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Viking Spotlight Podcast

North Canton City Schools has begun a podcast, Viking Spotlight, which shares information about people, programs, and events in the school district. The podcast is recorded weekly in the podcast booth which is housed in the Video Productions classroom at Hoover High School. This podcast booth was built by students in the Construction Technologies career tech program at Hoover. The Viking Spotlight podcast was the idea of Superintendent Jeff Wendorf who hosts the podcast.

“We have many good things happening in our school district,” explained Superintendent Jeff Wendorf. “Our podcast is yet another tool for communication



with our community members in a more personal way. It also allows for two-way communication since people can email questions about the week’s topic at VikingSpotlight@northcantonschools.org. We also welcome ideas for upcoming podcasts.”

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Why Participate in St. Baldrick’s?



Dave Pilati
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

It’s February which means the North Canton City School District is again encouraging students, staff, and community members to participate in and donate to the St. Baldrick’s fundraiser which takes place each year in March. In four previous years of participating in this event, the district has raised \$259,150 for this event. Worldwide, the event has raised more than \$312 million since 2005 to help fund research for childhood cancer cures—which is very much needed since a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes and because in the U.S., the vast majority of funding for cancer cures research does not go toward childhood cancer.



But aside from the simple fact that this is a cause that is worthy of our support, why does the North Canton City School District participate each year and encourage our students, staff, and community do so? And why do we get excited when we have over 200 students, staff, and community members raise funds by shaving their heads or participating on one of our school teams to help raise funds? The answer is simple: we want our students to realize that when hundreds of individuals from preschool age to adult decide to band together for a greater cause, they can make a difference in their community and in their world. This is exactly what the mother and aunt of Abbey Foltz did when the two of them started the Canton Area St. Baldrick’s Event more than 20 years ago to honor 1999 GlenOak High School



graduate Abbey Foltz who was diagnosed with cancer during her freshman year of high school in 1996 and passed away in 2000. Although I never had the pleasure of having Abbey as a student during my years as a GlenOak High School math teacher, I did know her and I have come to know her parents and family well, and they have made a huge difference in the world by coordinating the Canton Area St. Baldrick’s event for more than 20 years.

This goes way beyond academics; it goes toward being a great citizen—and the desire to be a great citizen and to engage in activities that make our communities and our world a better place is truly what schools hope students will take with them beyond their school-age years. I will be ok if some day after leaving high school students don’t remember exactly how to apply the Pythagorean Theorem as long as they have the desire to do something good in their lives that helps to contribute to society’s good—and they act on that desire!

So once again this year, we encourage students, staff, and community members to



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NCCS Schools named among “Best” in Ohio

U.S. News and World Report has released the first-ever rankings of public elementary and middle schools, and the news is good for North Canton City Schools.

Greentown Intermediate and Orchard Hill Intermediate Schools have earned badges for being among the “Best Elementary Schools” and North Canton Middle School has earned a “Best Middle Schools” badge because they place among the top 30% in the state. Hoover High School has also been named among the “Best High Schools” in Ohio. Congratulations to the students, staff, administrators, and families who worked to achieve this recognition!



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Fair School Funding



Todd Tolson
 TREASURER

Public school districts use a combination of state funds, local property taxes (and in some cases income taxes) and federal funds. In 1997, in *DeRolph v. State*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared the State's school funding system unconstitutional, specifically citing four major flaws in the system, including insufficient state funding for school facilities. The Court wrote: "A system without basic instructional materials and supplies can hardly constitute a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state as mandated by our Constitution." In a later decision, the Court also wrote: "A thorough system means that each and every school district has enough funds to operate. An efficient system is one in which each and every school district in the state has an ample number of teachers, sound buildings that are in compliance with state fire and building codes, and equipment sufficient for all students to be afforded an educational opportunity." Since the *DeRolph* case in 1997, there have been many adjustments to the school funding formula, but never a complete overhaul to fix the "efficient" and "thorough" issues.

At the end of June 2021, Ohio lawmakers passed House Bill 110, the biennial operating budget for fiscal years 2022-23. It included a new school funding framework that received bipartisan support and was backed by school district officials and teacher unions. There are four significant changes in the new formula:

- Funds students where they are educated rather than where they live. Generally, this eliminates the deduction and transfer of dollars from resident districts to other schools or districts for students who attend community schools, STEM schools, scholarship programs and open enrollment.
- Establishes an input-based funding model informed by professional judgment. The formula establishes a base cost methodology using student/teacher ratios, minimum staffing levels and actual costs. This will result in a unique base cost per pupil for each school and district in the state.
- Acknowledges that school funding has always been a partnership between the state of Ohio and the local school district. The state formula works to equalize funding and provide additional money to schools and districts that do not have capacity and wealth to raise revenues locally. The new state and local cost methodology uses both assessed property values and income to determine the state share.
- Provides supplemental money based on student need and demographics. This includes funding for students with disabilities, English learners, gifted students, economically disadvantaged students and those participating in career-technical education. Generally, these supplemental dollars are restricted to support these student subgroups.

While House Bill 110 was approved in June 2021, it wasn't until January 2022 that districts began to see how this new formula would actually impact individual districts. Here are the net state funding amounts to North Canton City Schools for the past five years:

2017-18:	\$15,025,426.96	2020-21:	\$15,019,188.24
2018-19:	\$15,101,939.32	2021-22:	\$15,437,651.06
2019-20:	\$14,539,551.57		

Based on these numbers, it appears that we will be receiving additional funds from the state this year. We will continue to dive deeper into this new formula to ensure its accuracy. Look for future articles on a more detailed look into this new formula.

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get involved with the annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser hosted by the North Canton Racquet Club by either participating on one of our school teams as a "shavee" or a volunteer on one of the teams to help raise money or to donate to someone who is participating as a "shavee." Watch for information on how to participate in each of the district's Friday email newsletters or go our district's website at www.northcantonschools.org to find more information.

AMHA donates CPR Training Kits

The American Heart Association recently donated two *CPR in Schools* training kits to North Canton City Schools. These kits help promote and assist schools with CPR instruction, which schools in Ohio are required to provide to students one time during their high school years. Each kit contains ten manikins and training materials to help with CPR instruction. These donations are made possible by financial contributions to the American Heart Association by the following organizations: The Bill Phillips Legacy Foundation, Coon Restoration & Sealants, MarkerMan Productions, Fred Olivieri Construction, Schory Builders Supply, The Hoover Foundation, The Logan Family Foundation, and the Sterling Family Foundation.



NCCS Students win Scholastic Art Awards

Hoover students Gracie Ford, Joy McCune, and Sarah Weitzel have received Gold Key Awards for their submission to the Scholastic Art Awards. Winning the Silver Key Award are Peyton Craig, Addison Kern, Joy McCune, Taylin Ruhe, and Sarah Weitzel. Honorable Mention was awarded to Paige Daubenspeck, Anna Palombo, Gracie Ford, Kelly Friel, Addison Kern, Alayna Marks, Joy McCune, Nicholas Pepper, April St. Clair, and Rylee Whitt. Mr. Chris Triner and Mrs. Tam Grandjean are their instructors.

At North Canton Middle School, Maddy Burkett, Riley Hackett, and Aven Thomas received Honorable Mention for their work. Eighth-grader Story Rasmussen won a Gold Key. Their teacher is Mr. John Huston.

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The first podcast, recorded in December, was an interview with North Canton legend, Gordon Knisely. Mr. Knisely served as a science teacher, athletic director and coach in the North Canton district. He was the head basketball coach at Hoover High School when Dick Snyder was a student, and he shares his thoughts and some stories about the NBA player who was honored Friday, December 3, prior to the boys' basketball game against Jackson High School. Snyder was honored with a tribute video as the court was named in his honor.



Gordon Knisely with Dick Snyder



The second podcast was an interview with Tim Walker, former NCCS athletic director, and now the Director of Development and Special Projects for North Canton City Schools. As athletic director, Tim took on the job of updating our athletic facilities to provide equal access to all students and guests and obtaining donations that will make this work possible. With some projects completed, Tim has now focused on renovating the 75-year-old Memorial Stadium in conjunction with the Legacy Campaign.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Phil Taylor a 1985 Hoover High School graduate, talked to Mr. Wendorf about school safety in the third podcast. Officer Taylor became a police officer in 2000 and has served the City of North Canton for 14 years. He has been an SRO for four years. He is certified as an ALICE instructor and a Crime Prevention Officer. He has undergone training in School Based Threat, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment, along with numerous other related trainings. Officer Taylor discusses the role of the SRO in keeping the students of the North Canton City School District safe. He also talks about the role of parents in school safety and the importance of the tip line through Sandy Hook Promise, 1-844-5-SAYNOW (1-844-572-9669). The team that runs Sandy Hook Promise discovered the district's podcast and will be sharing Officer Taylor's thoughts about the tip line in their program.



Since January was School Board Appreciation Month, Board of Education President Andrea Ziarko talked about the role of the school board and its members in the fourth podcast. Mr. Wendorf also talked to Ron Varn, Instrumental Music Department Chair, about Hoover's concert and jazz band concerts.

In the fifth podcast, Athletic Tom Oakes discussed with Jeff Wendorf the role of the athletic director, the Federal League, and high school winter sports, including basketball, bowling, swimming and diving, and wrestling.

Not wanting to limit the podcast only to school district personnel, Jeff Wendorf used the sixth podcast to highlight the work of the North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce through an interview with the local President, Keri Burick. The Chamber, like the school district, strives to make North Canton a great place to live.

The seventh podcast placed the Viking Spotlight on veteran teacher and acclaimed artist, Chris Triner. Mr. Triner chairs the NCCS Art Department and shared the coordination efforts of the school art departments to bring out the talent in their students.

If you missed any of these podcasts and wish to check upcoming podcasts, they are available on Spotify and Google Podcasts. You can also listen on the NCCS YouTube channel and watch an accompanying slide show related to the broadcast. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/northcantonschools> and search for the Viking Spotlight Podcast on the playlist.



Ready For Kindergarten



Michelle Hostetler
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

There are four areas that are taken into consideration when we think of how our children develop and grow and get ready for kindergarten.

» **Health, Self-Care, and Routines:** Is a foundational building block to readiness. Children need to be healthy, able to complete some self-care acts, and have routines that support healthy development.

» **Gross and Fine Motor Development:** How we control our big and small muscles.

» **Social Emotional Development:** How we understand and control our feelings, understand others, and build relationships.

» **Cognitive Development:** How we think, remember, solve problems, and make decisions

All these blocks are interconnected and make the “whole child.” Families are already doing many things that help their children in each of these areas. The following checklist can help families think of all the ways their child is already ready and what they might like to work on together before kindergarten starts. When using this list, please remember, each child is unique and it is okay if there are some things that a child isn’t ready for yet.

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- 2 Families have fun learning and doing the activity.
- 3 Families can track progress and boost learning!

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My child is "ready" in these ways:
1. Check the areas you feel your child is "ready" for now. 2. Circle the areas you want to help your child continue to grow.

Health, Self-Care and Routines	Gross and Fine Motor Development	Social Emotional Development						
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Technology Department



Kim Nidy
TECH DIRECTOR

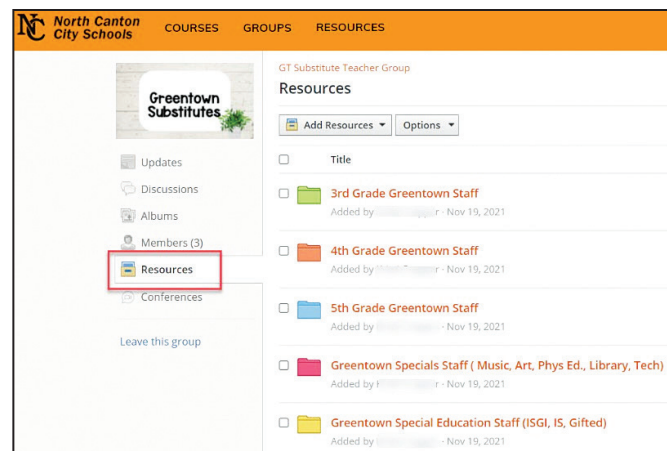
Technology Lessons

North Canton City Schools has been using technology and digital tools for many years now, but our experience with remote learning showed us how much we depend on that technology in and out of our classrooms. Our teachers have laptops and our students have Chromebooks, we use a learning management system to support the giving and receiving of classroom materials, Google applications for content creation, online curriculum systems, and the list goes on and on.

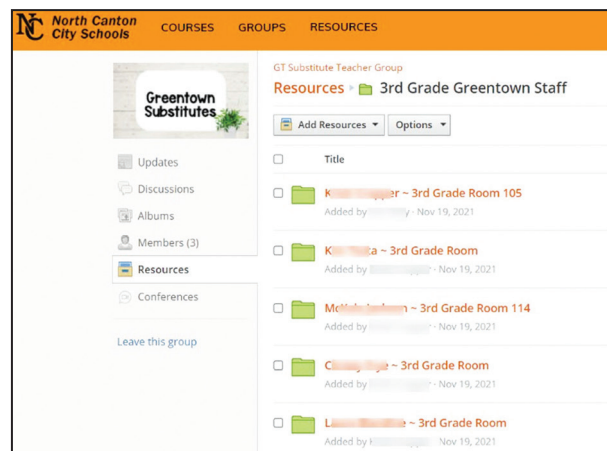
Living through COVID has caused a sharp increase in the number of short-term substitute teachers who may be here for a day, three days, or a week due to staff illness and/or quarantine. So, what happens when a substitute teacher takes over a classroom? In the past, teachers left books, handouts, and written instructions but with so many of our materials now online teachers struggle with how to share those digital materials with substitute teachers.

Sharing materials like that requires creating a district network account and giving that person access to our systems. While that is our practice for substitutes filling long-term assignments, it is not considered a safe practice for short-term substitutes because of the increased number of people with access to our network.

After some research and trial and error, the tech department has developed a solution that we will be rolling out this semester. Using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, we have purchased



14" Chromebooks with cases for each building that can be checked out to daily substitutes. They will then have the ability to use a QR code to open a Chrome window from kiosk mode where they will have access to a building group in Schoology.



In that group, they will find folders for every teacher in the building. Teachers will have access to leave instructions and digital materials for their substitute in their folder.

We are excited to provide this new option for communication to our teachers and substitutes. It keeps our network safe, yet provides a way for learning to continue in our classrooms.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

Information about kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be available in early March. If your child will be five years old on or before August 1, 2022, and you reside in the North Canton School District, your child can be enrolled. Watch our district website for details on enrolling your child. If your child currently attends preschool at the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center, you do not need to complete the enrollment process.

The North Canton City Schools are proud to be partnering with the ReadyRosie learning website and app. With ReadyRosie, North Canton families can enjoy powerful learning games and activities to help their children grow and develop in each of these four areas so they are ready for kindergarten and beyond.



NC Area Chamber honored School Employees

The North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of President Keri Burick, recognized **Chris Triner**, and the Food Service Department at their December awards dinner. The Arts Impact award went to Chris Triner, the District Art Department Chairperson, who is active in numerous community art activities. **North Canton City Schools Food Services** received the Excellence in Equity award. Director Jill Lauter and our food service employees have done a fantastic job of serving meals to our students during the summer as well as during the school year since the early days of the pandemic.



C.A.R.E. Team helps Families in Need

We are blessed to live in a community that thrives with healthy support and ongoing opportunities for family engagement. Our North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, the North Canton Public Library, Rotary, Jaycees, Lions Club, North Canton Retired Teachers, Police and Fire organizations as well as many churches and organizations work in collaboration to make our community a place where our families feel safe and loved.

As a matter of fact, a child living in the center of North Canton has a life expectancy that is 16 years higher than a child living in the center of Canton. As a result, we can easily believe the illusion that North Canton has its own protective bubble, free from Society's ills, when in fact, we don't.

Did you know 6.7% of North Canton Ohio residents had an income level that fell below the poverty line in 2019? That means one out of every 14.5 residents in North Canton live in poverty. In fact, 1,098 of 15,954 North Canton residents reported income levels below the poverty line last year.

There are jobs everywhere. What's the issue? The issue is these folks often work 2 jobs to keep up with childcare, caring for elderly parents as well as children, and then throw in missed work due to Covid.

The breakdown of those in North Canton Ohio living below the poverty line is shown to the right.

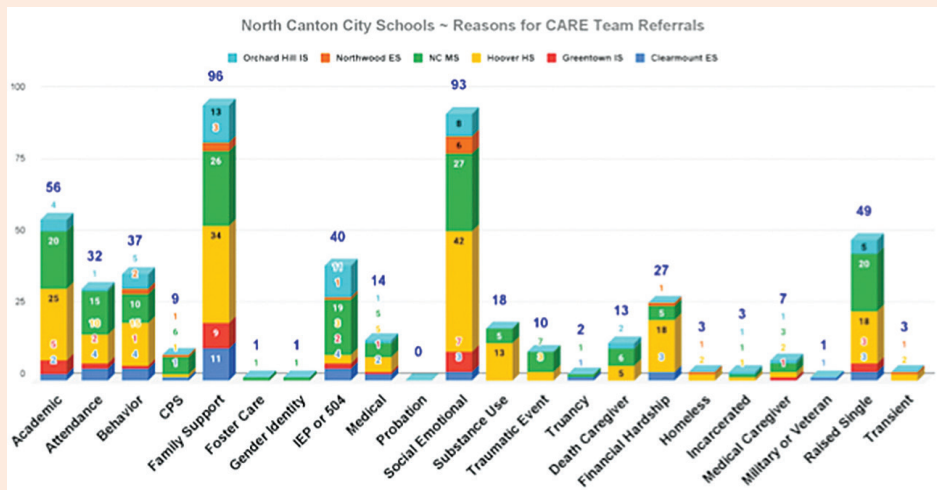
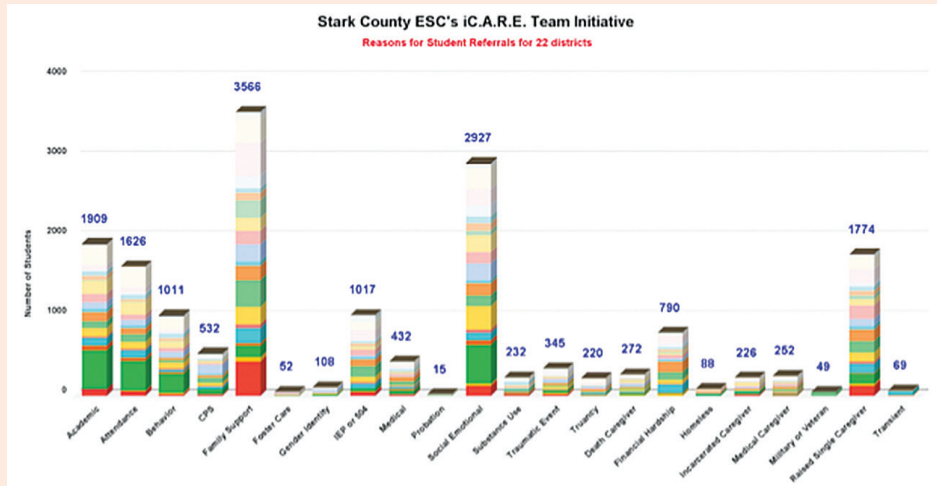
Our families are living below the poverty line, often despite working two or more jobs. They choose North Canton as their home, so their children are included in all the benefits our community has to offer.

While our community thrives with support and ongoing opportunities for family engagement, many families face roadblocks which hinder them from fully participating. These days evictions are looming, utilities are being extinguished like dominoes and mental health is teetering. Children absorb strength and guidance from observing their parents, but they also absorb the stressors felt with today's uncertain times.

North Canton City Schools has a program in place to support students and their families through whatever may be negatively impacting their academic success. iCARE, funded greatly by United Way, in tandem with the Stark County Educational Service Center and North Canton City Schools allows a Care Team to exist in each NCCS building. Each team consists of School Counselors, Principals, School Based Mental Health Professionals, School Resource Officers, School Nurses and each family is assigned a personal Family Support Specialist (FSS). A student may be confidentially considered for Care Team services for any number of reasons ranging from attendance or behavior issues to financial insecurity, homelessness, food insecurity, mental health support, kinship care support, grief care, or whatever may be put in place to break down existing non-academic barriers to student success.

There are currently 22 school districts participating in iCare county-wide. The following charts show the most recently pulled data.

Married-couple family	16.8%
Male, no wife present	12.4%
Female, no husband present	70.8%
Both worked full-time	4.5%
One full-time, other part-time	5.5%
One full-time, other didn't work	42.7%
Both worked part-time	9.1%
One part-time, other didn't work	0.0%
Both didn't work	38.2%



Learn more about iCare at: <https://www.starkcountyesc.org/Content/care>

Learn more about iCare in North Canton City Schools, along with descriptions and assignments of the three district FSS, download the brochure at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TrGU-qmvX2PikP-DJhh7GkBA7rQFkA8C/view?usp=drivesdk>

To learn more about the **North Canton C.A.R.E.s Network** - a local non-profit organization that supports NCCS Care Teams, check out Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/NCCaresNet/>

Interested in helping NCCS families? Checks may be made payable to the Sideliners and earmarked for CARE Team in the notation.

Interested in more information, or in volunteering?

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Hoover High School



A few thoughts from Retiring NCCS Teachers

Six NCCS teachers have announced their upcoming retirement. Who better to ask about the changing nature of schooling and their thoughts about young people entering the career!

Glenn Cummings



This is my 34th year in teaching and my 29th at Hoover High School. I have taught AP United States Government and Politics and World Studies for most of my time at Hoover. As far as change goes, the PC, the internet, and phones have dramatically changed instruction. It is great to be able to research, find images, create presentations, and share stories that students may have never heard. While technology and the methods of delivery have changed, the absolute necessity of creating real connections in the classroom is the same as ever.

It is amazing to me how little students have changed in 34 years. As always, students still seek kindness, structure, patience, stability, and understanding. The classroom must be a place where students feel cared for and safe. Without this, I don't think real learning can begin (for the teacher or the student).

I would tell young teachers to keep learning and growing. Be willing to make mistakes, to learn, and to always strive to be better. Don't be afraid to share stories, laugh at yourself, and let students know that you too are vulnerable. Don't take yourself so seriously and realize that there is more than one way to do this job. Teachers must walk to the music they hear and be true to who they are. Find your groove and enjoy the journey. Never forget to listen and learn from students. Lastly, find the right balance between work and private life. A prepared and happy teacher, who is welcoming and accepting of all, is one of the most important forces for positive change in the world. #GoVikesGo!

Jeff Kreis



I have taught in NCCS for 37 years (including this year) and 38 total. I taught one year at Bucyrus High School. I've taught Algebra I, Geometry (2 levels), Algebra II (2 levels), Precalculus (2 levels), Transition to College Mathematics, AP Calculus, Computer Application I and II, Computer Programming I and

Computer Programming II.

When I started, all materials were written by hand or typed on a typewriter, and run off on an old-fashioned mimeograph (ditto) machine. There was no saving of electronic versions of documents. Grades were all done by hand with a basic calculator. Progress reports were all on triplicate paper forms. Now we have photocopiers, computers, and other technology to manage documents, grades, and use in our instruction. Students are now involved in many more extra-curricular activities and/or sports than before. They also have more class periods in the day so they can take more classes. Both of these facts mean students must be much better time managers than before. We also did not have email, so we couldn't communicate as easily with our office, our colleagues in the building, or other colleagues in other buildings or districts.

While I enjoy the material and topics I teach, the thing I'll miss most will be the relations forged with my students. It is enjoyable to build those relationships, see the students grow and change, and then hear from them later in life. Of course, I have had the privilege of having children of many of my former students, which is always a treat. I'll also miss the relationships with colleges. Our staff, and especially the math department is like a second family in the way we watch out for each other and take care of and support each other.

To young teachers, try to maintain balance in your life between time spent at school and on schoolwork, versus your own life activities. Enjoy all the relationships you build, as they can last a long time. Be sure to smile and let your students know who you are as a person. It can go a long way in establishing rapport with your students.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such outstanding students in the NCCS. The support given by the North Canton community, parents, Board of Education, administration, and staff has been second to none. I knew I wanted to teach in North Canton when I came to Hoover High School in a college field experience and have been very blessed to be a part of the North Canton City Schools for 37 years.

Don McCallister



I have taught for North Canton City Schools for 30 years. I am K-8 Certified and have a Master's Degree in Theatre Arts K-12. I have taught ELA, Social Studies, and Science to grades 4, 5, 6 in the intermediate school. I have taught Theatre Arts to grades 6, 7, and 8 at the middle school.

Teaching is different today mostly because of state testing requirements. Curriculum today is mostly centered on preparing students for the state tests. I also believe that students today require a more interactive approach to teaching filled with aspects of social media. They respond less to a lecture style of teaching.

I will miss interacting with young people the most as I retire. I will miss the thrill of students when they accomplish their goals and discover new strengths within themselves. I will also miss the wonderful people I have met in my teaching career. I have met some pretty amazing people in my career, and many will remain friends.

The advice I would give most to young teachers today is to be flexible, believe in yourself, change things when you get board to become inspired again, be strong when you have to be, learn from your mistakes, remember it is often HOW you make a student feel that is most important, and ALWAYS maintain a sense of humor. Lastly, only eat YOUR lunch in the staff refrigerator. Have fun and keep learning along the way!

Debbie Petricini



I have taught in N. Canton Schools for 18 years. I have been an Intervention Specialist the entire time. I was hired to teach kindergarten special needs students at the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center. I am finishing my career at Northwood Elementary teaching second graders.

I have seen so many changes to teaching. My first job was in preschool over in Pennsylvania. During a snowy winter the children often did not have transportation to get to school. I was told to take the bus and go get them!!! I went many times out on the icy roads to pick up most of my kids and then to drive them home. I had NO training in driving a bus. HaHa

There is so much more accountability to the position-documentation, lesson

plans, classes, IEP's, assessments, meetings. It can decrease time actually spent working with the children. But in turn accountability is a good thing in cases of people not dedicated to the profession.

What will I miss? My "STUDENTS"! I have 30 years of teaching. My first year was 1978. I still can see the faces of my three-year-olds. I can remember their names. I carry each of them in my heart and will for the rest of my lifetime. As a special education teacher I might spend days, weeks, or months on something a typical child would just get after one exposure. When that light bulb finally goes on that is such a high for me! It is each and every time and there have been so many times of celebration. I will miss that moment-but I have been blessed with a granddaughter who is two, it is a thrill to watch life and new discoveries through her eyes. I will have two new grandchildren this summer to continue this course.

To new teachers I would say, be open to new ideas. Listen to peers who have been in the field and might have something unique to offer. Stand up for what you believe and for the needs of your students. Be part of a team to make it work. Have your heart in the job. Want to make each student's day and life better even if it's difficult or you are being challenged. Love what you do!

Jeff Sarbaugh



I have taught thirty-seven years total, with twenty-three years in the North Canton City Schools. I have taught American History, Psychology and Sociology, Economics, and OWE. In general, technology has improved dramatically, whereas when I first started, everything was on paper. In fact, when I first started teaching, there wasn't even one computer in the entire school, and now every student has a computer or chrome book at their desk. Additionally, cell phones have been a part of teaching now with all its positive and negative attributes.

I will miss working with my colleagues who challenged me every day to be the best educator I could possibly be. I will miss the students whose intelligence and hard work was impressive to watch as they developed into outstanding members of our community. I will miss the look on students' faces when the understanding of a concept is learned and how their youth kept me young as well.

My advice for young teachers would



be to come to school every day with a positive attitude, be willing to adapt to changes that come both through the schedule and diversity of their students and believe they are developing the future of our community and country.

It has been an incredible journey over the past twenty-three years in the North Canton City Schools system. The commitment to the highest standards of education is inspiring here. Both my children and I experienced tremendous growth in education and athletics in what I consider the number one school system in Stark County. It has been a privilege and an honor to have worked for the community of North Canton.

Barb Spurgeon



I have taught in the North Canton School District for 35 years. I teach Elementary Physical Education (PreK - 2). When I first began my career, the focus in PE was more about discipline and competition. It has shifted to more of an emphasis on participation, teamwork, and physical fitness. We focus more on

teaching students about health-related fitness concepts and how to assess their own fitness levels. If we make exercise fun and educational at the same time, it will help students to prolong their commitment to a physical lifestyle.

I will miss the relationships that I have developed with my students and colleagues over the years. I don't have any children of my own, so they are ALL my children! I will miss their smiles and hugs! My colleagues have all been great and we have had many good times together. I will have many wonderful memories to take with me. THANK YOU!

To new teachers in the profession, it is important to have passion and empathy for your students. Be flexible and manage your classroom fairly and firmly. Continue to learn and better yourself because there is always room for improvement. Don't be afraid to make mistakes but be willing to correct them! I feel very fortunate to have worked in North Canton for so many years. It is a wonderful school system and a great community. GO VIKES!



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Meet your Lunch Ladies



Greentown Intermediate School

Kelly Ray has been head cook at Greentown for the last ten year and worked with NCCS food service for 22 years. Kelly and husband Arbbie share five children and enjoy spending time with their dog, Baxter. They are excited about the birth of their grandson in March.

Mary Roshak is new to Greentown this year. She previously worked at North Canton Middle School and Orchard Hill. She has two children attending Hoover High School, and she enjoys attending her children's sporting events. She also enjoys her five grandchildren.

In addition to working in the cafeteria, **Laura Fradl** serves as an educational assistant at Greentown. This is her fifth year at Greentown. Laura loves meeting new people and traveling, and she enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Laura, her husband and both daughters attended Bowling Green State University.

Yvonne Klass not only works in the Greentown cafeteria, but she also is a bus driver for the school district. She is new to Greentown this year and previously worked at North Canton Middle School. Yvonne has been in Food Service for 15 years and transportation for 19 years. She is a graduate of Hoover High School as are her father and two daughters.

Kari Davis is new to NCCS food service this year and has also begun as a bus driver. Her son attends North Canton schools, and Kari loves doing crafts.



Orchard Hill Intermediate School

In her second year at Orchard Hill, **Julie Miller** is the head cook there and has been in NCCS food service for 23 years. Julie, her husband, and two children are Hoover High School graduates. Julie enjoys spending time with her grandsons, Mason and Kyler.

Debbie Knisely has 20 years of experience in NCCS food service. She also sells tickets to middle school volleyball and girls basketball games. She and her husband have three children, all graduates of Hoover High School. Debbie enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren Eli, Emma, and Reagan.

Abby Devore has worked in food service for three years. A Hoover graduate, Abby and her husband, Drew, have two boys who attend St. Paul's School. They have a new Black Lab puppy named Rufus. She loves to spend time with her family and travel.

Kristin Mieskoski joined the food service staff this year. She and her husband, Kyle, are both Hoover graduates. Her two oldest boys attend Orchard Hill, her youngest son attends Clearmount, and her daughter is in preschool. She is very busy with her sons who play sports, but she does enjoy hiking when she has free time.

Mauna Maddock is new to food service this year. She and her husband Gerry have four children. Her oldest son is engaged to be married, her daughter is a senior at Hoover High School, and her younger son attends Greentown. Mauna enjoys movies, organizing and spending time with her family.

Hoover Art Students win annual Martin Luther King Jr. Awards

Congratulations to the art students who were winners in the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Art Awards. Four Hoover High School art students were among the fourteen winners named. They are Emily Clay, Sophia Blondheim, Lillian Bowen, and Sophia Murphy. Their art teacher is Mrs. Tam Grandjean.



Building News

North Canton City Schools 2022-23 Calendar

August
15 Staff Work Day
16-18 Staff PD, Collaboration, Convocation, and Building Meetings
19 First Student Day: Gr 1-3, 6, & 9
22 First Student Day: Gr 4-5, 7-8 & 10-12
24 First Student Day: Preschool
25 First Student Day: Kindergarten

September
5 No School / Labor Day

October
7 Prof. Development Day
10 Prof. Development Exchange Day
21 End of 1st 9 Weeks

November
23 Conference Exchange Day
24-25 Thanksgiving Break
28 Conference Exchange Day

December
16-17 Winter Break

January
2-3 Winter Break
12 End of 2nd 9 weeks/1st Semester
13 Staff Work Day
16 Martin Luther King Day

February
17 Professional Development Day
20 Presidents Day

March
17 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
20-24 Spring Break

April
7 Good Friday

May
19 Last Student Day grades P-5
22-25 P-5 Staff Days to Prepare for Move
25 Last Student Day grades 6-12
26 Staff Work Day

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

Board Approved on 12/8/2021

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Hoover Gym Floor named Dick Snyder Court

Hoover High School in North Canton, Ohio, recognized Dick Snyder, a 1962 alumnus, by naming the gymnasium court in his honor Friday, December 3, in a ceremony prior to the basketball game against Jackson High School. Hoover High School defeated Jackson 49-46 in overtime. An All-Ohio quarterback, basketball, and baseball player in high school, Snyder went on to Davidson University where he played basketball and baseball for four years. Upon graduation from Davidson, Snyder was drafted by the St. Louis Hawks in 1966, and he spent time with four different NBA teams during his career, including the Seattle SuperSonics, with whom he won the 1979 NBA Championship. Most Northeast Ohio residents know Dick Snyder best for his four years with the Cleveland Cavaliers from 1974-1978 and his key role in the "Miracle at Richfield." In 2011, Snyder was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame, and in 2014, he was a member of the inaugural class of the Hoover High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Although Snyder's career after basketball has taken him to Arizona, he still visits North Canton regularly to visit family, friends, and former teammates. Dick Snyder is one of the all-time great representatives of North Canton Hoover High School, and he has set a standard of excellence for all future Vikings to pursue. In recognition of Dick Snyder's significant athletic accomplishments and his outstanding character, the Hoover High School gymnasium court will be named "Dick Snyder Court."

To view the tribute video created by the Hoover Video Productions team, go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/northcantonschools/videos> and find Dick Snyder Court Dedication 2021.

Hoover students will be performing *Grease* at the Hoover Hall for the Performing Arts March 31-April 2. Please consider helping these students with an advertisement or donation to defray the cost of the production.



Jacob Plazak wins NCMS Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Spelling Bee winner, Jacob Plazak and to Margaret Priset, runner-up! The winning word was "alibi." Jacob will move on to the Canton Repository Regional Spelling Bee to be held later this spring.

Congratulations to all participants: Alyssa Ward, Brooklyn Roberts, Pru Manship, Kalani Levels, Noah Smith, Lilly Cramer, Ella Wilsbacher, Maggie Priset- Runner-up, Gus Young, Hashim Altruman, Jacob Plazak- Winner, Destiny Nshimiye and Owen Casper.

Hoover High School

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\$10 each TRIBUTE AD: (15-20 words maximum) use back of paper for additional tributes

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MAPS Air Museum

Lieutenant [Junior Grade] Rex Lewis Parcels and Canton native Lieutenant Leonard John Schoeppner went missing in action on March 9, 1970 during the Vietnam War after their plane crashed in the Gulf of Tonkin. This November, the MAPS Air Museum dedicated the F-4 Phantom II in their memory.

Throughout the ages, the Military Aviation Preservation Society [MAPS] has continued to keep the history and the stories of the fallen for many years. Mr. Reed Kimball, Education Director at the MAPS Air Museum, elaborated about the importance of MAPS.

"MAPS exists to tell the stories of those that have come before us, to tell the stories of those that can no longer tell their own," he said. "If we fail to remember them, their service and sacrifice will disappear."

In order to preserve the memories of those who have fallen, the MAPS Museum has many fascinating exhibits to tell the stories of many veterans. Hoover High School history teacher Mr. Dave Burtscher went into depth.

"Military Aviation Preservation Society is a hidden treasure in Stark County," he said. "Many people do not know what it is or where it is located, but it is an amazing museum dedicated to preserving aviation history and diffusing this knowledge to the public. Not only is it an evolving and expanding museum, it holds many social, charitable and fundraising activities/dinners/breakfasts and shows that aid the community and also give exposure for the museum."

A major event at the museum is The MAPS Veterans Celebration. Mrs. Valerie Kinney, organizer of this event, described this event.

"The MAPS Veterans Celebration is an annual event to recognize and honor our veterans from all wars," he said. "It includes dinner and a program. The event in November included a dedication of our newly restored F-4 Phantom that flew on the USS Ranger in Vietnam. It honored two individuals that went MIA on March 9, 1970. LT Leonard "Jack" Schoeppner from Canton Township and LTJG Rex Parcels from Berkley, CA. We wanted to remind people that there are still MIA from Vietnam. Seventy-five of them are from Ohio."

Organizing such an important event requires much preparation. MAPS employees, such as Kinney, dedicated many hours to make this happen.

"We identified who we wanted to honor," she said. "The Navy had to give us permission. The Restoration Crew had to research the aircraft...every little detail possible. They had to design and fix what was missing, paint, detail, etc. Thousands of hours and thousands of dollars. While they are doing that, I am researching the stories, planning the event for 300 guests, creating videos, making flyers, reservations, interviewing, etc. Hundreds of hours all wrapped up into an hour and a half program. The Canton Local Schools provided their sixth-grade choir and Sound of South, representing Schoeppner's hometown."

Overall, this event turned out to be quite the success. The Phantom took a lot to restore, but the hard work was worthwhile. Kimball explained the correlation between the plane and the soldiers.

"Leonard flew F-4s when he was assigned to VF-21 [an aviation unit in the Army] and was flying one when he

and Parcels were lost," he said. "They both flew the F-4 that is on display at MAPS three days before their fateful mission."

The pair of flyers disappeared over North Vietnam while flying a photo reconnaissance mission. They are still considered missing due to their bodies being lost in the Gulf of Tonkin. Now, the Phantom jet lies in the MAPS Air Museum in their memory.

All in all, the museum has an enormous impact on the Stark County community.

"We are here to educate the public on military aviation and its impact on man," Kinney said. "We also want to honor those who have donned the uniform every day, just not on Veterans Day."

In short, American citizens as a whole should honor veterans of the U.S. military. According to Burtscher, they have put their lives on the line in the fight for freedom, and their stories can teach people many lessons.

"Our war veterans are becoming a smaller group with the passing of time," he said. "Having these veterans serving as tour guides who take great pride in teaching military history to younger



LEONARD J. SCHOEPPNER Lieutenant, United States Navy

"Jack" Schoeppner was born and raised in Canton, Ohio and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1961. He attended The Ohio State University on a Navy ROTC scholarship and graduated with an engineering degree in 1966. He received his commission in the United States Navy on June 14, 1966.

Jack completed basic pilot training at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida in the Fall of 1966. His first solo flight was on October 7, 1966 from NAS Saultley Field, Florida. Advanced pilot training was completed at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas. In August of 1968, he was assigned to Navy Fighter Squadron (VF) 21, initially flying from Naval Air Station (NAS) Miramar and NAS Fallon. On October 26, 1968, he was deployed with VF-21 aboard the U.S.S. RANGER to the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) area, returning on May 17, 1969. On October 27, 1969, he was again deployed to WESTPAC with VF-21 aboard RANGER.

On March 9, 1970, Lieutenant Schoeppner and his radar intercept officer, Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Rex Lewis Parcels, Jr. of Berkeley, California were assigned a photo reconnaissance escort mission in an F-4J. Because of low ceilings and poor visibility, the mission was cancelled and the aircraft diverted to a secondary mission as Combat Air Patrol for the Task Force. Schoeppner reported his position as overhead of the RANGER at 17,000 feet and was instructed to rendezvous with another squadron. They failed to make radio contact with the new control agency and all RADAR contact was lost with the aircraft. A preliminary search was conducted using all aircraft already airborne in the vicinity of the carrier and additional airborne and ship assets were later called in to assist in the search. The aircraft was not seen again nor was any debris found indicating a crash.

Lieutenant Schoeppner is still listed as missing in action. His name, along with that of Lieutenant (JG) Rex Parcels, is memorialized in the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. Lieutenant Leonard John Schoeppner is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Wall on panel 13W in line 101.



generations is a blessing. Also, the recording of oral and video histories with these veterans is a valuable tool for people to learn and appreciate this history at the museum. This is crucial to maintaining and continuing the legacy of these veterans and to show how impactful their sacrifices and service [are] and will continue to be upon our nation."



HHS junior Kosta Volas
Managing Editor,
The Viking Views

The Viking Views is the student-run newspaper at Hoover High School; it is produced seven times per year to approximately 1,500 students and staff, as well as members of the community. An award-winning publication, it offers school, local, state, national and international news with the highest sense of professionalism and integrity while representing NCCS with those same qualities. The online publication is available at www.thevikingviews.com. The adviser to the publication is Mrs. Rachele Ogilvie.



Don't miss this NCMS Performance!

The Vocal Music Department of North Canton Middle School will perform *Disney's High School Musical Jr.* Edition February 17, 18, and 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Hoover Hall for the Performing Arts. Tickets purchased presale are \$12.00 while tickets purchased at the door are \$15.00. If you have not seen a North

Canton Middle School musical, you are missing out on seeing some extraordinary talent! Buy your tickets now!

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.northcantonschools.org/BoxOffice.aspx>



Hoover Junior Achievement 2022

InnoVistics Company releases Watch your Mouth!

Watch Your Mouth! is an engaging speaking game designed to improve the presentations and conversations of individuals aged 10+. The product is interactive, unique, and has been proven to improve speaking confidence gradually. The kit contains two interactive guides geared to educate on the different components that comprise expressions, such as different types of tones, gesturing, speaking pace, eye contact, and more. The third guide, an activity guide, provides four targeted activities meant to improve different aspects of your communication. With the guides, you'll also get a spinner wheel and a deck of 52 prompt cards to be used throughout the speaking activities. This kit improves speech but does so in fun and engaging ways. Our game-like activities are meant to keep you entertained, alert, and learning!



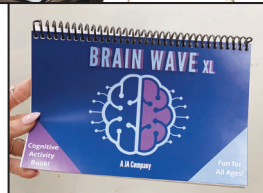
Purchase of this product can be made on our website, goinnovistics.com.

Members of InnoVistics are **Nick Saris, Brady Lang, Anthony Bacopoulos, Joey Bowling, Luke Roach, Zach Zehner, Luke Hess, Brad Fink, and Thomas Maxwell.**



Brain Wave Company releases Product

Students from the North Canton Hoover High School business management program company of Brain Wave have finished production and have released their product, "Brain Wave."



Brain Wave is a cognitive activity book that aims to sharpen and stimulate the brain with activities such as word problems, fun facts, crossword puzzles, and many more. This product is designed for those near the age where progressive brain diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia, but users of all ages can enjoy the fun activities in the book. To make a purchase, please visit the company's website at brainwaveja.com and order your book today for only \$10.

Our company members are **Jesse Halmasy, Jimmy Halmasy, Rachel Noebe, Kelsey Hill, Connor Pownell, Robby Smart, Nick McCracken, Mike Shimek, Andrew Roach, and Charlie Zerrer.**

Ava Heller receives Character Counts Grant

Greentown third-grade student, **Ava Heller**, is the recipient of the Character Counts! in North Canton Youth in Action grant. Ava will lead her peers in making no-sew pillows that will be distributed at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Ava hopes to bring "comfort while dealing with the stress and trauma of being hospitalized." The \$250 grant will buy colorful fabric and other needed supplies to make the pillows. Ava is a fine example of a student who is concerned about others.



NCMS Food Pantry Drive

North Canton Middle School is proud to partner with the North Canton Food Pantry during the holiday season to provide food to families in need in our community.



Our students collected over 1,000 items and collected \$475 in cash for the pantry. The NC Pantry is a partnership between our schools, The Summit Church, MissionView Church, Shale Brewery, and the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank. They serve families in the North Canton City School District by distributing food to families in need on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at The Summit Church. We are proud of our students for thinking of our families and community, especially during the holiday season!

Preschool Enrollment for Fall 2022 and current available Spots!

If you know a neighbor, friend or relative living within the North Canton City School district boundaries and they have a child who will be three years old or older by August 1, please have them contact us at 330.497.5608 if they are interested in enrolling at the ECC (Early Childhood Center) for the 2022-2023 school year.

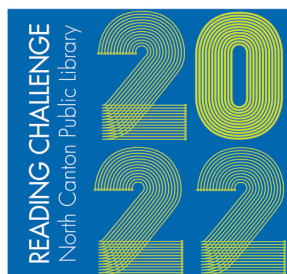


We currently have a few openings. If your child is currently 3 years old, and you are interested in enrolling now, please call us for more information at 330.497.5608.

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United Way: United in Kindness Art Contest

NCMS student, **Grace Rambaud**, and her teacher, **Megan Adams**, have been recognized by the United Way 100-Year Celebration team for Grace's submission into the Kidzart United in Kindness Campaign. One of over 250 entries, Grace's work was chosen to be in the top ten. Her drawing will be displayed during the United Way events, on the organization's website, and on social media throughout the year. Diane Pete, co-chair of the United Way celebration committee, presented the certificate to Grace and Megan Adams.



Agape/Huddle

North Canton Middle School has two programs in seventh grade to promote character development and navigating middle school. The Agape Girls program is for our seventh-grade girls while the Huddle is a program for our seventh-grade boys. These programs meet five times per year.

This year, we are back in person with Agape Girls. Agape Girls is a mentoring club that pairs junior and senior girls from Hoover High School with seventh graders from the middle school. Five times throughout the school year, the high schoolers come to the middle school and meet with their groups about important and relevant topics such as gossiping and cliques, social media, body image, friendship and inclusivity, and leadership. Last year, girls communicated in a penpal relationship with each other through letters sent back and forth, but this year, the girls are super excited to connect with each other in person and share some of life's experiences together! The last meeting for Agape Girls this year will be February 25th. The girls will be making friendship bracelets together to remember their special bond, as well as discussing leadership qualities and setting a good example as they move on to become the leaders of the middle school next year in eighth grade. Each year, the seventh graders write about their experiences. One girl wrote: "Agape girls has taught me that I can overcome anything. And that you should always try the very best that you can."

Fitness instructor Sean Strong visited North Canton Middle School as part of our HUDDLE program for seventh-grade boys. Mr. Strong earned his bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Kent State University and is a certified Xtreme Hip Hop Step and Xtreme Burn instructor. He began his physical fitness journey in 2018 when he committed to improve his overall health and physique for himself as well as for his family. And as a former college athlete, he knew his journey ahead would be difficult, but was committed to his goal and lost over 100 pounds in the process.



On Friday, January 28, Mr. Strong shared his passion for physical fitness with our seventh-grade boys while leading them through various physical activities. More than just physical activities, he shared his personal story as well as his platform of Xtreme Hip Hop to teach the values of grit and perseverance to the group of over 170 seventh-grade boys in a highly motivated and inspiring 40-minute period. While promoting the connection between physical adversity and the daily challenges that many face throughout middle school,

Mr. Strong showed how goal-setting and personal dedication can promote personal growth and intended outcomes.

Associate Principal Michael Coppa said, "Our students were engaged from beginning to end. Mr. Strong is highly motivational and seamlessly connected the values and structure of our HUDDLE program with his personal message and Xtreme Hip Hop platform."

Sean Strong and his wife reside in North Canton with their four children.

January Teacher of the Month is Debbie Petricini



Mrs. Debbie Petricini of Northwood Elementary was selected as the North Canton Chamber of Commerce Educator for the Month of January. Principal Matt Donaldson praised Mrs. Petricini's dedication to her students, and he shared remarks about her from her colleagues.

"Mrs. Petricini is a dedicated teacher who collaborates and works closely with classroom teachers. She is committed to providing hands-on activities for the needs of her student to help them move forward in the content areas. She creates a structured, consistent classroom environment and encourages her students to do their best. She has a great sense of humor and is a valuable resource to the Northwood staff."

"Debbie does a fantastic job individualizing instruction for each child. She is an amazing teacher to work with and really helps the kids grow academically and socially."

"Debbie is a true intervention specialist unicorn. She may be retiring this year, but she always gives her job her all. Her students make tremendous progress in her classroom in such a short amount of time. She truly is an intervention guru and knows exactly what her students need to be successful. I hope to become half the intervention specialist she is one day. Debbie truly has a gift."



Greentown teaches Service to Others

The end of the nine weeks isn't just about grades and report cards. It is also about focusing on our growth as students and as people. At the end of every nine-week period, Greentown Intermediate celebrates Expectations, Service, and Celebration Day (or ESC Day). This day focuses on three main objectives. First, we discuss academic, social, and behavioral expectations with all of our students. These expectations focus on both the positives and the areas of improvement. Secondly, our building focuses on community service projects. These projects assist Stark County nonprofits and/or other community organizations that we've built relationships with or that we are newly connected to. This ESC-day Greentown created encouragement cards for Compassion Delivered's meal recipients, constructed handmade bird feeders for local nursing home residents, and created care cards for Greentown's support staff. Greentown believe that it is important for our students to live out the "service over self" mantra and to help develop a servant's heart for our neighbors and for our community. Lastly, we focus on all our accomplishments and growth over the last nine weeks by celebrating our students. Each team and grade level celebrate those accomplishments by providing student choice with entertainment opportunities. It's a way for our staff to show students that hard work does pay off and that even when it's hard; grit and perseverance can get us through anything.



**North Canton
Education Endowment Fund**

SPRING CELEBRATION EVENT

Celebrating these individuals for the exceptional work with the North Canton Schools:

- ❖ Citizen Award: **Christy Paumier**
- ❖ Classified Staff Award: **Teresa Somody**
- ❖ PreK-5 Teacher Award: **Jen McKelley**
- ❖ 6-12 Teacher Award: **Glenn Cummings**

and
Recognizing the accomplishments of the NCEE
Grant Winners of 2019-2021

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Monday, February 28, 2022
- 6:00 PM
- North Canton Hoover High School Commons

Enjoy a dinner and the program!

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Spring Sports Schedules

Please remember that all schedules are subject to change due to weather or other factors. Go the athletics section of the website for cancellations or modifications of the schedules.

Varsity Baseball

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.26.2022	12:00pm	Brunswick	H
03.29.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	H
03.30.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	A
04.02.2022	11:00am	Wadsworth	H
04.05.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	H
04.06.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A
04.09.2022	11:00am	Kent Roosevelt	A
04.12.2022	5:00pm	Perry	H
04.13.2022	5:00pm	Perry	A
04.16.2022	12:00pm	Mentor	A
04.19.2022	5:00pm	Green	A
04.20.2022	5:00pm	Green	H
04.22.2022	5:00pm	Cincinnati St. Xavier	A
04.23.2022	2:00pm	Hamilton Badin	A
04.25.2022	5:00pm	Alliance	H
04.27.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	A
04.28.2022	5:00pm	Akron Ellet	H
04.30.2022	10:00am	NICU	A
05.03.2022	5:00pm	Lake	A
05.04.2022	5:00pm	Lake	H
05.06.2022	5:00pm	Nardononia	H
05.07.2022	7:00pm	Hudson	A
05.10.2022	7:00pm	GlenOak	A
05.11.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	H
05.13.2022	5:00pm	Stow	H
05.14.2022	11:00am	Massillon	H
05.21.2022	11:00am	St. Vincent	H

JV Baseball

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.26.2022	12:00pm	Brunswick	A
03.29.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	A
03.30.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	H
04.02.2022	11:00am	Wadsworth	A
04.05.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A
04.06.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	H
04.09.2022	11:00am	Kent Roosevelt	H
04.12.2022	5:00pm	Perry	A
04.13.2022	5:00pm	Perry	H
04.16.2022	12:00pm	Mentor	H
04.19.2022	5:00pm	Green	H
04.20.2022	5:00pm	Green	A
04.22.2022	5:00pm	St. Vincent @ Summit Lk. Field	A
04.23.2022	11:00am	Strongsville	A
04.25.2022	5:00pm	Alliance	A
04.27.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	H
04.28.2022	5:00pm	Akron Ellet	A
05.03.2022	5:00pm	Lake	H
05.04.2022	5:00pm	Lake	A
05.06.2022	5:00pm	Nardononia	A
05.07.2022	11:00am	Hudson	H
05.10.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	H
05.11.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	A
05.13.2022	5:00pm	Stow	A
05.14.2022	11:00am	Massillon	A

Freshman Baseball

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.29.2022	5:00pm	Massillon	H
03.30.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	A
04.02.2022	11:00am	Wadsworth	A
04.05.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A
04.06.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	H
04.09.2022	11:00am	Kent Roosevelt	H
04.12.2022	5:00pm	Perry	A
04.13.2022	5:00pm	Perry	H
04.16.2022	12:00pm	Mentor	H
04.19.2022	5:00pm	Green	H
04.20.2022	5:00pm	Green	A
04.23.2022	11:00am	Strongsville	H
04.27.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	H
04.29.2022	5:00pm	Brunswick	A
05.03.2022	5:00pm	Lake	H
05.04.2022	5:00pm	Lake	A
05.06.2022	5:00pm	Nardononia	A
05.07.2022	11:00am	Hudson	H
05.10.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	H
05.11.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	A
05.13.2022	5:00pm	Stow	A
05.14.2022	11:00am	Massillon - DH	A

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.18.2022	7:00pm	Wooster	H
03.22.2022	7:00pm	Akron Hoban	H
03.30.2022	7:30pm	Lake	A
04.01.2022	7:00pm	Wadsworth	H
04.06.2022	7:00pm	Hudson	H
04.08.2022	7:00pm	Green	A
04.12.2022	7:00pm	Louisville	A
04.14.2022	7:00pm	Chagrin Falls	H
04.16.2022	7:00pm	Shaker Heights	H
04.20.2022	7:30pm	St. Ignatius	A
04.22.2022	7:00pm	Olmstead Falls	H
04.26.2022	7:30pm	St. Edward's	H
04.29.2022	7:30pm	Solon	H
05.04.2022	7:00pm	Walsh Jesuit	A
05.06.2022	7:00pm	Medina	H
05.09.2022	5:00pm	University	A
05.13.2022	7:00pm	Jackson	A

Boys JV Lacrosse

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.18.2022	5:00pm	Wooster	H
03.22.2022	5:00pm	Akron Hoban	H
03.30.2022	5:00pm	Lake	A
04.01.2022	5:00pm	Wadsworth	H
04.06.2022	5:00pm	Hudson	H
04.08.2022	5:00pm	Green	A
04.12.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	A
04.14.2022	5:00pm	Chagrin Falls	H
04.16.2022	5:00pm	Shaker Heights	H
04.20.2022	5:30pm	St. Ignatius	A
04.22.2022	5:00pm	Olmstead Falls	H
04.26.2022	5:30pm	St. Edward's	H
04.29.2022	5:30pm	Solon	H
05.04.2022	5:00pm	Walsh Jesuit	A
05.06.2022	5:00pm	Medina	H
05.09.2022	5:00pm	University	A
05.13.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.22.2022	7:00pm	Avon Lake	A
03.31.2022	7:00pm	Wadsworth	H
04.05.2022	7:00pm	Wooster	H
04.07.2022	7:15pm	Brunswick	H
04.09.2022	1:30pm	Avon	A
04.12.2022	7:00pm	Hathaway Brown	H
04.14.2022	7:00pm	Revere	A
04.19.2022	7:00pm	Lake	A
04.21.2022	7:15pm	Stow	A
04.23.2022	1:30pm	Kenston	H
04.26.2022	7:00pm	Shaker Heights	A
04.28.2022	6:00pm	GlenOak	A
04.30.2022	12:30pm	St. Joseph Academy	A
05.03.2022	7:00pm	Green	H
05.07.2022	1:30pm	Chagrin Falls	H
05.10.2022	7:00pm	Jackson	A

Girls JV Lacrosse

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.22.2022	5:30pm	Avon Lake	A
03.31.2022	5:30pm	Wadsworth	H
04.05.2022	5:30pm	Wooster	H
04.07.2022	5:45pm	Brunswick	H
04.09.2022	12:00pm	Avon	A
04.12.2022	5:30pm	Hathaway Brown	H
04.14.2022	5:30pm	Revere	A
04.19.2022	5:30pm	Lake	A
04.21.2022	5:45pm	Stow	A
04.23.2022	12:00pm	Kenston	H
04.26.2022	5:30pm	Shaker Heights	A
04.30.2022	11:00am	St. Joseph Academy	A
05.03.2022	5:30pm	Green	H
05.05.2022	5:30pm	Canfield	H
05.07.2022	12:00pm	Chagrin Falls	H
05.10.2022	5:30pm	Jackson	A

Varsity Softball

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.29.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	H
03.30.2022	5:00pm	Lake	A
04.01.2022	5:00pm	Massillon	A
04.02.2022	11:00am	Triway	H
04.02.2022	3:00pm	Brecksville-Broadview	H
04.05.2022	5:00pm	Green	H
04.06.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A
04.09.2022	11:00am	Keystone @ LaGrange Pk.	A
04.09.2022	1:00pm	McDowell @ LaGrange Pk.	A
04.12.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	A
04.13.2022	5:00pm	Perry	A
04.16.2022	1:00pm	Hoban	H
04.18.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	A
04.20.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	A
04.23.2022	11:00am	Walsh Jesuit	H
04.23.2022	3:00pm	Wadsworth	H
04.26.2022	5:00pm	Lake	H
04.27.2022	5:00pm	Green	A
04.29.2022	TBA	Prebis Memorial	A
04.30.2022	TBA	Prebis Memorial	A
05.03.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	H
05.04.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	H
05.06.2022	5:30pm	South Range	H
05.07.2022	TBD	Gahanna Showcase	A
05.07.2022	TBD	Gahanna Showcase	A
05.09.2022	5:00pm	Perry	H

JV Softball

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.29.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	H
03.30.2022	5:00pm	Lake	A
04.02.2022	11:00am	Triway	H
04.02.2022	3:00pm	Brecksville-Broadview	H
04.05.2022	5:00pm	Green	H
04.06.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A
04.09.2022	11:00am	Keystone @ LaGrange Pk.	A
04.09.2022	1:00pm	McDowell @ LaGrange Pk.	A
04.12.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	A
04.13.2022	5:00pm	Perry	A
04.16.2022	1:00pm	Hoban	H
04.18.2022	5:00pm	Louisville	A
04.20.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	A
04.21.2022	5:00pm	Hoban	A
04.23.2022	11:00am	Walsh Jesuit	H
04.23.2022	3:00pm	Wadsworth	H
04.26.2022	5:00pm	Lake	H
04.27.2022	5:00pm	Green	A
05.03.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	H
05.04.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	H
05.06.2022	5:30pm	South Range	H
05.09.2022	5:00pm	Perry	H

Boys Varsity Tennis

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.29.2022	4:00pm	Wadsworth	H
03.30.2022	4:15pm	Wooster	A
04.02.2022	8:00am	St. Edward's Invitational	A
04.04.2022	4:30pm	Jackson	H
04.06.2022	4:30pm	Green	A
04.08.2022	4:30pm	Marietta-Massillon-Perry	H
04.11.2022	4:30pm	Lake	A
04.12.2022	4:15pm	Strongsville	A
04.13.2022	4:15pm	GlenOak	H
04.14.2022	4:30pm	New Philadelphia	H
04.18.2022	4:00pm	Louisville	H
04.20.2022	4:30pm	Perry	A
04.21.2022	4:00pm	Boardman	H
04.26.2022	4:30pm	McKinley	H
04.27.2022	4:15pm	St. Edward's	H
04.30.2022	TBA	Federal League Tournament	TBA
05.02.2022	4:15pm	CVCA	A
05.03.2022	4:15pm	St. Vincent/St. Mary	H
05.05.2022	4:30pm	Brecksville	H

Boys JV Tennis

Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.29.2022	4:00pm	Wadsworth	H
03.30.2022	4:15pm	Wooster	A
04.04.2022	4:30pm	Jackson	A
04.06.2022	4:30pm	Green	H
04.09.2022	TBA	Louisville Doubles	A
04.11.2022	4:30pm	Lake	H
04.12.2022	4:15pm	Strongsville	A
04.13.2022	4:15pm	GlenOak	A
04.14.2022	4:30pm	New Philadelphia	H
04.18.2022	4:00pm	Louisville	A
04.20.2022	4:30pm	Perry	H
04.26.2022	4:30pm	McKinley	A
04.30.2022	TBA	Federal League Tournament	TBA
05.02.2022	4:15pm	CVCA	H
05.05.2022	4:30pm	Brecksville	H

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Date	Time	Event	Home/Away
03.29.2022	5:00pm	GlenOak	A
04.05.2022	4:15pm	Lake	H
04.09.2022	9:00am	NC Dave Clegg Invitational	H
04.16.2022	9:00am	Eagle Elite@ GlenOak	A
04.19.2022	4:15pm	Perry	H
04.23.2022	9:00am	Stark County Meet @Perry	A
04.26.2022	5:00pm	Jackson	A
04.28.2022	5:00pm	McKinley	A
04.29.2022	5:00pm	Perry - 9th/10th	A
05.03.2022	4:15pm	Green	H
05.06.2022	5:00pm	Jackson Twilight	A
05.07.2022	10:00am	East Canton Relays (JV)	A
05.10.2022	4:30pm	JV Federal League @TBA	A
05.13.2022	5:00pm	Federal League @ Perry	A
05.18.2022	4:00pm	Districts @ Hoover	H
05.20.2022	4:00pm	Districts @ Hoover	H

North Canton Hoover High School Athletic Director, Tom Oakes, is pleased to announce the Hoover High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022!

The inductees are Mr. Neil Baasten, Mr. Kim Cooksey ('75), Mr. Alex Ramsey ('04), Mr. Ryan Shaffer, Mrs. Jessica (Simpson) Long ('08), and Mr. Dan Willaman ('84). The inductees will be announced at halftime of the home football game versus Kenmore-Garfield on Friday, September 2, 2022, at North Canton Memorial Stadium. The Induction Program will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, at North Canton Hoover High School. Tickets and more information will be available in the Hoover High School Athletic office at the beginning of August.



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