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Principal Welcomes Nordonia Students Back

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fine vacation and are looking forward with enthusiasm to the new school year.

This newsletter will be the first of a continuing series. The purpose of this publication is to keep you up to date on the happenings in our school and to accurately represent to you exactly what is going on in the school.

Yes, it's that time of year again. School has begun in earnest, and your children are beginning to settle into the routine that will take them through the next ten months of their growth.

We would really like you to know our plans for this upcoming time, and we would like to meet you and have you meet us as well. As we get to know each other, we will certainly come to an understanding of how we, together, can best help your child grow and mature over this coming year.

We held our annual "Open House Night" on Thursday, September 10, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the school, and we were happy you accepted our invitation to visit with us. Parents followed their child's schedule through an abbreviated school day and met all of his or her teachers. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone!

Casey Wright,
Principal, Nordonia High School

Lancer Band Off to Great Start

In July, the Lancer Band once again spent a week at Slippery Rock University to prepare for the upcoming marching band season. The show this year contains music from Cirque du Soleil's show "La Nuba," which the members were able to see during their trip to Orlando, Florida, during spring break.

Before school even started, the band participated in shows at Cuyohoga Falls and Kent Roosevelt. In September, they will also perform at an OMEO band competition at Cloverleaf High School.

Many fundraisers have taken place, including one at Rosati's Frozen Custard, a second annual Mattress Sale at the high school and Tag Day. Band Promo Cards are still available for \$10 with many discounts to area businesses.

Thank you to all who have supported the students' efforts in the past and who will continue to do so with the upcoming events, like the "Festival of Bands" on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at our high school.

Homecoming Festivities Just Around the Corner

This year, Homecoming is coming up very fast. The Homecoming game is Friday, September 25, 2009, and the dance is Saturday, September 26, 2009. Nordonia Student Council is hard at work making sure this dance is a "Knight" to remember. The crowning ceremony on Friday will start promptly at 7:00 p.m., so be there early to get great seats. The dance on Saturday starts at 7:00 p.m. and goes until 10:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale the week of the dance; make sure you buy yours to experience one amazing night!

Valley Voyages Class a Hit at Nordonia

What grew from an idea to bring innovation and outdoor education to our students is now well into its second year at Nordonia High School. Valley Voyages, a social studies elective, seeks to challenge students by having them engage in new and exciting learning opportunities. Planned trips this fall include a kayaking trip on the Cuyahoga River, rock climbing, trekking the path Native Americans took when portaging their canoes and many more.

All trips are connected to both state and national standards for social studies, technology and language arts. Students work with faculty in group settings and one-on-one meetings to develop leadership skills, new appreciation for academic content and a heightened sense of self-awareness as a life-long learner.

Additional coursework is presented through the class Web site, www.valleyvoyages.net, which students do as an independent study. Students are challenged to submit quality work using a variety of technological media—blogs, message boards, e-mail and even text messaging are all used for group communication.

To keep the course current and increase student success, Valley Voyages faculty work hard to continually develop new strategies and methodologies for experiential and place-based learning and teaching. The program has taken on a dynamic quality that will allow students to discover new ways to learn for years to come.

New Developments in Foreign Language Department

We would like to welcome Mrs. Nancy Eichelberger, our new German teacher, to Nordonia High School. Mrs. Eichelberger has many years of experience teaching both high school and college students. Last year, she held two part-time positions at Beachwood and Solon schools.

We are also excited this year for the start of the 4 Corners of the World class. This class will look at traveling and studying cultures from around the world. We will focus on four countries for this semester course that include New Zealand, Cuba, China and Germany. For each country, we will explore and recreate cultural phenomenon from the different societies, including food, and make comparisons with our own culture. For New Zealand, we will explore the native Maori culture and have the students “tattoo” their faces with traditional Maori designs. Look for the students wearing these traditional designs later this month.

Math Department Welcomes Teacher

Mrs. Stacy Cravener was hired in July to fill the vacancy created when Mr. Buckler was hired to fill the Dean of Students position. Mrs. Cravener graduated with a B.S. in mathematics and a minor in computer Science from Ohio University. She continued her education at The Ohio State University earning her M.Ed. Mathematics degree in August of 1994. She started her teaching career shortly thereafter.

The majority of her career was spent at Dublin City Schools. While there, she taught a variety of mathematics courses, including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry and Pre-calculus. In 2006, her family moved “up north” and she was hired as an adjunct professor of mathematics at Cuyahoga Community College, Eastern Campus. Although she enjoyed the rigors of teaching at the college level, she missed the daily interaction with students typically associated with high school instruction.

Her college teaching experience makes her a perfect candidate to teach Algebra 3, and her previous high school experience makes her more than qualified to teach the Geometry course. We are very excited to have her as the newest member of the mathematics department and look forward to having her as part of our staff for years to come.

Nordonia Knight lanyards are on sale for \$5.00. Proceeds will be used to ship care packages to military serving overseas as an ongoing project for Make a Difference Day. Lanyards are available in the high school's main office. For information, call 330-908-6036.



Fresh Face Added to English Department

The English department welcomes Mrs. Lisa Testa to Nordonia High School. Mrs. Testa has a familiar name at Nordonia as her husband, Mr. Steve Testa, is a member of the Social Studies department. She has commented on how fun and interesting it is to have similar students with her husband.

Mrs. Testa comes to us from The University of Akron and Akron Public Schools where she taught reading. She is also a mother of four. Mrs. Testa has found the students of Nordonia to be good kids with excitement about their school spirit and the culture here. She is most impressed with the availability of courses such as the variety of electives, the AP options and the CVCC programs. Mrs. Testa brings with her a wealth of knowledge and excitement to the department. Welcome!

Parent Mentor Program Available in Nordonia District

A parent mentor is the parent of a child with a disability employed to help school districts and families by providing training, support and information services. Kitty Boylan is the parent mentor for the Nordonia Hills School District. You can reach the Parent Mentor Office by phone at 330-908-6219 or e-mail at parent.mentors@nordoniaschools.org. Ohio Parent Mentor Projects are funded through grants from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

The parent mentor provides many services, such as guiding parents through the special education process, including rights and responsibilities, listening and providing support to families and staff, providing information and resources, attending IEP and other meetings when requested and conducting information sessions and workshops. Parents of typical students are welcome to contact the Parent Mentor Office with questions or concerns.

The Parent Mentor Project has established a wonderful resource library for parents and staff. There are many books for children, teens, books on parenting and specific disabilities including LD and ADHD. There is a collection of books in each building office that are waiting to be borrowed! For a complete book list, contact the Parent Mentor Office, or visit the Parent Mentor Web page on the district Web site under "Pupil Services."

Northern Summit County Parent Mentor Informational Series

Place: RBC Middle School Library, 10270 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

September 29, 2009

IEP Updates and New Forms Training for Parents

Presented by: Karen Majeski, PhD, Director - State Support Team 8

October 13, 2009

Behavior Interventions at Home and at School

Presented by: Kierston Johnson, Milestones Organization

November 10, 2009

What You Need to Know about Guardianship, Special Needs Planning and Trusts

Presented by: Attorney Barbara J. Weinschenk

January 12, 2010

Settle and Support Class - Relaxation and Stress Relief, Finding Peace Amongst the Chaos!

Presented by: Gary Peterson, RCST - Star Institute

February 23, 2010

Services provided by County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board; intake process, timelines, transition, family services, etc.

Presented by: Jill Boxler and Greg Coriale, Service Administration

March 9, 2010

What Are We Going to Do in the Summer?

Presented by: Agencies and Camps for Special Needs Children, Local Tutoring Services

To register, call your parent mentor, Kitty Boylan, at 330-908-6219.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS THE HUB



Students attending this school year's first IMC Cyber Café were treated to a great space to meet their friends and have yummy, complimentary treats. They were rewarded with a painless way to knock out the ole homework assignments.

Not only is Ms. Dillon, high school librarian, on hand to help with any project or research problem, but all the computers, printers, books and databases are at the students' disposal. Many students find that the Cyber Café is a great work place for collaborative projects and for studying with friends.

When the thermometer drops a few degrees, Ms. Dillon will be serving up her famous, delicious, chocolate-y hot cocoa with a mountain of whipped cream. Cyber Café is open every Wednesday evening between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Pictured above: Danielle Howard, Alex Galaska and Katie Grzybowski enjoy their time in the IMC.

Pictured right: Amanda Wascovich, Alana Evert and Kim Bono study hard.



AND NORDONIA STUDENTS FIND OUT WHAT THE HUBBUB IS ALL ABOUT

Knight Readers Climbing the Walls...Again



Picoult's *Change of Heart*. We will soon be starting up the seniors only - teacher discussion with Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*. The underclass title is yet to be determined. New readers are always welcome.

What does any reader of great literature do after a thought-provoking discussion? Why, climb the walls, of course! Seniors Natalia Hutnyan, Sarah McMasters and Danielle Howard (pictured left) did just that after our end of the year discussion of Jodi



Natalia scrambles up a 35 ft. challenging wall securely belayed by Ms. Dillon.

New Resources Available 24/7

Nordonia students have always had reliable, current databases for research. Recently, we have greatly expanded those resources without spending a penny. One of our information partners is providing a suite of resources for our students. I am excited about these offerings and believe that our students will soon be searching, selecting and downloading (21st century, critical-thinking skills) articles from some of the best American history, biography, literature and science databases around. Usernames and passwords for these new databases are available in the IMC. Regularly utilizing our already strong digital resources, it is no wonder that our students are well-informed and our high school rated Excellent. It looks like we will just keep on getting better.

Diane Dillon, High School Librarian

Physical Education Department Focusing on Team Building

The physical education department has started the new school year off with a blast. For the first week of the semester, all students are randomly put onto teams for a team-building unit. The purpose of team building is to encourage the ninth and tenth grade students to get to know each other better in hopes of an even more enjoyable semester together in PE.

Team building activities include events like circle tennis tosses, pass the hula hoop, mine field, word puzzles, relay races and jump rope and dance competition. Other PE units coming up this semester will be basketball, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey and fitness. Students can look forward to future activities, like matball, fast football, sideline soccer, and, when the classes have had a good week, some point break. It is going to be a great first semester for students who get to take physical education!

Freshman News from Guidance

Welcome, freshmen! I am Mr. Wilde, your school counselor for the next four years. I hope that all of you are enjoying the beginning of your new journey. This journey through high school will provide you with countless opportunities and memories. How many opportunities you take advantage of and how many memories you create is up to you.

Shortly, I will be visiting all English classes and discussing topics, such as G.P.A., transcripts, graduation requirements, study habits and planning for the future. We will look at the “ins-and-outs” of G.P.A. calculation, reading transcripts and effective study skills. During this time, you will have an opportunity to ask any other questions you may have.

Parents, remember to ask your student to see the informational packet they will receive during my classroom visit. You will also be able to access most of this information through the guidance Web site.

You will also want to utilize Progress Book. This is a great tool to monitor your student’s success and attendance. Progress Book does not replace direct communication with teachers, counselors and staff, but it does provide a great starting point.

For the next four years and beyond, please see me with any academic, personal/social or career concerns you may have. I look forward to working with each and every one of you!

Christopher Wilde
Counselor, Class of 2013

Sophomore News from Guidance

As we begin a new school year, congratulations goes to the class of 2012. As a class, its members had the strongest academic start to high school of any class I have had the opportunity to work with. As this success continues throughout high school, many post-secondary opportunities will occur for them. Congratulations again, and keep up the great work!

If you are the parent of a tenth grader, now is a critical time to talk to your son or daughter about their future. The PLAN Test can provide both of you with information that helps your decision-making process.

Taking the PLAN Test is an important step toward making college a reality. It helps you and your student identify skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in college, areas where they need extra help or additional courses and career areas that match their interests.

PLAN also provides an estimated ACT score one of the best indicators of readiness for college. PLAN connects your student to more information about college and financial aid choices.

The test will be given to all interested students on November 10, 2009, during the school day. In order to participate, students must register to take the test in the guidance office September 21 through 28, 2009. The cost will be \$16.00. No late registration forms will be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact me at 330-908-6023 or kathy.maxwell@nordoniaschools.org. Best wishes to the class of 2012!

Kathy Maxwell
Counselor, Class of 2012

College Fair Coming Soon to CVCC

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will hold its 15th Annual College Fair in Brecksville on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. College-bound sophomores, juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from over 120 universities, colleges and technical schools throughout the United States. Military representation will be there as well.

The College Fair will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During the event, Kent State University will also give financial aid presentations. Due to limited parking, car-pooling is strongly recommended. For directions to the Career Center, please go to www.cvccworks.com.

Junior News from Guidance

Welcome back to all juniors. How quickly these high school years go by! I hope that you all have had a good start to the year. This is a particularly important one. As you begin to get ready for college testing (taking those ACT and SAT tests), keep those grades up, explore more of your career or post high school choices, and continue to be involved in activities here at Nordonia. I will be visiting junior English classes later this month to talk about college and post-high school planning.

Those students who still need to pass parts of the OGT have been given passwords to Study Island and have teachers available to help them. Please, be sure to avail yourselves of every opportunity to work hard now in order to be ready to retake the tests in October. Don't forget that saying, "The harder you work, the luckier you get." That applies to academics, too! Parents, please encourage your sons and daughters to set aside some computer time at home to work on Study Island. It has proven to be very helpful to students in getting excellent results.

Congratulations to those students who have gotten a great start at CVCC. The programs that you have begun will give you many skills you can use both in your career and in college. You have made a positive move in creating important opportunities for yourselves. Remember that your attendance is very important both here at Nordonia and at CVCC.

Registration for the PSAT begins on September 9, 2009, and ends on September 21, 2009. We are unable to accept registrations after September 21, 2009. Cost for this test is \$20, and checks can be made payable to Nordonia High School. You may return registration forms to the guidance office. The PSAT is the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarship Program; this is the single qualifying test for high school juniors for the National Merit Scholarship. The PSAT exam will be given here at Nordonia High School on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

Parents, please be sure to continue checking Progress Book and communicating with your child's teachers. Grades during this junior year are very important. As always, I am available to speak with you by phone or e-mail. Make this the start of a very enjoyable and productive junior year. The time will continue to go very quickly!

Maryellen Feeman

Counselor, Class of 2011

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling:

Did you know that the average family in our school uses six inkjet cartridges per year? Most of us just throw the empties in the trash. We need you to stop throwing those cartridges away! We now have an inkjet recycling program in place which can raise valuable dollars for our school. For every eligible cartridge collected, we will receive a financial reward!

What should I do when I have an empty inkjet cartridge?

1. Most importantly, do not throw it away!
2. Bring it to school and drop in our collection bin inside the main entrance.

Communicate this opportunity to family, friends, co-workers, etc. Have them bring you their empty cartridges, and you can drop them in our collection box.

Do you know of other organizations that would like to participate? Call 1-800-291-0963 for further information.

Senior News from Guidance

Welcome back seniors! This year will be an exciting year filled with fun activities but also many responsibilities. Do not wait until the last minute to get things in place and organized for life after high school, whatever that may look like for you. This includes making sure you pass all of your necessary courses to graduate in June.

I will send home a mailing this month outlining all of the courses you must pass to graduate this year as well as any remaining OGT tests you need to complete. Parents, please look over this information and contact me with any questions.

Also, each month I will communicate with seniors through the Senior Newsletter, which they will receive in their English class. Any scholarship or college open house information that is sent to us will be included, as well as other important information for seniors. Be sure to ask your son/daughter to see this each month. It will also be posted on the guidance Web site in the senior section.

During the week of September 14, 2009, I will meet with all seniors through their English classes to discuss future planning, the ACT and SAT, and the process for filling out college applications.

Your goal should be to have all of your college applications submitted to the Guidance Office a week before Thanksgiving Break. Then, we will have time to process these before we leave and you will also be sure to meet many of the college's important deadlines. Students will be given a packet of materials to assist with each of these topics. I will include the handouts in the mailings mentioned above, but you can also view these on the high school guidance Web site (www.nordoniaschools.org/highschool/guidance.aspx) under the senior section on the right hand side of the page. Also, do not forget the junior packets that were given to you last year. The materials in this packet will be helpful in the planning process.

It is imperative that you know at all times this year where you stand academically, especially in the classes you must pass to graduate. I have notified teachers of students that must pass their class for graduation. Parents and students, it is very important that you check Progress Book on a weekly basis, or even more frequently. This way you will be encouraged by your progress/success or be able to deal with low grades before it is too late. The Progress Book grade program is a wonderful tool to utilize so there are no last-minute surprises come graduation in June. If you need your username and password, feel free to contact me.

College-bound seniors that have not yet taken the ACT or SAT should be sure to take it by October but no later than December. Preparing for these can be expensive. When you register on the ACT (www.act.org) and SAT (www.collegeboard.com) Web sites, you can download free practice tests. Also, do not forget to visit www.mystudentedge.com and register as a new user with our access code (FUHYWEKC) to utilize free test prep programs.

Students that still need to pass a section of the OGT should be studying already for the October test. You should have your username and password to access the Study Island online program (www.studyisland.com) for help in preparing for them. Please see me if you need your username and password. You will also receive tutoring during your study hall. It is crucial that you utilize Study Island now on a daily basis. Students that really worked hard with this program last year had a high success rate on their OGT.

Students interested in playing a sport in a Division I or II college next year need to register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the Military Opt-Out form. If you do not want your personal contact information to be included on lists that are given to military branches, please complete this form and return in to the Guidance Office as soon as possible.

I look forward to an exciting final year with each of you! It will go faster than you expect, so be sure to enjoy it and work hard from the beginning. Never give up, and you will reap the rewards at the end of the year! Please, call me with any needs at 330-908-6003.

Staci Ross

Counselor, Class of 2010

Academic Fees

Payments may be dropped off to the high school's main office or mailed to Nordon High School, 8006 South Bedford Rd, Macedonia OH 44056, Attn: FEES.

Checks may be made payable to Nordon High School. The final payment is due no later than October 26, 2009. Please note, students attending CVCC are required to pay an Academic Fee of \$37.50 to Nordon High School. Also, the deadline for AP Test fees is March 8, 2010.

Call 330-908-6036 with any questions.

Yearbook Updates

Adviser: Ms. Annette Lang

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2009 *Nordonian* Has Arrived

The 53rd edition of the yearbook, "Leaving Our Mark" has arrived. A few extra books will be sold first come, first served for \$70.00 cash, or you can make checks payable to Nordon High School. Any unpaid balances must be paid before the books will be distributed. Siblings and parents may pick up books for graduates. To allow a non-relative to pick up a book, e-mail the information to Ms. Annette Lang (annette.lang@nordoniaschools.org). If you would like a book mailed, please send a check for \$10.00 payable to Nordon High School along with a shipping address. Pick up times are 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

Underclass Picture Day Is September 16, 2009

Students in grades 9-11 will have pictures taken by the photographers from Jim Venditti Photography, Inc. on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, during the student's English class. Picture packages will be distributed in late October with a retake day available for students absent from school on picture day. All students will be photographed whether they order a picture package or not. Ask your child for the picture price list and order envelope to order school pictures.

Senior Yearbook Pictures

Seniors are required to have their yearbook photo taken at Jim Venditti Photography, Inc. in Bedford, our official school photographer. If you have not scheduled your senior portrait, call the studio at 440-232-7575 to make your appointment. There is no charge for the senior portrait sitting, so all seniors can be pictured in the 2010 yearbook. Everyone must be photographed by December 15, 2009, to meet our publisher's deadline. Schedule your sitting prior to December 4, 2009, to ensure your portrait will be ready.

Senior portraits may be purchased at the photography studio of your choice; however, the yearbook photo must be taken at Venditti's. If you have not chosen a photographer, we highly recommend Jim Venditti Photography, Inc. for their fine work, excellent customer service and reasonable prices. The studio will be happy to explain the types of sessions and fees for senior portraits. When you call to make your appointment, let the studio know whether you are booking a senior portrait session or the free "yearbook only" photo sitting.

2010 Yearbook Information

We will be utilizing the online ordering processing again this year. You will be able to order your yearbook 24/7 online at jostenyyearbooks.com. Additionally, order forms for the 2010 yearbook will be mailed directly to your home. The form will also be available on the district Web site. The pre-sale price is \$57.00 plus tax for orders received or postmarked by October 1, 2009; the price increases to \$68.00 on October 2, 2009. For an extra charge, you can add personalization, icons for year of graduation, sports and other activities, a clear protective cover, an autograph section, photo pockets and a CD with a variety of music. Options can be ordered individually or in packages for extra savings.

Senior PDA Ads

We will again be offering family members and friends the opportunity to place Parental Display of Affection (PDA) ads in color or black-and-white for seniors. Start looking through your baby pictures now and writing your congratulatory messages! Pricing and order forms will be sent home in late September for this very popular way to reminisce and tell your senior how much you care.

New this year is the parent design night: Not sure what you want your ad to say or look like? Don't have access to a scanner? Sign up to design an ad with one of our staff members on October 7 or 14, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. E-mail Ms. Lang to reserve your spot.

Looking For Advertisers

Our staff is always in the market for new businesses to advertise in the yearbook. Advertising helps us offset the cost of printing the book and makes the book more affordable. Ads are seen by thousands of people and are reasonably priced. Call or e-mail Ms. Lang to have a staff member contact you with advertising information.

MILITARY RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM

Release of name, address and telephone number (GRADES 11 OR 12 ONLY)

Nordonia High School

Student Name _____ Grade 11 or 12 **(please circle grade)**

As a student, you have the right to request that your private information is not released to military recruiters and others. Complete this OPT-Out Form and return to the guidance office.

_____ I request that this student’s name, address, and telephone number **not be released** to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Signature of Parent _____ Date: _____

OR

_____ I am 18 years old and request my own name, address, telephone number and school records **not be released** to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

Federal public law 107-110, section 9528 of the ESEA, “No Child Left Behind Act” requires school districts to release student names, addresses and phone numbers to military recruiters upon their request. Students are then called at home by recruiters. The law also requires the school district to notify you of your right to Opt-Out from this by requesting the school district not release your information to military recruiters. The completion of this form serves as your request to withhold your private information.

Requests for addresses are for students in grades 11 and 12 .

Nordonia T.I. Off and Running

Nordonia Teen Institute is a group of students that makes healthy decisions with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. There were over 90 students last year that made the commitment to being drug, alcohol and tobacco free.

Our first meetings will be on Tuesday, September 22, 29, and October 6, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the high school library and will be every other Tuesday there after. Please use the back entrance by the chemistry and band rooms. We ask our students to bring in canned and dry goods for The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield at our first meetings.

This summer, 24 students attended the U.R.* T.I. Conference as participants, and we also had six of our students selected to be on the conference's youth staff. This is a four-day conference that is held at Camp Greenwood in Delaware, Ohio. The conference had students participating from throughout the state. This was a great opportunity for our students to participate in many workshops and obtain leadership skills. It is with great pride that I tell you that the Nordonia T.I. group had the largest amount of students attending the conference. What a special week!

We also had three students attend the Youth to Youth International Conference in Columbus.

Some of the exciting things we have planned for this year are a night hike in the Brecksville Metro Park on Sunday, October 4, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., Red Ribbon Week activities, Make a Difference Day, our Untraditional Thanksgiving Dinner, Annual Winter Retreat, hockey game night and Knight of Stars Talent Show, just to name a few.

The Knight of Stars Talent Show will be on March 12, 2010, and auditions will be February 23 and 24, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. More information will follow as the time draws nearer.

In December, we will be busy with our annual 12 Days of Christmas campaign for the school. This is a community service event that runs for 12 days where we will be collecting new toys for one of the local children's hospitals. We encourage all the students and staff to participate.

Also, our T.I. members will be collecting food and monetary donations and making Christmas stockings in our meetings for the Emergency Assistance Center.

As in the past years, we will be working with the J.T.I. group which is our middle school group.

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact Mrs. Christy at 330-908-6124, or check out the Web site that is linked through the high school's Web page. Just click on "Nordonia Teen Institute," or go there directly at www.nordoniati.com. The full calendar of events and meetings is available at our Web site.

As you see, we have events already planned, and our year is just starting. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, we hope to see you at a meeting!

Parent Access in Progress Book: Parent/Student Alerts

Parent/Student Alerts is a feature of Progress Book that will allow a parent or student to receive an e-mail when an assignment is missing or falls below a certain grade. To receive an alert, you must log in to Progress Book, select "Manage Alerts" and enter your e-mail address and which alert(s) you would like sent.

After clicking "Save," if you choose the low assignment mark alert, you must select "Change Settings," and choose the grade threshold. The system will send an alert for any grade on an assignment below that threshold. The alerts are collected over night and sent out each morning. You will only receive at most one e-mail per day from the system.



A paper product recycling bin is located near the Tennis Court parking lot.

Please, support Nordonia High School recycling program.

Heinen's ABC School Donation Program Comes to 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.

Pull for Ronald McDonald House!

Collecting pull tabs from beverage cans is a fun and easy way to help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, a "home away from home."

Tabs can be collected at home, work, or school. Proceeds from the collection of pull tabs go directly into our family fund, which provides the extras for families, like:

- Hosting a birthday party for a child staying at the House
- Providing cab fare to the airport
- Extra spending money for families in need

The mission of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland is to support families whose children are receiving treatment at area medical centers by providing a home-like environment and essential resources and services.

The Nordonia District, in conjunction with Make a Difference Day Ohio, continues to collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House throughout the year. Ledgeview Elementary recently collected and donated approximately 200,000 tabs. Many thanks to students and staff for participating.

Donations of tabs may be dropped off at the high school, care of Mrs. Opatka, 330-908-6036. Place tabs in gallon Ziploc bags. There is no need to count the tabs. Brentwood Health Care Center counts, records and delivers the tabs to Ronald McDonald House. Recently \$230.00 was realized from our district collection, along with donations from family members and the staff of Brentwood.

For further information, please contact:

The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland

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Thank you to parents that participate in this program. Thus far, Target has donated a sizeable amount of cash back that has been used to help supplement student field trips, student incentives and rewards. Please, continue to shop at Target!

After Prom Information

Calling all senior parents (and freshman, sophomore and junior parents who would like to help)! Can you believe it? It was August of 1998 when we sent our children off to kindergarten, and we thought that 2010 graduation date seemed so far away. Now, fast-forward 11 years, and we are at the beginning of their senior year...the final year! We are on the home stretch!

As a parent of a senior, I know it is an emotional, as well as an exciting, year. Just think: In eight short months, our sons and daughters will be attending one of their last functions as a Nordonia High School student...Prom!

With Prom goes After Prom. For those of you who have been through this drill before, you know this is a wonderful night for our kids. For those of you who will experience it for the first time, it is an awesome night. In order to make After Prom a success, we need the help of all parents.

An organizing meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, in the high school cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Please, come with your ideas and a friend to help us make this a night that our kids truly remember. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact me.

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