations, which will ultimately create a positive school environment.

At the end of each nine weeks, students that displayed these positive decision-making skills were placed in a drawing to win a reward trip. This quarter's reward trip was to the *Kettering Skate World*, which was again sponsored by the Montgomery Sherriff's office and Mr. **Larry Lane** with the STARS program. Out of 227 students who qualified during the nine-week period, the following students were this quarter's winners:

4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
<b>Nathan Ullmer</b>	<b>Maddi Carr-Hartman</b>	<b>Tristen Foreman</b>
<b>Madison Cummings</b>	<b>Gabbie Smith</b>	<b>Hannah Roberts</b>
<b>JJ Mcalpin</b>	<b>Destiny Morgan</b>	<b>Malaki Redick</b>
<b>Pashyn Caldwell</b>	<b>David Brombaugh</b>	<b>Zachary Strole</b>
<b>Jaelyn Shook</b>	<b>Jeremy Henry</b>	<b>Kendall Tipton</b>
<b>Mackenzey Farler</b>	<b>Ka'mora Thomas</b>	<b>Kenez Bozeman</b>
<b>Brooklynne Burchett</b>	<b>Lucas Hawkins</b>	<b>Jade Shook</b>
<b>Delana Brock</b>	<b>Mardell Anthony</b>	<b>Jerrod Profitt</b>
<b>Sir J'wan Robinson</b>	<b>Matthew Bolender</b>	<b>Gavin Mutter</b>
<b>Stephanie Howson</b>	<b>Aaliyah Lewis</b>	<b>Caeden Lewis</b>
<b>Dakota Hairston</b>	<b>Kateri Winegarner</b>	<b>Ethan Fugate</b>
<b>Derrika Pinson</b>	<b>Chase Jenkins</b>	<b>Kylie Williams</b>
<b>A'lechia Reed</b>	<b>Desirae Danielewicz</b>	<b>Paige Hill</b>
<b>Nathaly Yanez</b>	<b>Gabrielle Mcwain</b>	<b>Harper Huling</b>

Congratulations, Polar Bears!

# EVENTS

## Calendar

- 8 Timberlane PTO Meeting  
- 3:40 p.m. in Room 12
- 8 Board of Education Meeting  
- 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Morrison PTO Meeting  
- 4:45 p.m. in Library
- 12 Staff Development **- No School for Students**
- 15 Presidents' Day - **No School**
- 16 NHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in Cafe
- 22 Board of Education Meeting  
- 7:00 p.m.

## February Sports

### Varsity Girls Basketball

(Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.)



- 4 Madison
- 6 Milton Union - 1:15 p.m.

### Varsity Boys Basketball

(Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.)

- 5 Preble Shawnee
- 9 Madison\*
- 12 Milton Union\*
- 13 Bishop Ready - 2:30 p.m.

\* Home

## Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

A district-wide sub sandwich sale will be held from February 1st through February 26th.

The sandwich is an 8-inch sub bun with three kinds of meat - salami, ham, and pepperoni - slices of cheese, sub sauce, and optional banana peppers. They keep very well in the freezer.

All profits from the sub sandwich sale will purchase food items and gifts for the Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 26th and the After Prom event scheduled for Saturday, April 26th.

For additional information on the sub sales, Easter Egg Hunt, or After Prom, please contact **Margie Lairson** at 277-7488.

## School Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary considerations in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school are:

- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.



The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **One-Hour Delay** - all schedules are adjusted one hour.
- **Two-Hour Delay** - all schedules are adjusted two hours.
- **Closed** - all buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

## Curriculum Corner

The curriculum department has been busy with mandatory testing requirements. **Laura Inkrott**, math curriculum coach and district test coordinator, has been working hard to make sure state mandated testing runs smoothly. She met with teachers and trained them on the new assessments and helped to implement practice trials to help the students feel more comfortable before the testing window. Parent reports from AIR and PAARC from last school year have been received and will be going out to parents soon.



In the area of professional development, the K-12 staff met with trainers from Renaissance Learning at the November staff development day to review learning data from STAR reading and math. Teachers are using this data to monitor student learning and set goals for growth of students this year. Third grade teachers recently finished their book study of *The Book Whisperer*. **Sheena Burns**, sixth grade teacher at EDMS attended the last study session and the group shared strategies to increase reading success in their classrooms. Third grade teachers wrapped up their study by building their classroom libraries with brand new books of various levels and interests so students have an increased selection of titles to read.

A Math Professional Development session was held by Mrs. Inkrott after school on November 23rd for fourth and fifth grade teachers to learn more about the technology components of Go Math! 100% of the fourth and fifth grade math teachers attended this opportunity. They learned about the resources parents can use at home to help reinforce the math skills students are learning in the classroom.



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