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Orchard Hill

## Orchard Hill nominated as a Blue Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education has announced that Orchard Hill is one of 14 schools in Ohio that have been nominated to be recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools. The decision on the actual award is made by the U.S. Department of Education. This identification honors elementary and secondary schools in the United States that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps or whose students achieves at the highest levels in their state.

Now that Orchard Hill has been nominated for this honor, the school leadership must fulfill an 18-month application process that focuses primarily on student performance and scientifically-based instructional programs. Decisions on



the actual award is done by the U.S. Department of Education.

Superintendent Jeff Wendorf recognized the contributions that members of the NCCS community have made in leading to this nomination. "We must thank the support staff, the teachers and the administrative leadership that contributed to the success that

led to this nomination." Principal Renee Manse echoed his sentiments in her speech congratulating the staff, "While everyone has worked hard to make this nomination possible, we must continue to work hard in order to demonstrate that Orchard Hill is worthy of the recognition of Blue Ribbon School."

## Community Input Needed on Facilities Project

The North Canton City School District is in line for funding from the State of Ohio to address our aging school facilities. A year ago the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) came to the district to evaluate building needs. Superintendent Jeff Wendorf believes the community and schools should review those OSFC reports, take part in the development of options and make recommendations regarding what the district's needs are for the present and for the future. "In order

to make these decisions, we have partnered with SoL Harris/Day to create a process of community forums to examine our facilities and involve residents in evaluating the future of educational programs and the factors that play a role in education. Those factors include school size, building grade configurations and curricular offerings," Wendorf explained.

If NCCS community members elect to pursue a facilities project, the funding can be used for anything from repairs and renovation or new construction. The funding from the OSFC would be approximately 37 percent of the total project.



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District News

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## Summer Registration and Enrollment

While most North Canton families were busy this summer enjoying traditional family activities, the district office was busy enrolling new students. The district's registrar, Laura Kennedy, has processed applications for 250 students since the end of last year with 77 of these students being kindergarten students. We are excited and honored to see so many new families seek out the North Canton City Schools and our community from as far away as New York, Florida and Texas. It is a testament to the great families already here and the community's investment in our school.

Below is a quick summary of the district's enrollment as we begin the second semester:

| Building      | Enrollment |
|---------------|------------|
| Clearmount    | 365        |
| Greentown     | 540        |
| Northwood     | 452        |
| Orchard Hill  | 423        |
| Middle School | 958        |
| High School   | 1645       |
| K-12 Total    | 4383       |



## Hoover High School Students attend "Beneath the Waves" at Canton Palace Theatre

**Dave Pilati**  
 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

On February 9, students in Steve Wood's Marine Biology class at Hoover High School attended a film festival titled "Beneath the Waves" at Canton's Palace Theatre. This film festival, now in its seventh year, promotes ocean conservation by presenting short documentaries that have been created collaboratively by students and scientists. Each documentary tells a story about marine science or marine conservation efforts pertaining to topics such as kelp forests in Tasmania, plastic pollution in the South Pacific, shark conservation, or artificial reef programs to provide habitat for marine life. The documentaries also highlight the research that is presently occurring in marine science. Over the years, "Beneath the Waves" has educated thousands of people all around the world. Following the film documentaries, all students in

attendance had an opportunity to participate in a Q & A session with the "Beneath the Waves" director.

Attendance at this event at no cost to the North Canton City School District has been made possible by the Canton Palace Theatre, which was able to acquire grant funding to cover both admission and transportation costs incurred by districts. For more information on this event, please visit the Canton Palace's website at [www.cantonpalacetheatre.org/](http://www.cantonpalacetheatre.org/). Attendance at this event was a great learning experience for Hoover's Marine Biology students as they prepare for their trip to Andros Island in the Bahamas from March 11 - 18 where they will get to apply much of what they have learned in the course so far this year.



## Facility Rentals

**Todd Henne**  
 DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

The North Canton City School District rarely turns all the lights out when the students leave for the day – and that is actually a good thing. Each year, our district school buildings are used on nights and weekends by community groups. Groups wishing to rent our facilities must have acceptable insurance, a deposit and a payment for custodial time and hourly rental charges. In recent years, some of the district's renters have included Stark State College of Technology, the North Canton YMCA, Missionview

Church, North Canton Youth Football, the North Canton Lions Club, AAU basketball tournaments, and the Special Olympics. One of the busiest places in the winter time is in the district's gymnasium. Each year, gym time is allotted to over 50 teams when taking into account school teams grades 7-12 and the YMCA community basketball program that routinely has over 40 teams in grades 1-6. We recognize that our school district and its resources belong to our community, and we will continue to build on that partnership.

## Substitutes Needed

The North Canton City Schools is in need of substitute employees in two critical areas. The first area is substitute bus drivers. If interested in being trained to be a school bus driver, please contact Debbie Dalton at the North Canton Bus Garage - 330.497.5615. Debbie will give you an overview of what is necessary and work with you through the process. Morning and/or afternoon sub positions are available to fit your schedule, and we offer competitive pay for this very important position. Also, this could lead to permanent employment.

The second area of need is for custodial substitutes. Subs can work 4 or 8 hours during the day or afternoon shift. Interested people may contact Donna Yackey at 330.497.5600 for more information.

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# School Finance 102

## How it works in North Canton: Local Funding

**Todd Tolson**  
TREASURER

School funding in Ohio comes from two primary sources: The State of Ohio (School Finance 101 in Oct. 2016 *Viking Vision*), and the school district's local taxpayers. This article will focus on our local funding.

Our local funds come from tax levies which have been approved by taxpayers who reside inside our district boundaries. When a district needs additional monies to run their day-to-day operations, they need to place a new operating levy on the ballot. New levies typically sustain a district 4 - 5 years before either another levy must be requested or spending reductions need to be made.

When levies are approved, the amount of money generated will remain relatively constant for the life of the levy, except for new construction. This is due to a House Bill (HB) 920, a law passed in 1976. This bill eliminates large increases in property tax billings due to large, inflationary increases in property values. HB 920 adjusts voted millage annually so as property values increase, millage rates decrease so no additional dollars will be generated for school districts. This reduced rate is

called "Effective Millage." Currently, the voted millage for North Canton Schools is 80.9 mils, and the effective millage is 40.6 mils.

Now, you may say that in the past your tax bill increased without a new levy, and it possibly can happen even without passage of a new levy. Every six years, the Stark County Auditor must perform a reappraisal of all property values in the county. In between each reappraisal, a "computer update" of valuations is performed based on sales of properties. Here is a scenario of what can happen with these valuation changes. We can see an average increase of values of 8% for our district, but in one neighborhood the increase is 10% and in another the increase is only 5%. The outcome, because of H.B. 920, is an increase in the tax bill in the 10% neighborhood and a decrease in the neighborhood whose values only increased 5%. The net effect is the district received no additional dollars. Another reason for an overall tax increase could be from a new levy of another agency, such as the city, township, library or parks system.

**Revenue Breakdown  
2016-2017**



Interested in additional information regarding school funding? Please investigate the following links:

**Stark County Auditor Property Search**

<http://ddti.starkcountyohio.gov/Search.aspx>

**Tax Rates by District**

[http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/StarkCounty/media/StarkCounty/StarkCountMain/Auditor/Documents/2016-2015-Tax-Rate-Comparison-Residential-Agricultural-Property\\_1.pdf?ext=.pdf](http://www.starkcountyohio.gov/StarkCounty/media/StarkCounty/StarkCountMain/Auditor/Documents/2016-2015-Tax-Rate-Comparison-Residential-Agricultural-Property_1.pdf?ext=.pdf)



### Need money to continue your education after high school? The Canton Student Loan Foundation can help!

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The Canton Student Loan Foundation was established in 1922 and provides low-interest student loans to graduates or soon-to-be graduates of Stark County high schools.

To be eligible for a loan, students must have at least a 2.0 grade-point average, be pursuing an undergraduate course of study, and be attending school on a full-time basis. Students may borrow up to \$3,000 per academic year until the maximum of \$12,000 has been borrowed.

To receive an application, contact the Canton Student Loan Foundation at (330) 493-0020 or [info@cantonstudentloan.org](mailto:info@cantonstudentloan.org). Applications may also be downloaded or submitted from our website at [www.cantonstudentloan.org](http://www.cantonstudentloan.org).

Loan applications are due in the Foundation's office by June 1, 2017.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Leggett, Executive Director at (330) 493-0020.

## Farm to School in North Canton

**Janice Williams**  
FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

North Canton City Schools is part of a larger community. Our mission statement reflects that recognition: *Inspire students; impact our community; change the world.*

In a very real way, North Canton's Food and Nutrition Services, through our Farm to School initiative, is doing just that. The service is inspiring our students to try new, locally grown items. In turn, by purchasing items from our local suppliers, the district is impacting our community and putting resources back into the local level. Finally, the effort also helps change the world by making connections and focus on fresh, local and healthy choices.

The Farm to School initiative focuses on a Harvest of the Month. Each month students are provided with different local items to "taste test." In the elementary schools, students will receive a brightly colored sticker that shouts, "I tried it!" The schools have many adventurous taste testers, and these students love to let everyone know what they think.

September's Harvest of the Month was local fresh peaches and pears while October was filled with locally grown Ohio apples. In November, students taste tested zucchini that was creatively cooked by our awesome staff; some cooked the fresh zucchini with corn for a steamed medley of flavors; others took



fresh zucchini slices and topped each slice with marinara and mozzarella, and baked them up like a mini pizza; and still others made fresh zucchini spears and seasoned with Italian herbs and Parmesan, then baked to a golden brown. December offered a focus on locally procured milk and grain items, bringing to light the fact that Farm to School isn't just about produce. In January the spotlight was on grapefruit, and surprisingly most students liked this somewhat sour fruit, enough that many of the schools are bringing it in to serve again after the successful taste tests.

The taste tests will continue through the end of the school year. February's Harvest of the Month is garlic; March is cauliflower and broccoli; April will see asparagus and May brings in spinach. The Food and Nutrition Service personnel are already planning recipes and ideas to tempt the student's taste buds into trying something new.



District News

**Facilities Project**

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Steering Committee

In November, the district looked at the future of education and those factors that will help our students to be successful not only today, but also 25 years into the future. At the December Community Dialogue, attendees were surveyed about the programs they would like to see offered in the schools as well as school sizes and thoughts on renovation, repair or replacement of the current buildings.

Also, a steering committee was created to gather the community's input from the meetings with a goal in early February of developing options for a facility project. At the Community Dialogue 2 on February 21, these options will be presented and feedback will be collected regarding the residents' thoughts about the steering

committee's recommendations. District residents are encouraged to attend, as Dominic Ferrante of SoLHarris/Day explains, "To be able to have a comprehensive facilities master plan, it's vitally important to hear the voices of all community members – new couples, students, parents, senior citizens, teachers/administrators and business leaders. Most communities recognize that the school system is the foundation of their community; their voices will help shape the delivery of education for their community."

The steering committee will review the community's feedback and develop recommendations which will be presented at the NCCS Board of Education meeting March 15.

| Facility           | Orig. Yr. Built | Age   | Size Sq. Ft. | Class rooms | Acres |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Portage/ECC        | 1924            | 92    | 49,125       | 23          | 4     |
| Clearmount         | 1959            | 57    | 39,221       | 25          | 14    |
| Orchard Hill       | 1956            | 60    | 38,782       | 24          | 6     |
| Greentown          | 1928            | 88    | 49,786       | 36          | 11    |
| Northwood          | 1971            | 45    | 45,496       | 32          | 15.5  |
| Middle School      | 1957            | 59    | 131,533      | 75          | 14    |
| Hoover High School | 1976/1997       | 40/19 | 325,212      | 88          | 43    |
| Charlotte Field    |                 |       |              |             | 8.5   |
| Bus Garage         | 1948            | 68    |              |             | 4     |
| Stadium            | 1947            | 69    |              |             | 13    |

**Important Dates**  
**Community Dialogue 2** .....February 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Hoover High School Commons - All residents are invited  
**NCCS Board of Education Meeting** ..... March 15 at 6:00 p.m.  
 Hoover High School Media Center

For more information about the process and an opportunity to review the presentations, please go to [www.northcantonschools.org](http://www.northcantonschools.org) and click on "Community" and "Facility Master Planning Project."



**NCCS Students in FIRST LEGO League**

The FIRST LEGO League is a competition involving students in grades 4-8 as they design, build and program a robot to compete against other students as they research real-world problems. The program gives students the opportunity to apply science, technology, engineering and math concepts (STEM).



One local team is the Musical Mechanics, which consists of North Canton Middle School students **Adrienne Zylko** (8th grade), **Nestor Nshimiye** (7th) and **Kosta Volas** (6th); Orchard Hill students, **Lillian Dria** (5th) and **Ben Dria** (4th); and Greentown student **Tiffany Nshimiye** (5th). The team is coached by **Jennifer Zylko** and **Hilary Dria**.

Coach Hilary Dria explains that the competition teaches students a variety

of skills. "This is basically a competition that involves building an EV3 robot and programming it to perform missions on a game board for points, researching a topic that has to do with the year's theme, which is Animal Allies; and proposing a solution for a problem related to it, as well as incorporating a set of core values both in the competition and in their everyday lives." The Musical Mechanics chose to research the endangered right whale. As a part of their research, they are trying to increase public awareness of the right whale and encourage people to follow @rightwhalovers on Instagram.

The team finished first in a regional qualified tournament for best robot design and best robot performance. At the district competition at the University of Akron, students qualified

for the state competition at Wright State University in February.

Three North Canton Middle School students, **Olivia Korach**, **Sophia Murphy** and **Emma Nocera**, advanced to districts at Akron, but they did not qualify to state. The Three Kittens are coached by **Chad Korach**.

For more information about the FIRST LEGO League, go to [www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ll](http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ll).



# NCCS on Social Media

Join North Canton City Schools on Facebook and Superintendent Jeff Wendorf on Twitter @VikingSupt to keep updated on the latest news about our students, faculty, staff and activities. The NCCS Athletic Department is also on Twitter @VikingsHoover. Here's a small portion of what you might have missed.



The Early Childhood Center's **Barbara Kirby** and Greentown's **Kathy Mills** will retire July 1.



**Jerry Wolfe** retired as manager of the athletic fields at Hoover February 1.



The **Educators Rising** (FEA) surprised the World Language department with its Random Act of Kindness in January. The students enjoy saying, "Thanks, gracias, merci, and danke for all you do!"



Educators Rising, formerly Future Educators of America, are pleased to announce that the January Vital Viking is **Mrs. Lindsay Johnson!** Mrs. Johnson is a Spanish teacher and the World Language Department Chair. This past year she helped to chaperone a trip to Spain and is now planning one to Costa Rica. One needs only to enter her room to see how enthusiastic she is about teaching Spanish. Students say she is "always around for extra help if needed" and is "so personal with her students and really cares about them." One student said, "She's literally the best." These positive contributions to Hoover High School make Mrs. Johnson a deserving Vital Viking. *Felicidades, Señora Johnson!*



Seventh-grader **Robby Smart** for winning the 2017 NCMS Geography Bee.



Hoover High School student **Isabella Pete** performed at the National Young Arts Foundation in Miami in January.



**Jessica Wiley**, an art teacher at Northwood, was congratulated for being named the Teacher of the Month by the North Canton Chamber of Commerce, Starbucks of Washington Square and Westfield Bank.



**Mr. Nicholas Plazak**, Hoover biomedical teacher, instructs students about the anatomy of the cow eye.



## Hoover High School Visual Artists Recognized at 2017 National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

The National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards recently announced its 2017 recipients for the North East Central Region. Hoover High School artists for the eighteenth straight year were recognized with high honors. Their works, selected from nearly 4,000 submissions, were displayed at the **Kent State Stark Campus Fine Arts and Student Center Building**. All students from the Medina, Wayne, Stark, Portage, and Summit Counties who received the designation of "silver key" and "gold key" were recognized at a ceremony January 28 at Kent Stark's Professional Development Center.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive history

dating back to 1923. Past winners include well-known names in the arts, such as Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates. These awards are an opportunity for students to be recognized in one of 28 categories. Each year, teens in grades 7 through 12 can apply for the opportunity for a number of scholarships, and to have their works exhibited or published.



*Domino Effect by Logan McNutt*

We are so proud of our Hoover students who continue in this proud tradition. Congratulations to the following students:

### Gold Key

Tess Cunningham - Gr. 10  
Nicole Malcolm - Gr. 12  
Logan McNutt - Gr. 10  
Priyashi Saha - Gr. 12  
Kaylee Smith - Gr. 12

### Silver Key

Aidan Bundshuh - Gr. 8  
Tess Cunningham - Gr. 10  
Nicole Malcolm - Gr. 12  
Sadie Reda - Gr. 11  
Stephen Richards - Gr. 12  
James Ruppert - Gr. 9  
Austin Biss - Gr. 10

### Honorable Mention

Natalie Dhyanchand - Gr. 11  
Carley Frank - Gr. 11  
August Genovese - Gr. 11  
Amanda Hegidus - Gr. 12  
Brennan Hunt - Gr. 12  
Ines Levesque (2) - Gr. 10  
Genevieve Longbrake - Gr. 10  
Nicole Malcolm - Gr. 12  
Logan McNutt - Gr. 10  
Sarena Myers - Gr. 11  
Sadie Reda (2) - Gr. 11  
Stephen Richards - Gr. 12  
Caiya Sanchez-Strauss - Gr. 12  
Melanie Slesnick - Gr. 11  
Alyssa Tomkinson - Gr. 12  
Sasha Umlauf - Gr. 12  
Jillian Vandyke - Gr. 11  
Dani Willems (2) - Gr. 12  
Moriah Wood - Gr. 10  
Aidan Bundshuh - Gr. 8  
Jana Biss (2) - Gr. 12

## Studio 525 @ Hoover High School

In 2016 the North Canton Education Endowment awarded the Hoover High School Visual Art Department a grant to begin the transformation of small space inside the art classrooms into a school gallery space that will allow students the opportunity to exhibit their work. After securing the needed funds and hearing about the long-range plans, the Hoover Sideliners Booster organization graciously donated nearly matching funds to pay for additional upgrades to the facility to include improved flooring, art display track systems and blinds. Finally, an anonymous community member's donation of mobile wall display units completed the early vision of this space. Currently, the space is being renovated for its "new life."

Studio 525 will allow Hoover students the unique, real-life opportunity to manage and curate a functioning gallery in their school. Long-range goals include showcasing Hoover Alumni shows, K-12 art shows during coordinated community evening events, and a space for students to critique their work and the work of their



peers. The Hoover High School Art Department envisions the gallery to become a complement to Hoover Hall and the North Canton Community. None of this would have been possible without the tireless support of the North Canton Education Endowment, generous community donations of time and money, the Hoover Sideliners, and the North Canton City School's Administration. The first opening of this new space to the public will be during Hoover's highly anticipated senior show, tentatively scheduled for early May 2017.



(l to r) Sandy Hook Trainees: Steve Fricke, Linnea Olbon, Terri Simmons

## Sandy Hook Training

The North Canton City School District is participating with eight other county school districts in Youth Mental Health First Aid, a program administered by the Stark County Educational Service Center. The program is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers and staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers to help adolescents between the ages of 12-18 who are experiencing a challenge that may be related to mental health, addictions or another crisis.

Steve Fricke, school psychologist, Linnea Olbon, curriculum specialist; and Terri Simmons, school counselor, have undergone one full week of intense training of the preparation and

execution of the program. These three trainers will work with other school personnel and community members to help expand the reach of the program. Ms. Olbon feels this program has great value for the school district: "Youth Mental Health First Aid is a program that will further help our district assist students, staff, families and our community in recognizing mental health and addiction concerns, as well as strategies and interventions to assist those at risk."

The National Council for Behavioral Health created this evidence-based program. Sandy Hook Promise has partnered with them to drive training into schools and community organizations.

### Little Art Gallery in the North Canton Public Library

## "Art From the Classroom" 2017

#### Primary

(Clearmount, Northwood, Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center and St. Paul)

Thursday, Feb. 2 - Sunday, Feb. 12

Opening reception:

February 2 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

#### Intermediate

(Greentown, Orchard Hill and St. Paul)

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Sunday, Feb. 26

Opening reception:

February 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

#### Middle School

(NCMS and St. Paul)

Thursday, March 2 - Sunday, March 12

Opening reception:

March 2 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

#### High School

(Hoover High School)

Thursday, March 16 - Sunday, March 26

Opening reception:

March 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

# District News

## North Canton City Schools 2017-2018 Calendar

| August 2017    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S              | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 6              | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13             | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20             | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |
| September 2017 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| S              | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 3              | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10             | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17             | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24             | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| October 2017   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 8              | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15             | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22             | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29             | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |
| November 2017  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 12             | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19             | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26             | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |
| December 2017  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 17             | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24             | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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**August**  
 21 Convocation / Staff Meeting Day  
 22 Staff Work Day  
 23 First Day of Classes, 1-12  
 29 First Day Kindergarten & Preschool

**September**  
 1 Professional Learning Day  
 4 Labor Day

**October**  
 9 Prof. Dev. Exchange Day  
 27 End of 9 Weeks

**November**  
 22-24 Thanksgiving Break  
 27 Conference Exchange Day

**December**  
 21 Professional Learning Day  
 22-29 Winter Break

**January**  
 1-2 Winter Break  
 11 End of Semester  
 12 Staff Work Day  
 15 Martin Luther King Day




**February**  
 16 Professional Learning Day  
 19 Presidents' Day

**March**  
 16 End of 9 Weeks  
 26-30 Spring Break

**April**  
 2 Conference Exchange Day

**May**  
 28 Memorial Day  
 31 Last Student Day

**June**  
 1 Staff Work Day

-  No School Students & Staff
-  No School Students Only
-  First & Last Student Day

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Calamity Make-Up days, if necessary, would begin the day after the last student day and follow consecutive days as needed.

Board Approved: 1/11/2017



Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center



ODE Recognition Earned

Congratulations to the faculty, staff and Principal Michael Coppa of the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center in being recognized as a 5-star Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) program following an audit by The Ohio Department of Education. Mr. Coppa introduced certified and classified staff members, paraprofessionals, students and family members as well as caregivers at the January Board of Education meeting. Mr. Coppa expressed his gratitude for their help in making this award possible, "This recognition came about as a result of the hard work and dedication of all of those individuals involved. Upon receiving our banner, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize those who make a difference in the lives of our students each and every day."

The success of the ECC building is obvious in the growth experienced in the last few years. In January of 2014, the ECC had 32 students enrolled within 3 classrooms. Currently, and as of January 2017, the current enrollment is 118 students within 5 full-time classrooms.



The Early Childhood Center Developmental Preschool

301 Portage Street NW  
North Canton, OH 44720  
(330) 497 – 5608

Michael Coppa, *Principal* email: coppam@northcantonschools.org  
Barb Kirby, *Secretary* email: bjk1nc@northcantonschools.org  
To view our website, click here - North Canton City Schools

This program is for those students and families who live within the North Canton city limits

Program Overview

Your child will participate in a play-based learning environment with other peers their own age (ages 3-5) to foster their social-emotional and language development. Each of our five classrooms are comprised by a highly-qualified teacher with a four-year degree from an accredited college or university as well as a highly qualified teacher assistant.

Ratios and Composition

Our program operates within the 6:6 ratio, meaning each classroom environment includes six typically developing children as well as six children with special needs. As each classroom has both a classroom teacher and a teacher assistant, the maximum number of students within each classroom will be 12.

Program Schedule

Children will attend Monday through Thursday in either our morning session or afternoon session:  
Children may attend either two days a week (M/W or T/Th) - or - Children may attend four days (M-Th)

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| <u>AM Session</u> | 9:00 AM – 11:40 AM | <i>Your child will receive a snack during their session.</i>   |
| <u>PM Session</u> | 1:00 PM – 3:40 PM  | <i>The snack will consist of either milk or water and either a club cracker (saltine) or a graham cracker.</i> |

Services Available

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| Physical Education class  | Occupational Therapy<br><i>(If required by a child's individualized education plan)</i> | Speech and Language Service<br><i>(If required by a child's individualized education plan)</i> |
| Art Education class   |   |  |
| A nurse from Akron Children's Hospital is also available for medical concerns | Physical Therapy<br><i>(If required by a child's individualized education plan)</i>     |  |



Tuition

Tuition is \$13 per day for the 2016 – 2017 school year (*this will increase to \$15 per day for the 2017 – 2018 school year*)  
There is also a \$15 activity fee that will be paid per semester (Aug – Jan & Jan – May)

Transportation

Parents have the ability to drop off and pick up their child to and from our facility or ride the bus. A North Canton City school bus will transport your child and will only have preschool-aged children on the bus as well as an adult bus monitor. Our buses are also equipped with lap seat belts.

Curriculum

Our program develops instructional activities based on the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards. Additionally, for the 2016 – 2017 school year, we will be implementing a new series from McGraw-Hill, *World of Wonder* that is interdisciplinary and aligns to our K-5 reading series, *Reading Wonders*.

Screenings

Each child must go through a screening process prior to enrolling in our program. Typical peer screenings are scheduled on Friday mornings and as needed throughout the year. Typical peer screenings allow our team of professionals to evaluate your child in order to provide the personalized instruction you expect for your child.

Students with Special Needs

If you have concerns regarding the development of your child you may contact our Department of Special Services:

239 Portage Street NW, North Canton, OH 44720  
Julie Arnold, *Psychologist* email: arnoldj@northcantonschools.org  
(330) 497 – 5665 ext. 306





Greentown Intermediate

# Sgt. Ryan Moldovan to develop Training Program



Sgt. Ryan Moldovan was named the Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year last September, and this honor means he will be assigned to Fort Jackson this month. His wife, Abbie, an Intervention Specialist at Greentown Intermediate School, will take a leave from her position as she and their daughter, Mary Jane, move to South Carolina during Ryan's assignment to the base.

Sgt. Moldovan, a 2004 graduate of Hoover High School, will work to help

the Center for Initial Military Training develop a program to train new soldiers. His deployment will end in September 2017. Moldovan won the title of Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the year during a week-long competition which consisted of 50 tasks and drills including runs, marches, rappelling and physical readiness training. He joined the Army National Guard in 2004 and switched to the Army Reserves three years ago. In his civilian life, Moldovan works as a UPS driver.



Orchard Hill Intermediate

# CD/MH class Pajama Drive

For the past six years, Mrs. MacLean's class at Orchard Hill Intermediate has held a drive to collect pajamas during the holiday season. The pajamas collected are then donated to shelters in need throughout Stark and Summit Counties. This is a great lesson in caring for others as well as standard-based learning in math and social studies, as Mrs. MacLean's students collected the pajamas from

other classrooms each morning and graphed the results. The classroom with the most pajamas donated was the winner of a hot chocolate and cookie party. Also, each student that donated pajamas could wear their own pajamas to school that day. This year, Orchard Hill Intermediate donated 320 pairs of pajamas, a reflection of how much the students care about others in need.

## CARE Team Project



Like many school districts in Stark County, North Canton has implemented CARE Teams in six out of their seven buildings this school year. **Linnea Olbon**, Curriculum Specialist, oversees the program, while retired North Canton School Counselor, **Judy DeMarco**, pictured above, serves as the Family Support Specialist. Since 2005, the United Way of Greater Stark County has been helping to fund CARE Teams. This initiative comprises teachers, administrators and staff from multiple community agencies including law enforcement, mental health, alcohol and drugs, and other social service agencies located throughout the county. The team works together in a school-based environment to address challenges facing the at-risk student population and their families. School and academic performance is affected by many issues including physical health, substance abuse, physical abuse, housing, nutrition and poverty. On-site collaboration, using a proven wrap-around service model of human

service organizations, is the best way to create lasting change and offer a successful future for at-risk students. The CARE Team program provides prevention, intervention and asset-building tailored to the needs of the child. CARE Teams work to improve the quality of life of children in Stark County by helping at-risk children stay in school and become self-sufficient and productive in the work force. These services, offered within the school setting, are easily accessible for families and are part of the student's daily routine. Judy DeMarco has taken the initiative to create a Spirit Closet for students less fortunate. "We want every student who walks through the doors of North Canton Schools to feel, and be part of, that North Canton school pride," says Mrs. DeMarco. She joins Mrs. Olbon in thanking Hub Victor for their many spirit wear donations. For more information about CARE Teams, please visit [www.starkcountyesc.org/icare\\_home.aspx](http://www.starkcountyesc.org/icare_home.aspx).



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Greentown Intermediate

# Increase in STEM Learning

The pretzel fundraiser was a huge success for Greentown as we raised over \$15,000 for our PTO, and we are eager to use it in ways that benefit the most students possible.

One of those areas of impact is STEM education, a current trend that is sweeping across the educational world. It takes the idea of 21st Century learning to a whole new level and includes the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). At Greentown, weekly STEM experiences are being added for all students. Below are links to some of the items being added to the Greentown STEM arsenal, thanks to the success of the fundraiser. These items will be

used throughout the remainder of the school year in Computer Tech class, and classroom teachers will also have the opportunity to sign out products for classroom use. These purchases include a 3D printer, Sphero, Little Bits Gizmos and Gadgets, Makey Makey and View Master Virtual Reality Headsets.

Greentown Principal, Mr. Ryan Kumpf, is excited about the possibilities that lie ahead in STEM education. "As we participate in future fundraising endeavors, we will always be looking to add items like these that will engage and enhance our student learning experiences in many different areas of education."



Hoover High School

# Student Social Justice League



School Counselor Mrs. Amy Myers, Olivia MacNeil, Maraijha Hogan-Fite, and Jada Cook.

Eight Hoover High School students and School Counselor Amy Myers are participating in a Straight A Grant countywide initiative called “All In: Ensuring Success for All Students.” The initiative has many goals - at the community, district and building levels. As part of the grant, one of the goals is to create a group of students whose mission is to create a positive impact on their building. Hoover High School has named their group, the Student Social Justice League.

The goal for this year’s group of Student Social Justice League members is to make North Canton more welcoming and a positive atmosphere for all staff and students. In January the students placed small posters and post-it notes around the school that offered inspirational words. Mrs. Myers points out that part of the work for

the Student Social Justice Group calls upon “our group of students to identify areas in our building’s culture that can be enhanced to better serve all students regardless of demographics.”

The next action step for the Student Social Justice League is to help lead an activity for Project MOSAIC. The activity is about privilege and its effect on the way others are treated. The final action step for the group, will be a Challenge Week in February, during which students will be encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone, such as eating lunch with someone new or saying hello to someone with whom they normally don’t speak. In March the students will present their work at a community event where all other high school teams will also share their community projects.



Hoover High School

# Lindsay Bonilla, Storyteller

**Lindsay Bonilla**, an international storyteller and a North Canton resident, spoke to the Spanish IV classes at Hoover High School. Displaying her animated style, Mrs. Bonilla shared folktales in Spanish and pulled students from the class to play various parts in the tales. Spanish teacher, Lindsay Johnson, praised the performance, “I love the performance because students are able to hear the Spanish language in the context of the folktales. She ties in the culture and shares folktales from around the world.” Mrs. Bonilla added,

“Performing in Spanish is always fun for me because most of what I do is in English. The Spanish students learn vocabulary through context clues, and they feel empowered when they use the words and understand their meaning.”

Lindsay Bonilla is the owner of World of Difference, Ltd., an interactive storytelling company. She has toured nationally and internationally, created DVD films on some of her more popular storytelling programs and written four children’s books. She is also an Arts in smArts Teaching Artist.

Hoover High School

# Exchange Student Tizian Schmidt



**Tizian Schmidt** of Germany is one of five exchange students attending Hoover High School this school year. Tizian remarks that he likes North Canton because the people are very friendly, and he feels Germans are more cautious in making friends. He was surprised to find that schools have sports here because school in Germany is focused on academics. When he returns home, Tizian has two more years of school before he enters the university to major in mechanical engineering. He resides with the Brady Family in North Canton.

## The Early Childhood Center is accepting students for the 2017-2018 school year!

**Call (330) 497-5608 to schedule an appointment for the April 28th Typical Peer Screening, or to tour our facilities and learn more about the program.**

*The Early Childhood Center has received 5-stars (highest designation) from the Ohio Department of Education and provides individualized, play-based learning from certified teachers. With smaller student to teacher ratios, The Early Childhood Center focuses on developing each child to reach maximum potential.*

**Children ages 3-5 may attend the morning session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., or the afternoon session from 1:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., two days a week (M/W or T/Th) or all four days, Monday through Thursday.**

The child-centered developmental preschool is located near the center of North Canton and provides the essential building blocks for your child to be successful within the educational learning environment.



## Hoover High School Mock Trial



(l to r) Front row: Max Taki, Olivia Croskey, Marysa Kroh; Back row: Nicholas Bagnolo (legal adviser), Angela Myers, Kate Stone, Kortney Eckleberry, Ally Tsenekos, Dennis Fradkin, Dan Boyer (legal adviser).

Hoover's two Mock Trial Teams competed in the Canton District Mock Trial Competition. Eight teams were present, including teams from Perry, Lake, Jackson, and Manchester. Hoover students performed very well, competing in four trials. Eight awards were awarded in these four trials, and our students won six of the eight!

Winning Best Attorney Awards were **Dennis Fradkin** and **Sarah Meade**.

Winning Best Witness Awards were **Noah Miller, Ally Tsenekos, Elizabeth Escott, and Marysa Kroh**.

The Hoover Black Team made up of **Kate Stone, Olivia Croskey, Dennis Fradkin, Angela Myers, Ally Tsenekos, Marysa Kroh, Max Taki** and **Kortney Eckelberry** advanced to Regionals, and will compete with some of the best teams in Northeast Ohio in Akron on February 10.

**Casey Clark** and **Dan Campanaro** serve as Mock Trial Advisors.

## Hoover High School Deaf People have a Story

Hoover High School's American Sign Language (ASL) Club is hosting a special event Saturday, March 18, from 6-8 p.m. in the Hoover High School Commons for students and the local community. The program, "All Deaf People have a Story," will feature many exciting activities and celebrate 200 years of Deaf Education in America. The program is advised by Susan Cammel and Vicki Mooney. Susan Cammel began teaching American Sign Language at Hoover since the ASL program began in 1999. She was named the 1995 Deaf Woman of the Year for Canton's Quota Club. Vicki Mooney worked two years at Hoover as an interpreter for deaf students and now also teaches ASL. She also

interprets part-time in colleges and serves as the lead interpreter at her church. Mrs. Cammel and Mrs. Moody were recipients of an \$890 NCCS Education Endowment Grant in 2015-2016 for this project.

Mrs. Cammel and Mrs. Mooney shared the history of deaf education. "Deaf education in America began on April 15, 1817, in Hartford CT. Before this deaf children were not educated, not even in hearing schools. This event is so important because ASL did not exist before the deaf schools arrived. The first school for the deaf allowed deaf to learn to be successful, have pride in who they are, and to create a language that is used throughout the United States and parts of Canada."



## Hoover High School

# Waszak makes up for Lost Time

A conversation with David Waszak makes you forget that he's a high school senior, despite the bleached blond hair which identifies the members of the Hoover swimming and diving team. David is a young man who qualified his freshman and sophomore years to the state diving meet where he finished sixteenth and second, respectively. He talks about how grateful he is to have two parents who go out of their way to be at his meets to support him. He talks about how losing his first diving meet of the season was fortunate because he is working even harder on his dives now. He discusses in a matter of fact way about his back surgery in 2015 following a dive that resulted in a bilateral fracture of his L4 vertebrae and the physical therapy and hard work that followed which allowed him to resume his diving career this season. He smiles about his choice of pre-med as his major in college because of his experience with back surgery, Little League elbow and his numerous visits to the emergency room due to stress fractures and broken bones from being in gymnastics for seven years.

Following the back surgery, David became determined to become an even better diver, making up for the loss of his junior year. In his first meet this season he broke the school record set by Tom Chambers in 1978. At the Branin Invitational he broke the record for the six-dive event set by Ron Graves in 1979. David is determined to excel at the state meet, but he once again speaks with a wisdom far beyond his years: "I always want to win, but I'll be happy with whatever I get because I recovered this far. To go from a broken back to state is quite a way to go in a year and a half."

Then David smiles and says earnestly, "You know what I really want to do? In a swim meet, diving is just a break for the swimmers, and people sit and stare at their phones instead of watching the dives. This year I want to see people put their phones away and watch me when I dive at sectionals, districts and state." He is right. No smartphone deserves more attention than the resilient David Waszak.

David has committed to the University of Notre Dame where he will continue his diving career.

The club members and advisors have sent invitations to the deaf community, and they expect over 100 people to attend. The celebration will have time where members of the deaf community will share their educational experiences through the years. Students are able to hear about education in the 40s, 50s and beyond. The event will have a photo booth with deaf-related props and the opportunity to have photographs taken signifying the event. Light refreshments will be served and

a wooden coin souvenir made by the Hoover Junior Achievement class will be made available. The event will also feature a student-created museum of 200 years of deaf education. Visitors will tour a maze-like museum that will show the different activities of a deaf school, a timeline of deaf education history, old-fashioned educational materials, hearing aids, FM systems, TTY phones and a variety of hands-on activities that both the deaf and hearing will enjoy.



Hoover High School

# Career and Technical Education a Good Choice for Many Students

Not all students at Hoover High School choose the traditional college preparatory route. Many choose Career and Technical Education courses, which focus on college and career readiness, providing students with the skills they need to meet the needs of a competitive high-tech workplace. As a member of the Stark Career Compact, students from Hoover, GlenOak, Jackson and Lake High Schools have the opportunity to attend career technical options at each of the four schools.

Hoover High School offers Career Technical options in the following areas:

- biomedical sciences
- business management
- construction technologies
- culinary arts
- engineering
- interactive media
- medical technologies
- teaching professions
- video productions

Programs at the other schools include cosmetology, auto mechanics, horticulture, law, and athletic training.

Mr. Robert White, the Associate Principal who works with Career Tech students, says, "Career Technical Education at Hoover High School allows students to begin to prepare for a career in a desired area. In addition to math, English, science, social studies, and fine arts courses, career tech courses permit students to study a specific career field. Students leave career tech pathways with specific knowledge and skills in preparation for work or post-secondary study, often earning college credit by completing career tech pathways. In some pathways, students earn industry credentials, making them more marketable in our competitive marketplace."



(l to r): Hailey Swain, Mrs. Combs, and Martha Peach.

## Medical Technologies

Seniors **Hailey Swain** and **Martha Peach** were drawn to this program because they have an interest in the medical field. Hailey says, "The med tech program is so valuable because it prepared me to get my STNA license and helped me to get a wonderful job taking care of people. It's not a normal class. We spend three periods a day doing hands-on activities, and during the second semester we get to leave and go to work in the medical field." After high school, Hailey plans to work as an STNA while attending Kent State University and majoring in either education or pre-dentistry. This career tech program opened my eyes to what I want to do." Martha also plans to go to college and further her education. "This program was valuable to me because it prepared me for the STNA."

Mrs. Angie Combs is very proud of her students, "I am very proud of the 2016-2017 Medical Technologies Seniors. On January 11, 2017, this year's seniors became the second group in Hoover High School history to take the State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) written and skills exams. The STNA exam is the first professional license the students will earn during their medical careers. Once passed, students will be added to the national nurse aide registry. . . . To sit for state licensing as seniors in high school takes so much bravery, strength, determination, and hard work. I admire these young ladies, and no matter what the outcome of the test, I am honored to have had the privileged to be a part of their educations."



Lauren Kile



Dominic Serapiglia

## Biomedical Sciences

Seniors **Lauren Kile** and **Dominic Serapiglia** both see this program as an opportunity to obtain a headstart in the medical field. Lauren explains, "This program allows me to learn about and perform experiments that I otherwise would not see until college." Dominic plans to go into pre-pharmacy at either Toledo University or Ohio State University, and he believes, "This program has already prepared me for what I'm going to see in the medical field." Lauren plans to go to college and study pre-med, and she says this program has "solidified her interest in the medical field."

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**Career and Technical Education**

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(l to r): Victoria Vallos and Matt Cochenour.

**Business Management**

Victoria Vallos and Matt Cochenour had an interest in business before enrolling in Business Management, and both are pleased that the program taught them lessons in a hands-on manner. For Victoria, the program was valuable as students “actually make and sell our products instead of learning from a textbook . . . . This class will not only help by providing experience in business but teaching me to push

through struggles and failures.” Matt also appreciated having a class that was different than all others because lectures were replaced by running “our own company for real money.” Matt plans to major in accounting at Ohio State University or the University of Miami in Florida. Victoria plans to major in business management and sports communications at Clemson University.



(l to r): David Warner, David Lygoky, and Adam Burns.

**Engineering**

Adam Burns, David Lygoky and David Warner all love math and the ability to design, to build and to explore. David Lygoky, who plans to attend the University of Akron, says the class gives him “insight of what engineers have to do . . . from calculating stress of bridges to designing products.” Adam says he learned more than he expected in the program: “I can design 3D models in Autodesk Inventor. I can successfully solder and design circuits, as well as operate industrial grade machines. I feel like engineering is such an important part

of my high school education because I was taught to apply my knowledge.” Adam will attend West Virginia University to major in engineering. David Warner will attend Ohio State to study chemical engineering. He feels he is well-prepared because he has worked with CAD on Autodesk, documented his work with engineering notebooks and learned to work with a team.”

Mr. Rob White echoes the sentiments of these students, “Career tech students at Hoover High School are accomplishing exciting things and embarking on rewarding careers after leaving high school.”



Pawsitively Remembered from the Shark Business Management competition.



United Links from the Shark Business Management competition.



Cardboard boat challenge in engineering class.



## Hoover High School

## Hoover Foundation Grants

## \$150,000 to Hoover Hall of the Performing Arts

This year, the North Canton City Schools have begun seeking grants to update the technology in Hoover Hall to provide training on state of the art equipment for students in the Theatrical Entertainment and Design (Theatre Tech) Program. In September, Technical Theatre Director and Teacher Bruce Nist received a \$2500 Big Idea Grant from the NCCS Education Endowment for "Digital

Stage Management and Design." The money from the Hoover Foundation will be used to purchase 94 new LED based lighting fixtures along with all of the needed accessories. This phase will be completed prior to the high school production of *Shrek* February 23-26. In addition to the new opportunities this initiative provides to the students, it also impacts the community in a variety of ways. During the next school

year the program will be launching the Community Benefit Concert Series, where students in the theatre program will work with local foundations and organizations to produce a concert in support of that organization or cause. Also, Hoover Hall is currently being used as the primary location for MissionView Church, and the church leadership will have full access to the new system as well.

The driving force behind these grants is Technical Theatre Director and Teacher, Bruce Nist. Mr. Nist began teaching at Hoover High School in 2012. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

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## NORTH CANTON HOOVER VOCAL MUSIC PRESENTS:

# SHREK The MUSICAL



| THU  | FRI  | SAT  | SAT  | SUN  |
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| 2/23 | 2/24 | 2/25 | 2/25 | 2/26 |
| 7PM  | 7PM  | 2PM  | 7PM  | 2PM  |

**\$10 PRESALE**  
**\$12 AT THE DOOR**

## Hoover High School

## "A Tale as Old as Dirt" – Hoover High School Students Perform *Shrek the Musical* February 23-26

Each year students in the Vocal Music program at Hoover High School have the opportunity to audition for a role in the high school musical. This year, there are over 100 students involved in the production between the cast, crew, and orchestra. These productions are organically student-

driven. The students on crew design, build, and operate the set, lighting design, and sound design for the show. The orchestra is made up of student musicians who also perform in the various ensembles offered through the high school's instrumental music program.

*Shrek the Musical* is an adaptation of the 2001 Dreamworks Animated Film of the same name. Shrek is an ogre that is misunderstood and simply wants to live his life in peace. His life is flipped upside down when one day all of the fairy tale creatures from various stories are relocated to his swamp by the order

of Lord Farquaad. While trying to get the deed to his swamp, Shrek embarks on a quest to rescue Princess Fiona with his very talkative and good-hearted friend, Donkey. This is a show for the entire family that will show you a fairy tale like you've never seen before.



# North Canton Middle School Dori Gardner crowned Spelling Bee Champ



Dori Gardner

North Canton Middle School held its annual Spelling Bee February 1 with 18 top spellers competing. **Dori Gardner**, an eighth-grader, won the spelling bee when **Evan Martens** misspelled "epithets." Dori spelled "implacable" correctly to clinch the win. Dori will advance to the Repository's Regional Spelling Bee Saturday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. in GlenOak's High School Theater. Students competing in the spelling bee also included **Mackenzie Wolf**,

**Caden Seeman, Cayden Testa, Micah Roth, Andrew Mallamaci, Jakob Owens, Ethan Dayton, Isabella Curet, Sean Lowry, Sabastian Samblanet, Catherine Jin, Colton Miller, Mateo Codispoti, John Roshak, Cameron Snyder and Emma Churlik.**

Special thanks are extended to the Pronouncer, **Mrs. Angela Smith**, retired NCCS Director of Instruction, and Judges **Mrs. Julie Mathie-Cross, Mrs. Michelle Hostetler and Mrs. Kim Nidy.**



# North Canton Middle School Three Students Selected as Cavaliers Straight "A" All-Stars

The Cleveland Cavaliers qualified receive an official Straight "A" All-Stars certificate and draw string bag. This grading period, three of our seventh-graders, from Team White, were selected as ticket winners. **Nestor Nshimiye, Matthew Mizner and Micah Roth** were each awarded a t-shirt and two tickets to the Cavaliers vs Denver Nuggets game, on Saturday, February 11.



Evan Martens



Emma Churlik



Ethan Dayton



John Roshak



Colton Miller



Mrs. Angela Smith



Catherine Jin



Judges Mrs. Kim Nidy, Mrs. Michelle Hostetler and Mrs. Julie Mathie-Cross.

# North Canton Middle School Roshak places in Holiday National Math Contest

During the month of December, [Sumdog.com](http://Sumdog.com) hosted a Holiday National Math Contest. Students from all over the United States competed for the highest scores. Points were earned by the individual student's speed and accuracy. **Angela Roshak**, a seventh-grader from NCMS, placed 30th out of a total of 115,755 participants.





# Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration packets will be available on line at [northcantonschools.org](http://northcantonschools.org) beginning February 14, 2017.

Packets will also be available at the buildings.

Registration will be **by appointment only** between **March 20 and March 24.**

Appointments can be made by visiting the district website after **February 14, 2017**

For questions or further information contact Laura Kennedy, District Registrar, at 330-497-5600 or by email at [ldk2nc@northcantonschools.org](mailto:ldk2nc@northcantonschools.org)

# From the NCCS Education Endowment Fund Board of Governors

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 **Monday, February 27, in the Hoover High School Commons at 6:15 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 2016-17 recognition awards.

- CLASSIFIED AWARD: **Kathy Snyder**, secretary, Hoover High School;
- EDUCATOR AWARD (PRE-K – GRADE 5): **Renee Manse**, Principal, Orchard Hill Intermediate School;
- EDUCATOR AWARD (GRADES 6-12): **Jeff Sarbaugh**, history teacher, Hoover High School;
- CITIZEN AWARD: **Chanda Coblentz**, volunteer, Northwood Elementary School.

The 2016-17 Endowment Grant award winners will also give a brief presentation of their award winning projects they have been implementing in their classrooms this school year.



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| <b>YOUTH &amp; TEEN SPORTS</b>                   | GIRL'S BASKETBALL, MIDDLE SCHOOL INDOOR SOCCER, SPRING SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, TRACK & FIELD, HIGH SCHOOL CO-ED VOLLEYBALL, T-BALL, JR. BASEBALL  |
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March 4, 2017

35 classes

6 hours

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