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Last Chance to Order 2011 Yearbooks!

The final day to order yearbooks is May 21, 2011. All students interested in purchasing a 2011 yearbook must pre-order a book. Extra copies are not printed or sold. To order, call 1-866-282-1516.

E-mail questions to annette.lang@nordoniaschools.org.



Nordonia Bands Ready to Entertain

Do you want to hear some great music? Come to the All District band concert here in the high school gym on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. This concert features performances by our 5th and 6th grade bands, the middle school band and middle school jazz band, and the high school concert band and wind ensemble. It is wonderful to hear how the students grow in their musical education as they move through the years.

The jazz band performed at the first academic awards night at the high school on May 11, 2011, and will give another performance during the second awards night on May 18, 2011. Not to be outdone, the Lancer Band will continue the Nordonia tradition of honoring our nation's service members by marching in the Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2011. Hope to see you at these events!

If you've got a sweet tooth, find your nearest band member and ask how you can get a delicious Harry London candy bar. These melt-in-your-mouth treats cost only \$1. Proceeds from the sale offset the cost of band camp.

Thank you for your continued support of music education at Nordonia High School!

Science Department Thrills

The Science Department was very excited that our Science Olympiad Team placed 15th in the state on April 30, 2011, in Columbus. In two events, "Fossils" and "Experimental Design," students earned medals finishing in 4th place.

Our biology students celebrated DNA day on April 21, 2011. The day included three different outside speakers, a costume contest, a food contest and lunch-time activities.

On May 16, 2011, over 330 students will be traveling to Cedar Point to participate in Physics Day. This day allows the students to record times and g-forces on their favorite rides. The measurements are then used to calculate energy, momentum and accelerations.

We also welcomed two new babies into our Nordonia science family last week with teachers Vanessa Deboo and Erin Tong both having boys. The new moms and babies are doing well.

Social Studies Department Updates

The Valley Voyages students concluded their yearlong look at the “People of the Valley” by producing and presenting quests for their final projects. Questing is an outdoor adventure series in which participants follow clues, written in poetry, to learn geography, history, and much more.

The students researched a place of their own choice within the greater Cuyahoga Valley, and turned in the work via the internet in four stages. Each stage walked them through the development of their quest. On April 26, 2011, the students presented their quests in the form a PowerPoint to parents, teachers and community members. Working with the Cuyahoga County ESC and Cuyahoga Valley National Park, our goal is to get the student quests published and distributed for everyone to enjoy.

The teaching team will be converting the student work to smart phone apps over the summer while participating in a workshop called “Consuming, Constructing, Conserving America” at Cleveland State University. In the last month of the school year, students will also travel to Cleveland to learn from the developers of Crocker Park, cruise the flats to find historic evidence of the first settlers and see live performances of Native American customs.

Last week, Advanced Placement tests took place in Social Studies and all the other subjects. 58 students took the AP US History test, 25 took the AP Government and Politics test and 17 took the AP European History test.

AP test days are a big hit with students, because the AP teachers provide breakfast for morning test takers or lunch for afternoon tests. Mrs. Mitchell served bagels, muffins, fresh fruit salad, cheesy potatoes and sausage soufflé, along with assorted juices and milk. Mrs. Powers planned a luncheon of cold cuts and homemade macaroni and cheese, along with soft drinks and desert.

The AP teachers lovingly prepared and paid for the food as a “thank you” for all the hard work the students put into their test preparation. Students enjoyed a solid moment of relaxation as they went into the test situation feeling relaxed, well fed and optimistic about getting college credit.

Attention Class of 2011:



The academic consumable fee, athletic fee and any miscellaneous fees or fines, including IMC materials, fundraisers, graduation fee (\$30.00), lost book replacement cost, etc. must be paid in full as soon as possible.

You must pay any Cuyahoga Valley Career Center fees and fines directly to CVCC. Be sure to show the high school bookkeeper your receipt of payment.

Please do not leave books in lockers after locker cleanout. Last-minute fines may be assessed. Make checks payable to: Nordonia High School

Call 330-908-6036 with any questions.

You may simply pay with a credit card through EZ Pay, an online payment center which is located on the high school's Web site. Your student's ID number is required. Please note that the two leading zeros are not to be used (001122 should be entered as 1122).

THE IMC: BE IN THE KNOW



The IMC, like all high school departments, tightened its belt and reduced the number of database offerings for next school year. We cancelled *Issues and Controversies*, *Global Issues in Context*, *Bloom's Literary Reference Online* and *Student Resources in Context*. While the loss of access to these outstanding and heavily-used resources is deeply regrettable, we were able to again join the North Coast Educational Media Center (NCEMC) consortium, the majority of the cost of which NEOnet, our Information Technology Center, picked up.

This brings in several new databases, including *World History in Context*, *ABC-CLIO Issues*, and *Gale Science*, among others. The students and teachers will be very pleased with these new offerings, and everyone will be happy at the over \$3000.00 savings. Our very exciting and user-friendly IMC Web page will be updated at the end of this school year to reflect the changes.



Alex Pitts, Luke Mayer, Alex Krieger, Nick Mayer and Shannon Hustosky rise to the chess challenge.

CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The second semester, double-eliminations chess tournament took place over two Wednesday night Cyber Cafés.

New to this tournament was a trophy for top female, and, while Shannon Hustosky defeated several other females first semester, she easily secured the trophy by being the only female second semester. She also triumphed as Top Senior player proudly taking home two trophies.

Nick Mayer ranked as Top Freshman, and Top Junior went to Alex Pitts. Top Sophomore, Luke Mayer, battled Pitts in the championship round after defeating all other contenders and took home the Grand Champion Trophy. Congratulations to all competitors.

SLAMMERS ROCK THE IMC

The IMC's 8th Annual Poetry Slam, emceed by English teacher, Mrs. Jacklyn Czekaj, had another year of success this past week. Mrs. Czekaj began by reciting her own original poem, "The Break Up," about outgrowing her Barbie dolls and also read some of her students' poems who were competing in a track meet that evening.

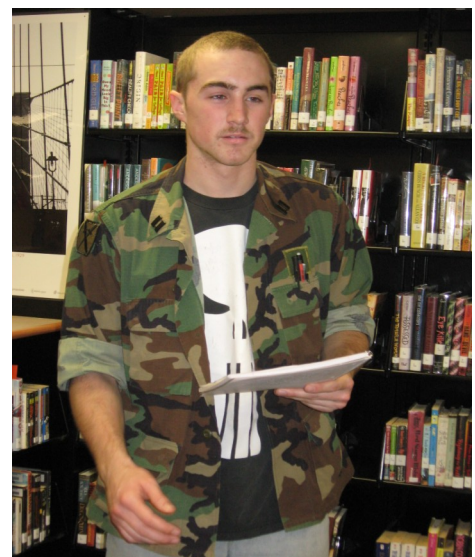
The quality of student writing kept getting better and better as the audience snapped and stomped (the acceptable mode of showing approval at a Slam) the following students into top place finishes:

Dave Shubert: 1st Place with "Agent Orange"

Mike Gabriel: 2nd Place with "Red Fury"

Paul Ward: 3rd Place with "My Confessions"

Ms. Dillon was the Slam's barrista, serving both hers and Mrs. Czekaj's homemade brownies and whipping up cappuccinos and hot chocolates to order. Everyone had a wonderful time!



Senior, Dave Shubert, slams "Agent Orange."

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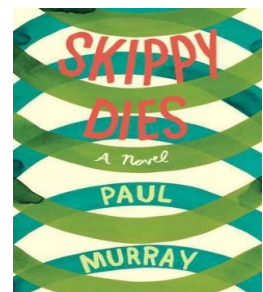
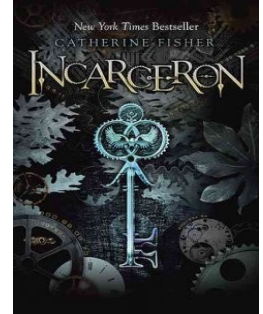
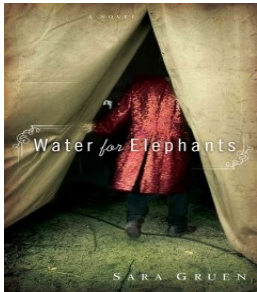
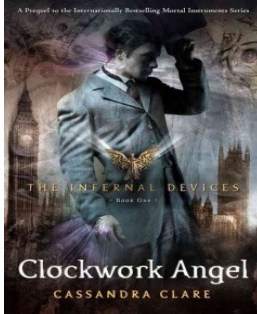
KNIGHT READERS ARE FINDING *TIME* TO READ

The Knight Readers Book Club tackled two books, the disappointing *Skippy Dies*, which had an annoying habit of jumping back and forth in *time*, by Paul Murray, and *Clockwork Angel* by popular teen author, Cassandra Clare.

While few could complete *Skippy Dies*, *Clockwork Angel* received rave reviews from our student and teacher readers alike. It is an example of a new genre called Steampunk which marries elements of fantasy to an historical place and *time*, like Victorian England with its manners, customs and technology.

All of our discussions took place in the warm and welcoming Cyrano's Coffee & Café. We are squeezing in one more book before the end of this school year, *Incarceron*, a well-reviewed futuristic fantasy by Catherine Fisher.

Many of us also plan on viewing the film of a book we read earlier this school year, *Water for Elephants*, even though we already know the movie is *rarely* as good as the book!



GOODBYE AND HELLO

I am sorry to be leaving the IMC, my home for the last 28 years.

In 1976, I started working with Nordonía students as the children's assistant at the Northfield Branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library System. When I received my Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Case Western Reserve University, I was promoted to children's librarian at the McDowell Branch and then, the branch manager of Akron's West Hill Library.

Soon after, I became aware of an opening at Nordonía High School and came back where those same Nordonía students I had worked with in the public library had now reached high school age. I felt like I had come back home.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve both the students and teachers of Nordonía High School. Today, with the exception of two, every teacher was hired during my tenure at the high school; I also played a part in every current piece of technology we have. I can honestly say Nordonía teachers are a dedicated and talented group embracing the technology to enhance instruction and increase student achievement.



Annette Lang will run the IMC starting next fall.

I will miss sharing databases, books and an array of services with the students and teachers, but I am leaving them in very good hands.

The students and faculty will be welcoming Ms. Annette Lang as the new high school librarian. She will be moving into the IMC from Nordonía High School's business department.

Ms. Lang brings loads of enthusiasm to the position and the ability to help teachers and students with her amazing technology skills and strong background in young adult literature.

Nordonía High School is very fortunate to have her at the helm, and all are very much looking forward to the new directions she will be taking Nordonía's students and teachers with the resources of the IMC at her disposal. Best of luck to her, and ciao a tutti.



Diane Dillon enjoys a cup of hot chocolate at Cyber Café.