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Class of 2011 Graduation fee of \$30.00 is due; please make checks payable to Nordonia High School. Payments may be made on-line at EZ PAY located on the high school Web site or payment may be dropped off in the main office.

Nordonia Band Boasts Multi-Dimensional Talents

On Saturday, February 5, members of our band were selected to perform in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Solo and Ensemble competition at Crestwood High School in Mantua, Ohio. What in the world is a Solo and Ensemble Competition? Just like it sounds, it's an opportunity for student musicians to perform solo or in small groups. The OMEA provides expert feedback on these performances, which helps the students and their teachers to learn.

The OMEA explains, "Music programs exist in our schools so students may better react to, participate in and enjoy music for the rest of their lives. The OMEA provides adjudicated events to assist music teachers in the evaluation of the musicianship of their students, the effectiveness of their own teaching methods and the well-being of their overall music program."

For students considering advanced education and careers in music, these adjudicated events provide invaluable experience, helping them to increase their proficiency and enjoyment of music.

"The adjudicators provide assessment, suggestions for improvement, and evaluation based on a standard of performance proficiency and achievement that is consistent with professional expectations of quality music-making," explains the OMEA.

Nordonia has a long tradition of participation in OMEA adjudicated events, and we are very proud of our student musicians.

In Pep Band news, the group will continue its game-night appearances by cheering on the Knights at the upcoming basketball game on February 25. Come join the fun!

If rock is your thing, Nordonia has two bands in the finals of the Tri-C High School Rock Off this year: Phaylinx and Trancemitter! They will be representing Nordonia High School in this year's 15th Annual Tri-C High School Rock Off Final Exam at the House of Blues in Cleveland.

Phaylinx features two Nordonia band members, bassist Adam Smith and guitarist/vocalist Jimmy Washabaugh. Trancemitter's guitarist, Zach Hutnyan is a Lancer band percussionist.

Among many other fabulous prizes, the winning band's high school band fund will receive a \$200 donation. Please plan on attending and bring your friends to support these two great bands. See the details below if you are interested.

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; show starts at 4:00 p.m. Trancemitter performs at 7:15 p.m. with Phaylinx coming on at 9:30 p.m.

Where: House of Blues - 308 Euclid Avenue - Cleveland, OH 44114

Phone Number: 216-523-BLUE (2583)

Cost: \$10 tickets available in advance from band members or from Live Nation or the ticket office at House of Blues

This show will sell out...get your tickets early!

AP Tests

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to pay the AP test fee of \$86.00 per course no later than March 11, 2011.

Checks payable to: Nordonia High School

Questions: Call 330-908-6036.

English Department Updates

Encourage your young writers to submit their work to our school literary publication, *The Laureate*. Volume is increasing every month, and we would love to add your son or daughter's work to the entry list.

Each month, a committee meets to determine which entries should be included in the publication. If your child wants to be published, have him or her submit work to his or her English teacher for further evaluation.

The Nordonia Mosaic literary contest is taking place, and final entries will be due to English teachers by the end of the month for review prior to submission. There is a display case set up outside the IMC to help with its promotion.

We are in the process of our last final push for OGT preparation. All tenth grade teachers will be assigning practice sessions on Study Island for a grade. Students must complete a certain number of sessions and reach a specific level of achievement designated by their teacher prior to the OGT.

Tenth grade students are also taking their practice tests through the Exam View program in order to quickly grade, sort, and assess problem areas. Students will then be assigned additional Study Island assignments and tutored based on individual needs. Congratulations to the tenth grade team and its diligence in this endeavor!

Physical Education Classes Under Way

Physical Education classes just began for the second semester.

After going over the syllabus and taking care of attendance spots and locker room rules, PE students began a unit on basketball. Basketball lead-up games included a freshmen vs. sophomore shooting competition, lightning, and basketball golf.

Next, students will be competing in a co-ed 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Sports/activities that the PE classes can look forward to this semester include floor hockey, badminton, volleyball, pinball, matball, colony ball, football, soccer, tennis and a track competition once the weather cooperates.

PE classes can also earn their favorite activity of point break on Fridays if they participate and work hard during the week.

PTSA Raffle Off New Car

2011 is off to an exciting start for the PTSA. We have some great things lined up for the new year, and we hope you will be a part of it!

The big news: A new car! Nordonia High School PTSA and Spitzer Chevrolet of Northfield, A Chevy Network Dealer, are proud sponsors of a 2011 Malibu Car Raffle. We are offering 1,000 raffle tickets for sale for a drawing to be held on May 14, 2011. On that date, 25 semi-finalists will be selected, and each of these lucky folks will be given a key to the car. One key will start the car, and that person will win it! After that, we'll draw the second place winner, who will take home an iPad. The third place prize is a Sony iPod. How great is that?

How can you help? Buy a raffle ticket! Proceeds from ticket sales will go to classroom grants and scholarships. Think of all of the good we can do with \$20,000! Contact any PTSA board member to purchase a ticket (see Mary's contact info below), or see us at the Nordonia Hills Community Expo or any PTSA meeting.

Also, if your business would like to help sponsor the raffle by donating cash or prizes, please call or e-mail Mary Kotnik at 330-467-4834 or mekotnik@yahoo.com. This is an exciting event and is sure to generate great publicity for the PTSA and for local businesses.

We are looking for someone to coordinate Staff Appreciation Week and also for helpers. Our Nordonia High School staff is wonderful, and this is a great way to thank them for all they do. They are appreciative of whatever the PTSA provides. If you are interested in leading this activity, have ideas on how to thank the staff, would like to bake, set up or are just able to help with a small part of it, please contact Cindy Chaffee at 330-467-7119 or chaffeec@software-answers.com. Many hands make small work! We need you!

Freshmen News from Guidance

So far this year, the ninth grade students and I have met twice as a group. In September, we met to discuss information regarding graduation requirements, the importance of grades, and future planning. It is a good idea to start thinking about future plans and how high school can affect those choices.

We discussed many other topics, which you can find a list of on the high school guidance Web site.

Students also received a red booklet outlining the OGT tests which they will be taking in March of their sophomore year that are required for graduation.

In December, all students met with me in the computer lab to focus solely on study strategies, test-taking skills and how to get better grades in high school. I gave them handouts relating to each of these topics and went through a PowerPoint presentation as well. All of these materials can be found under the "Freshman" section on the high school guidance Web site.

On February 8, 2011, students attended an assembly to begin scheduling classes for next year. Make sure you put some thought into the classes you choose.

Please remember that schedule changes cannot be made after the school begins next year. Be sure to contact me this year with any changes. When choosing courses, keep in mind any goals you have for yourself in the future. There are requirements as to the types of classes you must take to qualify for a diploma with honors or the NCAA Clearinghouse, for example. Contact me with any questions regarding this, or refer to your student tracker.

It is very important to finish this school year academically strong. Colleges will see your final grades from ALL four years of high school; ninth grade does count!

Take advantage of our tutor labs available during your study hall. Remember, the National Honor Society students have a peer tutoring program that you can also take advantage of. Check Progress Book weekly and make sure you establish a time and place to study each day. This time should be used to complete not only written homework but to review what you learned in each of your classes for five to ten minutes each.

Also, keep in mind that colleges like to see that you were involved throughout your high school career, so get into a club!

If you find that you have failed a course(s) this year, be sure to make those up in summer school. You do not want to have additional academic requirements to worry about your senior year.

This is especially true for English and math as the Class of 2014 needs four credits of each of those subjects. If you are not at sophomore status, you will not be able to take the OGT next year, which will also set you back. If you would like more information on summer school, feel free to contact me.

Congratulations on your success this year, and good luck with the remainder of your freshman year. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 330-908-6003.

Sincerely,

Staci Ross, Freshman Class Counselor

CVCC Hosting Job Fair in March

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will host a Student Job Fair on Thursday, March 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event, which is free to students, will be held in the Commons at CVCC, 8001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville.

Area businesses will interview students age 15 and up from CVCC's eight district high schools for part-time and seasonal employment. Information on the Job Fair is provided to students by the Career Specialists in their schools, and packets listing participating employers are also provided to students attending the Job Fair. Additional information, including a list of participating employers, is available on CVCC's Web site, cvccworks.com.

Employers in all fields with part time and seasonal positions available, employing students ages 15+, are invited to participate in the Student Job Fair. There is a \$20 registration fee for employers, which includes a 6-foot table, dinner and event promotion. Employers are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Interested employers may register online at www.cvccworks.com, or by contacting Thressa Brown at 440-746-8252 or tbrown@cvccworks.com.



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Improving Home/School Communication

When Elephants Fight, It's the Grass That Gets Trampled

Presented by
Richard Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.

2 Opportunities to Attend!

April 5, 2011
6:00-6:30 p.m. Registration
6:30-8:30 p.m. Presentation with Book Signing to Follow

April 6, 2011
9:00-9:30 a.m. Registration
9:30-11:30 a.m. Presentation with Book Signing to Follow

Dr. Harry E. Eastridge Professional Development Center
 5700 W. Canal Road, Building B
 Valley View, OH 44125

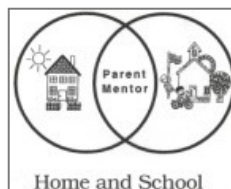
Rick Lavoie is a teacher, administrator, consultant and national speaker. He is best known for his videos *How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop* and *Last one Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities*. His new books are *The Motivational Breakthrough: 6 Secrets to Turning on the Tuned Out Child* and *It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success*.

For more information visit www.ricklavoie.com.

To register for the April 5 event, click on this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X29LCSZ>
 To register for the April 6 event, click on this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WSVSCVJ>
 or go to www.occad.org and click on Trainings then Regional Trainings.
 To register by phone, call Jane Seaton OCECD at 800-374-2806, ext. 13

This FREE event is hosted by the State Support Team Region 3 Family Council and the Northeast Ohio Parent Mentors and is funded through support provided by the State Support Team Region 3 and the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities.

A Certificate of Attendance for two contact hours will be provided.



STATE SUPPORT TEAM-REGION 8
420 Washington Avenue
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

PAC
PARENT ACCESS COLLABORATIVE MEETING

FREE EVENING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2011
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

TOPIC:
Mental Health Issues in Children & Adolescents

Presented by: Jim Still-Pepper, MA
*Therapist and Consultant, Mr. Still-Pepper works exclusively
with children, teenagers and their families.
He is a motivational speaker and free-lance writer and has co-authored six books.*

Please RSVP to Carol Carrano for attendance at carolc@cybersummit.org
or 330-929-6634 ext. 511242

E-mail any questions to Susan Foley at susanfoley1@att.net or tamivandygriff@yahoo.com

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