WELCOME!

Dear Nordonia Students,

Thank you to our Parent, Teacher and Student Association (PTSA) for creating this “Guide to Extra-curricular Activities and School Information.” As I look over this guide, I pause to reflect upon my own high school experience. One of the most important thoughts to keep in mind as you plan each year of your high school career is that the more you stretch yourself, the more challenging and rewarding your high school years will be.

Recognize that your experience at Nordonia High School can consist of much more than academics. I want to encourage you to take part in as many of our extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as possible. Being involved with athletic teams, the band or theater will enhance you as a person. It will also provide you with opportunities to work with different personalities, diverse groups of people and to pursue the attainment of a common goal. Such experiences can be the most enriching and rewarding you will have throughout your life time.

Sincerely,
Casey G. Wright
Principal
Class Information

Class Officer Election  (Spring—10-12th grade, following Fall—9th grade)

- Nomination forms are turned in to Student Council
- Student must have a 2.5 average or above
- Recommendation from teacher required
- Ballot created and vote taken

Guidance Counselors

Freshmen – Staci Ross
Sophomores – Emily Rion
Juniors - Kathy Maxwell
Seniors - Gina Tytko

Class Advisors

Freshmen – TBA
Sophomores – Stacy Stewart
Juniors – David Carter
Seniors – Cyndi Spellman and Elle Barwidi

Guidance Programs

Freshman Year: Students learn how to write a cover letter, resume and a two paragraph essay on employability skills through English class. Counselor reviews graduation requirements, study skills and GPA information. Students are also introduced to Naviance and complete both a Career Interest Profiler and Success Plan.

Sophomore Year: Counselor reviews study skills, GPA and transcripts. Students take “My College Options” questionnaire and research opportunities to consider after high school, i.e. 2-year schools, 4-year schools, technical schools, military, etc. The vocational program at CVCC is also introduced. Online resources are reviewed such as OCIS and Kuder. Students continue career exploration in Naviance through the Personality Type assessment and Cluster Finder. *Registered students take the Aspire (a pre-ACT test)

Junior Year: “Through the Maze” a program presented by the guidance department that assists students and parents in the preparation of choosing colleges, financial aid, etc. Online resources are reviewed such as OCIS and Kuder. Students complete the SuperMatch College Search in Naviance and register for college rep visits in guidance. *Registered students take the PSAT (which qualifies a student for National Merit Scholarships.) Students should start taking the ACT/SAT college tests.

Senior Year: Counselor helps students work on college applications and scholarships and meets with seniors individually. Students review data in Naviance that they have completed throughout high school to finalize post high school plans, meet with college reps, learn how to access financial aid, scholarships and complete college applications. *Students should take or re-take the ACT and SAT

Community Intervention Coordinator  (Deborah Wallace, Ph.D., LICDC)

- Coordinates all prevention and intervention programs and curriculum related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco and violence.
- Programs include student support groups, tobacco education and cessation classes, insight classes, anger management and peer mediation.
- Works with students and families on an individual basis and networks with community agencies and school professionals.

School Bookstore

- Located in the west hall near the cafeteria—offers supplies of paperbacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, and other school supplies. Open every day during lunch periods and periodically before school.
Annual Traditions

Freshmen Orientation
Don’t miss this opportunity to come to the high school, get information about the school year, walk your schedule and practice your locker combination before school starts!

Homecoming
Held in September/October, sponsored by Student Council. Alumni are celebrated at the Football game Friday night, the Homecoming Court — nominated and voted on by each class—is introduced, and the Homecoming Queen and King are announced. Dance Saturday night.

Make a Difference Day
On Make A Difference Day, millions of Americans roll up their sleeves to help others, and Nordonia Knights do the same! Be a part of this great community service event.

Halloween
Did I just see a Tiger? Dressing up for Halloween is a fun tradition at Nordonia High School.

Point Break Tournament
Each year, a charity Point Break Tournament is organized. Student teams compete for fun, bragging rights and to help a good cause.

Veterans’ Day
On Veterans’ Day, we invite veterans from our community to the high school to celebrate them, to remember those we lost and to thank them all for their service to our country.

Winter Fest
A community celebration of the arts, featuring music concerts and art by students grades K-12, community organization sponsored activities and the PTSA’s Breakfast with Santa.

Winter Formal
This dance is held in February and sponsored by the Junior class. Proceeds go to their prom.

Knight of the Stars Talent Show
Are you ready for the spotlight? Share your talents in this annual fundraiser for Teen Institute.

Spirit Week
This Student Council sponsored event is held in February, and asks “Which class has the most spirit?” We also collect food for the Emergency Assistance Center. Each day has a theme (pajama day, decade day, class color, etc.) and a pep assembly features a class lip sync contest. The week culminates with a pep assembly, obstacle course and an announcement of the winner.

Physics Day
Physics students go to Cedar Point to study the scientific principles of roller coasters.

Pi Day
Pi is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world, and at Nordonia High School, on March 14th.

Prom and After–Prom
Prom is a dinner-dance held for Seniors and their guests held in May at a place chosen by the Senior Class Officers. After the dance, seniors and their guests are invited to the high school for After-Prom for games, food, and fun sponsored by the After-Prom committee.
The IMC - Much More than a Library

IMC = Instructional Media Center
Stop in and meet Mrs. Wojtecki and Mrs. Christy!
Open 7:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

ONLINE RESOURCES
We offer many online resources for you including our INFOhio databases and at least fifteen other databases for research projects. They can be accessed at school as well as at home. Remember that using search engines such as Google is not the best way to find the most reliable and current information!

KNIGHT READERS
Take a welcome break from your textbooks to read and discuss a book (or eBook) that is truly worth reading. The Knight Readers Book Discussion Group meets regularly throughout the school year. We discuss enjoyable and unforgettable books from all types of genres. We meet after school in the IMC once per month. If you are interested in joining us please see Mrs. Wojtecki, our Library media specialist, in the IMC for upcoming dates and times. Even if you can only make it to one or two meetings per year-feel free to come! Make time for pleasure reading this year and keep your schedule open for the Knight Readers Book Discussion Group!

POETRY SLAM
The IMC sponsors a Poetry Slam every April. Share your poems with fellow poets and fans of all types of poetry. We have a great time and even if you are not a poet, you can come and listen! Prizes are awarded to our top poets and all participants will get a certificate of participation. Stop in the IMC for more information.
Academic Challenge
If you like Jeopardy, you'll love Academic Challenge!
The group competes against other high schools in a general knowledge competition. Group forms JV & Varsity teams in September. They compete in four after-school meets and one all day tournament at Kent in January. Students meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00am-7:40am.

After-Prom
Parents provide a safe, fun, “chemical free” party after the prom from midnight-4am
A Nondonia Tradition - After Prom is a “chemical-free” party for seniors and their guests to enjoy after prom. The event runs from 12 a.m.–3 a.m. at Nondonia High School. Parent volunteers are encouraged to assist in the planning of the event. After Prom is financed totally by donations and fundraisers. Parents decorate, help with fun games and chaperone. For more information visit the After Prom Blog on the high school website: www.nordoniaschools.org/highschool_home.aspx

Art Club
Is there a Van Gogh at your house?
Enrich yourself in the visual arts! Open studio time for students to work on their own projects with teacher input. Projects decided by group, field trips to galleries/museums. Students meet Tuesday after school until 3:30 pm. Starts in October.

Athletic Boosters
Support your athletes!
An organization whose purpose is to assist in raising funds to be used for the improvement of the athletic program and facilities of the NHCS. The group strives to be a positive influence for the community at large and support our athletes during their school years. A great way to meet new people, see your friends, help the kids and have fun while raising funds for their sports teams. The group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm in the Choir Room.

Band Aides
Band parents unite!
Band Parents come together to raise funds, chaperone, assist and organize competitions, provide snacks, take care of uniforms and help our band be awesome! Meetings are held on the 1st Monday each month. Parents help with fundraising programs for the NHS band trips and camp. For more information, visit www.nordoniaband.org

Band, Concert & Wind Ensemble
A ‘notable’ ensemble
Entrance to these ensembles are through group and individual chair placement auditions. Students study the most current and classic band literature. Bands participate in Ohio Music Education Association sponsored contests.

Band, Jazz
If you love music and “All That Jazz” this is the group for you!
The group studies the best jazz music. Solo improvisation is explored. Meets after the school day ends. Membership is by audition only. Members must have full membership in the regular Band program.
Activities A to Z

Band, Marching
Be a member of the Nordonia Lancer Marching Band!
The students meet in July to begin practice for the fall football and competition seasons. Members must be established instrument players. The marching band competes in OMEA sponsored band competitions. Must have the recommendation of the middle school band director. New students must audition with directors for permission to join band.

Band, Color Guard
Wave that flag!
Color Guard provides a colorful addition to the marching band. The group performs with the band using colored flags and dance movement. All color guard members must be a registered member of the Nordonia band program.

BUDS
Reach out to others!
BUDS stands for Building Understanding of Disabilities Socially. This group plans and participates in activities with students with special needs to encourage social interaction, develop self-confidence and foster friendships. Some past activities have been game night, dinner and a movie, Halloween party, Christmas party, dances and more!

Choir, A Cappella (Synergy)
Nordonia's answer to “Fame”!
Our exciting A Cappella choir sings popular songs without musical instrumentation. Synergy performs in school related, community and contest performances. Open to students by audition. Students meet after school. For more information, visit: nordoniachoirs.webs.com/synergy

Choir, Symphonic
Do you sing like a (k)nightingale?
Open to students who wish to perform excellent choral literature of all styles. Students are encouraged to have some experience. The concerts are mandatory and part of the student's grades. Learn more at www.nordoniachoirs.webs.com

Choir, Nordonia Choral Parents
A fine arts booster club, Choral Parents plan and run fundraisers, provide care and maintenance of choir robes, provide meals/snacks and assist with performances. This group meets once or twice a year.

Computer Club
A “Bit” of everything to do with computers
Do you like computers? Are you looking for like-minded people? Then Computer Club is for you! Join us for monthly meetings where we discuss, explore and share the newest computer ideas, gadgets and software.
Drama Club
There's a little actor in everyone!
Open to NHS students 9-12 grades. Drama Club produces the spring musical and fall play. Meetings are every other Tuesday after school. Executive Board is the governing body. Students must be 10-12 grade, students apply for positions and are selected by the advisor. If students do not want to act, Drama Club offers a variety of other areas for students to work, including hair and make-up, costumes, backstage and set construction. There is a $40 club fee.

Drama, National Thespian
Cary Grant, Kathryn Hepburn, Julia Roberts, Tom Hanks; they all started somewhere!
A national honor society for students who demonstrate commitment to theatre and the performing arts. Students must earn membership through contributions to drama club activities, a minimum of 100 hours required. Membership $20.00. 10th grade and up. Induction Ceremony is held one evening in May.

Football Parents Club
Don’t “pass” up the chance to support your son!
This group provides for the needs of the football team with assistance from Athletic Boosters. Members run the T-shirt Shack, concession stands, arrange team picnics, provide the boys with snacks, rehydrate during summer 2-a-day practices and furnish a high-carb meal on Friday afternoons.

Key Club
Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. Our Key Club provides service projects to the school and local community. Students can sign up for this in room 812 and have an opportunity to attend a Key Leader workshop in the fall or spring each year. Service projects and activities can be signed up for throughout the school year. Dues are $10 per year. Key Club is affiliated with the Nordonia Hills Kiwanis.

Leadership Council
A Roadmap to Success
Leadership Council is made up of students wishing to be part of the school community seeking to make NHS a great place to grow & learn, but is less formal than Student Council. Students must have a 2.0 GPA and attend a leadership workshop. Meets once a month, communicates through Twitter and has a variety of sub-councils throughout the year.

Mock Trial
Do you love to watch Judge Judy? You’ll love mock trial!
Open to all students interested in court room drama. Students prepare to compete in a regional competition. Students are given a “mock” court case and can choose from a variety of positions to act out, such as lawyer, witness or bailiff. Students meet twice a week to prepare. Culminates with the competition in February.
Activities A to Z

National Honor Society
Work hard, keep your grades up and get involved!
Limited to Juniors and Seniors with a cumulative 3.5 grade point average. Eligible students will be notified and then can apply for membership the Fall of their junior and senior years by completing an Activities Information Form. Based on scholarship, service, character, and leadership chosen by faculty committee. An induction ceremony is usually held in the Fall.

Newspaper - The Squire
Do you have a 'nose' for news?
Open to students grades 10-12. Learn about journalism, media communication and publish the Nordonia HS Squire. Must sign up for the class. English teacher recommendation mandatory for enrollment. Participation in fundraising a must. Class size limited.

Nordonia High School PTSA
Parents, teachers, and students work together to make NHS Great!
The PTSA works together to promote the welfare of students in home, school and the community. Our goal is to bring a closer relationship between the home and school, and to be an advocate for all students. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, in the Main Office Conference Room. Fundraisers are held to provide classroom grants, student scholarships, awards and programs for families. Learn more! Visit our website: www.nhsppta.wordpress.com Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NHSPTSA and follow us on Twitter: @NHS_PTSA

Office Aides
Students assist the High School administrative offices by taking passes, completing small projects and running errands. Want to be an office aide? Keep those grades up! To qualify, your grades must not be below a "C".

Peer Mediation
The high school Peer Mediators are a group of high school students who are trained to assist other students in conflict resolution. All mediations are confidential. The mediators use a five-step process that allows each person to report what happened, relay how each feels about the situation, brainstorm and agree to solutions and create a contract. One week later, a follow-up session is scheduled to review the contract and to determine if the solutions are helping. If the solutions did not help, the process of finding new solutions will occur. Referrals can be made by school staff, parents, friends and by students themselves. Mediation forms can be found in the guidance office, Dr. Wallace’s office and with Mrs. Christy.
Project Love
Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand…..
Community service organization open to all students. Promotes kindness in the community and school environment. Students train to be facilitators, attend seminars and listen to speakers. Some fund raising, i.e. bake sales, etc. Students also collect supplies for needy. Bi-monthly meetings vary in time and place depending upon purpose.

Project M.O.S.A.I.C.
Project M.O.S.A.I.C.(Molding Our Students to be Accepting, Insightful and Compassionate) is a group of 9-12th graders that plan and implement student and community activities revolving around issues of acceptance, diversity, tolerance and good citizenship. One of its key projects is bully prevention and peaceful conflict resolution.

Prom Fair
Great practice for Prom! Senior Girls and Guys!
Try out modeling the latest fashions at the Annual Prom Fair traditionally held each January at Nor-donia High School. The show is open to the public and is sponsored by the After Prom Committee. There is a nominal admission charge that benefits the Senior Class and After Prom. Preparations are starting now! We are in need of underclassman parent volunteers to assist in the planning and the evening of Prom Fair to help with wardrobe changes. All parents are welcome to assist! For more information, visit the After Prom link on the high school’s home page.

Science Olympiad
For those who enjoy science and competition!
Students study a variety of science related topics including challenges of an academic nature, as well as building events. They compete in a series of multi-school competitions, as well as at the state and regional level. Students who compete in Science Olympiad can earn a Varsity Letter.

Spanish Club
Vamos a divertirnos!
The Spanish Club is open to all students currently enrolled in a Spanish course. The Spanish Club provides the opportunity for students to experience additional Spanish culture, including music, food, dance, and movies once a month. Activities will be announced in Spanish class and over announcements. Activities may include la Tomatina, Día de los Muertos, dinner at a Mexican restaurant, salsa dancing, etc… Come join the club!

Student Council
Future Leaders of America lead onward!
Students must apply in May. Must have a 2.5 GPA and be evaluated by faculty. Students plan Homecoming activities, organize and run Spirit Week, run class officer elections, bloodmobile, Leadership Orientation (for 8th graders) and plan a Leadership Workshop. Meet daily during 4th period.
Teen Dating Violence Prevention Ambassadors: The Date Knights

These 9-12th high school students are trained by the Akron Children’s Hospital and its School Health Service Department in crisis intervention and to act as resources for the student population in teen dating violence prevention. They are able to answer questions about the program and to guide students to other resources within the community. They plan events that inform the student body about healthy and unhealthy dating patterns. They are selected based on their leadership and communication skills.

Teen Institute
Free to be me!
Enrollment open to all NHS students. Students must sign a contract of abstinence from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Many different fundraising and community service projects. The focus is on peer prevention and education about drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Group meets twice a month in the IMC on Tuesdays (7 pm - 8:30 pm).

Yearbook
Help make your memories last forever!
Yearbook is open to students in grades 10-12. Keyboarding skill and experience with Word, Excel and Access are preferred but not required. Students should have at minimum a “B” average in their English class. To be selected, students must complete the Yearbook Staff Application. Students create and market the Nordonian, the high school yearbook, using desktop design programs, digital cameras and Photo-Shop. In addition, students are required to sell advertisements to local businesses and must occasionally attend extra-curricular activities.
All student athletes must meet eligibility requirements set forth by the State of Ohio and adhere to the Nordonia H.S. Code of Conduct. Questions regarding rules and policies can be found in the Athletic Handbook. **Athletic Contests are held during Winter and Spring breaks and students are expected to be there. Fundraising for athletics is done through Athletic Boosters Club.**

### Fall Sports

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<td>Cross Country</td>
<td>Coed</td>
<td>Mike Martin</td>
<td>Practices start in August. Team practices 6 am and after school. Season runs August thru October. Schedule TBA.</td>
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<td>Football</td>
<td>F,JV,V</td>
<td>Jeff Fox</td>
<td>Practices officially start in August. Team has football camp in July. Season runs Aug. thru Nov. Schedule TBA. JV games are played on Saturday. Ninth grade plays Thurs. and Sat.</td>
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<td>Golf - Boys</td>
<td>JV,V</td>
<td>Scott Lawrence</td>
<td>Students attend summer golf league. Tryouts and practices start August. Season runs August to mid October. Schedule TBA.</td>
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<td>Bowling</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Noel Liederbach (B) Stephanie Skrovan (G)</td>
<td>Tryouts in beg. of Nov. Weekly practices held Mon. &amp; Thurs. afternoons at Roseland Lanes 4-6 pm. League matches week day afternoons, Sat. tournaments. Season runs Nov.- Feb.</td>
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<td>Swimming</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Claudio Costanzo</td>
<td>Official season starts in Nov. Practice every day 3:30-5:30 pm at the Macedonia Recreation Center. Season runs Dec.- Feb. 1-2 meets/week.</td>
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<td>Tennis - Boys</td>
<td>JV,V</td>
<td>Ryan Vehar</td>
<td>Practices begin in March after school. Season runs late March-May. Schedule TBA.</td>
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<td>Track - Coed</td>
<td>JV,V</td>
<td>Scott Barwidi</td>
<td>Official practices start in March after school. Season runs late March-beg. of June. Schedule TBA.</td>
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FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION CALL THE ATHLETIC OFFICE @ 330.908.6000
FAQ: Who, What, Where and How?

Who?

Who do I see if there’s a problem with my schedule? Contact your School Counselor
Who do I see if my locker won’t open? See the attendance secretaries
Who do I see for report card questions? See your classroom teacher
Who will help me if I need extra classroom help? Teachers are available every period of the day to assist when you need academic support. You can find a copy of the schedule in the Guidance Office and in every classroom.

What?

What if I don’t feel well or I get injured? Obtain a pass from your teacher and report to the Health Center
What is an IMC? It’s our Library (Instructional Media Center)
What if I can’t find my classes? You will be given a map and be able to tour the building, but don’t be afraid to ask for help.
What if I miss a day of class? See specific attendance procedures in Student Handbook.

Where?

Where do I sign out for a doctor’s appointment? See the attendance secretary in the office for a pass. For a more detailed explanation check the Student Handbook.
Where do I buy football tickets? In the cafeteria during lunch periods.
Where do I pay for lunch? Please see the kitchen personnel located in the cafeteria.

How?

How can I keep track of my grades? Check grades daily through Progress Book online. A link is provided on the district website. You can obtain your password online, from your first period teacher or Guidance Counselor.
https://parentaccess.neonetda.org
How do I call attendance to report being off school? Please have your parent/guardian call the attendance line by 9:00 AM. It is available 24 hours per day. (330) 908-6160
How often do we have finals? Finals are taken at the end of the first and second semesters. We have abbreviated class schedules that week. Watch for more details next year!
How do I know what’s going on at school? Pay attention, listen to announcements, check the district website and read the newsletters published online monthly. The best thing you can do? Get involved with the PTSA! Check out their website for more information: http://nhsptsa.wordpress.com/
A special thank you to the many who have contributed to this document. Every effort was made to contact every group in Nordonia High School. While the contents were accurate at the time of printing, changes are constantly being made. The document may not be all-inclusive. Please visit the school website for up to the minute information.

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