

# Nardonia Knightlines

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## English Teachers Attend N.C.T.E. Convention

Miss Molly Sawyer and Mrs. Jacklyn Czekaj attended the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Philadelphia from November 19-22, 2009. Authors, such as Julie Andrews, Laurie Halse Anderson, Joyce Carol Oates, Nicholas Sparks and Kylene Beers, provided inspiring words and insightful ideas about young adult literature.

Other notable presenters shared ideas and materials for using graphic novels, fractured fairy tales, performance activities, pop culture and technology in the language arts classroom.

Miss Sawyer and Mrs. Czekaj will share their findings from this conference with the English



## Spanish Classes Celebrate Holiday Season



Our level three classes enjoy three cultural exchanges each year.

At Christmastime, the Spanish 3 classes host Hispanic Christmas. The students explain the many varied holiday practices found in Spanish speaking countries and prepare an authentic meal. Each guest receives a homemade shoe filled with candy.

## Upcoming Parent Mentor Events

### Parent/Professional Communication

Learn the four types of communication and develop organized communication skills to become your child's best advocate.

January 26, 2010, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Lee Eaton School Library

Presented by Karen Lyke from OCECD

### Northern Summit County Parent Mentor Speaker Series

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at RBC Middle School Library – 10270 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg, OH

### **Settle & Support Class – Relaxation & Stress Relief, Finding Peace Amongst the Chaos!**

January 12, 2010

Presented by Gary Peterson, RCST—Star Institute

### **Services Provided by Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board**

February 23, 2010

Learn the intake process, timelines, transition, family services, etc.

Presented by Greg Coriale and Jill Boxler, Service Administrators

### **What Are We Going to Do in the Summer?**

March 9, 2010

Presented by agencies and camps for special needs children and local tutoring services  
Please register by calling the Nardonia parent mentor office at 330-908-6219.

## Social Studies Department Busy as Ever

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### Valley Voyages 2009

This year the Valley Voyages team selected "Transportation" as the theme. We have created numerous expeditions and assignments that revolve around this topic. Transportation is an important social, political and economic issue for all of U.S. history. Its rich position in Northeastern Ohio provides plenty of material for our place-based class. Here is a sample of some of the events so far this year:

- Orienteering
- Rock climbing
- Portaging a "canoe"
- Kayaking along the Cuyahoga River
- Canton Classic Car Museum
- MAPS Air Museum
- Summit County Historical Society

Please visit our Web site to see pictures from our trips and the other work the students have been doing.

### AP Government and Politics

On November 3, 2009, four seniors from the AP Government and Politics class worked at polling places in northern Summit County. The Summit County Board of Elections called Mrs. Mitchell, the AP Government teacher, and asked if students from Nordonía would be willing to work at the polls again in the November 2009 election.

Nordonía AP Government students had worked at the polls in the March 2008 Primary Election and the November 2008 Presidential Election. Nordonía students who worked at the polls received high praise and multiple compliments from the more experienced polls workers each time they have been present. The students are great representatives of Nordonía High School and what positive contributions young people can make to the community.

In order to work at the polls, students had to attend Polls Worker Training at the Summit County Board of Elections in Akron. More than 20 Nordonía seniors attended the training but only four were actually needed on Election Day. A.J. Galaska, Alex Simon, Karl Damon and Jeremy Guffin got the call to be at the polls from 6:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The Nordonía students are from the only high school class in Summit County that regularly works the polls. Summit County Board of Elections workers have nothing but praise for the dedication and hard work of our students.

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## Prom Fair Up and Running

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The senior class Prom Fair is a Nordonía High School tradition. Prom Fair is sponsored this year by the After Prom Committee with proceeds from this event going directly to the senior class.

Prom Fair 2010 will be held on January 25, 2010, from 7-9 p.m. in the Nordonía High School Auditorium. All seniors who would like to participate in the show should sign-up in December. The initial sign-up and meeting will be from 5-6 p.m. on December 9, 2009, in the auditorium.

Additional sign-up times will be December 15, 16 and 17, 2009, during student lunch periods in the cafeteria. Remember, all profits from this event help to make After Prom a wonderful event for the Class of 2010.



River Valley Paper Company

A paper product recycling bin is located near the Tennis Court parking lot.

Please, support Nordonía High School recycling program.

## Yearbook News

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**Adviser:** Ms. Annette Lang

**Phone:** 330-908-6039

**E-mail:** [annette.lang@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:annette.lang@nordoniaschools.org)

Senior Portraits must be taken at Venditti's studio. If you are not purchasing a senior portrait package from Venditti's, schedule a "yearbook-only" sitting. There is no charge for a yearbook-only sitting, but you must schedule with Venditti's before Dec 4, 2009. Call them at 440-232-7575 today.

Senior Baby Ads, also known as Parent Display of Affection (PDA) ads, are available. The yearbook staff sent home an informational letter, but you can find more on the Web site. Just click on the high school home page, and then select the yearbook link. The order form is posted under "links. Orders are sold on a first come first served basis. Payment in full is due with the order. The deadline for PDA ads is Dec 15, 2009.

We would love your pictures. We have a "share" site set up at <https://images.jostens.com/upload.jsp>. The best way to access the site is to go to the high school Web site, click on "Yearbook" (on the left side in the green bar) and then click on the "Upload Pictures" logo.

Two yearbook mailings have been sent to your home to order your yearbooks. A third and final mailing will be sent in early February. All orders are placed through Josten's. Checks need to be made payable to Josten's and must include sales tax. The total price including tax is \$72.42. Orders may be placed online (see the high school's Web site), or by calling toll free 1-866-282-1516.

We now offer a shipping option. You can choose to have your book mailed to your home upon completion. Call Josten's at 1-866-282-1516 for additional information.

Yearbooks make a great holiday gift! E-mail Ms. Lang your name and address if you would like us to mail you a gift certificate that lets your student know a yearbook has been ordered.

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## Heinen's ABC School Donation Program Comes to Nordonia

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Heinen's offers the high school a fund-raising solution that will not cost you anything! As a member of Heinen's Tasteful Rewards Program, when you shop at Heinen's, up to 1% of your qualified purchases made from September 2009 through April 2010 will be donated by Heinen's to Nordonia High School.

Follow these easy steps to participate:

1. Go to [www.heinensrewards.com](http://www.heinensrewards.com).
2. If you are already a member of the new Tasteful Rewards Program, simply click on "My Rewards Home," then select "My Profile" in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Select "NORDONIA" from the drop down box listing eligible schools. Click "Save Changes."
4. If you are not a member of Heinen's new Tasteful Rewards Program, sign up to become a member to start receiving rewards and benefits.

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Nordonia Knights lanyards are on sale for \$5.00. Proceeds will be used to ship care packages to military serving overseas as an ongoing project for Make a Difference Day. Lanyards are available in the high school's main office. For information, call 330-908-6036.



# BOOKS

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Delight

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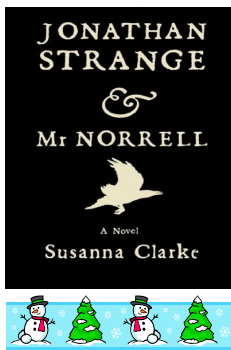
# Happy Holidays

## from the

# IMC

The message on the previous page is from an old poster I spotted over the stairs at the Learned Owl Bookstore in Hudson. I wanted to use that as the theme of my message to the IMC's Nordonia family as many of us will be celebrating the holidays with the giving of gifts. As books do everything the poster states...and more, I wanted to take this opportunity to suggest some books for everyone on your gift list. While the gift may lie in wait for batteries to die down and the novelty of other gifts to wear off, it'll be there to fill the quiet moments of their holiday. It could just end up being their favorite gift of all. (Summary information from Novelist)

### For the older Harry Potter fans on your list:



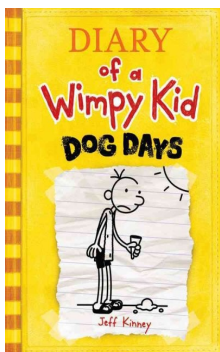
In nineteenth-century England, all is going well for rich, reclusive Mr. Norrell, who has regained some of the power of England's magicians from the past, until a rival magician, Jonathan Strange, appears and becomes Mr. Norrell's pupil. Expertly written and imagined, the book is a feast for fans of fantasy, historical novels, or simply fabulously engrossing reads.

### A delightful picture book:

Splat the cat is worried that he has not been good enough to deserve a visit and a present from Santa Claus. When his younger sister expresses doubt that he's been good enough, he overcompensates: he washes the dishes (they weren't even dirty), adds extra decorations to the tree and, to be safe, waits up for Santa to assure him of his good behavior. Irresistible!



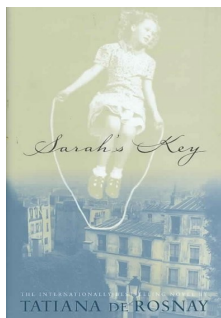
### On every older kid's list:



In the latest diary of middle-schooler, Greg Heffley, he records his attempts to spend his summer vacation sensibly indoors playing video games and watching television, despite his mother's other ideas. Jeff Kinney's gift for telling pitch-perfect details in both his writing and art captions will delight young readers. No reason to think kids won't devour this book as voraciously as its predecessors.



### A marvelous and gripping read:



On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 round-up of Jews by the French in Paris, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article on this dark episode during World War II. She embarks on an investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and to the ordeal of Sarah, a young girl caught up in the raid. Pivotal to this novel is the key in ten-year-old Sarah's pocket. It opens the cupboard in which she has hidden her younger brother from the French police. It beautifully conveys Julia's conflicting loyalties, and makes Sarah's trials so riveting, her innocence so absorbing, that the book is hard to put down.



## Pull for Ronald McDonald House!

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Collecting pull tabs from beverage cans is a fun and easy way to help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, a “home away from home.”

Tabs can be collected at home, work, or school. Proceeds from the collection of pull tabs go directly into our family fund, which provides the extras for families, like:

- Hosting a birthday party for a child staying at the House
- Providing cab fare to the airport
- Extra spending money for families in need

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland is to support families whose children are receiving treatment at area medical centers by providing a home-like environment and essential resources and services.

The Nardon District, in conjunction with Make a Difference Day Ohio, continues to collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House throughout the year. Ledgeview Elementary recently collected and donated approximately 200,000 tabs. Many thanks to students and staff for participating.

Donations of tabs may be dropped off at the high school, care of Mrs. Opatka, 330-908-6036. Place tabs in gallon Ziploc bags. There is no need to count the tabs. Brentwood Health Care Center counts, records and delivers the tabs to Ronald McDonald House. Recently \$230.00 was realized from our district collection, along with donations from family members and the staff of Brentwood.

For further information, please contact:

The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland

10415 Euclid Ave

Cleveland OH 44016

216-229-5757

216-229-0556, fax

Web site: [www.clevelandrmh.org](http://www.clevelandrmh.org)

### Inkjet Cartridge Recycling:

Did you know that the average family in our school uses six inkjet cartridges per year? Most of us just throw the empties in the trash. We need you to stop throwing those cartridges away! We now have an inkjet recycling program in place which can raise valuable dollars for our school. For every eligible cartridge collected, we will receive a financial reward!

What should I do when I have an empty inkjet cartridge?

1. Most importantly, do not throw it away!
2. Bring it to school and drop in our collection bin inside the main entrance.

Communicate this opportunity to family, friends, co-workers, etc. Have them bring you their empty cartridges, and you can drop them in our collection box.

Do you know of other organizations that would like to participate? Call 1-800-291-0963 for further information.

## Target Take Charge of Education program:

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- Enrolling is easy when you have a REDcard. Just choose an eligible K-12 school.
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- Unrestricted funds can be used for playgrounds, books and more.
- Over the past year, more than 2.5 million Target cardholders have participated nationwide.
- Checks are sent twice a year in March and September to the school principal.
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Thank you to parents that participate in this program. Thus far, Target has donated a sizeable amount of cash back that has been used to help supplement student field trips, student incentives and rewards. Please, continue to shop at Target!

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to pay the AP Test Fee of \$86.00 per course no later than March 12, 2010. Make checks payable to Nordonia High School. Call 330-908-6036 with any questions.

## Make a Difference Day Shines Again

The Nordonía Hills City School District participated in many ways to make this day possible.

National Honor Society sponsored a food drive for the local Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield Village. The Center received a variety of non-perishable items along with cash donations. A Chinese Raffle was held on that day with funds being donated to the Center.

The elementary school buildings collected and donated items to be shipped to military serving overseas in care packages. Names of military personnel were gathered from Nordonía staff members. The Secretarial Support Staff displayed a memorial table to honor the military. Approximately 40 care packages will be sent, each personnel member will receive at least 5 boxes.

Another project was the collection of beverage can pull tabs. The tabs are weighed and, based on weight at the current aluminum rate, cash will be received. One building collected 74,000 tabs! Students at the elementary, middle school and high school level designed homemade greeting cards that will be included in the care packages. This cash will then be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. Ronald McDonald house will purchase items that are needed in the rooms that parents stay in while caring for their ill child at Rainbow Babies Hospital.

Teen Institute members held a bake sale and did face painting for children attending the Haunted Hallway. Money raised will be donated to Youth to Youth.

Student Council and Leadership sponsored a Haunted Hallway for Kids, pre-school through fourth grade. Admission was included for the Help from the Heart Music Benefit which benefited Baskets of Hope. Children enjoyed decorating cupcakes, making crafts and playing games.

There was also an American Red Cross Blood Drive. 71 students, staff and community members were able to donate blood.

One local hairdresser donated her time and experience to cut hair. Proceeds were then donated to Nordonía Hills Baskets of Hope.

Refreshments were sold by the Secretarial Support Staff, proceeds to benefit HM Life of Northfield Center. HM Life is a transitional facility for men/women with children who have moved on from other agencies such as the Battered Women's Shelter or Haven of Rest in Akron.

The Victory of Strength Team performed at the Help from the Heart Music Benefit. One member of the team is a health teacher at the high school. Members performed bench presses, ripped phone books with bare hands, bent rods of steel and broke cinder blocks. Each member also gave a motivational speech to the audience, which was made up of a majority of Nordonía students.

Local bands performed following the strength team's performance.

All proceeds from the benefit were donated to Baskets of Hope. Baskets of Hope will in turn make a donation to the Kathy Garth Family. Kathy Garth was a much beloved teacher at Nordonía Middle School and Nordonía High School. Mrs. Garth lost her battle with cancer on October 18, 2009. Make a Difference Day was in many ways a testimony and memorial to her time here at Nordonía. Ironically, Mrs. Garth's Memorial Service was held at a local funeral home later that day.

A group of Theta members and family visited residents at a local nursing home and engaged in the residents' favorite activity of baseball. Everyone had a great time.

Another purpose of Make a Difference Day is to educate students, staff and the community of the local non-profits in the Nordonía Hills area. Many of our parents and children benefit from these agencies during the economic challenges they face. Make a Difference Day was a great success, and numerous lives were touched that day.



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