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EZ Pay Comes to Nordonia

We are pleased to announce you can now pay for your student's school fees, including sports participation fees, online using a new system called EZPay. This is a free service that enables you to pay fees for all of your students at the same time using your credit or debit card instead of writing multiple checks for students attending different schools in the district.

This new payment system cannot be used for prepayments to your student's meal account. Continue to use the website www.myschoolaccount.com for those payments. You will find instructions on entering your payment into the new system on each building's Web page.

When entering your payment you will need the student's ID number. The student ID number is the method by which we track most of your student's instructional activity such as report cards, schedules and lunch IDs. It is important for you to put this information in a safe location. This number may be used for multiple purposes. You may need to refer to it throughout your child's school career.

You may notice multiple fees, like School Fees, Band, Athletics, Miscellaneous Fees, in your child's account. Please note, you do not have to pay all three fees at once. You may pay just one or two of them at a time, but you may not make a partial payment of just one of the fees. For example, you will see \$30.00 (School Fee) on the site. You must pay the \$30.00 in full. You cannot make a partial payment of \$15.00. As long as the fee is in the DASL account for your child you can make your payment through this program.

We hope you find this new payment option convenient. If you have any problems or questions, or you need your student's ID number, contact Andrea Cortez, bookkeeper, at 330-908-6604 or Andrea.Cortez@NordoniaSchools.org. You can also contact EZPay technical support at 1-866-693-9729 or info@spsezpay.com.



River Valley Paper Company

A paper product recycling bin is located near the tennis court parking lot. Please support Nordonia High School's recycling program by contributing newspaper, catalogs, mail, phone books, magazines, brown paper bags, office paper, cardboard and hard- or soft-bound books. Plastic, styrofoam, glass, metal, trash and aluminum are not accepted. Thank you for your contributions!

Pi Takes Over Nordonia Math Classes

Pi has been fascinating mathematicians for centuries. It is the circumference of the circle divide by its diameter, and it is an irrational number that goes on forever without repeating. Pi is approximated with the digits 3.14; therefore, March 14 we celebrate National Pi Day every year. Many math teachers use this day to sponsor special activities that demonstrate the relationship between circumference and diameter. This year Pi Day landed on a Sunday, so we celebrated on Friday, March 12, 2010.

Some students participated in The Amazing Math Race, where students were challenged to solve various problems. Students were also given an opportunity to show off their talents through special projects. Among the items created were pies, other unique pi food, fabricated metal, carved wood, posters, Pi lights, original stories and poems, as well as music videos that celebrate Pi.

Some of the outstanding projects this year were a Pi Scrapbook created by Alexis Crockett, a live performance of the song *Irrational Pi* by Alex Kreiger, and the reading of 'The Adventures of Pi Man' by David Shubert. Once again, rap stars Sal Delgiudice and Paul McMichael created an outstanding video with the help of Ryan Chaloupka and Trevor Hawks. March 14 is always a fun-filled day in the math world. We hope everyone can join us next year to help celebrate the circle.

Nordonia Students Participate in Amazing Math Race

In honor of Pi Day, we held our first ever Amazing Math Race. On Monday March 8, 2010, students received the first question in their math class. Once they answered the question they followed the directions to receive the next clue. If participants answered four questions correctly by Friday, March 12, 2010, they were entered into a drawing to win prizes.

For fairness, the competition was divided into three different levels with two prizes per level. Students had to show the correct work for each problem and they were not allowed to interrupt classes to 'check in' their clues. Students who arrived at the check points with incorrect answers or missing work were sent to rework their solution. Over 100 students participated in the Amazing Math Race. Congratulations to this year's winners:

Group 1: Matt Rudin and Kayla Sielski

Group 2: Kelly Coyne and Ellie Pochervina

Group 3: Alican Schade and Daniel Janisz

Heinen's ABC School Donation Program at Nordonia



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.
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.

Invisible Children Seen at Nordonia High School

By the initiative of a small group of Nordonia students, and through the help of a few Social Studies teachers, the high school brought *Invisible Children* to Northeastern Ohio. The non-profit organization was founded in 2003 when three college students from California stumbled upon the under-reported story of child abduction in Uganda.

While travelling in Africa, the trio learned how frightened children between the ages of 6 and 14 would walk from their villages each night into the cities, carrying their mats, looking for a public place to sleep, safe from rebel soldiers. For 20 years, rebel leaders have threatened villages by kidnapping the children and forcing them into a life of crime and soldiery.

Invisible Children has worked tirelessly since its inception to bring about a stop to the war and child abduction. Through their efforts some children have escaped and begun to return home. Many have gone back to school, supported by the fundraising efforts of the organization.

This year, the *Invisible Children Legacy Tour* is bringing former child soldiers to the United States to share their stories. Nordonia hosted Boni, one of these brave young men on Friday, March 19, 2010, to a packed auditorium. Many of our students were moved by his remarkable story. It is our hope that the impact of this assembly will continue to inspire the student body toward outreach in the future.

PTSA

It is not too late to enjoy the benefits of being a PTSA member!

As a member, you can:

- Become eligible to apply for PTSA Scholarships
- Get connected to school news
- Discover great resources from state and national PTA
- Tap into a network of our community's parents, teachers, and students
- Enjoy discounts at national businesses like Barnesandnoble.com, T-Mobile, and HP through PTA.org

Membership fees are just \$5.00! Join today by completing the attached form and returning it to the high school main office, or mail it to Shelley Curtan at 270 Long Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056.

PTSA would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations to the annual PTSA "un"fundraiser:

Debbie Koperna	Irene Beville
Kathy Kline	Dave and Lynn Smith
Karen and Dave McMillan	Diane Velo
Nancy Vondrak	Sharon Gind
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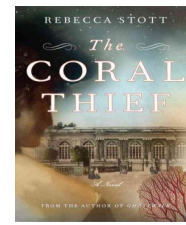
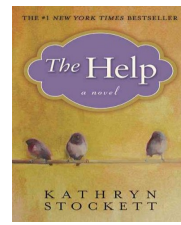
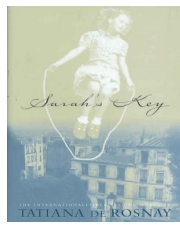
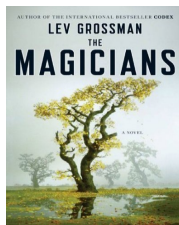
KNIGHT READERS

The Knight Readers Book Club is wrapping up a year of good books and good book discussions. Our regular club members recently read *The Magicians*, by Lev Grossman, and student response was mixed. It had elements of Harry Potter magic in it although the students are older, as they attend Brakebills College. Readers felt that Quentin, the hero of *The Magicians*, did not have the appeal of Harry and his friends, so what happened to Quentin throughout the novel failed to matter to most of our readers.

Our previous book, *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana DeRosnay, on the other hand, was a fascinating story told on two levels. Sarah, the very likeable heroine of the story, locks her brother safely away in a closet to hide and protect him from the Nazis during the July 1942 round-up of Jews in Paris. This protective act quickly becomes Sarah's nightmare as the roundup is not just for the day, but forever. Try as she might, Sarah finds no solution that will save her four-year-old brother in time. The second layer to the story, told by a modern day journalist exploring the round-up and French complicity in it, unearths a connection between Sarah's family and the family of her fiancé. A satisfying read on many levels, our students were greatly moved by each individual story and the connection between them.

Our seniors and teachers book club had a little trouble getting together to discuss our first choice book, *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett, which, judging by comments from both student and adult readers alike, is a moving tale of courage and strength building bonds capable of overcoming the racism and prejudice of early 1960s Mississippi. One gets a sense from reading *The Help* that the Civil Rights movement was as much the culmination of many small courageous acts as the large sweeping ones that captured national attention.

We did meet and discuss *The Coral Thief*, a tale set in post-Napoleonic France, which brings together a naïve Scottish scientist, a band of philosophizing French underworld thieves and the reigning scientific community of the day. An odd complement of characters and a thrilling plot garnered mixed reactions from Danielle Howard, April Porter and Sarah McMasters representing the student perspective and English teacher, Jacklyn Czekaj and librarian, Diane Dillon as faculty members. In spite of the small group size, everyone wanted to try and get one more discussion in before our annual culminating rock climbing activity.



IMC 2010 CHESS TOURNAMENT



The double-eliminations, IMC chess tournament was a suspenseful testimony to our talented high school chess players as several rather lengthy games ending in stalemates. Over the course of three Wednesdays in March, our winners slowly surfaced for each of three grade level champions and a grand master overall. They are freshman David Johnson, who went undefeated in freshman level competition; sophomore Alex Pitts, the top finisher in a wide pool of sophomore participants; and senior Steve Novak, the only undefeated player of the tournament.

Other participants included freshmen Scott Kaczor, Alec Groff, and Patrick Szuhay; sophomores Steve Tentler, Nick Kontura, Bryon Leach, Mike Sharpless, Alex Krieger, Dylan Slonsky, Alex Nolan, Travis Saveriano, and Ryan Miers; and seniors Sarah Kent and Mike Kontura.

Alex Pitts battled his way back from the losers' bracket to face Steve Novak in the championship round, but Steve triumphed taking home both the Top Senior and Grand Master trophies.

PTSA - What's in it for YOU?



PTA's Mission: A powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every student.

- Receive a FREE Nordonia Key Chain with your paid membership. (While supplies last.)
- Become eligible for PTSA Scholarships.
- Get connected to school news.
- Discover great resources from state and national PTA.
- Tap into a network of our community's parents, teachers, and students.
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2009-10 Nordonia High School PTSA MEMEBERSHIP FORM	
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<i>Additional Memberships</i>	
Name:	(Circle One) P/T/S/Grade: _____
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Number of Memberships at \$5 each: _____	TOTAL: \$ _____
If you'd like to receive E-mail Updates from the Nordonia High PTSA, include your e-mail address here: _____	

'UN' Fundraiser DONATION

This year we are raising money through an "UN fundraiser" where kids don't have to sell anything, parents don't have to buy anything, and 100% of your donation goes directly to support our kids. Donors will be recognized in the next High School Newsletter. Thank you for your support!

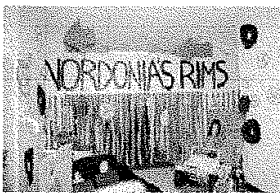
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Return form at the PTSA table at Freshmen Orientation, High School Open House, or return to the High School Office.
 Membership cards will be available during Open House or at any monthly PTSA Meeting.
 Meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the high school. Check HS website for details!

YOUR support makes a difference!

STUDENTS put the "S" in PTSA!

Why should you join?



- The Nordonía Parent Teacher **Student** Association needs students!
- PTSA scholarships are available *only* to PTSA members this year.
- While supplies last, new members receive a FREE Nordonía Key Chain.*
- This is an opportunity to have a voice in decisions that affect you. Help us decide what programs and events to sponsor.
- Get the early scoop on school news.
- Learn about volunteer opportunities and ways you can serve our community: great experiences to list on your resume or college applications!
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