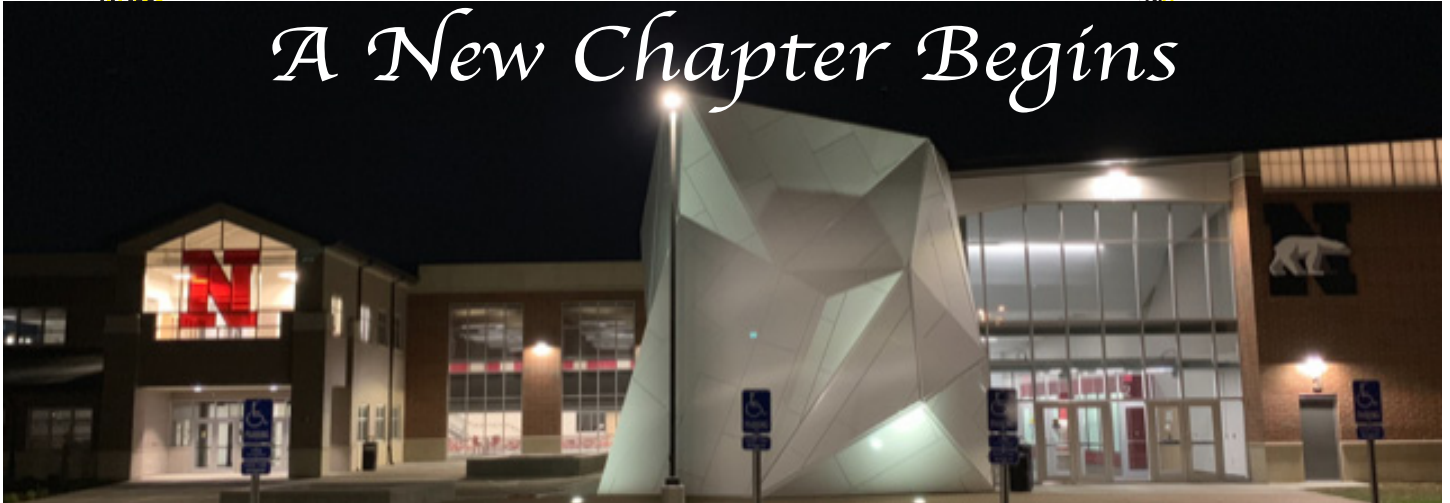


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A New Chapter Begins



Northridge Community

Welcome New Staff Members



Twenty-nine new staff members recently joined the ranks of the Northridge Schools.

David White joins the administrative staff as the new high school principal, while **Martena Vencill** proudly leads the marching band.

The middle school staff welcomes **Jesemy Eisele, Marc Huelsman, Jodi Snodgrass, and Whitney Tobias.**

Taite Ackley, Erica Cotterman, Rose Jepson, Armiya Muhammed, Ashley Owen, Kristin Quillen, Chelsie Reid, and Tracy Uzzel all join the teaching staff in the elementary school.



The district welcomes guidance counselor, **Emily Stewart**; instructional assistants, **Nicholle Fiore, Michele Moore, Amber Patterson** and **Ida Stevenson**; special education preschool teacher's aides, **Jill Kindrick** and **Sara Mantia**; and janitors, **Roger Harris** and **Brandon Henderson.**

The transportation department welcomes bus drivers, **Jill Kirkwood, Becky Robbins, and Tammy Smith** and bus aides, **Rebecca Binion, William Brown, Shelly Lockwood, Pamela Moore, and Jodi Slone.**

All are excited about joining the Northridge Schools family and look forward to working with the children and families of the community and teaming up with the Northridge staff. Welcome!

53rd Annual Northridge Parade



The 53rd Annual Northridge Parade will take place on Sunday, October 6th, with a theme

of *Northridge Strong* and *Celebrating Trick or Treat*. The parade route will line up on Arthur Avenue proceeding south onto North Dixie Drive. Passing the new school, the parade will end in the old High School parking lot on Timber Lane.

Should you have any questions, please contact **Margie Lairson** by email at margie25jl@gmail.com or by phone at 937-277-7488.

Please join us in the continued effort to keep *Northridge Strong*.



Student Day Times

High School (9-12)
7:25 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Middle School (6-8)
7:25 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Elementary (K-5)
8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Champions Preschool
8:25 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Special Education Preschool
A.M. Session
8:25 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
P.M. Session
12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Student Records

In accordance with law and with policies enacted by the Northridge Board of Education, the following is provided to make you aware of: the content of your child's school records, gaining access to those records, and the procedure for amending the record if necessary.

Directory information includes name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially organized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, the most recent school attended, certificates and awards received, and other similar information. Non-directory information includes grades, proficiency test scores, family background information, disciplinary actions and reports of serious or recurring behavior patterns, reports by staff specialists, and interest inventories.

Directory information may be released without obtaining written consent unless you notify your child's principal. Release of non-directory information will always be with your prior knowledge unless by court subpoena.

Search For Children With Disabilities

The Northridge Local School District, along with other school districts across the state of Ohio, continue participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as cognitive disability, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment, visual impairment, emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the mainstream of the community. Also, some identified children with disabilities are preschoolers.

The Northridge Local School District is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability or have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

The district's written policies and procedures for the identification of children with disabilities are available upon request.

ADA Accessibility

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance or arrangements to participate in a program or activity should contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

EVENTS

Calendar

- 7 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.

October Sports

Cross Country

- 12 SWBL Championships
- 9:00 a.m. at Monroe

Varsity Football

(Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

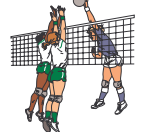


- 4 Carlisle* - Homecoming
- 11 Oakwood
- 18 Madison
- 24 Waynesville*
- Thursday Night Lights
- Senior Night

Lady Bears Volleyball

(Game time 6:30 p.m. unless noted.)

- 1 Madison
- 3 Carlisle
- 7 Trotwood - 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Preble Shawnee*



* Home

Tickets on Sale

Northridge football season tickets are on sale. Student passes for fall and winter sporting events are available to be purchased for \$50.00.

Family passes can be purchased for all home contests and will permit 4 family members of the same household into all sporting events. The cost is \$100.00 for the fall season or \$150.00 for the combined fall and winter seasons. Households with more than 4 family members can add family members to the family pass for \$30.00 per person. To purchase tickets contact **Nathan Farmer**, Athletic Director, at 937-275-7469, extension 1106.

Another Busy Summer of Learning for Teachers and Staff

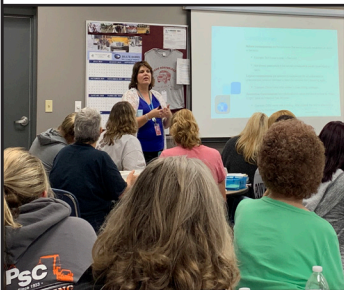


The late start to the school year provided teachers and staff from across the district valuable time to prep and plan for the new school year. Staff also participated in a wide variety of professional development to meet the academic and emotional needs of the students in a variety of ways.

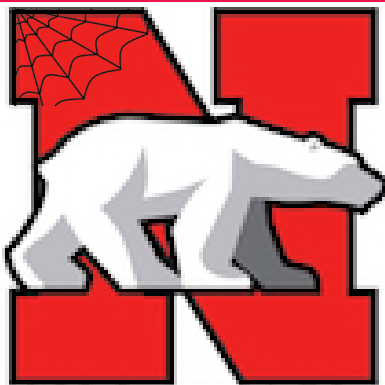
All Northridge staff participated in a two-day professional development opportunity lead by Montgomery County Educational Service Center staff members from their Social Emotional Department. The theme was *More Calm, Less Chaos: Creating Trauma Informed/Integrated Social Emotional Schools*. Teachers, support staff, cafeteria teams, custodial staff, transportation, and administrators all participated in the professional development that set the stage for meeting the social emotional needs of our students. Topics focused on how stress and trauma impact the brain, regulation, community trauma, and self-care. **Josh Shipp** also shared with the staff about the impact of being a caring adult for students.

Preschool thru third grade staff attended *PAX* training and sixth thru eighth grade staff participated in *Love and Logic* training to learn techniques and strategies to help students with self regulation. Ninth thru twelfth grade teachers were trained in co-teaching methods and *Love and Logic*. Kindergarten thru twelfth grade English Language Arts teachers learned more about phonics instruction to help with reading skills. Teachers in grades kindergarten thru eighth grade learned more about *STMath*, an online math program that focuses on conceptual understanding of math skills. Middle school and junior high teachers learned about mastery learning and depth of knowledge questioning. Physical Education teachers from across the county came to Northridge for a free professional development workshop geared just for them, introducing new ways to integrate collaborative team work in physical education classes. Other team building activities, planning meetings, and professional development occurred for all staff.

WOW! So much learning happened this summer! Northridge teachers and staff are already using the new knowledge gained from the late start, and we can't wait to see the impact it will have on students.



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