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School Finance 104 - How to 2018 National Merit Finalists Calculate Millage on a Levy

Local Property tax levies are always computed in mills. One mill costs the property owner \$1.00 for every \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation each year, or .001. Taxable valuation is 35% of the Stark County Auditor's (SCA) appraised valuation for the property. For example, the taxable value of a home appraised by the SCA at \$100,000, is \$35,000. To determine the cost of a mill for a homeowner, based on a \$35,000 taxable value, you multiply the value times a mill (.001), and the cost would be \$35 for each mill.

You can find the SCA's assessed valuation of your property on the SCA Real Estate Search page (http://ddti. starkcountyohio.gov/Search.aspx). You can search by property owner name, address or parcel number. Once you have found your property, click on Valuation. You will then be able to see the Valuation Data of the property. This will include the SCA appraised value of the Land, Building and Total, as well as the 35% assessed (taxable) value of each.

The Stark County Auditor Data For Parcel Base Land Valuation

On May 8, 2018, the North Canton City Schools will be asking voters to pass a 6.9 mill property "... tax levy for the purpose of current expenses....' Here is a chart to determine the annual cost to a

homeowner.

				North C	anton City Sch	ool District			
Но	me Appraised	Ta	xable Value	Daily Cost	Weekly Cost	Monthly Cost	Semi-Annual Cost	Anı	nual Cost
\$	100,000.00	\$	35,000.00	0.67	4.65	20.13	120.76	\$	241.50
\$	110,000.00	\$	38,500.00	0.73	5.11	22.14	132.83	\$	265.65
\$	120,000.00	\$	42,000.00	0.80	5.58	24.16	144.91	\$	289.80
\$	130,000.00	\$	45,500.00	0.87	6.04	26.17	156.98	\$	313.95
\$	140,000.00	\$	49,000.00	0.93	6.51	28.18	169.06	\$	338.10
\$	150,000.00	\$	52,500.00	1.00	6.97	30.19	181.13	\$	362.25
\$	160,000.00	\$	56,000.00	1.06	7.44	32.21	193.21	\$	386.40
\$	170,000.00	\$	59,500.00	1.13	7.90	34.22	205.28	\$	410.55
\$	180,000.00	\$	63,000.00	1.20	8.36	36.23	217.36	\$	434.70
\$	190,000.00	\$	66,500.00	1.26	8.83	38.24	229.43	\$	458.85
\$	200,000.00	\$	70,000.00	1.33	9.29	40.26	241.51	\$	483.00
\$	210,000.00	\$	73,500.00	1.39	9.76	42.27	253.58	\$	507.15
\$	220,000.00	\$	77,000.00	1.46	10.22	44.28	265.66	\$	531.30
\$	230,000.00	\$	80,500.00	1.53	10.69	46.29	277.73	\$	555.45
\$	240,000.00	\$	84,000.00	1.59	11.15	48.31	289.81	\$	579.60
\$	250,000.00	\$	87,500.00	1.66	11.62	50.32	301.88	\$	603.75
\$	260,000.00	\$	91,000.00	1.73	12.08	52.33	313.96	\$	627.90
\$	270,000.00	\$	94,500.00	1.79	12.54	54.34	326.03	\$	652.05
\$	280,000.00	\$	98,000.00	1.86	13.01	56.36	338.11	\$	676.20
\$	290,000.00	\$	101,500.00	1.92	13.47	58.37	350.18	\$	700.35
\$	300,000.00	\$	105,000.00	1.99	13.94	60.38	362.26	\$	724.50

Amanda Palutsis and Eleanor Plaster have been named 2018 National Merit Finalists. Amanda and Eleanor are two of approximately 15 thousand students recognized in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. These finalists were selected from all students who took the 2016 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some





Amanda Palutsis

7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million.

Board places 6.9 Mill Levy on May Ballot

Last November, North Canton City School District placed an issue on the ballot that addressed two pressing needs: the aging facilities and operating funds. When the levy failed, administrators met with area residents and an independent finance committee to find an alternative that would help the district maintain an excellent education for the children of our district. This discussion resulted in a decision to place a 6.9 mill property tax levy on the May 8th ballot. The issue will generate almost \$5 million annually. With our projected cuts of an additional \$1 million this summer, we believe we will be able to operate at our present level of programming without asking the community for additional operating funding until 2023. Why not ask for a larger levy? A study of the history of levies in North Canton has shown that only one levy larger than seven mills has passed in the last 50 years. Passage of the levy is extremely important to the education of our children, and we

must do what is necessary to receive the additional operating funds because we are currently in deficit spending.

The \$1 million cuts this summer will mean reductions in transportation, athletics, staffing and programs and services. We are presently studying our present levels in all four areas, and no decisions will be made until we have completed our exhaustive study. If the May levy request is not passed, we will be forced into making reductions of \$2 million, rather than \$1 million.

For more information about the May 8th levy, please read the Frequently Asked Questions.

Don't forget to exercise your right to vote May 8th!

If you're not registered, you can easily register online at https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us/

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District News



Schools Today Go Way Beyond Transporting and

Nourishing Students and **Teaching Standards**

Dave Pilati ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

When most of today's parents and community members, myself included, attended school, times were certainly different compared to today. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 52% of 16 to 19-year-olds in 1990 were working or were looking for work. That figure in 2015 was approximately 35%. While the drop in that percentage may lead one to believe that teenagers are less interested in work today, research suggests that teens are now investing much more time in preparing themselves for a career as an adult. What is causing today's teens to have less time for work is the fact that they are now remaining in high school longer and digging much deeper in their high school studies, going to college more often, and taking summer coursework more often than ever before. The percent of high school grads who complete at least four years of English, three years of science, math, and social science, and two years of foreign language has increased by approximately 600% since the 1980's-yes, 600%. While putting more preparation into building one's future while being a teenager is certainly a good thing, it also certainly brings on added pressure and stress compared to when most of us adults were in school. Add to that the existence of high stakes tests to determine if a student graduates high school, the presence of social media that constantly shows students a superficial view of the great things that are happening in everyone else's lives. Simply put, it's a challenging time to

Because students are dealing with all these things, schools try to equip their staff members with as many skills as possible to help students deal with socioemotional challenges that many face in

The North Canton City School District has provided to its staff a number of professional development activities that we hope will help our adults help students.

- Youth Mental Health First Aid **Training** - this national awareness training introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. NCCS has two credentialed trainers that together have helped to train 52 staff members and over 60 community members have been trained now.
- Introduction To, Managing, & Recognizing Primary and Secondary Trauma in the Classroom - All staff members have received training over the past two years from Akron Children's Hospital in how to recognize trauma in students and what they can do to help in such situations.
- Suicide Awareness & Prevention -All instructional staff and many bus drivers participated in training on December 21st from Carole Vesely of the Stark County Crisis Intervention and Recovery Center and NCCS school counselors. Staff learned the signs of students who may be in distress and were provided with information on how to help guide such students to the help they need.
- Diversity Awareness, Equity, and **Identity** - All instructional staff have participated in ongoing sessions over the last two school years examining how to better promote diversity and equity in school and how to better understand the part that cultural identity plays in the lives of students.
- Growth Mindset Through ongoing activities over the past two years and through daily instruction, district staff have worked to foster a growth mindset culture where the belief that everyone can achieve and grow permeates everything that we do.

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Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration packets will be available on line at <u>northcantonschools</u>. org beginning February 26, 2018. Packets will also be available at the buildings. Registration will be by appointment only between March 19 and March 23. Appointments can be made by visiting the district website after February 26, 2018.

For questions or further information contact Laura Kennedy, District Registrar, at 330-497-5600 or by email at ldk2nc@northcantonschools.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much has the budget been cut in the last three years?

2016-17 We made cuts of \$1.5 million (included was a reduction in force in which six teachers were cut.)

2017-18 We made cuts of \$300,000

2018-19 We will make cuts of \$1 million if the levy does pass in May, and we will make cuts of \$2 million if it does not pass.

What is the issue on the May ballot? The May ballot will have a 6.9 mill levy, which will generate nearly \$5 million annually.

3. What is the proposed length of this levy?

This levy will be "continuing," as are all our existing operating tax levies in North Canton City Schools.

4. If you still plan to make cuts to the budget even if the levy passes, why don't you ask for more than 6.9 mills?

If you study the history of levy proposals over the last 30 years, you will see that North Canton residents have only passed one issue that exceeded seven mills. Also, an independent finance committee as well as many other residents encouraged us to keep the millage under seven.

5. What will the levy cost the average homeowner?

The average house in the North Canton City School District is valued at \$170,000, and the cost of the proposed levy is \$410 a year.

6. When is the last time North Canton passed an operating levy?

We passed an operating levy in November 2010 for 4.5 mills.

7. How would money raised through a levy be used?

The revenue generated by this levy would allow us to continue programs and services within the district budget.

8. What effect would a levy failure have on busing?

Failure of the levy will mean a reduction or an elimination of busing for students in grades 9-12.

9. How much state funding do we receive from the state for busing?
The district receives about

\$869,000 for FY18 from the state for transportation.

Savings from the reduction of busing grades 9-12:

- We believe we can take eight buses completely off the road. This reduction will mean savings in bus drivers, buses and fuel.
- Based on FY 16 T-2 report from the State of Ohio, each bus removed would save the district \$41,489. (Most recent data available). This number is based on our district's information. For the average district, this cost is closer to \$50,000 per bus, but we are more economical than most districts.

16% of our daily riders are grades 9-12.

869,000 less 16% = \$729,960.

If we take eight buses off road x \$41,489 = \$331,912 savings NCCS would lose \$139,040. Our net savings is \$192,000.

10. How does the school district compare academically with the other districts in Stark County?

We are one of the top school districts in Stark County academically, which is evident in the most recent state report card. We ranked first in indicators met on the state report card. We were the only district in Stark County to meet the gifted indicator. We ranked third on the performance index. We were first in Stark County in the overall grade calculation on the state report card, which will be apparent in next year's report card based upon the new calculation method.

11. How much revenue does the school district receive from the state in comparison to local monies raised through property taxes?

In FY17 we received \$24.3 million through local funding, \$18 million in state revenue and \$2.1 million in federal funding. If we break that down into percentages, we see that the district is primarily funded by local efforts with 55% of the budget and only 45% coming from state and federal monies.

12. What cuts are being proposed if the levy does not pass?

Potential reductions will be made in four areas:

Transportation (e.g., elimination of 9-12 busing and modification of busing zones);

Athletics and Extracurriculars (e.g., consideration of pay to participate); Staffing (both classified and certified cuts will likely be implemented, resulting in increases of class sizes); and

Programs and Services (e.g., elimination of some field trips) some course offerings, programs and activities may be eliminated.

13. What will happen to class sizes? Class sizes will likely increase.

14. What can residents expect if the levy does pass?

The school district will continue offering current or similar programs. We will continue to employ fiscal responsibility as we monitor our programming and expenditures.

15. How does the May 2018 levy compare to the November 2017 in terms of the operational money which is generated?

The short answer is that 6.9 mills generates \$500,000 more than the 0.75% earned income tax in November for operating expenses.

The earned income tax generated \$4.4 million for operating expenses, \$1 million for the facilities project debt and \$360,000 for maintenance of the project. The 3.99 bond issue paid for the district's share of the cost of the facility project. The May 2018 issue asks for more money because 1.) we lost a year of collections with the defeat of the November issue 2.) no collections until January of 2019 and 3.) we must continue to maintain our current aging buildings.

16. Is the district currently in deficit spending?

Yes. The five-year forecast shows we will have a deficit of nearly \$1.5 million in 2018, \$2.5 million in 2019, and \$3.8 million in 2020.

According to the five-year forecast, if the levy passes and we make the proposed cuts, we will not be in deficit spending until at least 2022.

17. Will state funding increase this year?

Most likely no. Over the past ten years, we have only received an average increase of 0.5% per year. That small increase doesn't allow us to keep up with our increasing costs in staffing and benefits.

See Something. Say Something.

The North Canton City Schools has continually worked to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. The recent event at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is a reminder that our work in this area is never done. We send our condolences to the students, staff and families whose lives will never be the same after this tragedy.

We are fortunate to have a close working relationship with the North Canton Police Department to ensure our students and staff are in the best position possible should a situation arise here.

NCCS is registered with a state-wide tip line that is monitored 24 hours a day. This tip line is staffed by analysts in the Ohio Homeland Security's Threat Assessment and Prevention (TAP) Unit. These analysts will contact law enforcement and school administrators immediately should the need arise. It is 844-SAFER-OH. Tips can be made by call or text, 24-hours a day. Please encourage your children to "Say Something If They Hear or See Something." Our students are the first and best line of defense in preventing school tragedies.

NCCS Students embrace Service over Self

The students and staff of North Canton City Schools appreciate the support of the community, and they, in turn, recognize the lessons learned in giving back. The service projects are too numerous to list in detail, and many people in the community have observed and participated in the efforts.

In November Northwood and Clearmount students and staff, in conjunction with St. Paul's Helping Hands Ministry, collected canned goods in order to provide Thanksgiving basket to families in the community who would not otherwise have a Thanksgiving feast without the help of others. This effort was followed by the Caring Tree Collection in early December as Northwood and Clearmount collected donations of new children's underwear, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toys, books and games.

Northwood Elementary also held service project through Akron Children's Hospital, contributing a very large variety and number of gifts on the hospital's "most needed items list" – such as plush animals, puzzles, books, clay, coloring books and gift bags.

At Orchard Hill Intermediate School, the staff worked collectively in many different ways to assure that every family celebrated Christmas, working with several agencies throughout Stark County to obtain donations so that we could provide our families with everything from holiday dinners to the gifts under the tree if necessary. Teachers, who wear jeans along with Hoover spirit on Fridays donate a dollar to the "Jeans Jar." The proceeds from the collections are rolled right back into our Orchard Hill community for food donations, gift card purchases, clothing purchases, holiday gifts, shoes and coats.

For the past seven years Mrs. MacLean's class at Orchard Hill Intermediate has collected pajamas during the holiday season. The class organizes and runs the entire pajama drive for the school during the month of December. Orchard Hill Intermediate collected 320 pairs of pajamas and that Scholastic Book Company matched the number of PJ's collected with 320 books for bedtime stories.

Two sixth-grade students led North Canton Middle School's toy drive for Akron Children's Hospital during the month of December. Also, the middle school's Student Leadership Council members provided baskets of gifts for ten local families during the holidays. The students made blankets for the families as well as put together several gifts to deliver with the blankets.

Middle school and high school cheerleaders went to The Inn at Whitewood Village and Windsor Medical Center where they talked with the senior citizens about their high school experiences and activities. The squads also provided four holiday

baskets to needy families.

The softball team at Hoover collected blankets to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.



Hoover Softball

Many people

think the service projects only take place over the holidays, often referred to as "the season for giving," but the efforts go well beyond a few months.

Northwood Elementary is presently in the process of collecting "Pennies for Patients." Northwood is registered to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Student Series "Pennies for Patients." Northwood will collect change with a box in each homeroom for a two-week period. We have set a schoolwide goal and are well on our way to reaching that goal. Donations are also accepted by locating Northwood's page at www.studentseries.org.

Greentown Intermediate is in its second year of Service and Celebration Days, which take place on the last day of the first, second, and third nine weeks. The students spend a portion of the morning working on service projects and a portion of the afternoon celebrating the hard work that took place during the nine weeks.

Closing out first semester, Greentown third and fifth-grade students partnered

with Compassion Delivered, a Stark County organization that provides meals to clients who are dealing with life-threatening illnesses. Third-grade students donated 207 boxes of Raisin Bran, Cheerios, and Corn Flakes cereal that will help provide a nutritious breakfast for Compassion Delivered clients. Our Greentown staff and fifth-grade students donated \$625 in change, which provided one month of meals for Compassion Delivered clients. Fourth-grade students heard from Keith Kennedy from WKDD for Akron Children's Hospital's "Have a Heart Do Your Part" campaign, as the students will become Change Bandits for the next few weeks.

The varsity girls' basketball program held a service night where they provided childcare. The money earned from their babysitting was donated to Go4theGoal, a charity that benefits local pediatric cancer. This donation is in honor of their former teammate, Gabi Sabatino. On senior night, the girls wore gold shoelaces they purchased to support Go4theGoal and raise money through donations for the cause.

At Hoover High School, Educators Rising, formerly Future Educators of America, is sponsoring its fourth annual book drive during the month of February. The donations will go to the Early Childhood Resource Center in Canton, an organization that works with about 1000 preschoolers to get them ready for kindergarten, including academics and some medical needs. It also works with the parents to teach them how to help their children and continues to monitor the children after they enter school. Collection boxes are available at the main offices of the elementary schools and the security desks at the middle school and high school by the end of January. At the high school, collection boxes are placed in the Library Media Center. Students from Educators Rising will deliver them to the Early Childhood Resource Center in early March.





Orchard Hill's Chad Dickerhoof and Ross Ranking teaching a lesson.

Opioid Education

As a response to the prescription opioid abuse crisis that exists in our state, Ohio House Bill 367, passed in 2014, requires each school district to include instruction on specific topics pertaining to prescription opioid abuse prevention in each of the following grade levels:

- Kindergarten to third grades
- Fourth to fifth grades
- Sixth to eighth grades
- Ninth to twelfth grades

Each school district determines the grade in which they teach the specific information as well as the method used to provide the lesson. For example, the lessons may be a part of health/ science or taught by a counselor. A resource that North Canton City Schools uses for instruction will be the SAFE HOMe Program (Students And Families Engaged to Halt Opioid Misuse). This curriculum, which was written by a Kent State University professor, has been provided to districts at no charge thanks to grant funding from two organizations: Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services and Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services.

For more information on opioid abuse prevention and the SAFE HOMe Program, please go to:

- Ohio Department of Education information: http://education. ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/ Health-Education/Opioid-Abuse-Prevention
- SAFE HOMe Program information: https://starkmhar.org/safehome/

If you have any questions about the program, please contact your child's building principal.



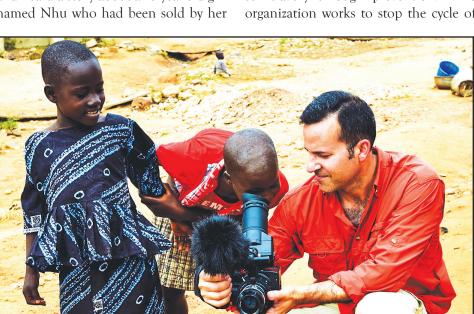
Filming a remote village at risk of the sex trade from a Bush Plane over the Amazon Jungle in Bolivia with Derek Urey, a 2007 graduate of our video production program. Derek volunteered his time to work with me for a week.

Tom Wilson helps in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

Service over self isn't just a lesson being taught to NCCS students. Our NCCS staff is also dedicated to making a difference in the lives of their students as well as other children who are in need. Hoover Media Coordinator Tom Wilson has used his skills to help battle human trafficking around the globe. Back in 2005, Tom was contacted by Todd Biss, a 1983 Hoover alumnus, who had heard Carl Ralston speak at Malone University. Ralston had earned a bachelor's degree in business at Malone, and later pursued a Master of Arts in Religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where one of his course requirements was to create a fictional non-profit. Ralston, who owned an insurance agency in Green, had traveled to Cambodia for the Christian and Missionary Alliance and heard a story about a 13-year-old girl named Nhu who had been sold by her

grandmother to sex traffickers in order to raise money for the family. Nhu had been baptized as a Christian, which did not please her Buddhist family. Ralston's story was shocking to those who heard it, as many could not believe that modern day slavery existed. Ralston's fictional non-profit became reality as he returned to Cambodia to search for Nhu, and in 2005 began a non-profit, which he named "Remember Nhu."

Todd Biss reached out to Tom Wilson and the men put their skills in video production to work. The two traveled to Thailand and Cambodia to create materials to promote the organization. They created 25,000 DVDs, and the marketing efforts raised \$65,000 the first year. "Remember Nhu" is a non-profit through efforts of "ending child sex slavery through prevention." The organization works to stop the cycle of



Filming in Nigeria at a location with children who were at risk of being sold into the sex trade



Filming in Cambodia with Nhu. She was visiting the shack where she once lived with her grandmother as a child. ...By the way, her grandmother (the one that originally sold her) is now a house parent for Remember Nhu and fosters children who are at risk of being trafficked in the sex trade.

human trafficking by giving families an alternative to child slavery. Children are placed in communities with house parents where they are fed, clothed, educated and given a skill. By teaching children a skill that will allow them to earn money for the family, selling children is no longer important for a desperate family.

Tom Wilson has continued to help Remember Nhu by producing materials to promote the organization. He has traveled back to Thailand and Cambodia, and his travels have expanded to Kenya, Nigeria and Bolivia. Since then the organization has created

its own media productions department. Why did Wilson choose to help the organization? "What I love doing the most is documentaries. It's hundreds of hours, but the return on the investment is human lives. You can see the difference in these children's lives."

By the way, Ralston and his wife found Nhu working in a hair and nail salon in 2007 and "adopted" her. In fact, Ralston walked Nhu down the aisle for her wedding in 2016. As a free woman, Nhu was able to marry a man of her own choice.

For more information on Remember Nhu, go to https://remembernhu.org.



Filming in Svay Pak, District of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Also known as Kilometre 11.

It is an infamous center of child prostitution.



January "Educator of the Month"

Melanie Mesmer, music teacher at Northwood Elementary School, has been named the January "Educator of the Month." Principal Matt Donaldson praised Ms. Mesmer's work, "This year's recipient is a dedicated and passionate teacher who has made a tremendous impact on both students and staff in her short time here. She has made Northwood a better place and we are so glad that she is part of the Northwood Family."

Recognition Awards Dinner

The Board of Governors of the North Canton City Schools Education Endowment Fund is pleased to announce that this year's Recognition Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 6, in the Hoover High School Commons at 6:00 P.M. Tickets may be purchased at the district office, the main office in each school building, or by contacting Kris Freday at 330-497-5600.

The following individuals will be honored with the 2017-2018 recognition awards. Classified Award: Kathy Bailey, security desk monitor, NC Middle School; Educator Award (preK- grade 5): Julie Nelson, technology teacher, Orchard Hill Intermediate School; Educator Award (grades 6-12): Todd Alkire, careertech teacher, Hoover High School; Citizen Award: Keena Knisley, Backpack Program Coordinator; and Special Award: Margie McDougal, former Principal of Greentown Intermediate School and NC Middle School.

The 2017-2018 Endowment Grant winners will also be present at the dinner to give a brief presentation of their award-winning projects that have been implemented in their classrooms this school year.

North Canton Food and Nutrition Services – Celebrating our School Nutrition Heroes!

JANICE WILLIAMS, FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

North Canton City Schools has a group of 36 school nutrition heroes who all have a united vision and mission of nourishing our student customers. Many of us are parents, who like you, are concerned about the health and wellbeing of the next generation. We strive each day to build relationships with the students we serve, so that they can feel welcome and nourished, and in turn be their best in the classroom.

We face a multitude of challenges as we prepare and serve healthy meals, including detailed nutrition standards, strict food safety requirements, complex regulations, and limited budgets. We must balance the needs of student customers, such as food allergies, special dietary restrictions, tastes and preferences. As a self-funded program within the North Canton City Schools, the Food Service Department relies on the income we receive from student and staff sales to purchase all food, supplies, equipment, repairs and staff salaries. It can sometimes be a challenge with rising food costs, but we are very diligent in procuring our supplies from reputable sources, with a passion for purchasing locally so that we can give back to our community when at all possible.

Our team consists of a Head Cook in each building who holds a head

cook manager's license and an Ohio Department of Health Certificate in Food Protection. Additionally, there is also at least one other employee at each kitchen who also has those certifications. Our part-time staff consist of cashiers, servers, and dishwashers who support the service of our customers. All our staff take yearly professional development training. Head cooks must complete ten hours; full-time staff must complete six hours, while part-time staff must complete four hours. This training ranges from food safety and customer service, to nutrition and allergen awareness training. Additionally, every three years our program undergoes an extensive Administrative Review process with the State of Ohio in which everything from meal application processes, food safety requirements, resource management and procurement is scrutinized in detail. We just recently completed our Administrative Review from the School Food Authority of the Ohio Department of Education. We are pleased to report that we were found in compliance in all areas. We do take our jobs of serving our customers very seriously with a smile and a passion to provide healthy school meals that help students succeed in the classroom and beyond.



The support we receive from student participation in our program is so appreciated! We are here to nourish all of our students in North Canton. Your continued support of the school meal program keeps our School Nutrition Heroes "Fueling our Future; Building Each Mind, One Meal at a Time."

We commend all members of the NCCS Food Service Staff, managed by Mrs. Janice Williams, for their recent outstanding audit. The School Meal Programs Specialist commented, "The program at North Canton Schools are in compliance with all areas of the NSLP. All documents were readily available, very well organized in compliance. I commend Janice Williams (Food Service Director) and her entire staff on a job well done!"

Schools Today Go Way Beyond Transporting and Nourishing Students... Continued from page 2

- Signs of Suicide Prevention Program (SOS) School counselors instruct middle and high school students each year in this national, school-based depression awareness and suicide prevention program designed for middle-school and high-school students in order to help students understand and be able to act in a helpful way when they see the signs in themselves or in a friend.
- Red Ribbon Week This is a national drug prevention program that is promoted near the end of October in all buildings each year within the district.
- Start With Hello Each of our buildings participate in this national program, which is part of The Sandy Hook Promise, that brings

- attention to the growing epidemic of social isolation in our schools and communities, and empowers young people to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within their school or youth organization.
- Elec Simon Assemblies Former member of the world renowned performing percussion group STOMP, Elec Simon, presented schoolwide assemblies to both our middle and high schools students this past fall. His message promoted the acceptance of all people, ideas, and cultures and discouraged all types of bullying.
- Brooks Gibbs Assemblies In February, Brooks Gibbs, an awardwinning social skills educator who teaches strategies for conflict resolution with a special emphasis

on emotional resilience and the Golden Rule, presented school-wide assemblies to all students in third grade through high school. He also teaches students how to make friends and manage their perceived enemies. He believes the Golden Rule takes advantage of the law of reciprocity, and as students learn to treat others as friends, this positive behavior becomes the social norm.

Hopefully, you understand why the North Canton City School District is committed to doing more than just teaching content standards. If you have a suggestion to help us do more in this area to better meet the needs of our students, please reach out to a teacher, principal, or a district administrator—because we are all in this together.



Technology Update

Teachers have a **New Tech Tool**

Kim Nidy, **DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY**

Teachers recently received a new digital classroom management tool, LanSchool, that allows them to see a thumbnail view of their students' Chromebooks. Teachers can also control the devices to minimize distractions and use it as a lockdown browser during testing in Schoology. The lockdown browser option was heavily requested by teachers. During tests and quizzes through Schoology, students were able to open additional tabs to find answers online or in their Schoology course notes while testing. LanSchool locks students into a testing window until they submit the assessment.

Working digitally provides great opportunities for collaboration and discussion. LanSchool can be used to display teacher screens to students as well as allow the teacher to broadcast a student screen to the rest of the class. This can be done during individual or group work to display student-centered content. The chat function also allows teachers to "speak" individually with a student or to the whole class to provide feedback or answer questions.

This type of digital classroom management software is not new to the district. Previously, we used a program called SynchronEyes in our computer labs that functioned in a similar way. In fact, before Schoology, some teachers used SynchronEyes to deliver online tests and quizzes. A 1:1 program with Chromebooks is very different compared to a stationary computer lab, so we have been searching for a costeffective program for several years to replace Synchron Eyes.

Although there is a learning curve to using software like this, the teachers are finding LanSchool a welcome addition to their classroom toolkit.



NORTH CANTON CITY SCHOOLS TESTING CALENDAR FOR 2017 – 2018

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MAP Winter Administration Jan 8 - Jan 26 (weeks 18 - 20)

NOTES: MAP Testing

May 3

In order to validate scores and adhere to norm data, NWEA/MAP recommends: Each test administration window does not exceed 3 weeks

Gr. 6-7-8 Part II (including Algebra)

Fall Administration: Weeks 1-7 Winter Administration: Weeks 15 - 21 Spring Administration: Weeks 28 - 34 Time between Fall & Spring: 32 Weeks

Ohio's State Tests (OST) Spring 2018 Schedule

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North Canton City Schools 2018-2019 Calendar

August	
20	Convocation / Staff Meeting Day
21 22	Staff Work Day First Student Day, Grades 1-12
28	First Day Kindergarten & Preschool
31	Staff In-service
September	
3	Labor Day
October	
8	Prof. Dev. Exchange Day
26	End of 9 Weeks (45 student days)
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
21-23 26	Conference Exchange Day
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24-31	Winter Break
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1 2	Winter Break Conference Exchange Day
10	End of 9 weeks (41 student days)
	End of Semester (86 student days)
11 21	Staff Work Day
21	Martin Luther King Day
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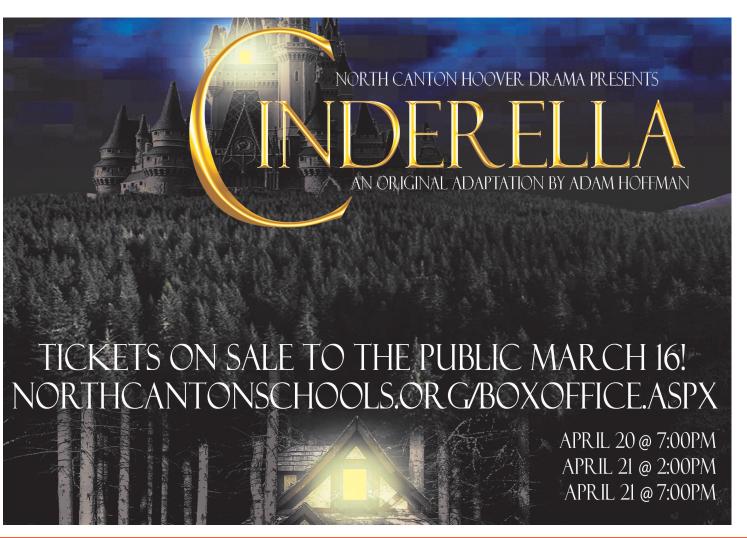
First & Last Student Day

Hoover High School



Miss Ohio

Miss Ohio, Sarah Clapper, spoke to Hoover students in January, as part of her platform to help students make good decisions. Her message was one of leadership and resiliency. She told students to "be the thermostat, not the thermometer" in their interactions with other students. Sarah explained, "I'm trying to inspire students to be leaders and to set the climate, rather than conforming and simply reflecting the climate."



Casey Clark to go to ISTE in Chicago this Summer

Hoover High School's Casey Clark has won an NEA grant to attend the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference this summer. The conference will be held in Chicago. Mr. Clark is committed to using technology to expand the learning experiences of his students.



Early Childhood Center

A Quality Preschool

On Friday, January 19, North Canton City Schools received confirmation that the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center's application for renewal of its Step Up to Quality 5-star rating was approved. The ECC first received its 5-star rating in November 2016 from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services. This designation is confirmation of the outstanding job done by Principal Michael Coppa and his staff.

Hoover Middle School Drew Eynon in OSU Band Festival

NCMS eighth-grade band member, Drew Eynon, applied and was selected to play the euphonium in The Ohio State University's Middle School Honor Band Festival on Saturday, February 17, 2018. He will have the opportunity to rehearse and perform in one of the four festival bands with the guest composer, William Owens, and another conductor. This year's festival will feature 385 student musicians from 135 school bands to comprise the four honor bands.

Hoover High School



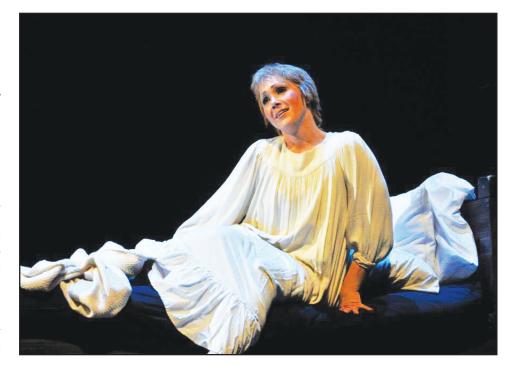
Alumni Corner

We will be sharing stories of Hoover High School graduates in our newsletters, and this issue features **Heather Phillips**, who is a highly successful opera singer. If you wish to suggest alumni to be featured, please send the information to doylep@northcantonschools. org.

A 2002 Hoover High School graduate, Heather Phillips received her bachelor's degree and master's degree from The University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music in 2006 and 2008, respectively. She received the HHS John C. Hayward Award and was recently featured in Modern Singer Magazine.

Did any North Canton teachers contribute to your success?

Yes! Two music teachers that influenced me the most from North Canton were my Hoover High School choir director Kimberly Melin and my local private piano teacher, Carol Singer. Mrs. Singer helped me build the foundation of my musicianship skills at the piano before I began my training as a singer. Mrs. Melin was my greatest influence in my vocal training as a young teenager. I'll never forget attending a music-incorporated production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at HHS that she directed musically when I was still in middle school. The band was onstage in the action of the play and she was like a rock star at the piano, full of energy and enthusiasm. Her love and passion for music was palpable! It was one of the first moments I realized how powerful the theatre is and I remember saying to myself, "I want to be a part of that!" Once I got into high school I sang in her freshman choir and made it into her top choir, the Hoover Highlo's. Unfortunately my time with Mrs. Melin was cut short when she was seriously injured in a car accident my sophomore year and subsequently began her long road to recovery. However, even though our time together at school was brief...the time I did have with her as a student was invaluable. She is a corner stone for my love of music, training and subsequent career. Thanks to the help of social media, we reconnected a few years ago and keep in touch today. I am able to share videos and photos of my performances and it means a lot to be able to share that with her.



Could you share with us some of the performances that you especially enjoyed in your career?

A few months ago, I was performing the role of Micaela in Bizet's famous opera Carmen at Austin Lyric Opera. Micaela is a role I've done often, but this production was especially memorable because of an audience member that generously wrote to me after the show via social media. She told me that she was a former singer that had to stop singing due to problems with asthma, and now works as a speech pathologist, so it's safe to say that she knows a lot about singing and the human voice. She told me that she hadn't been to the opera in a while and that my performance, particularly my vocal delivery and breath control, brought her to tears and re-inspired her love for opera. I put a lot of work into the craft and art of my work so when it means something so tangible to someone in the audience, that is what makes the performance even more valuable to me. Looking ahead, I am making my New York Philharmonic debut later this month at Lincoln Center which is a big milestone for me and next season I am returning to Ohio to perform with the Canton Symphony Orchestra in my hometown. I'm so looking forward to

What advice would you give to present high school students who aspire to a career in music?

Here's my pragmatic advice...if they are not already doing so, get ready to work hard. Talent is not enough and it is an extremely competitive field to make it in professionally. So practice, practice, practice and then go practice some more. Find a good teacher who has YOUR best interests at heart. Also, I would say ninety-five percent of working musicians, including myself, work many part-time jobs while pursuing a

music career in order to pay the bills in-between gigs until one becomes fully established. So if that is something you don't think you can handle, pursue something else. If music is not something you absolutely desire doing the most, go do something else. But if you have the talent, willingness to work hard and music gives your life meaning in no way any other pursuit can. . . then go for it with all you've got! A career as a professional musician is a tough road but an extremely rewarding one. Also, absorb as much culture as you can! The classical music industry especially is an international one. . . so work hard on studying a foreign language and the great composers from all over the world. Go to museums, the symphony, learn about the great painters, and see the great plays and films. Get off the cell phones and absorb living, breathing culture! It will make you a better musician, and more importantly a better person.

For more information about Heather Phillips, visit this YouTube video https://www.youtube.com/watch?timecontinue=7&v=gjEx9MJ8-L0 and go to her website at www.heatherphillipssoprano.com.





Spelling Bee Champion Claire Wood with English Department Chairperson Molly Meister.

Hoover Middle School Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to Claire Wood, who won the North Canton Middle School spelling bee February 6. Claire spelled "facilitate" correctly in Round 15 to win the championship. Robby Smart finished as the runner-up.

Hoover High School



Video Productions Class takes Third Place in Video Contest

The Ohio School Boards Association has announced that the Hoover Video Productions III Class has taken third place in the 2017 "Stand Up for Public Schools" Student Video Contest. The Hoover Video Productions Program will be presented with the award at the OSBA Capital Conference at the Student Achievement Fair Tuesday, November 14.

NCtv finds new Home

Looking for NCtv? If you are a Spectrum cable subscriber, you will now find NCtv on channel 1022. If you subscribe to AT&T U-Verse, you will find NCtv on channel 99. Please remember that most of our programming is also available on our NCtv website https://www.northcantonschools.org/NCtv1.aspx.



Orchard Hill Intermediate

Canton Museum of Art visits Orchard Hill

On Tuesday, December 19, Mrs. Rosemary Stephen, the Canton Museum of Art's instructor, taught a lesson on Canton history and constructing visual narratives, featuring work by Canton artist Clyde Singer to students in Mrs. Brenda Triner's Orchard Hill classroom. Students first enjoyed a virtual tour of the museum. Then they compared and contrasted the 1880s works of Ferdinand Brader with the painting "Street People" by Clyde Singer. They practiced assessing and assigning body language

to personality and feelings to create a modern day Canton character. Finally, breaking into small groups, students planned a scene where their developed characters posed to create a modern day replica of "Street People." These scenes were photographed and will be merged with a current Canton street scene, and we were very excited to see the modern creations. This program was made possible through generous grants from the Hoover Foundation, Arts in Stark, and the Ohio Arts Council.

Hoover High School

Hoover competes in National Ocean Science Bowl

Hoover's first National Ocean Science Bowl team competed at an event at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium February 3. The team, led by Sarah Covington and Steve Wood, won the first two rounds and then cheered on the Lake High School team which made it to the first round of finals. Members of the Ocean Science Bowl are Maddy Frank, Sydney Green, Kate Lochridge, John Milligan and Jason Rojas. One highlight of the competition was meeting a penguin on the behind the scenes tour.

Hoover High School

Hoover Speech and Debate has 27 qualify to State

The speech and debate team competed at the Ohio Speech and Debate Association Canton District Tournament February 3. At the conclusion of the tournament, twenty-seven Hoover students advanced to the state tournament which will be held in Sylvania on March 2-3.

The qualifying students are listed below:

DECLAMATION August Genovese Daniel Munoz

DRAMATIC INTERP Andrew Hayworth

DUO INTERP Evan and Graham Leckie-Ewing Moriah Wood and Klaire Vandegrift

HUMOROUS INTERP Max Schroeter Steven Kager Johnnie Murphy

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING Paula Antonio Tritto

INTERNATIONAL EXTEMP Alex Massa

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE Aditi Priyardershi Sophia Ploucha ORIGINAL ORATORY Kevin Poe Joe Jocas

PROGRAMORALINTERPRETATION
Colin Jenkins
Maya Sanchez-Strauss

PUBLIC FORUM

US EXTEMP Harrison LaHaie

Two Person Debate Brooke Stout and Lindsay Lowry Carmen Misja and Claire Komanec

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE Omar Nusair Aaron Pike Harrison Grisez Regan Chaffee



Hoover Middle School Geography Bee

On January 4, 2018, Robby Smart won the Geography Bee at North Canton Middle School for the second year in a row. Robby, an eighth-grader, finished 12th in the state out of 100 finalists at the state competition last year, and he recently took an online geography test that could allow him to qualify for the April state competition once again. Robby enjoys studying history and says that when he's bored, he enjoys studying Wikipedia and using the Geo Bee app.



Robby Smart with Mrs. Lindsay Billker, sixthgrade social studies teacher and Geography Bee moderator.

VIKING 12 VISION

Building News

Hoover High School

College Credit Plus at Hoover High School

College Credit Plus allows students in grades 7-12 to earn college credits while still enrolled in the North Canton City School District. Enrolling in a College Credit Plus course means that the student is committed to taking the course. This is not a decision which should be taken lightly. College Credit Plus classes start a student's college transcript and college GPA. These courses can have long-reaching effects for students with regard to future college admission, financial aid, and scholarships. Both parent and student should have a discussion regarding the seriousness of taking a college course and benefits vs. ramifications of the grade and credit earned by the student.

College Credit Plus at Hoover courses allow students to earn both Hoover High School credit and college credit at the same time for courses taken here at Hoover High School. Hoover teachers, who are adjunct professors, teach the classes. Eligible students may take College Composition I and II, Precalculus, General College Physics, Business Foundations, and/or Strategic Entrepreneurship. Student must meet the entrance requirements for the college that is issuing the credit.

College Credit Plus at College allows qualified students in grades 7-12 to take classes at any college in Ohio on a full-time or part-time basis. Students will receive both high school and college credit for these courses. To participate, we recommend a student have a grade point average of at least B or its equivalent in all high school courses in the subject area the student intends to take at the college. Students must meet the admission criteria of the college and complete the application process for the college.

There is no cost involved with taking CCP courses either at Hoover or at the college as long a student completes the course with a passing grade. CCP is a great opportunity to take their learning to a different level, challenge themselves, and earn some college credit. It does not guarantee early graduation from college but does give students the change to expand their options and knowledge. Students and parents can contact the Guidance Office for more information.



(L to R): Roger Frye National Chief of Staff, Robert Giannone Commander Dept. of Ohio, Deacon R. Humbert, Darlene Beck Auxiliary Dept. President, Sandra Uzell National District Council Member Area D.

Hoover Middle School

VFW Awards

Each year the VFW sponsors an essay contest in which students are given a theme and must type and record their essay. Eighteen students participated in this year's contest, and Deacon Humbert's essay placed second in the district competition. Deacon, a freshman at Hoover High School, was sponsored by the VFW Post 9904 here in North Canton. His essay won at the district level, and he moved on to the

state competition. At the VFW State Convention in Independence Ohio, the finals were held with 12 students competing. Deacon came in third place and won a \$4000 scholarship.

The VFW also sponsors Patriots Pen for 6-8 graders. This year we had 18 students participated Deacon Heather's essay placed second in the district competition. Deacon is an eighth-grader at North Canton Middle School.



Deacon R. Humber with his check

FEB. 23 @ 7PM FEB. 24 @ 2PM FEB. 24 @ 7PM FEB. 25 @ 7PM NORTHCANTONSCHOOLS.ORG/BOXOFFICE.ASPX

Orchard Hill Intermediate

A Virtual Education Challenge!

As a National Blue Ribbon School, the Galaxy students at Orchard Hill Intermediate, taught by Ms. Shannon McPherson, have been invited to participate in an educational tournament courtesy of DimensionU. The competition, which is only open to students in Blue Ribbon schools, requires both educational knowledge and computer skills. There are various online games that can be played individually or as a team, but in order to score points, students must correctly answer questions based on content standards. The teacher can customize both the



level of difficulty and the specific curriculum, so some students could be practicing multiplication or fractions, while others are identifying idioms. It's a great challenge for the students, and it's also an engaging way to develop their content skills. The tournament will be March 1-31, and the Galaxy students are excited to be representing Orchard Hill Intermediate.

Orchard Hill Intermediate

Walsh University Collaboration

The shape and solutions of the future rely totally on the collective effort of people working together. We are all an integral part of the web of life.

- Jacque Fresco

Orchard Hill Intermediate School is fortunate to have the opportunity to work in collaboration with Walsh University. The partnership established between the students and staff at Orchard Hill Intermediate and the young, enthusiastic teacher candidates from Walsh University, supervised by Susan Oryszak, proves to weave a web of support, mutual respect and skill growth all around as we engage in collaboration to touch the future.

Each Walsh teacher candidate is partnered with a cooperating teacher who nominates one of their students to complete the triad of support and provide a boost to the student's skills and strategies in the area of reading. The Walsh candidates spend time getting to know their Orchard Hill partner, and gather information and data that allows them to plan instruction for their partner, sharing strategies and "Tools for



their Toolbox" they can take back and use in the classroom to achieve success.

The interaction between partners is priceless. They work together twice a week during VIKE time. The one on one time is a boost for both partners. They treasure each visit, and they learn from each other. All information gathered is shared with both the classroom teacher and the parent.





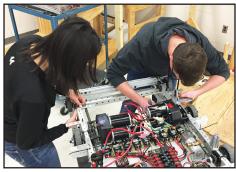
Hoover High School

Robotics Club preps for Annual Competition



For a better understanding about how education has changed in the last 20 years, take a look at **Mr. Todd Alkire**. In his 23rd year of

teaching and 17th in North Canton, Mr. Alkire began his career teaching physics and physical science. He moved to Hoover from the middle school in 2012 to teach in the Pre-Engineering career tech program, using the Project Lead the Way curriculum. Now he is a teacher in the Pre-Engineering career tech program, using the Project Lead the Way curriculum. No longer limited to a textbook, lessons now include nine software programs for the CNC mills, 3-D printers, laser engraver, wide-format printer, CNC router, and a 3-D scanner, all part of the Fab Lab. His classroom also includes 60 desktops for student use.



Mr. Alkire is the advisor to the school's Competitive Robotics Club. The club, which is open to students in grades 9-12, has 59 members. Twentyone of the members are seniors. Mr. Alkire, the club members and adult



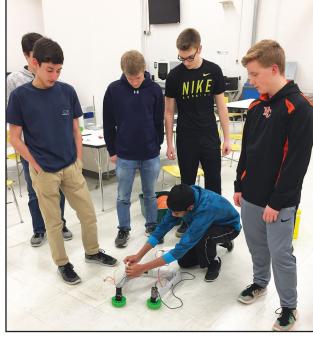
volunteers spend 22 hours a week, outside of the school day, building two robots as they prepare for two regional competitive events. One is held at Wright State Feb. 28 – March 1, and the other is at Cleveland State March 28-31.

The theme of this year's FIRST Robotics Competition is "Power Up," a retro 1980s video game theme. The theme was broadcast in early January to 4,000 teams across the globe, and students have six weeks to build a robot that is programmed to complete specific tasks. At Hoover, the robotics team builds two identical robots. The first robot is built and programmed by seniors, while underclassmen complete the twin robot as they learn from the seniors. The robots must be able to complete basic tasks, to lift cubes and place them onto a teeter-tooter and also to lift itself seven feet off the ground in 30 seconds. All of the tasks are part of the direct competition against other student robotic teams.

Interested in following the work of the Robotics Club? Follow them on social media. Look for FRC Team 4121 Viking Robotics on Facebook and on Twitter: @Team4121, on Instagram: @ Team4121 and Snapchat: @vikings4121.







Employee Recognition

North Canton City Schools honored employees with 20, 25, 30 and 35 years with the school district at the Professional Learning Day February 16. We appreciate the commitment of these employees and value the expertise and experience they contribute to the operation of the district and education of our students.



35 YearsCynthia Snyder

30 Years

Janet Bremer David Brown Christina Coz

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Capture Your Teams Highlights

Hoovers NEW Video Highlights App-RAPID REPLAY

The Hoover athletic department is excited to announce our new video highlights app, Rapid Replay! Rapid Replay is a fun, easy, platform to capture, upload, watch and share all of your favorite Vikings highlights. Use the Rapid Replay app to film clips at games so you never miss a highlight. Videos are all organized by sport, team and play so you can always find the clip you're looking for, and your videos will even be featured on our website, hoovervikings. com!

Better yet, each video filmed with Rapid Replay also earns money for the Vikings athletic department! All you have to do is download Rapid Replay on the App Store or Google Play, film highlights of your favorite Hoover teams with the app, and voila - Rapid Replay donates to the Vikings Athletic Department. Just download, film, and earn!

Get started today:

- Download the free Rapid Replay app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- 2. Attend Hoover sporting events and capture highlights using the Rapid Replay app.
- 3. Have fun with the app! Watch your favorite highlights and share via text or social media right from the app!

The more supporters, the more we will raise for our school. Download now and start filming at the next Hoover event.

Thank you for your support!

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The in-app camera is designed to never miss a highlight. When filming, just tap "STOP" after a great play and the app will automatically clip the last 15 seconds of action, so all you're left with is the highlight. What's more, when multiple fans film the same play, the app will sync together a super-highlight so you're able to see every angle filmed!

Not able to make the game? Follow along with the real-time video highlights on the Rapid Replay app. Every video is organized by team, game and play!

Looking to share your favorite plays? You can share videos via social media or text right from the app with one push of a button!

To learn more, visit rapidreplay.co or email hello@rapidreplay.co. Happy filming!



25 Years

Lori Anderson
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Scott Aston
Kathleen Bailey
Jennifer Brancheau
Bonnie Burris
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Kelleen Davis
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Theresa Eaver
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Diane Ward
Roger Ware
Kimberly White
Betty Wolfe
Mercedes Zernechel



20 Years

Travis Ackerman Donna Biddle Laura Blandine Suzanne Bourlas David Burtscher Douglas Burwell Kristi Cropper Deborah Crowl Shirley Dobry Laurel Donley Jennifer Edmunds Gina Garcia Patricia Grimsley Mary Habib Janice Heighway
Carol Hill
Gregory Hobe
Kathleen Kennedy
Christy Kovatch
Valerie Lorentz
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The North Canton Athletic Department has a website with great information available HooverVikings.com at the Varsity News Network (VNN). On the website you will find athletic department information as well as team rosters, schedules, athletic forms, directions, photos, ticket prices and more. At the bottom of the web page, you can also sign up for Team Alerts to receive game scores and information for your favorite teams.

Spring in Ohio often means that outdoor athletic events must be canceled due to inclement weather. Please remember to check the schedule on our athletic website, https://hoovervikings.com for any updates.

Boys' Varsity Tennis

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04.03.2018	4:30pm	Lake High School
04.04.2018	4:00pm	Wooster High School
04.05.2018	4:30pm	GlenOak High School
04.06.2018	5:00pm	Quad
04.09.2018	4:30pm	Kenston High School
04.10.2018	4:30pm	St. Ignatius High School
04.11.2018	4:00pm	St. Edward High School
04.12.2018	4:30pm	Perry High School
04.14.2018	8:00am	St. Edward's Invitational
04.16.2018	4:00pm	Louisville High School
04.17.2018	4:30pm	McKinley High School
04.19.2018	4:30pm	Jackson High School
04.21.2018	8:00am	Lexington Invitational
04.23.2018	4:15pm	CVCA
04.24.2018	4:30pm	Green High School
04.26.2018	4:30pm	Brunswick High School
04.28.2018	TBA	Federal League Tournament
04.30.2018	4:15pm	Brecksville High School
05.01.2018	4:30pm	Revere High School
05.02.2018	4:00pm	Canton Central Catholic
05.03.2018	4:30pm	Shaker Heights High School

Boys' JV Tennis

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03.20.2018	7:30pm	Wooster High School
03.22.2018	7:30pm	St. Edward High School
03.24.2018	3:00pm	Dublin Coffman
03.28.2018	TBA	St. Ignatius High School
04.07.2018	7:30pm	Shaker Heights
04.09.2018	7:30pm	Chagrin Falls High School
04.13.2018	TBA	Medina High School
04.17.2018	7:30pm	University School
04.20.2018	7:30pm	Solon High School
04.23.2018	6:30pm	Western Reserve Academy
04.25.2018	7:30pm	Green High School
04.28.2018	3:00pm	Strongsville High School
04.30.2018	7:30pm	Kenston High School
05.04.2018	7:30pm	Hudson High School
05.07.2018	7:30pm	Revere High School
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04.17.2018	5:30PM	University School
04.23.2018	5:00pm	Western Reserve Academy
04.25.2018	5:30pm	Green High School
04.28.2018	1:00pm	Strongsville High School
04.30.2018	5:30pm	Kenston High School
05.04.2018	5:30pm	Hudson High School
05.08.2018	5:30pm	Revere High School
05.11.2018	5:30pm	Jackson High School

Girls' Varsity Lacrosse

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03.22.2018	7:00pm	Brunswick High School
03.28.2018	6:00pm	Lake High School
04.07.2018	2:00pm	Olmsted Falls High School
04.09.2018	6:00pm	GlenOak High School
04.11.2018	7:00pm	Avon High School
04.14.2018	5:00pm	Hudson High School
04.18.2018	7:00pm	Cardinal Mooney High School
04.19.2018	7:00pm	Revere High School
04.21.2018	11:00am	Louisville High School
04.24.2018	7:00pm	Wadsworth High School
05.05.2018	7:00pm	Green High School
05.08.2018	7:00pm	Jackson High School
05.10.2018	7:00pm	Hoban High School
05.12.2018	1:30pm	Kenston High School

Girls' JV Lacrosse

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3/21/2018	5:30pm	Wooster High School
3/22/2018	5:30pm	Brunswick High School
4/07/2018	12:00pm	Olmsted Falls High School
4/11/2018	5:30pm	Avon High School
4/14/2018	3:30pm	Hudson High School
4/18/2018	5:30pm	Cardinal Mooney HS
4/19/2008	5:30pm	Revere High School
4/21/2018	1:00pm	Louisville High School
4/24/2018	5:30pm	Wadsworth High School
5/5/2018	5:30pm	Green High School
5/8/2018	5:30pm	Jackson High School
5/10/2018	5:30pm	Hoban High School
5/12/2018	12:00pm	Kenston High School

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03.31.2018	10:00am	North Canton Relay
04.05.2018	4:30pm	Lake High School
04.07.2018	9:00am	Lexington Invitational
04.10.2018	4:30pm	Perry High School
04.17.2018	5:00pm	Jackson High School
04.21.2018	8:30am	Stark County Meet
04.24.2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School
04.26.2018	4:30pm	Green High School
04.26.2018	5:00pm	Perry High School (9/10)
05.01.2018	4:30pm	GlenOak High School
05.04.2018	5:00pm	Jackson Twilight Invt.
05.05.2018	10:00am	East Canton Hornet Relays
05.09.2018	4:30pm	JV Fed. Leg. (@GlenOak)
05.11.2018	5:00pm	Fed Leg. (@Perry)
05.16.2018	4:30pm	District Track Meet (@Hoover)
05.18.2018	4:30pm	District Track Meet9 @Hoover)

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3/26/2018	5:00PM	Springfield High School
3/28/2018	5:00PM	Perry High School
4/3/2018	5:00PM	McKinley High School
4/4/2018	5:00PM	Jackson High School
4/6/2018	5:00PM	Massillon High School
4/7/2018	12:00PM	Amherst Steele High School
4/7/2018	2:00PM	West Branch High School
4/10/2018	5:00PM	Green High School
4/11/2018	5:00PM	Lake High School
4/14/2018	11:00AM	Canfield High School
4/14/2018	3:00PM	Madison High School
4/17/2018	5:00PM	GlenOak High School
4/18/2018	5:00PM	Louisville High School
4/20/2018	TBA	Wendy's Spring Classic
4/21/2018	TBA	Wendy's Spring Classic
4/24/2018	5:00PM	Perry High School
4/25/2018	5:00PM	McKinley High School
4/27/2018	TBA	Prebis Memorial High School
4/28/2018	TBA	Prebis Memorial High School
5/1/2018	5:00PM	Jackson High School
5/2/2018	5:00PM	Green High School
5/5/2018	TBA	Gahanna Showcase
5/7/2018	5:00PM	Lake High School
5/8/2018	5:00PM	GlenOak High School

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03.26.2018	5:00pm	Springfield High School
03.28.2018	5:00pm	Perry High School
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04.03.2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School
04.04.2018	5:00pm	Jackson High School
04.06.2018	5:00pm	Massillon High School
04.07.2018	12:00pm	Amherst @ Perry HS
04.07.2018	2:00pm	West Branch @ Perry HS
04.10.2018	5:00pm	Green High School
04.11.2018	5:00pm	Lake High School
04.13.2018	5:00pm	Barberton High School
04.14.2018	11:00am	Canfield High School
04.14.2018	3:00pm	Madison High School
04.17.2018	5:00pm	GlenOak High School
04.18.2018	5:00pm	Louisville High School
04.20.2018	TBA	JV Jamboree-Akron
04.21.2018	TBA	JV Jamboree-Akron
04.24.2018	5:00pm	Perry High School
04.25.2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School
04.27.2018	5:00pm	Barberton High School
05.01.2018	5:00pm	Jackson High School
05.02.2018	5:00pm	Green High School
05.07.2018	5:00pm	Lake High School
05.08.2018	5:00pm	GlenOak High School

Varsity Baseball

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3/24/2018	2:00pm	Youngstown Ursuline HS
3/26/2018	10:00am	Rock River VA (Myrtle Bea
3/27/2018	1:30pm	S. County VA (Myrtle Bead
3/28/2018	10:00am	Yorktown VA (Myrtle Beac
4/3/2018	5:00pm	Perry High School
4/4/2018	5:00pm	Perry High School
4/5/2018	5:00pm	Jackson High School
4/7/2018	1:00pm	Central Catholic HS
4/9/2018	5:00pm	Louisville High School
4/10/2018	5:00pm	Green High School
4/11/2018	5:00pm	Green High School
4/13/2018	5:00pm	Cardinal Mooney HS
4/16/2018	5:00pm	Cardinal Mooney HS
4/18/2018	5:00pm	Massillon High School
4/19/2018	7:00pm	Jackson High School
4/21/2018	12:00pm	Boardman High School
4/24/2018	5:00pm	Lake High School
4/25/2018	5:00pm	Lake High School
4/28/2018	11:00am	Ellet High School
5/1/2018	7:00pm	GlenOak High School
5/2/2018	5:00pm	GlenOak High School
5/4/2018	5:00pm	Youngstown Ursuline HS
5/5/2018	11:00am	Marlington High School
5/5/2018	1:00pm	Marlington High School
5/10/2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School
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5/10/2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School
5/12/2018	11:00am	Revere High School
5/12/2018	2:00pm	Revere High School

Freshman Baseball

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03.29.2018	5:00pm	Louisville High School	
03.30.2018	3:00pm	Boardman High School	
04.03.2018	5:00pm	Perry High School	
04.04.2018	5:00pm	Perry High School	
04.05.2018	5:00pm	Jackson High School	
04.07.2018	12:00pm	Canfield High School	
04.09.2018	5:00pm	Louisville High School	
04.10.2018	5:00pm	Green High School	
04.11.2018	5:00pm	Green High School	
04.13.2018	5:00pm	Louisville High School	
04.14.2018	11:00am	Hudson High School (DH)	
04.18.2018	5:00pm	Massillon High School	
04.19.2018	5:00pm	Jackson High School	
04.24.2018	5:00pm	Lake High School	
04.25.2018	5:00pm	Lake High School	
04.27.2018	5:00pm	Central Catholic High Schoo	
04.28.2018	11:00am	Canfield High School	
05.01.2018	12:00am	GlenOak High School	
05.02.2018	5:00pm	GlenOak High School	
05.05.2018	12:00pm	Marlington High School (DH	
05.09.2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School	
05.10.2018	5:00pm	McKinley High School	
05.12.2018	11:00am	Revere High School (DH)	
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Mia Draper teaches LSC members about Orchard Hill School

Leadership Stark County

Current class members of Leadership Stark County's Signature Program visited Hoover High School and Orchard Hill Thursday, February 8, to explore the changing face of education" and its relationship to career and college readiness. The visit gave members of Leadership Stark County an understanding of what schools are doing to equip students for their future by addressing the challenging issue of globalization by focusing on communication, collaboration, technology and strategic thinking. Another goal of the visit was to help LSC participants partner with school districts to provide real-world knowledge and skills in preparing all students for their future.



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HOW-TO PLAN A DISNEY TRIP WITH INSIDER TIPS AND TRICKS*

HOW-TO GET STARTED CASTING TO GOOGLE HOME

HOW-TO HELP HOMELESS ANIMALS*

HOW-TO USE DRUMMING FOR THERAPY/HEALING*

HOW-TO PLAN FOR RETIREMENT

HOW-TO GET YOUR GARDEN PLANTS STARTED*

HOW-TO MAKE ORIGAMI FOR KIDS*

HOW-TO KNOW IF A HEDGEHOG IS THE RIGHT PET FOR YOU*

HOW-TO CARE FOR YOURSELF WHEN CAREGIVING FOR OTHERS

HOW- TO DRAW ANIME FOR KIDS AND TEENS*

HOW-TO GET STARTED WITH LYNDA.COM

HOW-TO TEACH DOG BEHAVIOR BASICS*

HOW-TO STYLE YOUR LULAROE

HOW-TO USE ESSENTIAL OILS FOR BEGINNERS

HOW TO TWIST BALLOONS*

HOW-TO EMBRACE ONLINE DATING: A MODERN TRADITION OF MATCHMAKING HOW-TO GET STARTED WITH YOGA FOR CHILDREN*

HOW-TO DO BASIC PET FIRST AID*

HOW-TO HAVE A MORE HEALTHY/CLEAN DIET*

HOW-TO USE ESSENTIAL OILS FOR CLEANING

HOW-TO TRAIN A CAT*

HOW-TO CONTOUR AND HIGHTLIGHT YOUR FACE WITH MAKE-UP

HOW-TO STREAM, BOOKS, MUSIC AND VIDEO ON HOOPLA

HOW-TO ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY DRIVE (FOOD, CLOTHING, ETC)*

HOW-TO HEAL YOUR BODY WITH JUICING

HOW-TO IMPROVE YOUR BALANCE WITH YOGA

HOW-TO PAINT ROCKS*

HOW-TO USE AN INSTANT POT FOR BEGINNERS

HOW-TO MAKE A LEGO ZIP LINE* WITH SIR TROY'S TOY KINGDOM

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