

Nardonia Knightlines

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Principal's Office

Dear Nardonia Families,

The autumn leaves are falling and the first marking period is coming to a conclusion. It is the time of the year that Ohio is at its full beauty. Enjoy it! Winter is closer than we would like to admit. Here at Nardonia High School, the first quarter is ending on October 28th. Our hope is that your student has experienced a successful start to the school year. We ask that parents continue to monitor student grades by checking *ProgressBook* often. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our teachers or our Guidance department. We are here to help in any way.

There are some important events happening here at the high school. Below are some details:

Parent Conferences – The conference nights are November 3rd and November 11th. Teachers would love to discuss your student's progress. You can schedule your conferences by visiting <http://www.nardoniaschools.org/ScheduleConferences.aspx>. We encourage you to bring your student along with you to these conferences. Conferences are most effective when students are present and participate.

Fall Play – We are excited to announce that this year's fall play is "**Clue**". The play will take place on November 4th and 5th. For tickets, contact Molly Sawyer at molley.sawyer@nardoniaschools.org.

OMEA State Marching Band Finals – Congratulations to the Lancer Band as they will again represent Nardonia High School at the OMEA Marching Band Competition in Columbus on Friday, November 4th. Best of luck to the Lancer Marching band!

Rockapella Concert – If you have not heard yet, the group **Rockapella** will make a visit to Nardonia High School on November 8th. For more information, contact John Pickering at john.pickering@nardoniaschools.org.

National Honor Society Induction – Congratulations to all of our National Honor Society inductees and their families for being selected to the National Honor Society. Induction will take place on November 9th.

Picture Retake Day – If you missed getting your picture taken, or you are like me and need several retakes before you get one you can live with, know that Picture Retake day will be *November 10th from 8-12:30*. If you have any questions please contact Ray Killian at ray.killian@nardoniaschools.org.

Veterans Day Assembly – The annual Nardonia High School Veteran's Day assembly will take place on November 11th. Please join us at 10:00 to honor our area Veterans. We will conclude the day's remembrance with a continental breakfast in the IMC. Thank you to all our Veterans for your service to our country. Please visit our website for more information.

Fall Athletic Awards – Athletic Awards for the fall season will take place on November 16th in the High School Auditorium. We will begin with cookies and snacks at 6:00 in the cafeteria and then proceed into the auditorium for the awards. Congratulations to the fall athletes, and their families, and our coaches for a great fall sports season!

Thanks for reading!

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Guidance Office

SOPHOMORE NEWS FROM GUIDANCE!

Congratulations to all of the sophomores who earned high honor, honor, and merit roll status during the first quarter! You've worked very hard this year. Your hard work will pay off with all of the opportunities you have in front of you at the end of your high school career. Congratulations also go out to **Connor Greenwood** who has been selected as this year's Nordonía representative in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. Connor will be attending a weekend seminar this spring with leadership representatives from many high schools in the region.

There are many sophomore activities going on here at Nordonía. Be sure to check the High School Guidance website for updates and other useful information. One of those activities is the selection process for those students interested in attending CVCC during their junior and senior years. Mr. Taylor will be here on December 13th to introduce students to the many programs offered at CVCC. There is a selection process set in place as Nordonía is able to send only 3 students to most programs at CVCC. An explanation of the selection process can be found in the application packet or online at the High School Guidance website. Be sure to ask your son/daughter to share the packet of information they received. Students should pick up the application packet for CVCC in the Guidance Office on Friday, December 16th to earn points in the selection process, even if they are just considering CVCC right now and haven't made a final decision. The next activity to participate in will be the parent/student evening meeting on January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at CVCC, watch your mailbox for a personal invitation. You will have an opportunity to visit programs of your choice and speak with CVCC instructors. Students will also be assigned to a field trip day, on January 25th or 26th, to experience one program at CVCC first hand for an afternoon. It's important that you are aware of all of the selection process activities, as well as concentrate on passing all of your classes this year so that CVCC remains on option.

During the sophomore year, I like to focus on career exploration. In the spring, I will return to English classes to introduce career exploration and visit some career websites that will help students through the career exploration process. You can always get a head start by visiting our website and pulling up the college & career website list. On this list are many different websites to get you started with both the career and college search process.

During the week of March 12 - 16th, students will participate in the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test). This is the first opportunity students will have to take this test to fulfill their graduation requirement. Please refer to the red book that students were given in 9th grade as a resource to the OGT (there is also a link to the red book on the Guidance website). Right now students should be sure to pay attention in their academic classes as teachers will be covering this material as well. In January, students will receive log-in information for Study Island. This is a website that will help prepare students to do their best on this test. It truly is a beneficial website so be sure to utilize it between January and March!

Make the most of this school year and be sure you are getting involved and making the most of your high school experience. This will be important on college applications! It is very important to keep your grades up and pass all of your classes to ensure timely graduation. Colleges really do look at your grades from your sophomore year. Parents, be sure to check grades on Progress Book for more frequent updates. If you need your password feel free to contact me. I've talked to many students that are still trying to get used to the demands of high school and having to study for class and tests. Sophomore year is a little more difficult and requires daily study time and review of class material. Be sure to prepare for tests and know how to take tests effectively. A great website to help you with this is www.studygs.net. Be sure to take the learning styles quiz to find out what type of learner you are. You will get a list of useful tips on how to use your learning style to prepare for tests.

One final request! I have started an e-mail distribution list for any 10th grade family that is interested in receiving updates, reminders, and useful tips from me. If you would like to receive these e-mails, or would like to add an additional e-mail, send me the e-mail address you would like to have added to the list. If at any time you no longer wish to receive this communication from me, you can let me know to remove you from the list. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (330)908-6003.

Sincerely,

Staci Ross

Counselor, Class of 2014

Guidance Office

The guidance office is extremely busy right now. The date knights and peer mediators are working on their training for the year. Dr. Wallace has been attending the health classes of all the ninth grade to facilitate the ADPT program focusing on teen depression and suicide. Mrs. Maxwell has been meeting with students in classrooms and individually getting the college application process underway. Mrs. Lewis, with the help of Mrs. Feeman, has been in all of the junior English classes discussing ACT/SAT registration, college applications, financial aid and more. They also conduct Through the Maze, the annual parent information night. Mrs. Ross has been into work with the sophomores discussing the Hugh O'Brien scholarship, CVCC applications, study skills, college research and more. Mrs. Feeman is planning her freshman visits soon. We have conducted the PSAT testing which had a record number of over 220 students tested. This week we will administer the PLAN test to over 180 students. We are also preparing for the fall administration of the OGTs the last week of October.

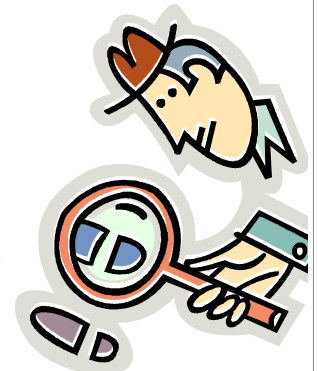
Senior College Applications
Due by Thanksgiving Break

Fall Play – CLUE- November 4 & 5

Was it Miss Scarlet in the Library with the Knife? Maybe it was Professor Plum in the Lounge with the Rope. Take a step into the famous Parker Brothers board game as Nordonia High School Drama Club proudly presents Clue, the interactive dinner theatre murder mystery. Come join us for dinner and a Chinese Auction as you try to decipher the clues and solve the murder in this classic game of whodunit!

The mystery unfolds as we meet the infamous characters with their deadly weapons and suspicious motives. The audience will have the chance to participate in guessing the who, the what, and the where. Stepping into these iconic roles are: Amber Bills as Mrs. Peacock, Jason Conrad as Colonel Mustard, Olivia Nichol as Miss Scarlet, Jason Howie as Mr. Green, Olivia Biss as Mrs. White, Kevin McMichael as Professor Plum, Josh Bodziony and Maria Muscatello as Detectives Smith and Wesson, and Joey Cogan as the ill-fated Mr. Boddy.

There will be a Chinese Auction going on throughout the evening with gift baskets and prizes up for grabs. There will be two performances this year, Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th in the high school cafeteria. The doors will open at 5:45 PM, with the performance beginning at 6:45 PM. Please come early to inspect the Chinese Auction and buy tickets to win a basket. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. Tickets can be reserved by calling (330) 908-6199, extension 585323. Space is limited to 125 people per night so call and reserve tickets now! We hope to see you there as we all try to solve the mystery of who killed Mr. Boddy!



Bookstore

The bookstore is open periods 4a through 5b 10-12:30 during the lunch periods and occasionally mornings before school. The store offers the following merchandise to students: required reading for English classes, poster board, pens, , dry erase markers, highlighters, etc. We also supply a variety of candy. The bookstore serves as a fundraiser for part of the Special Education Department.



Picture Retake Day - November 10

8-12:30 in the Choir Room

Retakes are for students who:

1. Did not take their picture on the scheduled picture day due to absence, etc.
2. Students whose pictures are affected by a mechanical error: eyes closed, picture is blurry, etc.

Reasons not acceptable for retakes:

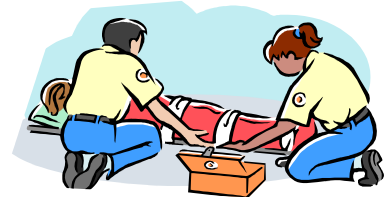
1. Didn't like the color of the background
2. Outfit didn't match
3. Not smiling

If a person wants a retake for reasons that are not "mechanical" she/he will be required to purchase an additional picture package to have the shot taken. For more questions regarding picture packets and retakes please call Venditti's Studio at 440-232-7575 or Ray Killian at 330-908-6108.



Health

Students are taking their American Red Cross CPR/AED and First Aid Tests. By Next Friday 220 freshmen students will be certified in CPR/AED and First Aid.



Social Studies

The Social Studies department will be giving the Americanism and Government test in cooperation with the local American Legion unit. This test is given each fall to students across Ohio and the nation by American Legion units. It asks students questions about flag etiquette, local, state and national government and civic responsibility. The top boy and girl in grades 10, 11 and 12 will be honored by the American Legion and win a savings bond as well. The test will be given the week of Nov 7th in US History and Government classes

TEEN INSTITUTE

Nordonia Teen Institute (TI) is busy, busy, and busy!

Nordonia TI has been very busy with many projects and fundraisers.

If you attended the Homecoming game you might have gotten a lifesaver with the following message attached. " Making the right decision can be a real **lifesaver!** Choose to be drug free this homecoming weekend!" We passed out over 600 lifesavers!



We have also been very busy with Red Ribbon Week. This is the week that we asked the students and staff to pledge to be drug free. We started the week out by passing out stickers with the theme of "Drug Free comes in Cans- You Can, I Can, We Can!" TI sponsored a food drive for The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield working with the same theme of the stickers. The class that brought in the most cans won a donut breakfast sponsor by TI. The staff also supported the food drive along with bringing in food items by having a Jeans Friday. Teachers that donated \$5.00 were able to wear jeans to school that day.

During lunch students and staff were asked to sign red link committing to being drug free to make a large chain. There were also 2 Red Ribbon spirit days, on Wednesday the school was asked to wear red and on Friday to wear their Nordonia gear to show their support of a drug free school.

TI members signed their Contact of Commitment and membership cards at our October 18th meeting and also on that day the TI youth staff (leadership team) attended a 5 hour training.

The TI members will be selling many delicious items to help cover their Winter Retreat fee of \$75.00. If you would like to support TI you can contact Regina Christy (TI Advisor) at 330-908-6124.

In November we will have our Untrational Thanksgiving Dinner. Each member is asked to bring in a favorite dish or a dish of their culture. We have had many interesting dishes in the past. We will also be Turkey Bowling. That is right, Turkey Bowling with a frozen turkey! The JTI members from the Middle School will join us that evening.

Before you know it we will be getting ready for our Christmas projects.

You can always find information about the group on our Nordonia TI Facebook page.

Band

The Nordonia Lancer Band has quite a busy month of October. We started out the month by hosting the Nordonia Festival of Bands on Oct. 1st. We had 8 visiting bands come to our competition with the hopes of receiving high enough scores to qualify for State Competition in Columbus. The Lancer Band and 6 visiting bands performed at the top of their game and qualified to go to States! It was an awesome show despite mother nature not fully cooperating with us. The Lancer Band will be performing in Columbus on Friday, November 4th.



Mixed in with all of our performances and practices this month, The Nordonia Band Aides (the band parents booster group) found time to do an improvement project outside of our band room. We were able to remove the stone, dirt and gravel that was located outside of the band room and replace it with a concrete pad. This was a huge undertaking and required the help of many band parents. We were able to secure the concrete at a very good price, thanks to Carr Bros Concrete, and all of our labor was performed by band parents and their family members and friends. This project will make it much easier for the band to move their equipment in and out of the band room and onto the field, will make it easier to load the equipment truck for away football games and competitions, and will help keep our uniforms and the band room clean. This project was funded solely by the Band Aides, no school funds were used for this project.

The Lancer Band's 4th annual Fruit Sale is underway right now! Orders can be placed until November 8th. If you are interested in purchasing fruit, please go to www.fruitorder.com, there you will be able to order fruit for the band by entering our id of 133216. We have many varieties to choose from including oranges, grapefruits, tangelos and mixed cases. Fruit will be delivered around the first week or two of December. If you have any questions about the fruit sale, please contact Shelly Brookover at 330-468-0323 or email nordoniabandaides@hotmail.com

It is sad to see that our marching season is coming to a close, we only have 2 more performances and 2 more half-time shows to perform and we will be done. Thank you to everyone who comes out to support us at all our performances.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 PTSA Meeting	3 Parent/ Teacher Conferences 2:30-8:30	4 Fall Play	5 Fall Play
6	7 Marching Band Final Concert/Awards	8 Rockapella Concert 7PM	9 National Honor Society 9 am	10 Picture Retakes Parent/ Teacher Conferences 2:30-8:30	11	12
13	14	15	16 Athletic Fall Awards	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Alumni Basketball Game	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Financial Aid Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7 PTSA Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October 6, 2011

Attention Parents/Guardians of Senior Students:

The Nordonia 2012 After Prom Committee is seeking your help! Nordonia High School has a wonderful tradition of After Prom, a parent-sponsored chemical-free party for all seniors and their guests. The event is financed primarily by donations and fundraising events.

Our dedicated committees of parents are working diligently to plan fundraisers and outline the actual After Prom program. Upcoming fundraisers include a Tailgate Party at Shula's 2 in Independence on November 27, 2011 for the Browns vs. Bengals game, Prom Fair in January, and a family-themed bowling event in February.

We welcome you to get involved to help make your senior child's After Prom a success! There are several ways you can get involved:

Join us on November 27th at Shula's 2 in Independence for our Tailgate Party. Ask your friends, relatives or neighbors (age 21 or older) to join in the fun. Tickets are on sale now.

Help us secure donations that can be included in our raffles or silent auction during our events. Each generous business donor will be announced at our functions and After Prom. If you, or one of your business associates, can contribute raffle items, we would greatly appreciate it. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Participate in our meetings or on one of our committees to help plan and organize events. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 19th, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

For further information, please contact me at (330) 467-6999, or by email at rkarl06@hotmail.com.

Robin Karlozi

After Prom Committee
Chair

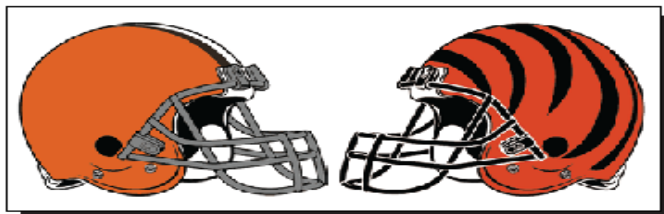


Come join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and prizes at Shula's 2 - to benefit the Nordonia Class of 2012 AfterProm - while watching the Browns play the Bengals!

Cover charge/donation pays for:

- ◆ Shula's 2 famous lunch buffet featuring soups, sandwiches, slider station, wings, salads, desserts and much, much more!
- ◆ Unlimited domestic draft beer and house wine.

Fundraising cash games may include: Side Boards, 50/50 Raffles, "Squares" and Silent Auction.



To purchase tickets, please contact:
Robin Karlozi @ 330-304-7200 / rkarl06@hotmail.com or
John Puscian @ 216-526-0261 / jtp816@aol.com



BROWNS VS BENGALS TAILGATE FUNDRAISER

Date: Sunday, November 27th
Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
(time subject to change)

Place: Shula's 2 Steak & Sports
at the Doubletree Hotel - Independence
6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, OH 44131

Donation:
\$40.00 per person
Make checks payable to:
Nordonia Afterprom

21 and over only, please.



*Nordonia City School District
PTA Council presents
the first annual*

Family Always First Night

*When: Tuesday, November 1, 2011
What: Celebrate your FAMILIES!!*

Plan to spend time with your family.

- ❖ Play a card game together*
- ❖ Watch home movies*
- ❖ Cook dinner together*
- ❖ Go hiking at a local park together*
- ❖ Tackle a family project together*
- ❖ Plan a special event that you all enjoy*

*Our district has agreed to support families on this night with **NO homework, no tests or projects and no assignments.** We have also agreed to hold no regular season practices or rehearsals for students. We hope you will take the evening to celebrate being a family.*



ALL NORDONIA HILLS SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN,
PAST AND PRESENT

Veteran's Day *Celebration*

TO RECOGNIZE THE
SERVICE & DEDICATION
YOU HAVE GIVEN OUR COUNTRY

FRI. NOVEMBER 11TH
9:15 A.M.
(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9 A.M.)

NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM



AMERICAN COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Visionary Scholarship Program

Awards

Multiple Winners Ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000

Eligible Students

High School Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
Financial Need 'Not' Considered ... All Income Levels May Apply

Application Deadline

2012 - 2013 Award Year: January 5, 2012

How to Apply

www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org

All applications for the American College Foundation ("ACF") Visionary Scholarship Program will consist of: 1) a completed ACF Visionary Scholarship Application, 2) a copy of the student's most recent report card, 3) a 500 word, typed, double-spaced essay. All components of the application must be received for a student to be eligible for an award. Applications are judged on the ability to follow guidelines (25%), grammar and punctuation (25%), and the merit of the written essay (50%). Applicants must be United States Citizens or Eligible Non Citizens and may be asked to participate in a qualification interview as part of the application process to assist the ACF in ultimately determining the winners. Awards range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 each; with multiple winners to be selected. Each award is a non-renewable, one-time award and is to be used exclusively to offset costs and fees related directly to the student's first year of higher post-secondary education at an accredited institution of the student's choosing within the United States. Relatives of the American College Foundation Staff are NOT eligible to apply. 651201, www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org

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ATTENTION MALE SENIORS: THIS IS THE LAW ! ! ! !

What **You** Need to Know **About** Registering with **Selective** **Service**

Q: What is Selective Service?

A: The Selective Service is a government agency whose job is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces if there's a national emergency.

Q: What is Selective Service Registration?

A: By registering, you add your name to a list of all the men in the nation, ages 18 through 25. The list would be used to identify men for possible military service in case of a national emergency.

Q: What happens if there's a draft?

A: There hasn't been a draft since 1973. If there were an emergency sufficient for Congress to order another draft, Selective Service would conduct a birthdate lottery to decide the order in which to call men. Those who turn 20 during that calendar year would be called first in a sequence determined by the lottery. If more men were needed, those 21 to 25 would be called, youngest first.

Q: Who is required to register?

A: The law says that all 18-year-old men (including U.S. citizens living abroad and non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register. The only young men exempt from registration are non-citizen males who are in the U.S. temporarily as tourists, diplomats and their family members or foreign exchange students; incarcerated or institutionalized men; men on active duty in the Armed Forces; and students at U.S. military academies.

Q: Why don't women have to register?

A: Our nation only registers men. This has always been the case. Selective Service law as it is presently written refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register and who could be subject to a draft. Therefore, Selective Service procedures do not apply to women. In order for women to be required to register with Selective Service, Congress would have to change the wording of the law.

Q: What if I don't register?

A: You are breaking the law. If prosecuted, you could be sent to prison for up to 5 years and may be fined up to \$250,000. In addition, if you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits and many state and federal jobs.

Q: Is registration hard?

A: No. In fact it's never been easier. A young man can register with Selective Service in less than 2 minutes via the Internet at www.sss.gov. You can also register by going to your local post office and completing a registration form. It's as simple as filling in your name, address, telephone number, date of birth and Social Security number. Registration forms should be available in your local recreation or social service center, school's guidance or registrar office, or you may receive a form in the mail. Simply complete it and mail the form to Selective Service.

Q: When should I register?

A: Within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you cannot register on time because you are hospitalized or in prison, you have 30 days in which to register after you are released. If 30 days have already passed since your 18th birthday, **register immediately**, either **online** or at your post office. Although Selective Service will accept a late registration, the longer you wait, the longer you are breaking the law and jeopardizing your future benefits.

Q: How do I prove I registered?

A: When registering via the Internet, you will receive your Selective Service number immediately. That number is your proof of registration - for safe keeping, jot it down. You will receive a Selective Service card by mail within 2 weeks confirming that number. (Note: If you registered by mail, you will receive a card confirming your registration with 60-90 days.) **If you don't get your card within 90 days, write to:**

**Selective Service System
Registration Information Office
P.O. Box 94638
Palatine, IL 60094-4638**

Or call 1-847-688-6888



Register with Selective Service

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