

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

Career Readiness - Manufacturing



was started during the 2016-17 school year under the leadership of former IUE-CWA President **Jim Clark**. President Clark, a former Northridge graduate, understood the value and impact manufacturing had on his future and wanted to give back those same opportunities.

Currently, NHS manufacturing has almost doubled in size to nearly 28 students in a 2 year Junior/Senior program. Among other opportunities, students will receive welding training from the Hobart Institute of Welding and have the ability to begin a pre-apprenticeship in their senior year in a partnership with the IUE-CWA. The following is an update of several recent events.

National Manufacturing Day: On October 4th, MFG students participated in National Manufacturing Day with a tour of United Grinding in Miamisburg. During the tour, students learned about the many job opportunities in manufacturing and put some theory into practice by milling a cylinder to their specifications using advanced 6-axis grinding machines. Lunch was then provided by the IUE-CWA.

Skill Boss Selfie Contest: On October 7th, the MFG Program won the Skill Boss Selfie Contest hosted by the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council. The MFG program was awarded a \$500.00 Amazon gift card and will receive button-down work shirts from the MSSC!

Construction Trades Expo: On October 16th, about 25 students, including many manufacturing students, attended the 14th Annual Construction Trades Expo. Approximately 1,100 students from across the state took part in hands-on demonstrations from 16 different building trades. Demonstrations included making plaster casts, operating excavators, welding, and hanging drywall to name a few.

Donation from First Heavy Metal Church: The NHS MFG Program would like to thank the FHMCC and **Brian Smith** for a generous donation to the program. The MFG Program students look forward to using the funds from the photo contest and the FHMCC to purchase equipment and gear for the MFG program and students!

The manufacturing program is open to incoming juniors for the 2020-2021 school year. Space is limited. If you have a student who is interested in joining the program, please contact:

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Focus on the Positive

At Northridge High School the commitment is to focus attention on the positive things that happen in the building with students and staff. Each Friday, during lunch students and staff members are awarded *Operation Infinity* t-shirts based on a certain attribute; *I set the Culture* or *Work Ethic, Responsibility, Accountability and Positive Attitude* (WRAP).



Northridge Community

53rd Annual Homecoming Parade

On Sunday, October 6th, the 53rd Annual Northridge Homecoming/Community Parade proceeded down North Dixie Drive. The participants included the varsity football team, who won their



with their "Thriller" float. Other entries included Northridge volleyball, football and cross-country teams; Northridge Board of Education members; principals; Superin-



from Shuma Specialized Trans, Maximum Override Monster Truck and V-Town Roller Derby members.

There are many people behind the scenes who continue to help prepare and run the parade each year. A special thanks to **Scott Uzzel** for announcing; **Rick Fiore** for operating the sound system; Fire Chief **Mark Lynch** and Trustee **Ron Casey** from Harrison Township for line up footage; the Color Guard-American Legion Post #746 for displaying the flag; and **Tony Hiser** for coordinating the parade line-up. We would like to give a big shout out to Pastor **Brian Smith**



homecoming game, along with this year's homecoming court. There was a record breaking number of 9 floats this year! Among the four class floats, the Junior class won



tendent Jackson and family; community churches and businesses. Newer entries included the Muddy Buddy Jeeps Wrangler Club, show horses, Conestoga semi-trailers



of the First Heavy Metal Church of Christ (FHMCC) for donations to the parade again this year. Brian will be Parade Chair next year, as **Margie Lairson** continues working behind the scenes. Thank you for another great parade!



Key Club Hosts Event

The Northridge High School Key Club is hosting their first Blood



Drive of the year on Thursday, November 7th from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in donating, please contact **Dawn Ball** at 937-275-7469 extension 2209 to reserve a time. Thank you for your support!

Save The Dates

December 13 - Northridge High School Choir will be singing Christmas carols at Land of Illusion Adventure Park at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

December 18 - Northridge High School Choir Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m.



Student Recognition



The Northridge Local School Board wants to honor students in the district who have demonstrated one or more of the Northridge Core Values. These district developed attributes represent

characteristics that guide our daily interactions, goals, and mission. The Core Values of Northridge Schools focus on: Honest, Consistent, and Appropriate Communication; Education as Our Calling; Always Improving; District is Family; Student Success; Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs; and Personal Responsibility and Behavioral Integrity.

Students are nominated each month by teachers or administrators in their buildings. Northridge Elementary School Students in grades K-2 who received recognition at the October 28th BoE meeting were **Micah Barrett, Cody Martin, Savannah Ruble, and Mia Wilt.**

Polar Bear Cafe Open for Business

The new Polar Bear Cafe (PBC) and Cub Cafe are open for business! New menus, self service stations, lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, and kids, kids, and more kids enjoying school breakfast and lunch at school! And many adults too! Maybe you visited the new kitchen during the community ribbon cutting and open house and thought, "This place is huge!" The PBC team thought that too while they worked hard to get it cleaned and ready for operation. Then, deliveries started coming, prep for 900 breakfasts and 1400 lunches each day began. When making and delivering a snack 3 days a week through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for over 800 elementary students started up, the kitchen seemed smaller and smaller with each passing day.

The professional PBC staff have worked hard to provide a new, exciting dining experience to the Northridge family! They say "we can" and/or "we'll find a way" to take care of the wrinkles in the lunchroom fabric. These Lunch Ladies truly rock!



Calendar

- 4 K-5 PTO Meeting
- 3:30 in HS/MS Cafeteria
- 6 Fall Athletic Awards Banquet
- 6:00 p.m. Elementary Cafe
- 7 Key Club Blood Drive
- 11:30-3:30 p.m.
- 18 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.
- 19 End of First Quarter

Thanksgiving Break November 25 - 29

No
School



November Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 16 Middletown-Scrimmage - TBA
- 20 Unioto-Scrimmage - 5:00 p.m.
- 23 Wilmington-Scrimmage
- 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Preview - TBA
- 29-30 Tip Off Tournament at Ben Logan - TBA

Varsity Girls Basketball

- 7 Troy-Scrimmage - 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Trotwood Madison-Scrimmage
- 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Newton-Scrimmage - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Preview-TBA
- 22 Tip Off Classic at Tri-County
North - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Tip Off Classic at Tri-County
North - 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Preble Shawnee - 1:15 p.m.

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Weather 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 EXCEPT: **A.M. preschool is cancelled, and kindergarten is on a two-hour delay.**

• **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

Research shows that when students have strong phonemic awareness skills, they are better able to spell, sound out words, and recognize words. For example, we want students to be able to segment words as a sequence of sounds, such as fish as /f/, /i/ and /sh/. Teachers in grades K-5 are implementing new programs to help increase these skills and reading skills in students. One of these new programs is Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum. Teachers in grades K-5 have also been assessing students on various phonics skills to be able to close reading gaps and help students in their decoding skills. Teachers have been working together to analyze data, plan interventions, and whole class instruction. After-school professional development opportunities will be available throughout the year for teachers to collaborate and learn together. Pictured is **Tina Kretzer**, K-5 literacy coach, collaborating with elementary staff. Northridge staff is committed to making sure all students are reading at grade level.

Students are excited to spend time in the new media center as well. Pictured is a class of Northridge students from **Carrie Williams'** fifth grade class that got to be the very first students to check out books in the

new media center! The new media center, along with other aspects of the building such as the weight room, will be open to the community in the near future to enjoy in the evening!



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