Dear Parent, Staff, and Community Members:

I am happy to share with you our great opportunities in the Norwood City School District. We understand the critical connection between our schools and the vitality of our community.

The good news is that Norwood City School District is making progress on several necessary academic progress measures, yet we know there is more work to be done. Our elementary schools have added STEM programming in each of the schools connecting math and science standards in a powerful manner. You also may have heard that our district’s focus is on raising student achievement in our high school and increasing the graduation rate. The high school currently offers ten Advanced Placement (AP) classes and two College Credit Plus classes; this is in addition to Norwood students attending Scarlet Oaks for career technical training. We prepare students for the real world long before they enter the workforce.

I am proud to report the recognition we received in the area of music education. Norwood City School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. In addition to the arts we are proud of our athletic opportunities that we offer for students. Currently we have 13 sports offered at the middle school and 22 at the high school. We are thrilled that we continue to be a recipient of the competitive afterschool grants that provide enrichment and academic support to all our students. It is because of the club offerings that many students have found a new passion and field of study that they never would have considered. We are excited about these programs and feel that in a few years these Norwood students will be leading the way—and leading the Norwood economy—in a high tech nation.

We take our responsibility to meet the needs of all children seriously. Because of concentrating on the whole child and not just test scores, we have invested in social-emotional professional development, equity and positive behavior support for our staff to address the learning needs of every student.

Speaking of support, Norwood is full of individuals, groups, and businesses that care deeply about our student’s success. Just a few examples: the Youth Collaborative provides mentors and role models for our students as they apply for college through the GEAR-UP grant. ASAP Norwood is advocating substance abuse prevention. Xavier University works with our teachers to increase their skills and Norwood Ready Kids gets our birth to five year olds ready to start school. This spring, Interact for Health provided a planning grant for a student-based health center to provide access to care since healthy students perform better academically. We feel fortunate to have such great partners in Norwood all invested in our school district.

You may have noticed that we are continuing our building renovation plans to preserve and protect our Norwood heritage. There is much to do and education is at the heart of our shared mission. The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount as we look forward to welcoming back everyone in August.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Ronan
Superintendent
Brandon Atwood (President) is a 1994 Norwood graduate. He was elected to the Board of Education in November, 2017 and his term will expire on December 31, 2021. Brandon and his wife Carissa are the parents of a son who graduated with the class of 2018 and a daughter who is currently attending Norwood High School 513-731-7703 or Atwood.b@norwoodschools.org

Debbie Cole (Vice-President) attended Norwood View and NMS through the 7th grade, at which time she moved out of the district due to her father’s job transfer. Her graduating class was 1995. Debbie returned to Norwood in 1997. She is married to John Cole (class of 1982) and they have two sons. John graduated with the Class of 2020 and Dillon is Class of 2023. 513-310-7770 or cole.d@norwoodschools.org

Amber Ballard is a 2002 Norwood graduate. She was elected to the Norwood Board of Education in November, 2017 and her term will expire on December 31, 2021. Amber is not a parent, but truly believes the “it takes a village” and all community members serve a valid role in raising Norwood strong citizens. 513-675-7885 or ballard.a@norwoodschools.org

Sally Raber is a 2003 Norwood graduate. She has worked as a nurse at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital since 2008. Sally and her husband Peter have 5 children who all attend Norwood View Elementary. Raber.s@norwoodschools.org

Alice Rericha has lived in Norwood with her family for thirteen years. She has two daughters who attend Norwood schools. Alice is very community oriented and is involved in many Norwood Civic organizations such as NBPWC, Girl Scouts and Gem of the Highlands 5K. Rericha.a@norwoodschools.org

Leila Kubesch
Ohio Teacher of the Year
Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Scholarship Recipients

Normandy Leach—University of Cincinnati
Kathy Shelby Class of 1986 Memorial Scholarship
William J. & Merle D. Ripperger Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Triance—Miami University
Higgins Family Scholarship—female
James Downs Memorial Scholarship
Ross Dunn Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Ryan—Xavier University
NHS Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Honorary Scholarship

Lillian Peter—Otterbein University
Neil Joseph Quinn Memorial Scholarship
Al Salt Memorial Scholarship
George “Bub” Cooper Memorial Scholarship

Abigail Carman—University of Cincinnati
Sharpsburg Elementary PTA Scholarship

John Cole—University of Cincinnati
Norwood High School Athletic Boosters (Male) Scholarship
Higgins Family Scholarship—Male
Adam Cox Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Jones—Christ College of Nursing
Theresa Backsheider Community Service Scholarship
Hill Family Scholarship
Diane Degaro Cundiff Memorial Scholarship
Norwood View Elementary PTA Scholarship

Tanner Leach—Undecided
Brian Howd, Class of 1992 Memorial Scholarship
Farmer Family Memorial Scholarship
Brandon Morris, Class of 1999 Memorial Scholarship

Henry Mattingly—Northern Kentucky University
Dr. Kathy Sabo Memorial Scholarship
Geselbracht Family Memorial Scholarship
Wright-Patt Credit Union Scholarship

Haley Baker—University of Cincinnati
Norwood City Schools NTA Scholarship
Mike Seibert Memorial Scholarship
Mary Nell Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Niyale Phillips—Kentucky State University
Ervin Pangallo/Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship
Tim O’Keefe Memorial Scholarship

Caleb Coomer—Northern Kentucky University
Harold Funk Memorial Scholarship
Timothy Joseph Miller Memorial Scholarship

Paitlyn Angel Rudd—University of Cincinnati
Ariazza, English & Fogus Loyalty Scholarship
Sandy Woeste Helmann Scholarship
Virginia Todd Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Urell—Northern Kentucky University
Julieanne Pegoli Memorial Scholarship
Mildred & Francis S. Hannahford Memorial Scholarship

Kaytelyn Heile—Xavier University
The Shepherd Chemical Co. Scholarship
Patricia A. McMullen NHS C/O 1979 Memorial Scholarship

Shelly Robbins—University of Cincinnati—Blue Ash
Jennifer Huber Memorial Scholarship
Lisa Dyer Tanner Memorial Scholarship
Norwood City Schools Alumni Association Scholarship

Stephanae McSheeters—University of Cincinnati
William R. Wallace Memorial Scholarship
Nora Overstreet Memorial Scholarship

Antonio David Valero Guillen
Norwood City Schools Alumni Association Scholarship

Hazel & Theodore Johnson Scholarship—
All attending University of Cincinnati—Blue Ash
Kayla Combs
Keirra Enderle
Malachi Holland
John Peter
Daniela Navarrete
Haylie Schuler
Scholarships received by Class of 2020 students outside of the foundation

**Paityn Angel Rudd—University of Cincinnati**
College of Business Award ($1,000)
Cincinnatus Century Scholar Award ($2,000)

**Madeline Baker—Xavier University**
Xavier Institutional Scholarship ($96,000)
Raisin’ Canes Athletic Scholarship ($5,000)

**Alexandra Banos Cortes—Cincinnati State College**
BE Great Grant ($1,000)

**Rafael Carballo—Northern Kentucky University**
EDGE Award ($9,000)

**Caleb Coomer—Northern Kentucky University**
Full Scholarship ($76,000)

**Eli Cowan—University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash**
Full Tuition ($6,300)

**Quincy Davis—Northern Kentucky University**
NKU EDGE Award ($9,000)

**Nevaeh Downs—Xavier University**
Xavier Leadership Award ($64,000)

**Ivan Gachuz-Carballo—Xavier University**
Fr. J. Peter Buschmann Award ($80,000)

**Kaytelyn Heile—Xavier University**
Deans Scholarship ($88,000)

**Olivia Jones—Christ College of Nursing**
The Christ Scholars ($16,000)

**Normandy Leach—Cleveland Institute of Music**
CIM Grant & Martha Bell Sanders Excellence ($33,600)

**Destiny Lortos—Polk State College**
State of Florida Full Tuition Grant ($16,000)

**Henry Mattingly—Northern Kentucky University**
EDGE Award ($9,912)

**Stephanae McPheeters—The Ohio State University**
Institutional Grants ($8,000)

**Jeremy Meyers—Miami University**
Bridges Program of Excellence ($6,000)

**Lillian Peter—Otterbein University**
President Scholar Award ($16,500)
Otterbein Grant ($6,170)
Otterbein Endowed Grant ($2,000)
Communication Award ($1,000)
Housing Grant ($1,000)

**Niyale Phillips—Wright State**
Student Scholar Award ($2,000)

**Sydney Ryan—Xavier University**
Presidential Scholarship ($92,000)
Event Grant ($1,000)
Early Filer Grant ($500)

**Isabella Sebastian—Wilmington College**
WC Equine Team Talent Award ($1,500)
WC General Grant ($2,000)
WC Pathways Grant ($500)
WC Recognition Scholar ($7,500)

**Daniel Sellers—Northern Kentucky University**
EDGE Award ($9,000)

**Soren Spitzig—University of Cincinnati**
Darwin T. Turner Scholarship ($13,392)
Cincinnatus Century Scholar ($1,500)

**Olivia Triance—Miami University**
Redhawk Excellence Scholarship ($10,000)

**Hannah Urell—Northern Kentucky University**
EDGE Award ($9,000)

**Erica Vinson—University of Kentucky**
KY Promise Scholarship ($1,000)

**Addison Webb—Xavier University**
Xavier Leadership Award ($64,000)
ACADEMICS

With a purpose of providing the knowledge, care, and passion necessary for every child to reach their individual potential, Norwood City School District academic program in anchored in excellence.

The Norwood Innovation Lab is a mobile STEM unit that spends 13 weeks at each elementary school. This space is used to explore solutions to problems with a focus on showing the importance of science and math in real world problems through using the engineering and design process. Throughout all of the projects we have had a very intentional science and math focus in each grade level by following grad level standards.

Students are encouraged to be problem solvers and innovators while working in small groups to solve a variety of problems from building the most efficient windmill to coding robots to transport items through tough terrain. In the lab we want students to be risk takers who collaborate with others to embrace new challenges in an attempt to find solutions to problems. This year we have focused on learning to code robots in all grades and the importance of robots to do jobs that people cannot always do. Each grade level spends time learning about renewable energy resources and completed a project dealing with wind or solar power. We even test how to land a weather station on the moon by following a variety of constraints and testing materials.

Our philosophy is based on a developmental approach to education. Programming is planned to meet each child’s social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs as the child passes through predictable and sequential states of development. We strive to create, build, and strengthen a relationship between families and school.

Norwood City School District Preschool program is the proud recipient of 5 Stars from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services through the Step up to Quality (SUTQ) program. SUTQ is a five-star quality rating system that recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that are based on national research identifying standards that lead to improved outcomes for children.

Norwood City Schools is pleased to offer a preschool program to children 3-5 years of age. The program was developed to meet the needs of children with diverse and varying abilities in an enriching learning environment. This program is offered tuition free for children with disabilities, who qualify for special education services, and for a fee to typically developing children.
Williams Ave Elementary

2132 Williams Ave
Mr. Mark F. Gabbard, Principal

240 Students K-6
Student-Teacher Ratio: 13:1
3 Intervention Specialists
1 Specialized Classroom
1 Counselor
Mental Health Specialist (.5)
Social Worker
School Psychologist
Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist,
and Physical Therapist
Montessori and Traditional Preschool Classrooms

Avenues for Success Afterschool Clubs:

- Wheelchair Basketball
- LEGO Robotics
- Yoga
- Video Game Design
- Homework Help
- Reading Enrichment
- Math Enrichment
- Girls on the Run
- Drum Lessons
- Drama/Play Preparation
- Dance
- Spanish
- Jump Rope
- Smart Art
- Jewelry Club
- Crafts/Cards
- Bi-Koto Cultural Drum & Dance
- Piano Lessons

Fun Friday activities brought to you by the Cincinnati Zoo,
SkoolAid, Newport Aquarium, and Avenues for Success

Other Clubs and Activities

- Parent Teacher Association
- Grandparent’s Breakfast
- Title I Literacy and Math Night
- Halloween Boo Night
- Movie Night
- Merry Market with support from the Norwood Fire and Police Departments
Mrs. Crouch’s students were learning in science about animal habitats and ecosystems on Discovery Education which took her students on a virtual field trip exploring the annual polar bear migration in Manitoba, Canada. During this activity, students learned about the arctic ecosystems, polar bear adaptations, sea ice habitat, and climate change. One student, Finley Collins, was so moved by the experience that she decided to take action. She researched how she could help and found that donating to the World Wildlife Fund would give her a way to make a difference. She collected $55, which was her goal, and brought in the certificate and stuffed polar bear, which will be displayed near the library. We are inspired by her passion.

Goodnight Wildcats is a program started at Williams this year. We have various staff and community members read a story that is recorded and shown to the students at bedtime by their parents at home on Twitter, Facebook or Dojo. The hope is to help students realize that reading is not just for school.

Art Teacher, Mrs. Dilley, is using her Intervention time to help Mrs. Bryzgot’s first grade class. The kids really enjoying seeing the “Specials” teachers in a different light. Mr. Doll (gym) and Mr. Waked (music) also participate in helping students during their Intervention times.

Our 5th & 6th grade Math teacher, Mrs. Schafer, has students working in stations for math. From the pictures you can see, it’s not just paper/pencil Math anymore, as they work on fractions.
Sharpsburg Primary & Elementary
4400 Smith Road
Mr. Joe Westendorf, Principal
Mrs. Terese Booth, Assistant Principal

386 Students K-6
Student-Teacher Ratio: 18:1
4 Intervention Specialists
1 Counselor
1 Full-time Mental Health Specialist
Social Worker
School Psychologist
Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist
2 Traditional Preschool Classrooms

Avenues for Success Afterschool Clubs

- Smart Art
- LEGO Robotics
- Bi-Koto Cultural Drum and Dance
- Reading Enrichment
- Math Enrichment
- Homework Club
- Board Games
- Spanish Club
- Drama/Play Presentation
- Reading Enrichment
- Yoga
- Video Game Design
- Crafts/Cards
- Piano Lessons
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts

Other Clubs and Activities

- Parent Teacher Organization
- Band
- Student Ambassador Program
- Family Game Night
- Chess Club
- Running Club
- Book Club
- Student of the Month
- Virtual Lunch Bunch
- Trivia Night
Sharpsburg Primary & Elementary Offerings

Fifth Grade Crossing Guards assist students and families across the street during dismissal and our Sixth Grade Ambassadors welcome new students, substitutes, send positive messages, and are involved in special projects throughout the school year.

Hands on Science

Student of the Month

“You, Me, We Belong” Community

Intervention Groups
Norwood View Elementary
5328 Carthage Ave
Mr. Linville Yates, Principal

359 Students K-6
Student-Teacher Ratio: 18:1
6 Intervention Specialists
2 Specialized Classrooms
1 Counselor
Mental Health Specialist (.5)
Social Worker
School Psychologist
Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist

Avenues for Success Afterschool Clubs

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Other Clubs and Activities

Parent Teacher Organization
Coding Club
Glee Club
Fourth Grade Vocabulary Fashion Show
Quarterly Academic Awards Assembly
Quarterly English Learners Academic Recognition
Fourth Grade Math Bee
Quarterly Title 1 Reading Goals Celebration
Girls on the Run

The following Adopt-a-Class organizations provide tutoring and mentoring:
Michelman Incorporated, Cintas Corporation, Finit Solutions Incorporated, Jones Lang LaSalle Commercial Real Estate, Ohio National Financial Group, Triversity Construction Group, Merrill Lynch Wealth Investment, Paycor Incorporated, Gillman Partners Executive Search, and Norwood Fire Department.
Norwood View had the privilege of honoring thirty-six veterans during our annual Veteran’s Day Celebrate. Veterans marched through the halls as enthusiastic students cheered and waved American flags. After assembling in the auditorium, students sang patriotic songs and recited speeches for our honored guests. Decorated war veteran, Colonel Paul Kremer, was the special guest speaker. Norwood View raised $715.00 to support the Yellow Ribbon Support Center.

During one of their monthly visits, Michelman Incorporated leads Mr. Heisel’s fifth grade science class in completing a PH Measurement lab activity. Students utilized The Technology Design Process while integrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
Norwood Middle School

2060 Sherman Ave

Mr. Joe Miller, Principal
Mr. John Stacy, Dean of Students

280 Students
Student-Teacher Ratio: 16:1
5 Intervention Specialists
1 Specialized Classroom
1 Counselor
1 Full-time Mental Health Specialists
Social Worker
School Psychologist
Speech and Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist

Avenue for Success Afterschool Clubs

STEM Bike Builders
Drum Club
Career Avenues
KindFlash Club (Service Projects)
Guitar Club
Pots & Plants Club
Game Club
Piano Club
Encore Chamber Strings
Broadway Club
Squash Academy
American Sign Language Club
Film Production Club
Rebels Club
Homework Help

Other Activities and Class Offerings

Spanish 1
Orchestra, Strings, and Band
Student Council
Youth Entrepreneurs Program
Creative Writing Lab
Tech for Today Lab
National Jr. Honor Society
8th Grade Washington DC Trip
Junior Achievement Program & College Visits
Junior Achievement Job Shadow Exploration Day
“Get Your Career in Gear Day”

Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy
KOI Construction Career Day
College Campus Visits
Everfi Character Development
Fall & Spring Book Fairs
8th Grade Career Dinner Night
Holiday Choir Concert
Winter & Spring Orchestra/Band
Boys & Girls Support Groups
Norwood Middle School Offerings

JA Job Shadow is an initiative to actively engage young people (8th-12th grade) by providing real world opportunities for students to have a real-life and up close experience in today’s workplace. In 2019, Junior Achievement provided one day JA Job Shadow experiences for over 4,100 students in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky with over 130 tri-state companies participating in this high profile event. The year 2020 marks the 23rd year for this program.

Seventh and Eighth grade students have the opportunity to take Algebra I and Spanish I for HS credit, with a recommendation.

Middle School students are required to take five bells of core academic classes (Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math). Two bells of elective or exploratory classes and a 30 minute Advisory class (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). Electives/Exploratory classes include: Art, Music/Drama or Rock and Roll, Physical Education and Health, Math Lab, Reading Lab, Computer Technology Lab, Organizational Management Lab, Band, Strings, and Choir. Each student is given a Chromebook to use at school and at home.
Norwood High School
2020 Sherman Ave
Mrs. Tina Acres, Principal
Mr. Tom Robinson, Assistant Principal
Mr. Eric Lawson, Assistant Principal

447 Students
Student-Teacher Ratio: 15:1
8 Intervention Specialists
2 Specialized Classrooms
2 Counselors
1 Full-time Mental Health Specialist
Social Worker
School Psychologist
Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist

Student Groups
Student Council and Class Officers
Ignite Mentors
Captains Council
National Honor Society
Promising Youth Writers
P38 Project with Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

Avenues for Success Afterschool Clubs
STEM Bike Builders
Career Avenues
Guitar Club
Game Club
Encore Chamber Strings
Squash Academy
Film Production Club
Homework Help
Drum Club
KindFlash Club (Service Projects)
Pots & Plants Club
Piano Club
Broadway Club
American Sign Language Club
Rebels Club
The Norwood High School offers academic programs to meet the needs of all Norwood students. Advanced placement and honors courses, college preparatory courses, and standard level courses are available to challenge students to their fullest potential. In addition, students have the opportunity to attend a campus in one of the finest and most recognized vocational programs in the state of Ohio, the Great Oaks system. Norwood students may be eligible to earn both high school and college courses credit through our College Credit Plus programming. Alternative options for personalized learning experiences may also be accessed for students required credit recovery. A comprehensive program for students who have been identified with unique learning needs and have individualized educational plans is offered.

High School Advance Placement course offerings:

1. AP Art (2D Design)
2. AP Calculus
3. AP American Government
4. AP English Literature
5. AP Biology
6. AP American History
7. AP Chemistry
8. AP Human Geography

College Prep Courses (English and Engineering) are accessed at local university as well as on the Norwood High School campus.

Students from Norwood High School were enrolled in the following vocational programs:

1. Equine Science and Management
2. Lodging Management and Hospitality
3. Health Technology
4. Automotive Technology-Mechanics
5. Automotive Technology-Collision
6. Construction Framing and Finishing Techniques
7. Veterinary Assisting
8. Welding
9. Sports Rehabilitation and Therapy
10. Web Design
11. Cosmetology
12. Commercial & Residential Electricity
13. Firefighting/Emergency Medical Service
14. Law Enforcement
15. Surgical Technology
16. Engineering Technology & Robotics
17. Computer Service Tech & Networking
18. Early Childhood Education
19. Career X—exploration
20. Culinary Arts & Hospitality Services
Norwood High School Offerings

Fine Arts

Students who attend Norwood High School have a variety of elective options. Whether it be in the Visual Arts, Vocal or Instrumental Music courses, there are offerings for all.

Courses include:

General Arts, Digital Arts, Photography, Ceramics, Chorus, Show Choir, Orchestra, Marching Band, Color Guard, Concert Band and a variety of exploratory courses such as Acting, The Rock and Roll Academy and Interactive Music.

The theatre production was “The Sound of Music”. Students served as actors, set designers, and makeup artists. A rich tradition of theatre experiences can be found at Norwood High School.

The Silhouettes show choir performed choreographed numbers to entertain audiences locally and regionally through various concerts and competitions.

The Marching Band also competed around the region earning a number of recognitions both for individual members and as a group.
SCHOOL AWARDS & STATS
60 Three-sport Athletes (54 in 2018-2019 SY)
6% Increase in Athletic Participation from 2018-2019 SY
169 Student-Athletes played two sports or more (148 in 2018-2019 SY)
54% of Student-Athletes played multiple sports (53% in 2018-2019 SY)
Senior Student-Athletes of the Year: Maddie Baker and John Cole

MIAMI VALLEY CONFERENCE (MVC) AWARDS & STATS
MVC Dick Snyder Sportsmanship Award Winners: Dahlia Khalil, Jordin Evans
Miami Valley Conference Team Champions: Women’s Soccer, High School Wrestling, Middle School Wrestling
22 1st Team All-Conference/MVC Champion Members (Fall/Winter Only)
12 2nd Team All-Conference Members (Fall/Winter Only)
19 Honorable Mention All-Conference Members (Fall/Winter Only)
43 Miami Valley Conference All-Academic Members (3.5+ GPA) (Fall Only)
MVC Coach of the Year: Derek Alsip (Wrestling)
MVC Athlete of the Year: Tyler Harkins (Wrestling)
2019 Golden Pin Winners (Defeated Purcell Marian in Bowling)

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (OHSAA) AWARDS & STATS
Kevin English: Honorable Mention All-Southwest District Member (Basketball)
Tyler Harkins: 2nd Team All-SWOWCA Division 2 (Wrestling—126 lbs)
OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award Winners (High School): Jordin Evans & Dahlia Khalil
OHSAA State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award Winner: Jennifer List (Asst AD)
OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award Winner: Maddie Baker

OTHER AWARDS & STATS
1 Cincinnati Enquirer Athlete of the Week Nominee & Winner: Kevin English (Basketball)
2 1st Team Cincinnati Enquirer All-City Members
3 2nd Team Cincinnati Enquirer All-City Members
10 Honorable Mention Cincinnati Enquirer All-City Members
3 Signees: John Cole (Baseball-MSJ), Lilly Peter (Basketball-Otterbein), Bella Sebastian (VB—Wilmington)
Maddie Baker: Track & Field All-American; Saturday Night HS Rivals Scholar-Athlete & Winner; Larosa’s MVP
Lizbeth Banderas: 4th Place Girls State Tournament (First Girls State Tournament)
HSAD Network Scholarship Winner: Lilly Peter
NFHS Associations Award of Excellence Winners: John Cole & Lilly Peter
Addition of Indoor Track & High School Women’s Wrestling as an official Norwood BoE approved sports.
CONGRATULATIONS
Norwood High School
Class of 2020

2020 MILITARY ATTENDEES:

GABE FELTS—MARINES
2020 College Attendees

2018
Bellerine University
Christ College of Nursing
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
Eastern Kentucky University
Good Samaritan College of Nursing
Kent State University
Mount St. Joseph University
Northern Kentucky University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Thomas More College
UC, Blue Ash
University of Cincinnati
Wilmington College
Wright State University
Xavier University

2019
Art Academy of Cincinnati
Bowling Green State University
Christ College of Nursing
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
Kent State University
Miami University
Northern Kentucky University
The Ohio State University
Tulane University
UC (Blue Ash)
University of Cincinnati
University of Evansville
Wilmington College
Wright State University
Xavier University

2020
Bowling Green State University
Capital University
Christ College of Nursing
Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
Cleveland Institute of Music
Hocking College
Miami University
Mount St. Joseph University
Northern Kentucky University
OSU, Newark Campus
Otterbein University
Penn Foster College
Polk State College
Sinclair College
Southwestern Christian College
The Ohio State University
UC, Blue Ash
University of Cincinnati
University of Kentucky
Wilmington College
Wittenburg University
Wright State University
Xavier University
Driven by a passion to inspire creativity and enhance learning, Norwood City School District is committed to providing strong visual and performing arts experiences throughout the school district.

2020 Best Community for Music Education. The NAMM Foundation’s Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) is a signature program of The NAMM Foundation that recognizes and celebrates school districts and schools for their support and commitment to music education and efforts to assure access to music for all students as part of a well-rounded education. Thank you to our music education teachers: Allison Marshall, Kevin Lockwood, Joe Waked, Kathleen Gellert, Betty Bothwell and Adam Robinson.

Our orchestra is celebrating its 40th consecutive year in 2020! Although there have been changes over the years, a strong standard of excellence has been consistent. The orchestra program begins instruction in 6th grade and continues through 12th grade. Often students continue their musical experiences in post-secondary experiences.

These High School students received Scholastic Art Awards. Scholastics is a regional art competition that highlights some of the most outstanding high school student’s artwork created in Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana.

EmmaRose Wright Gr 10
Shadowed Rose

Hannah Brandenburg Gr 10
Old Town Flower

Hayden Simpson Gr 10
Xbox Product Advertisement

In addition to the Scholastic Art Awards, two student photographers had photos published in the Ohio Schools magazine, featuring our very own Ohio Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Jihan Gordon and John Cole for their work.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

We believe that extracurricular activities and community service are a vibrant and vital part of the total Norwood educational experience and play an important role in the development of our students.

A new club through Avenues for Success started at the middle and high school called “Welcome to My World”. Welcome to my World partners students with disabilities with peers to build relationships and practice social skills, all while doing fun activities together. Not only is this a great learning experience for our students with disabilities, but also for their typical peers.

Captain’s Council was interviewed for a story that aired on Channel 9 news. The students have embraced and are raising funds to purchase a series of books. The project is called “Captain’s Council Leadership Library”. The library will be filled with books that support the goal of providing leadership training with the hopes of providing valuable knowledge for not only on the playing field, but for life.

In November, our middle school students presented a letter of thanks to Governor DeWine for supporting prevention education and mental health in schools.
Norwood City School District recognizes the need for a total support system and values parent involvement, seeks community partners and celebrates opportunities to showcase excellence.

The first grade students at Sharpsburg Primary were treated to a visit and book signing by author and illustrator, Loren Long. Mr. Long has spoken and presented on his works nationally, and has illustrated for Madonna, Matt De La Pena, Margaret Wise Brown, and more. He was chosen by President Obama to illustrate his book dedicated to his daughters, Of Thee I Sing. He has several other works that he has authored and illustrated, including his series of Otis the Tractor.

Otis is a loyal, kind, selfless little tractor. This year is Otis' 10th anniversary, so Mrs. Eads had a birthday party for Otis since Mr. Long volunteered to visit the Sharpsburg first graders. The students had a birthday cake for Otis and listened to Mr. Long read two books of his and did an illustration. Additionally, through donations, Mrs. Eads was able to secure enough funds to purchase one of the Otis books for each student—52 in all. This is thanks to the PTO, Mr. Westendorf, and some of her friends and family. Mr. Long signed and personalized all 52 books for the students.

Our Middle School social studies department invited Lt. Jim Hicks from the Norwood Police Department to teach our students about some of their basic rights as U.S. Citizens. The plan was to cover the basics of the Bill of Rights, and discuss how it affects students as citizens and how it fits into the job of law enforcement. The department is trying to connect what they have to teach, to the real world; and if there is something that middle school students love, it is their rights.

Norwood View’s Adopt A Class

During Michelman Incorporated’s monthly visit to Mr. Heisel’s 5th grade science class, students participated in a career exploration activity. After sharing their job descriptions with the class, employees assisted students with researching their own career interests.

The Norwood Fire Department has also adopted one of Norwood View’s classes. Mrs. Gregg’s class worked to build gingerbread houses. Afterwards, each child was given a special gift. It looked like Christmas morning in their class. The firefighters are extremely generous and devote a great deal of time and resources to their Adopt-a-Class partners.
Norwood City School District is committed to ensuring the success of each student by providing a continuum of services personalized to meet each learner’s needs.

- Norwood has a positive behavior intervention support (PBIS) program in each building emphasizing school PRIDE, CHAMP behavior, and peace building.
- The district has partnered with Talbert House to provide Norwood families with children in grades PK-12 access to school based mental health services. Talbert House provided independently licensed therapists to offer support for students during their school day, in addition to those provided by school counselors, social workers, and psychologists.
- In order to prepare for kindergarten, the district partnered with Norwood Ready Kids to service families of children, birth to five years of age.
- Birth-3 year old children can participate in Every Child Succeeds (Children’s Hospital) which helps first time parents create a nurturing healthy environment.
- 3-5 year old children can participate in HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (YMCA) or SPARK (Children’s Home of Cincinnati). HIPPY and SPARK are home based, family focused programs that help parents provide educational enrichment for the preschool child.
- Birth-5 year old children and their parents will benefit from participating in twice monthly Play and Learn Groups. 4Cs for Children offers this service to families and home based childcare services. These interactive experiences show how every setting can be one for preschool learning and enrichment.
- The next for parents who are enrolling their preschoolers and kindergartners in Great Start (Live it Like You Mean It). Parents deserve the very best information about how to help their children succeed. Great Start provides the most current information, tools, and resources to guarantee your child’s early learning success.

AVENUES FOR SUCCESS

Avenues for Success provides exceptional programming before and after school for students of all ages and backgrounds in the Norwood City School District. The social, academic, and recreational programs, or “clubs”, offered by Avenues for Success will help students become successful in school, promote life-long learning, and equip students for the “real world”, by providing “experiences” that link together education, exploration, and enrichment in a safe, caring environment.

Our vision is to instill a passion for education and exploration, engage minds in meaningful, experiential learning, foster healthy relationships with family, peers, staff, and community. Also, we provide opportunities for community service, prepare students for life, make learning fun, provide affordable after school “experiences”, engage families in extended learning “experiences” together, and provide future career exploration.
We take pride in the recognition our expert and caring staff receives. They are the assets that shape Norwood student’s success.

**Ohio Teacher of the Year 2020**

Citing her passion to lift up her students and nurture a love of learning, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo DeMaria, surprised students and staff at Norwood Middle School by announcing Leila Kubesch’s selection as Ohio’s 2020 Teacher of the Year. “Leila Kubesch taps into her students’ interests and passions and enables them to reach their full potential,” said Superintendent DeMaria. “She fundamentally believes that every child can succeed—and she holds herself and her students to high expectations to achieve that success.” Mrs. Kubesch is also a finalist for the “2020 National Teacher of the Year”.

Norwood High School staff member, Melissa Stacy, was nominated by the athletic department in recognition for having a “second chance”. Neheimah Manufacturing gifted Mrs. Stacy $1,000 to donate to an organization. The Norwood High School Hope Squad will receive the donation because they are working to provide struggling students with a second chance at living a meaningful and happy life. Mrs. Stacy filmed a commercial telling her story of a second chance, as well as her donation to the Hope Squad.

WARM98 named Stephanie Walters, “Teacher of the Week”. Ms. Walters teaches 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts and Gifted students at Norwood Middle School.
DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

We take pride in the recognition our district receives thanks to our expert and caring staff, high qualified administrators, committed board of education members, involved parents, and community.

Norwood High School Senior, Maliyah Mabry, was awarded the “Grant Us Hope” Inspire Award. It is a great honor as there are only three Inspire award winners in the entire state of Ohio. She was responsible for bringing the Hope Squad to the high school after she experienced a traumatic event and felt suicidal. She received a standing ovation after sharing her story.

The Norwood City Schools Alumni Association held a Christmas luncheon where over 50 alumni attended. The administration thanked them for their on-going support of our schools and our students. Mrs. Ronan met Frank Doggette from the class of 1947 and had a picture taken with him. He was proud to be the oldest graduate in attendance. Everyone has such fond memories of their years in the Norwood City Schools.

Senior Caleb Coomer was named a QuestBridge Finalist. He is the first QuestBridge finalist from Norwood High School in many years. QuestBridge is a non-profit program that helps high-achieving students gain admission and scholarships to 40 of the country’s top-ranked colleges.