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North Canton City Schools

## Viking Vision

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#### Myers and Polatas lead the Class

#### SALUTATORIAN

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2017 is **Angela Myers**. Angela is the daughter of Kathy and the late Tim Myers.

Angela graduated with a 4.608 grade point average.

Angela was an active member of numerous clubs throughout her four years at Hoover. Some of her most notable achievements were in Speech and Debate and Mock Trial. Angela served as the captain of the debate team and co-president of mock trial. This year she qualified to the National Tournament in Lincoln Douglas Debate, and she won the Outstanding Attorney and Witness Awards from Mock Trial.

Angela spent the last two years working towards her IB Diploma. She is also a published writer in the *Kenyon Review Young Writers Anthology*. Angela volunteered countless hours in our community over the years, with a special emphasis on promoting literacy in our community.

In the fall, Angela will be majoring in Professional Writing as an Honors Fellow, at Elon University.



#### **VALEDICTORIAN**

The honor of being the Class of 2017 Valedictorian goes to **Matthew Polatas**, the son of Steve and Carol Polatas.

Matthew graduated with a 4.658 grade point average.

Matthew was very active at Hoover, he served as President of National Honor Society, Captain of Academic Challenge, and his memberships included Leadership, Model UN, Math Club, and Chemistry Club. He has participated in cross country and track all four years of high school, and earned a total of seven varsity letters.

Matthew is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Finalist, and was selected as the November *Canton Repository* Teen of the Month.

In the fall, Matthew will attend The Ohio State University and major in Chemical Engineering.





#### The Class of 2017 Graduates!



Hoover High School's Class of 2017 graduated June 4 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center with 369 seniors receiving their diplomas. Graduates entered to "Pomp and Circumstance," played by the Hoover High School Brass Ensemble, directed by Mr. Ron Varn. Hoover's Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Patti Grewell, performed "For Good." Senior Class President Jonathan Taylor welcomed everyone and later led the class in the "Turning of the Tassel." Other speakers included Madison Vandergrift, Nicholas Binnie, Salutatorian Angela Myers and Valedictorian Matthew Polatas. Commencement concluded with the Hoover High School Alma Mater.







Alma Mater, Alma Mater, Deep graven on each heart Shall be found unwav'ring true When we from life shall part.





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#### The Viking Vision

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#### District News



#### New Website!

surveys conversations over the past year have revealed a need for us to better communicate about the district, its schools and its activities. One of the recommendations was a new website that focuses on pushing out information to parents and the community in general. We now have a website where you can easily find information about those topics that

concern you the most: a calendar of activities, breakfast and school lunch menus, busing information, athletics and more. Please visit our website at https://www.northcantonschools.org. If there's a topic that you would like us to add to the website, please let us know. The North Canton City School District is an excellent district, and we wish to communicate that message to our community and beyond!

#### Four Grants awarded through EEF

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been selected to receive the 2017-2018 Education Endowment Fund Grant Awards.

Bobbie Meleg, Educational Assistant Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center

Awarded: \$400

Project title: "Snuggle Up with a Good Book"

Annie Moore, School Counselor

Hoover High School Awarded: \$200

Project title: "Project MOSAIC Day: Listen to Understand, Not Reply"

Todd Dannemiller & Jerome Nist, STEM teachers

North Canton Middle School

Awarded: \$1,000

Project title: "Gateway to Technology: Computer Science App Creators"

Nicole Wadkins, School Counselor, & Matt Ile, Principal

Clearmount Elementary School

Awarded: \$961.75

Project title: "PBIS & The Zones of Regulation"

### Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2017, it's time to enroll them for kindergarten! Enrollment packets are available on line at northcantonschools.org. Please be sure to enroll them August 7 – 15, 2017. If you have questions please call the district office at 330-497-5600.

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Board of Education meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the INQspot at Hoover High School.

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#### School Finance 103 What is an audit?

#### Todd Tolson TREASURER

The Financial Audit Group of the Ohio Auditor of State's (AOS) office is responsible for conducting financial audits of all public entities as required under Ohio law. Generally, the AOS is required to perform these financial audits at least once every two fiscal years; however, many audits are performed annually. The office must review the methods, accuracy and legality of the accounts, financial reports, records and files of all public entities. It is the responsibility of the Financial Audit Group to determine if the entity has complied with the law, rules, ordinances and orders pertaining to the office. Each fiscal year, the AOS releases approximately 4,000 financial audits.

generally begin Audits with an entrance conference between the lead auditor, audit manager, treasurer, superintendent and school board members. At this meeting the objectives, scope, types of records to be examined, estimate of the time required to complete the audit and cost are reviewed. Once audit field work begins, regular communications occur between the lead auditor and treasurer to keep everyone fully informed of issues and audit progress.

Audit field work includes testing for compliance with district policies and applicable laws, as well as examining the effectiveness and existence of internal control procedures.

The audit process ends with an exit conference, which is held to review the audit report, field work results and any recommendations the AOS makes to strengthen the district's financial operations.

Each year the AOS issues an "Auditor of State Award" to entities that meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to: Ethics referrals, questioned costs less than \$10,000, lack of timely report submission, reconciliation, failure to obtain a timely Single Audit, findings for recovery less than \$100 or public meetings or public records
- The entity has no other financial or other concerns

The audit of the North Canton City School District for 2016-2017 has been completed with great success, and we have again received the "Auditor of State Award." I am very proud of the staff in the treasurer's office for their diligent work every day to ensure the safeguarding of all district resources. I appreciate every staff member's compliance with board policies and This total team effort procedures. shows the dedication to the students and families of this great district.

- SOURCE: HTTP://WWW.AUDITOR.STATE.OH.US/

#### Board of Education looking ahead to November

The NCCS Board of Education voted Wednesday, June 21, to send a Resolution of Necessity to the county and state department of taxation. In responding to this resolution, they will set the tax rate or millage rate necessary to raise the specified amount of money through an earned income tax for district operations and a bond issue for a facility project. The auditors will then respond in ten days with the information, and Board of Education members will then decide in July if they wish to place the issue on the November ballot.

The school district has never placed an Earned Income Tax (EIT) on the ballot, relying instead on property tax levies. The proposed master facility project was designed with input from a steering committee.

community members, students, staff and administration over the last several months. For a detailed look at the process, go to <a href="http://www.dejongrichter.">http://www.dejongrichter.</a> com/nccs/.

Superintendent Jeff Wendorf explained that the district must carefully consider both needs of the district. "Both items are equally important. If we don't have more funding, we will be forced to reduce staff. If we don't take care of our facilities, we'll face a number of problems maintaining them." He elaborated on the choice of an earned income tax. "We feel it is important to have another source of revenue rather than relying solely on property taxes. The school district earned income tax would mean that those school district residents who have an active income would be responsible for this tax."

#### What is an Earned Income Tax?

Retirees and unemployed residents do not pay.

Only those residents actively EARNING a paycheck will pay.

Pensions, income from retirement savings, rental property income and social security income will not be touched. Only earned income.

For more information about an earned income tax, go to <a href="http://www.tax.ohio.">http://www.tax.ohio.</a> gov/school district income.aspx.



## SO MUCH

### **NORTH CANTON YMCA**

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COMMUNITY & MEMBER **EVENTS AND** 

CLASSES

Stamping class: June 21, July 19 and August 16

40th Annual North Canton YMCA July 4th Race: 2 mile, 5 Mile and Kids' Firecracker Dash: Sign up NOW! www.runsignup.com

Adult Sprint and Kids' Triathlons: July 22 Swim, Bike and run in and around Dogwood

For information on these and all other YMCA programs:

330.499.2587 www.ymcastark.org Financial Assistance Available

#### 2017 Hall of Distinction Inductees announced

North Canton Alumni Association is pleased to announce the newest inductees to the Hall of Distinction.

This year's inductees include 1966 graduate Gregory Gray, who has had an exemplary career as an eye surgeon; 1949 graduate Jim "Phil" Holl, who has written several books on area sports history; 1960 graduate William Lhota, who had careers as an American Electric Power executive and as CEO of the Central Ohio Transit Authority; early area pioneer Lewis Miller who founded Chautauqua; and 1975 graduate Lee (Russell) Sahadi who excels as an HR executive for Cleveland Clinic Akron General.

This year's Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hoover High School Commons. Tickets are available from the North Canton City Schools District Office or by calling Lisa Warburton-Gregory at 330-305-0779.

#### VIKING 4 VISION

#### District News



## Professional Development

Dave Pilati
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

The school year for most students has concluded, but the administration and faculty of the North Canton City Schools are continuing their own education with some outstanding professional development.

On June 5-6, sixteen staff members and administrators from NCCS attended the *Positive Behavior Intervention Support* (*PBIS*) Level 2 training at Stark State College.

From June 12 - 14, seven NCCS staff members and administrators attended the All In Institute at R.G. Drage, sponsored by State Support Team Region 9. The focus was inclusive proactive teaching practices and strategies that provide the support that struggling learners need in core instruction. This practice is much better for these students who are often provided intervention only after they have demonstrated failure or difficulty to learn concepts. Three well-known national presenters were part of the facilitation team. The individuals were Brooke Haycock, from the Education Trust; Markeda Newell, from Loyola University; and Jon Saphier, from Research for Better Teaching.

Hoover High School was the host site for three professional development events for teachers and administrators from all districts served by the Stark County ESC or State Support Team Region 9. At the June 15 program on High Impact Teaching Strategies Conference for Teachers, 364 attendees gathered to hear Jon Saphier, a national presenter and the founder and president of Research for



Jon Saphier

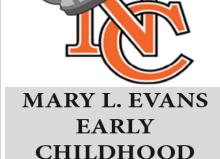
Better Teaching. Saphier has been studying and researching the teaching strategies of teachers within schools who consistently obtain better than average growth from ALL students for more than 30 years. He has been sharing his findings from his research on and work with such teachers with teachers and administrators all over the United States. The website for his organization is http://www.rbteach. com. This program was attended by about 50 NCCS staff members. In addition, the afternoon sessions were recorded by Hoover High School Video Productions students, which will give teachers, who were unable to attend the sessions, an opportunity to view the valuable workshop.

On June 16 Jon Saphier offered a presentation, Supporting High Impact Teaching Strategies for Administrators, to over 150 administrators from Stark County and nearby districts. All administrators from North Canton City Schools attended. Saphier addressed how administrators can support teachers to ensure high impact teaching.

The final day was for Stark County math and science teachers regarding the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Initiative. Eighty teachers, including eight teachers from North Canton City Schools, attended. There were feature speakers, breakout sessions, and the opportunity for teaching teams to collaborate on work for the next school year.

On June 19 North Canton Middle School (NCMS) science teachers participated in an all-day training on how to use Gizmos, which is a product from Explore Learning that includes interactive online science simulations that are aligned to science standards. The training, offered by one of Explore Learning's consultants who came in from Texas, provided insights to our teachers on how to use Gizmos in additional ways to make more real life connections for students to the content that they learn.

Also, on June 19 NCMS English Language Arts teachers collaboratively planned for the 2017-18 school year. Their focus was the utilization of a new online curriculum from Pearson Learning called "My Perspectives," which all teachers and students at NCMS will have access to this fall. This day was a follow-up to previous professional development that the teachers had during May with a Pearson training consultant.



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#### A Legacy to Remember

Laura Blandine, a teacher at Greentown Intermediate School, was selected by the school district for the Master Teacher Award from the Martha



Holden Jennings Foundation. In conjunction with this recognition, she was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Grant under the Master Teacher Award category from the Foundation. This grant for \$3,000 will fund her project about the Hoover Company and the impact it and its family members had

on the North Canton community. The project, "A Legacy to Remember," is a collaboration with Denise Boyd, the Greentown art teacher.

The funding will be used to purchase a kiln and a kiln furniture kit to allow students to design a captivating clay mural of the Hoover Company. It is a creative, motivating project which encourages multidisciplinary learning through art, local history, and math.

Mrs. Blandine explained the task students will face, "The construction of the mural will involve a complex artistic process that includes creative thinking, problem-solving, and use of artistic skills as students strategically integrate the multi-step process. Students will need to break down a picture of the Hoover Company in a puzzle like fashion. They will then duplicate their portion of the picture with clay. The clay pieces will then be fired in the kiln, and then returned to the students for painting, sealing, and assembly."

"Prior to, and during the construction of the mural, students will be learning about the history of our community, the Hoover Company, and the impact the Hoover Family had on our community. In addition, as students reassemble the mural, they will calculate the area of given rectilinear figures as well as the perimeter of the structure. Students will need to communicate with each other, work cooperatively, and problem-solve as they design and reassemble their portion of the tiles to create this mural."

This historic mural will be created in one grade level, but the kiln will benefit all students in the building.

#### Youth Mental Health First Aid

Recently, North Canton City Schools provided an open training on youth mental health first aid. **Terri Simmons**, school counselor and mental health clinical counselor, and **Steve Fricke**, school psychologist, provided the training. Participants included parents, teachers and staff from local churches, libraries and social service agencies. They were engaged in training focusing on the signs and symptoms of mental health, as well as strategies to assist those in need using a researched-based action plan/model. There has been an alarming increase in the identification of youth





experiencing mental health concerns, but research shows that early detection and treatment of mental disorders can have a significant impact on the lives of young people. Together, we are proactively working to provide the necessary help, strategies, care and hope that is greatly needed in so many of today's youth. Future trainings will continue to be offered through the North Canton City School District. For more information, please contact Terri Simmons at 330-497-5635.

#### Hunger: The Bus Stops Here!

The Stark County Educational Service Center joined forces with its member school districts to raise money and collect food to donate to the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank as part of the Harvest for Hunger Campaign. According to Campaign Specialist Stephanie Knori, "As part of the Stark County ESC Hunger: The Bus Stops Here! food collection, we received a total of 29,296 pounds and \$11,964 which will provide 72,269 meals! The pounds received through this food drive were the single-largest collaborative collection for the Harvest for Hunger campaign this year."

The collection of food and money by the students, staff and administration of North Canton City Schools was very successful as the district was given a Bronze Award for its efforts. Ms. Knori shared the results of the district's donations. "North Canton City Schools donated 2,400 pounds of food. With 1.2 pounds providing enough food for one meal and one dollar providing four meals, the total donation received from NCCS will provide enough food for 2,968 meals! WOW—this is incredible!"

Through the annual Harvest for Hunger campaign, the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank received 134,839 pounds of food and \$1,262,933. Ms. Knori explained the meaning of the campaign. "These donations will provide 5,169,498 meals for our neighbors in need."





#### NORTH CANTON CITY SCHOOLS FOLLOW US!

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(I to r): Todd Henne, Dave Pilati, Stephanie Knori and Jeff Wendorf



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#### **Building News**

#### 2017 Sideliners' Summa Honors Celebration

Every year the Summa Honors Celebration is held to recognize seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 4.325 and above. This year's program was held at the Barrette Business Center at Walsh University.













#### Northwood Learning Lab revived For many years, Northwood

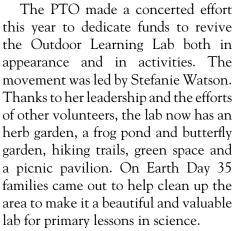
Elementary has had an Outdoor Learning Lab (OLL) to the south of the school. Unfortunately, teachers were not able to use the lab as much as they would have liked.



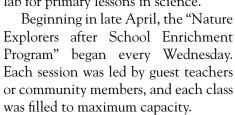




Stephanie Watson











Mrs. Watson, who has a degree in geology and had worked in the field of energy efficiency, stresses the importance of the lab. "We wanted to give children a chance to enjoy the outdoors and learn about nature without creating more work for our teachers. With the OLL and Nature Explorers program, we are able to provide more time outside for children where they learn something and have free play time."

This summer, Stefanie Watson has continued programs in the OLL with a weekly "Books in Bloom" program. This program consists of weekly guest readers/presenters consisting of teachers and community members. The program provides educational activities in the summer, encourages continual summer reading and allows incoming kindergartners to come and visit Northwood to help the transition. These weekly sessions occur on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in June and July.







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#### North Canton City Schools 2017-2018 Calendar

| August               |  |
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| 21                   | Convocation / Staff Meeting Day                                  |
| 22                   | Staff Work Day   |
| 23<br>29             | First Day of Classes, 1-12<br>First Day Kindergarten & Preschool |
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| September            |  |
| 1                    | Professional Learning Day  |
| 4                    | Labor Day  |
| October              |  |
| 4                    | P/T Conferences, High School                                     |
| 9                    | Prof. Dev. Exchange Day  |
| 10                   | P/T Conferences, Middle School                                   |
| 11<br>12             | P/T Conferences, Elementary<br>P/T Conferences, Intermediate     |
| 18                   | P/T Conferences, Intermediate                                    |
| 19                   | P/T Conferences, Elementary                                      |
| 27                   | End of 9 Weeks   |
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| November 2           | P/T Conferences, MS & Preschool                                  |
| 9                    | P/T Conferences, MS & Preschool                                  |
| 22-24                | Thanksgiving Break   |
| 27                   | Conference Exchange Day  |
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| December<br>21       | Professional Learning Day  |
| 22-29                | Winter Break   |
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| <b>January</b>       |  |
| 1-2<br>11            | Winter Break<br>End of Semester                                  |
| 11                   | Staff Work Day   |
| 15                   | Martin Luther King Day   |
| 31                   | P/T Conferences, Northwood                                       |
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| <u>February</u><br>1 | P/T Conferences, Middle School                                   |
| 7                    | P/T Conferences, Intermediate                                    |
| 8                    | P/T Conferences, Northwood, PK & HS                              |
| 15                   | P/T Conferences, Preschool                                       |
| 16                   | Professional Learning Day  |
| 19<br>22             | Presidents' Day P/T Conferences, Intermediate & CL               |
| 27                   | P/T Conferences, Middle School                                   |
| 28                   | P/T Conferences, Clearmount                                      |
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| March<br>1           | D/T Conformance High School                                      |
| 1<br>16              | P/T Conferences, High School<br>End of 9 Weeks                   |
| 26-30                | Spring Break   |
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| April<br>2           | Conference Exchange Day  |
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| May                  |  |
| 28                   | Memorial Day   |
| 31                   | Last Student Day   |
| June                 |  |
| 1                    | Staff Work Day   |
| 3                    | HS Graduation  |
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Board Approved: 1/11/2017

## A Year

## of Extraordinary Accomplishments



In late fall of 2016, the North Canton Educational Endowment Fund awarded the Hoover High School Visual Art Department a grant to begin the transformation of a 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.





Studio 525 allows 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 Educational Endowment Foundation, generous community donations of time and money, the Hoover Sideliners, and the North Canton City School's Administration.

#### Marching Band earns its first Superior at **State Band Competition**

Congratulations to the Hoover High School Marching Band for earning its first Superior at the state band competition. This rating is possible only though the hard work of the students and instrumental music faculty. Job well done!



#### **National Qualifiers** for Speech and **Debate Team**

For the first time, a total of four Hoover High School students have qualified to the National Speech Tournament. The four qualifiers are Alex Wright, Grade 12, in Program Oral Interpretation; Sam Jocas, Grade 12, in Humorous Interpretation; Angela Myers, Grade 12, in Lincoln/ Douglas Debate; and Kevin Poe, Grade 10, in Original Oratory.

Coach Missy Stertzbach praised these four students, "By qualifying to the national tournament, students have



(I to r): Sam Jocas, Kevin Poe, Alex Wright, Angela Myers

already proven that they are among the top speakers and debaters in the state of Ohio. Students only get to this level through dedication and hard work. To compete at this level, it isn't just about practice, but it also requires students to research, analyze and apply knowledge as they develop debate cases, speeches or dramatic presentations."

#### Athletic Accomplishments for 2016-2017

Matt Peare cleared 15 feet, 8 inches to win the Division I state championship in the pole vault. Matt also



won the state championship two years ago as a sophomore and had finished fourth last year.

Matt comes from a family with a long list of athletic accomplishments. His sister, Ally, ran the 800 and 1600 meters at Hoover and ran the 800 and 1500 at the University of Kentucky. His sister, Kelsey, ran a leg in the 3200 relay at Hoover, and played basketball at Ashland where her team senior year won the National Championship. His mom, Janet (Baughman) Peare, was a Division AAA state champion in the 400 meter run and finished third in the state in the long jump in 1982. Matt says Dan, his dad, excels in tennis and

Matt attributes his success in the pole vault to more than genetics. His parents are extraordinary in their support of their children's athletic endeavors. For example, Matt's interest in the pole vault started in the summer before his freshman year, and he began with Pat McMahon of Fairless and Darren Ehmer of Perry as his coaches. Because he was too young to drive, one of his parents took him four times a week three months straight to Fairless for training in the pole vault. Matt speaks admiringly of his parents' devotion. "They are everywhere. I don't know how they do it. When Ally was at Kentucky, they only missed one of her meets." Janet and Dan Peare's travels south will resume again as Matt will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall.

In tennis, Hallie Hunt and Alessandra Koinoglou qualified to the state tennis tournament.

In swimming, the 200 M Freestyle Relay and 200 M Medley Relay Teams of Amanda Palutsis, Kate Lochridge, Annie Lochridge, Caroline Ehlers, and Parker Timken were Federal League Champions. They set two national records in the 200 M Freestyle Relay and 200 M Medley Relay.

In swimming, Nate Mullens was State Champion in the 50 M Freestyle.

















#### **Annual Education Celebration**



Darrell and Jacalyn Woods

the annual Education Celebration, Darrell Woods chosen as Stark County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Woods, who previously taught at St. Thomas and Jackson High Schools, has worked at Hoover since 2001, primarily teaching physics although he has taught nearly every level of science in his career. As his former students recognize, he is very deserving of this honor as well as the many others he has received in his career. Those honors include induction into the 2010 National Teachers Hall

of Fame, Ashland Oil's 2000 Teacher Achievement Award and the 2006 All-USA Teacher Team, and the Presidential Award for Teaching in Mathematics and Science in 2003. Mr. Woods, who has held National Board Certification in Science since 1998, will be retiring this year, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



Amanda Chaney

"Rookie of the Year" for North Canton City Schools is **Amanda Chaney**. Ms. Chaney is a first-year teacher at Northwood Elementary School where she teaches kindergarten.

#### Isabella Pete named 2017 Presidential Scholar

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has announced the selection of **Isabella Pete** as a 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar.



Isabella is one of 161 outstanding American high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community. The U.S. Presidential Scholars were honored for their accomplishments in Washington, D.C., from June 18-20.

"I congratulate this year's class of Presidential Scholars for their devotion to academic excellence and their parents and teachers who have guided them along the way," said U.S.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. "Today's Presidential Scholars are tomorrow's leaders, and I am confident they will continue to be shining examples as they enter the next phase of their academic careers."

#### Hoover High School one of the Most Challenging High Schools in Nation

The Washington Post's Education Columnist Jay Mathews evaluates annually how well the nation's top high schools challenge their students. This year Hoover High School qualified as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools. Hoover ranks in the top 12% nationally and is one of only 34 high schools in Ohio that qualified.

### Amy Myers named "Stark County School Counselor of the Year"

Mrs. Amy Myers, a school counselor at Hoover High School, has been named the Stark County School Counselor of the Year. This honor was bestowed upon Mrs. Myers by the Stark County School Counselors Association at their annual banquet May 19, 2017.

Mrs. Myers was nominated by Sarah Rauckhorst of Faircrest Middle School for her numerous contributions to the school counseling community. She created the website and Twitter account for the county association, has



led numerous workshops on counseling topics and teaches graduate courses in school counseling at Walsh University. Mrs. Myers has served as a school counselor for four years at Hoover and had worked previously at East Canton High School and Middle School for two years.





## Congratulations, Orchard Hill Intermediate School!

The U.S. Department of Education announced that 14 schools in Ohio were nominated to be recognized as **Blue Ribbon Schools**. This identification honors elementary and secondary schools in the United States that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps or whose students achieve at the highest levels in their state. Our own Orchard Hill was one of the schools nominated for this award.

After being nominated for this honor, the school leadership and district leadership fulfilled an application

process that focused primarily on student performance and scientificallybased instructional programs. The U.S. Department of Education will announced the final winners of the Blue Ribbon designation this fall.

Orchard Hill was also recognized this school year with a **Momentum Award**. The Momentum Award is presented by the Ohio State Board of Education for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year and earning straight A's on all "Value-Added measures" on the building report card.

#### **ECC earns ODE Recognition**

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 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.



#### **Orchard Hill Elementary**

#### Students present May Genius Hour

Students in Mrs. Heidi Roth's classroom at Orchard Hill ended the school year with a "Genius Hour Night." Leading up to the event, Mrs. Roth explained that each student would find a topic and become a "genius" on that interest by researching and recording their information. Once they finished their research, the students planned a presentation, making a Prezi, a Google slide show, a presentation board or a combination of two. Some students included props or a costume in anticipation of the big night, as parents and friends circulated through each student's presentation area.

Mrs. Roth was pleased by the amount of confidence her students gained through the experience, and she credited Miss Shannon McPherson for the idea of the "Genius Hour." Miss McPherson's Galaxy students





held their hour in December, and Mrs. Roth felt the activity would benefit her students as well.

(l to r): Miss Kaitlyn Gollihue, Nathan Andrews, Claire Beineke, Lauren Mueller, Piyali Saha, Samuel Meister, Maddie Midcap, Tyler Clay, Mr. Taylor Sowers

#### North Canton Middle School

#### Middle School Students Superior in Science

Nathan Andrews, a sixth-grader, completed a Science Fair Project relating to Air Dynamics and airplanes. He received a Superior on his project and competed at the State Science Day in May.

Sixth-grader Samuel Meister's project, which related to Lockerbots, was designed to allow him to open his locker with a robot. His project received Superior and moved on to the State Science Day in May. Also, Sam received recognition for the BROADCOM Masters for one of the top 10% Science Projects at the District 13 Science Day. He will compete in Washington, D.C. this fall.

Claire Beineke, an eighth-grader, completed a Science Fair Project titled



(I to r): Nathan Andrews (6), Samuel Meister (6), Claire Beineke (8)

"Why do we lie?" and found an answer to her solution. She tested individuals on recipes with cookies. Her research earned her a Superior at the District 13 Science Day.

Mr. Taylor Sowers and Ms. Kaitlyn Gollihue are the advisors.

#### **Hoover High School**

#### **ALL IN Student Academy**



Shown are some members of the Student Social Justice League presented at Hoover's MOSAIC Day

Hoover High School is one of 28 high schools in Stark County that have participated in the ALL IN Student Academy this year. The goal of the academy has been to promote awareness and appreciation for all students, regardless of their diverse learning needs, economic status, gender, race, religion, sexual identity, cultural background or language. Participating students have learned about themselves and others while developing personal and team strategies to give voice to ALL students in their schools. Students have also gained skills to help them positively impact

their community and ensure equity and inclusiveness in their schools.

Hoover's Social Justice "League" chose a goal of promoting positivity among the staff and students, encouraging students to include others, especially those who are excluded or isolated. Student team members included Sachi Chaudhari, Jada Cook, Cystal Dadisman, Mimi Hogan Fite, Harpreet Lealh, Olivia MacNeill, Troy Nicholas and Chrissy Nicholson. School Counselor Amy Myers served as Team Coordinator, and Michelle Hostetler served as the District Coordinator.



Ohio State Trooper, Sergeant Hromiak; North Canton Police Department, Lieutenant Minock; North Canton Fire Department, Chief Bacon; State Farm, Mr. Lemmon; Father, Jason Shundry; Lexie Shundry; Mother, Heather Eller

#### **Orchard Hill Elementary**

#### Click it or Ticket

Congratulations to fourth-grader, Lexie Shundry, from Orchard Hill Intermediate School for receiving a first-place ribbon and certificate for her entry in the Click it or Ticket Banner Contest.







#### **Clearmount Elementary**

#### Field Day: A Successful Day in the Sun!

The last week of school provided an opportunity for the Clearmount Community to come together and enjoy some fun and games while enjoying an absolutely perfect spring day. Over 100 parents and community volunteers helped with outdoor fitness and gaming stations for all students May 30. The Field Day was sponsored by the school's PTO.

The Clearmount PTO reminds families and community members to clip those Box Tops that support schools this summer. Drop them off in the fall to any elementary, intermediate or middle school. We will definitely put the funds raised from the box tops to good use!

#### Northwood Elementary



#### Right to Read

Northwood Elementary School concluded two weeks of "Right to Read" with the annual Character Parade as students and staff marched throughout the building dressed as their favorite book character. The parade concluded with a "Stop, Drop and Read" in the hallways as everyone enjoyed some time to read.



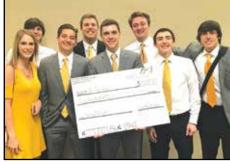


#### Hoover High School

## North Canton Hoover Business Students win \$2,750 in cash prizes in two Junior Achievement Business Competitions







Pawsitively Remembered

Enpower

Hoover's student company teams take 1st and 2nd place in both the JA NextGen Business Challenge and JA Cleveland's Company Business Challenge.

Congratulations to JAECO student company Pawsitively Remembered on being selected to compete at the Junior Achievement National Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. in June. This is quite an honor because only 15 JA companies across the United States were invited to compete.

In May students from Hoover High School's business program competed against students from other high schools in two separate competitions. At the NextGen Business Challenge, Hoover company Pawsitively Remembered won first place, earning a \$750.00 company bonus, while Hoover's Enpower earned second place and a \$500.00 company bonus. Ten student companies participated in the competition from Lake, GlenOak, Marlington, and Cloverleaf High Schools.

The same company teams also competed in the JA Cleveland district against Beachwood, Valley Forge, Columbiana, and Marlington High Schools. At this event, Pawsitively Remembered again earned first place and a \$1,000.00 company bonus and Enpower placed second, earning a \$500.00 company bonus. This marks the first-time Hoover has placed firstt and second in both competitions.

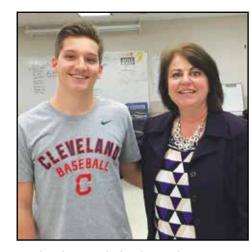
Each company participates in the JA Company Program®, in which students start and run a real business enterprise under the guidance of business volunteer Joe Rozsa, owner of Site 14, a graphic design and branding company. The students are challenged with developing a product

designed to fill an unmet consumer need, produce and market their product or service, and recruit investors for their company.

Pawsitively Remembered's mission is to preserve the memory of your pets. The company sells a personally engraved memorial wind chime to help preserve and bring back positive memories of your pet. The company also provides custom engraved pet tags.

Enpower's mission is to promote youth entrepreneurship by teaching students lessons about how to start their own business, how to gain capital, and how to create a logo. Their product, the Entrepreneurship Kit, is a step-by-step guide that shows students how to start their business by using a lemonade stand as an example.

Also, Enpower's Zach Kile was awarded a Junior Achievement Scholarship this spring by Dawn Campanelli, President of Junior Achievement of East Central Ohio.



Zach Kile JA Scholarship with Dawn Campanelli

#### The Early Childhood Center

# Tuition and Attendance Overview for Parents

#### MARY L. EVANS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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



#### CONTACT

Michael Coppa, *Principal* Carol Hill, *Secretary* 

Email: coppam@northcantonschools.org Email: cjh1nc@northcantonschools.org

#### PRESCHOOL TUITION

\$15 per half day session

#### CONSUMABLE FEE

\$15 per semester (\$30 for the year)

#### **SESSIONS AND TIMES**

Morning Session: 9:00 AM – 11:40 AM Afternoon Session: 1:00 PM – 3:40 PM

#### **Days Attending**

Students may attend Mondays and Wednesdays (2 days) Students may attend Tuesdays and Thursdays (2 days) Students may attend Monday through Thursday (4 days)



#### CONTRACT

A tuition contract is required for all preschool tuition students. Contracts will be distributed once the initial down payment of \$50 is received. Once signed by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the student, this obligatory contract is a mutual understanding between the Board of Education and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the student to make payments by the due date. A \$10 late fee will be assessed for any late payments.

Should any payment not be made by the due date, or should any outstanding balance be unpaid for more than fifteen calendar days, the child(ren) will not be entitled to remain enrolled in the Mary L. Evans Childhood Center. Payment for the new month will always be due the final business day of the preceding month

**Example**: Tuition for November will be due October 31st

#### FORMS OF PAYMENT

The North Canton City School District accepts cash, checks or money orders made payable to "North Canton City Schools". The North Canton City School District also uses (online) PayForlt.net for preschool tuition and consumable fee payments. Please click on the PayForlt link on our website for more information. Payments can be dropped off or mailed to the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center at 301 Portage St. NW North Canton, OH 44720-3417

#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

A \$50 deposit will be due June 1, 2017 to secure enrollment **Monthly Payments**: Payment for the new month will always be due the final business day of the preceding month **Bi-Annually:** First payment is due August 25<sup>th</sup> and the second

payment is due December 28<sup>th</sup>

Pay two times per year will result in either a

Pay two times per year will result in either a \$70 discount (attending 4 days/week) or \$35 discount (attending 2 days/week)

#### ATTENDANCE OPTION 1:

Attend four (4) days per week (Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thurs.)

Monthly Payment:

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\$50 deposit due June 1, 2017

<u>Tuition cost</u> = 139 days x \$15 per day = **\$2,085** 

Monthly payment = \$231.67

NOTE: August payment is \$181.67 since a \$50 deposit

would have already been paid **NOTE**: Final payment is \$231.64

#### **Bi-Annual Payment:**

Payment 1 = 61 days (Aug - Dec) x \$15 per day = \$915

Minus \$50 deposit already paid = \$865 due August 25, 2017

Payment 2 = 78 days (Jan - May) x \$15 per day = \$1,170

Minus \$70 discount = \$1,100 due December 28, 2017

#### **ATTENDANCE OPTION 2:**

Attend two (2) days per week (Monday & Wednesday)

Monthly Payment:

<u>Tuition cost</u> = 66 days x \$15 per day = **\$990** 

Monthly payment = \$110

**NOTE**: August payment is \$60 since a \$50 deposit would have already been paid

#### **Bi-Annual Payment:**

<u>Payment 1</u> = 29 days (Aug - Dec) x \$15 per day = \$435 Minus \$50 deposit already paid = \$385 due August 25, 2017 <u>Payment 2</u> = 37 days (Jan - May) x \$15 per day = \$555 Minus \$35 discount = \$520 due December 28, 2017

#### **ATTENDANCE OPTION 3:**

Attend two (2) days per week (Tuesday & Thursday)

<u>Tuition cost</u> = 73 days x \$15 per day = **\$1,095**<u>Monthly payment</u> = **\$121.67** 

**NOTE**: August payment is \$71.67 since a \$50 deposit would have already been paid

NOTE: Final payment is \$121.64

#### **Bi-Annual Payment:**

Payment 1 = 32 days (Aug - Dec) x \$15 per day = \$480 Minus \$50 deposit = \$430 due August 25, 2017 Payment 2 = 41 days (Jan - May) x \$15 per day = \$615 Minus \$35 discount = \$580 due December 28, 2017

## Why the Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center?

The Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center is the only preschool of the North Canton City School District. That exclusiveness brings advantages to the 3-5 year olds who attend the preschool. Every lead teacher holds a four-year degree from an accredited college or university in Early Childhood. All educational assistants professional maintain their development on a yearly basis though their participation in coursework and local workshops. Class sizes are limited to twelve children in order to assure that all children receive the attention they need. The ECC has been recognized as a 5-star Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) program by the Ohio Department of Education, the only preschool in North Canton to achieve this standing.

To find out for ourselves, we asked some parents of ECC students what they have seen as a result of the ECC's program.

Ashley Conley: "He has grown so much more self-confident in his academics and social skills. He has the confidence he needs to go on to the next level."

Tom Milner: "His brother came here, and we liked the way he was treated. We thought it would be a good program for Alex, too."

Rachel Boudler: "I was very impressed when we started here last year. The growth of our daughter and our son was phenomenal, much more than what we saw from the previous preschool. The way they play with other kids. The growth educationally with letters and numbers and intellectually. And the fact that they love to come to school!"



Justin and Rachel Boudler Family VIKING 13 VISION

#### **Building News**

#### North Canton Middle School

#### Academic Challenge

North Canton Middle School's Academic Challenge team went 10-0 this season. Thirteen students from grades six-eight participated in the program. The Academic Challenge Advisor, Cathleen Billig, held tryouts in November. Tryouts involved a test over the areas of knowledge covered in the program, including English grammar, literature, math, science, geography, history, current events, and general knowledge. Practices were then held twice weekly until the season began in mid-January. In practice, students improved their speed, determined areas of strength, and learned to work together. The team played 40 rounds this season and won 30 of them. Each round consists of 25 questions over a range of topics, and to win a meet, a team must win three of five rounds. Ten seconds are allotted to answer each question, unless it is a math question, in which case 15 seconds are allotted.

Ms. Billig was impressed by the commitment of team members. "Some

team members made significant sacrifices to be on the team, such as giving up Ski Club for the year due to scheduling conflicts, and rearranging after-school schedules, and missing partial or entire practices for other activities. The team was wellbalanced, and students brought a wide range of knowledge and skills to the competition table, drawing on their individual experiences in academics, as well as music, theater, travel, movies and sports. We played ten teams, all from Stark County, until the season ended in March. Parent and NCCS support, as always, was crucial to team success, and the team is most grateful for the efforts on their behalf by both parents and the school district."

Team members included Nicholas Brown, Aidan Bundschuh, Riley Cavanagh, Francesco Canossi, Micah Clancy, Isabella Curet, Drew Eynon, Tyler Fremon, James Kelly, Nesto Nshimiye, Micah Roth, Robby Smart and Sabrina Wolf.





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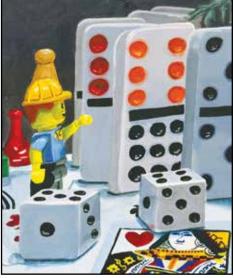
by Sadie Reda



by August Genovese



by Tess Cunninggham



by Logan McNutt

## Gasser Jewelers featuring Hoover High School's Visual Art Department at the August 6th First Friday





by Moriah Wood

The Hoover High School visual art department in North Canton, Ohio has been nationally recognized for its student work as well as received numerous grants to supplement opportunities for our students. Recently, a joint venture between grants and community donations, allowed the art department to open Studio525, a student-managed, and curated gallery within the walls of Hoover High School. This gallery showcases the work of the students several times a year, as well as being a teaching gallery for students to learn the important skills of managing and promoting a gallery. In the classroom, students receive experience in various media including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and collage making. Art is integrated with important skills such as keeping a digital portfolio and writing as it relates to their personal work. Graduates of the Hoover art program have gone on to numerous career area of visual art, design and culture, and work in a broad range of fields in industries all across the United States. Our alum can be found in areas including television, movie production, toy and game design, designing for the music industry, as well as many local artisans. Hoover High School's art program is proud to give students a wide-range of opportunities and connections to their visual world.



#### **Hoover High School**

## Steve Wood to attend ChemEd 2017

Hoover High School chemistry instructor, Steve Wood, will be attending the ChemEd 2017 Conference at South Dakota State University in July.



He was selected by the organization to receive a reimbursement stipend to cover his registration, food, lodging and travel expenses up to one thousand dollars. Hoover Principal Eric Bornstine feels the conference will be beneficial to Mr. Wood as well as his colleagues. "I believe that he will use this professional development experience to not only improve as a teacher but also to help his colleagues become more effective too. Mr. Wood has demonstrated great enthusiasm for chemistry and hands-on instruction. I believe that this opportunity would be worthwhile to Steve as a teacher and to our school district."



#### Eagle Scout Awarded

Dominick Gabriel Patrick Quinn, of Boy Scout Troop 927, Lake Cable Recreation Club, recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Dominick planned, raised funding and supervised the improvement of the children's nursery at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, North Canton. upgrades to the nursery include the installation of new hardwood flooring and carpeting, painting walls, placement of a wall mural and new furniture including a changing table, a hanging storage shelf, and new bookshelves.

Dominick has enrolled at Franciscan University of Steubenville to study German, History and Theology.



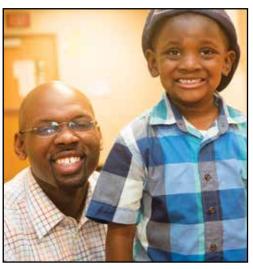
#### The Early Childhood Center

#### **Preschool Graduation**

The Mary L. Evans Early Childhood Center held its annual End of the Year Party for the graduating preschoolers Sunday, May 21, at the ECC. Rain may have moved activities inside, but nothing dampened the enthusiasm of the preschoolers who loved the bounce house, snacks and ice cream.











#### The Early Childhood Center

#### **Important Dates**

#### **Open House**

Mon., Aug. 21, 2017..... 5-6 p.m.

#### **First day of Preschool**

Tue., Aug. 29, 2017 Morning Session...... 9-11:40 a.m Afternoon Session..... 1-3:40 p.m.

#### **Typical Peer Screenings**

| Fri., Dec. 1, 2017                 |
|------------------------------------|
| Fri., Apr. 27, 2018,9 a.m          |
|                                    |
| (for those students who will begin |
| preschool Fall 2018)               |

#### **Fall Conferences**

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Thu., Nov. 2, 2017........... 4-7:30 p.m. Thu., Nov. 9, 2017....... 4-7:30 p.m.

#### **Spring Conferences**

Thu., Feb. 8, 2018........... 4-7:30 p.m. Thu., Feb., 15, 2018....... 4-7:30 p.m.

#### Picture Day

Fall Pictures

Mon., Oct. 23, 2017 Tue., Oct. 24, 2017 Spring Pictures

Mon., Apr. 2, 2018 Tue., Apr. 3, 2018

#### North Canton Middle School

# Three Students qualified for the OHSAA State Track and Field Championships

This year the first OHSAA Middle School State Track & Field Championships were held. The three middle school students who qualified are Max Stokey in the pole vault where he finished third, Connor Ashby in the long jump where he finished fourth, and Hannah Ulik in the shot put where she finished tenth.

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