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New Face in Science Department

The science department welcomes new biology teacher, Ms. Thea Jones. Jones received her secondary education degree from Kansas State University. She then spent 16 years teaching Biology and Chemistry at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in Maryland. While in Maryland, she also worked with students in competing for scholarships through the Intel Science Fair.

Jones will be teaching Biology and Honors Biology this year as well as coaching our Science Olympiad team. After school, she spends time with her two children and loves to scuba dive and swing dance. The science department is thrilled to have her as our newest addition.

Lancer Band Off to Great Start

The Nordonia Lancer Band is 122 musicians strong this year and ready to entertain you! Come enjoy a performance any Friday night at Boliantz Stadium or on the road with the Knights. This year's half-time performance of "Night Watch" takes listeners on a musical journey from dusk to dawn with dynamic songs and exciting choreography, all complemented with the dramatic visual element of the Color Guard performance. We hope you enjoy it!

The Lancer Band is active in the Ohio Music Education Association and competes regularly at OMEA Adjudicated events. Last year, we earned an Excellent rating, the best possible, at state marching band finals.

This year we will be traveling to OMEA Competitions on September 11 and 18 and October 23 and will host our own event right here in our new stadium on October 2. The Nordonia Festival of Bands is a great day of music and will feature marching bands from all over northeast Ohio. We hope you will join us. If you are a business owner and would like to advertise in the festival program, please contact Melanie Smith at 330-571-2874 or e-mail her at melaniesmith@roadrunner.com.

The band would like to extend a great big thank you to the community for supporting our annual Tag Day. Band members spent a Saturday in August going door to door for donations. Thank you to all those who donated or purchased discount cards! Your generous support of music education makes a huge difference.

Speaking of raising and saving money, the next band fundraiser will be "Kid Stuff" Coupon books, which feature discount coupons for shopping, family activities, dining and more. Orders will be accepted from September 13 through October 4, and sample books are available for review. Ask any band member about ordering a copy.

Our annual Florida Citrus sale will begin on October 4. See any band member to place your order for a taste of Florida sunshine. Orders will also be accepted online and can be shipped to friends and family out of state.

For up-to-the-minute news and information about the band, visit our website at www.nordoniaband.org. Thank you for your support. See you in the stands!

Constitution Day Celebration

Constitution Day is September 17, 2010. On September 17, 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the U.S. Constitution, a written charter for a new—and enduring—federal government. The delegates convened in Philadelphia to develop a framework that would provide balance and freedom, taking into account federal and state interests, as well as individual human rights.

In 2005, Congress designated September 17 as a day "to hold educational programs for students" on the Constitution. Authorizing legislation states that all educational institutions and federal agencies receiving federal funds will hold educational programs about the Constitution on September 17, Constitution Day.

Nordonia High School has been celebrating Constitution Day every September 17 since 2005. The day begins with a reading of the Preamble of the Constitution over the PA system to the entire student body. Throughout the day, social studies teachers discuss the meaning of the Constitution and the promises made to Americans by the Preamble in their classes.

It is important for students and all Americans to remember and cherish our founding documents; they are the basis of our freedoms and the building blocks of our way of life.

New Developments in Foreign Language Department

New Textbooks for Spanish

This year the Spanish 1 classes are beginning a new textbook series. These books will be replacing the very out-of-date texts that have been in use for many years. Our classes will have only classroom sets. However, the new text will be only one of the many resources used by our teachers to teach language proficiency.

Along with the textbook are many online features that will enable our students to use current technology to aid in their learning. Additionally, the Spanish teachers will also be guiding their students to create resource binders.

To help in the transition between two different book series, the texts will be phased in one level each year. This year's level one students will continue with the new series as they move on to level two next year, and our current level two and level three students will continue learning from the previous series.

Help for Students

Learning a second language requires daily study and can be challenging, especially in the beginning. With this in mind, the French, German and Spanish teachers are available for tutoring throughout the week. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend tutoring sessions whenever they need additional help.

Students Active in CBI Roles

CBI (Career Based Intervention) is a work program that allows students to receive school credit while being employed in the local business community. Students can also receive credit for volunteer or community service.

Already this year we have had representatives from McDonald's and Panera Bread in to speak with our students about employment and career opportunities within their businesses.

If your business has employment needs or if you would like to speak to our students about job and career-related issues call:

David Smith 330-908-6028

Al Huges 330-908-6116

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.



Math Department Updates

The type of calculator your child needs will depend on the course he or she is taking. Students enrolled in Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra 1 or Algebra Concepts will need a scientific calculator. Usually, if you are purchasing a new calculator, the packaging will identify that it is a scientific calculator. If you are not purchasing a new calculator or there is not any labeling, you need to look for three specific keys: *sin*, *cos*, and *tan*.

Graphing calculators are required for Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2, Algebra 3, Pre-calculus, Honors Pre-calculus, AP Statistics or AP Calculus. Teachers of these courses use the TI-83 or the TI-84 for demonstration purposes. Students who have TI calculators will be able to easily follow along with the teachers demonstrations. These models are very user-friendly with easy to find menus and features.

The TI-84 is also loaded with science and finance applications. Both Casio and HP make graphing calculators that will meet the requirements of these courses, but your child's teacher may not know where specific features are located. It is a good idea to keep the user manual for any calculator that you purchase.

Please note that your child will not be allowed to use the TI-89 in any course other than AP Calculus, and do not worry about buying a new calculator when your child gets to AP Calc; we loan those out for use in that course.

Once you purchase a calculator, protect your investment against loss or theft by labeling it with your name. Engraving or etching your name onto the calculator will make it easier to return to the right person.

If you are still uncertain about what calculator your child needs please contact his or her math teacher.

Nordonia Teen Institute Off and Running

What is Nordonia T.I.?

Nordonia Teen Institute is a group of students who are making healthy decisions with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. We had over 80 students last year that made the commitment to be being drug, alcohol and tobacco free.

Our first meetings will be on Tuesday, September 21, 28, and October 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the IMC. We will meet twice a month on Tuesday thereafter. Please use the back entrance by the chemistry and band rooms. At our first meetings, we ask that our students bring in canned and dry goods for the Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield.

This summer 12 students attended the Youth to Youth International Conference as participants, and we also had one of our students selected to be on the conference's youth staff.

This is a four-day conference that is held at Capital University in Bexley, Ohio. The conference had students participating from throughout our country and outside of our country. This was a great opportunity for our students to participate in many workshops, obtain leadership skills and make new friends. What a special week!

Some of the exciting things we have planned for this year are a Night Hike in the Brecksville Metro Park on October 3 at 6:30 p.m., Red Ribbon Week activities, Make a Difference Day, Untraditional Thanksgiving Dinner, annual Winter Retreat, a Bowl Your Butts Off Night and the Knight of Stars Talent Show, just to name a few.

In December, we will be busy with our annual 12 Days of Christmas campaign for the school. This is a community service event that lasts for 12 days. 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 for the Emergency Assistance Center in our meetings.

The Knight of Stars Talent Show will be on March 11 and auditions will February 15 and 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. More information will follow as the time draws nearer.

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

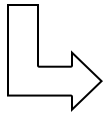
If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact Mrs. Christy at 330-908-6124, or look for Nordonia T.I. on Facebook, where you can find our full calendar of events and meetings.

NEW IN THE IMC

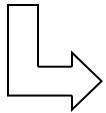
Every new school year brings changes to the IMC as we respond to improvements in the curriculum and the databases we purchase for our students. The biggest change this year is an all-new web presence for the IMC. While our new site is still a work in progress, we invite you to look it over, and when those eleventh hour assignments come due at your house, you will know where to direct your sons or daughters for 24/7 assistance. The URL for the IMC's new icon-driven site is:

www.galesites.com/k12/nshs

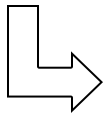
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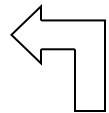
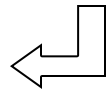
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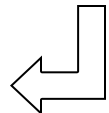
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ONE QUERY BOX FOR SEARCHING MULTIPLE DATABASES BELOW



IMPROVED DATABASES FOR THE MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.



Yearbook Updates

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2010 *Nordonian* Yearbooks Have Arrived!

The 54th edition of the yearbook, "Making the Pieces Fit," has arrived. A few extra books will be sold first come, first served for \$75.00 cash or check payable to Nordonia 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 Nordonia High School along with a shipping address. Pick-up times are 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily.

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 2011 yearbook. Everyone must be scheduled by October 1, 2010, to meet our publisher's deadline. Don't delay; call today!

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.

2011 Yearbook Information

We will be utilizing the on-line ordering process again this year. You will be able to order your yearbook 24/7 on-line at Jostenyearbooks.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 \$68.00 plus tax for orders received or postmarked by September 30, 2010.

New this year: Personalize your book with four customized pages! Upload your own pictures and design four color pages. The upgrade for this personalized yearbook is only \$15.00. Call 1-866-282-1516, or look in your mailbox for a mailing headed your way.

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 and writing your congratulatory messages now! 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.

Also 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. Check out the yearbook Web page for details!

Looking For Advertisers

The yearbook 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 to have a staff member contact you with advertising information.

School Fees

Fee payments were accepted beginning in August 2010. Fees may be paid in one of the following methods:

- EZ Pay through the Nordonía High School Web page link: www.spsezpay.com
- Mail to the building
- Drop off at building

Students who are approved for free lunches as defined by Federal guidelines will have all fees waived. Students who are approved for reduced lunches as defined by Federal guidelines will pay 50% of the fee charges.

Student Fees Waiver Forms are available in building main offices and on the NHS Web site under "Forms." Waivers will be approved for the following:

- Qualification of free lunch program (attach letter from Food Services).
- Welfare case load number (must show proof).
- AFDC number (must show proof).
- Income verification meeting government guidelines (must show proof).

If paying by check(s), make payable to: Nordonía Hills City Schools. Please include one check per student.

PTSA Wants You!

The Nordonía High School PTSA wants you! We're working on some exciting plans for this year, and we want parents, teachers and students to get involved.

The mission of the PTSA is to be a resource for you and to build a sense of community in our school. Sign up to become a member and we'll make sure you hear about special events and resources.

Remember, each year the PTSA grants a scholarship to a graduating senior who is a member of the PTSA. Membership forms are available on our Web site or by contacting Melanie Smith at melaniesmith@roadrunner.com.

If you have ideas and would like to share them, come to our next meeting, Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school conference room (next door to the main office entrance). Send us an e-mail, or give us a call. We hope you will be a part of PTSA!

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.

EZ Pay Option

Dear Nordonias Hills Parent:

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.

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, and you may need to refer to it throughout your child's school career.

You may notice multiple fees, like school fees, band, athletics, and 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, with a \$30.00 school fee 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 Rupp, Bookkeeper, at 330-908-6604 or Andrea.Rupp@Nordoniaschools.org. You can also contact EZPay technical support at 1-866-693-9729 or info@spseipay.com.

Thank you.

The Treasurer's Office of Nordonias Hills City Schools



A paper product recycling bin is located near the Tennis Court parking lot. Please support Nordonias High School's recycling program.

Accepted Materials:

Newspaper, catalogs, mail, phone books, magazines, brown paper bags, office paper, cardboard and hard-/soft-bound books.

Materials not accepted:

plastic, Styrofoam, glass, metal, trash or aluminum