

# The Scholarly Squire

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## A Message from the Principal



Date: September 1, 2018

### Northfield Elementary School

9374 Olde Eight Road  
Northfield, OH 44067  
(330) 467-2010

Principal: Mr. Marc Kaminicki  
Secretary: Ms. Erica Sansavera

Greetings, Northfield Squire Community:

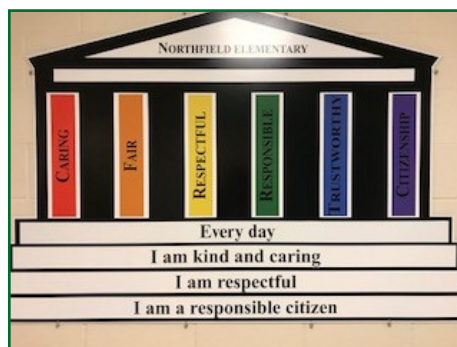
Welcome to our inaugural edition of *The Scholarly Squire*, one of many communication strategies our staff will use to keep you informed, engaged, and connected to Northfield Elementary School throughout this academic year.

Despite the heat and humidity from earlier this week, the Northfield school community rallied together and battled the weather elements. With A/C in half our building, teachers and staff collaboratively worked in a manner to share classroom space and hallway sections so that learning could continue. Other staff used spray bottles to 'mist' students while playing at recess, and there were plenty of bathroom breaks and water stations to make sure students were safe and hydrated. A small heat wave in northeast Ohio is not uncommon. In just a few months, we'll experience the polar opposite of weather conditions. What amazes me through this week, however, is zero complaints from students and staff. Our *Little Squires* persevered and were determined to succeed.

Northfield Elementary School would like to officially welcome (3) new staff members serving in paraprofessional capacities this year. Mr. John Kromalic, Ms. Sandra Morrison, and Ms. Jen Stalzer have joined our team of educational professionals. We couldn't be more pleased with their contributions to date.

As our 7th day of school has concluded, classroom routines and procedures continue to be developed. Students are meeting new friends, reading, writing, and refreshing skills learned from previous years. Themes such as respect, responsibility, fairness, empathy and trustworthiness are talked about in classroom discussions and taught through various learning activities. In fact, parents should refresh themselves with our NF pillars of character, pictured below. Our lively and large kindergarten classes are learning about our school culture and beginning to show some initial independence. All in all, we are off to a terrific start.

*The Scholarly Squire* will be published each month so that parents and friends of Northfield Elementary School can remain informed of school happenings. If you would like to provide feedback, please feel free to reach out to me at 330-467-2010 or via my email address: [Marc.Kaminicki@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:Marc.Kaminicki@nordoniaschools.org). Use Twitter to access day to day updates. Check it out at #NFSquirePride.



Respectfully,

*MKaminicki*

Mr. Marc Kaminicki, Principal

### Looking Ahead

#### August 31

*The Scholarly Squire Published*

#### September 3

Labor Day (No School)

#### September 4

Cub Scouts Visit, Grades 1-4

#### September 5

Hearing/Vision Screening

#### September 12

PTA Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

#### September 14

Teacher In-Service  
No School for Students

#### September 17

Board of Education Mtg., 7 p.m.

#### September 20

Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

#### September 28

Spirit Day

#### September 30

Box Top Deadline



Ask your child, what this means?

## Northfield Elementary School General Information



Office Hours: 7:30-4:00 p.m. Phone: 467-2010 Fax: 468-5216  
Teacher Hours: 8:30-4:00 p.m.  
Student Hours: 9:00-3:30 p.m.  
***Students may arrive between 8:40 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.***



### Late Arrivals/Tardy

Any student arriving after 9:00 a.m. is considered tardy and MUST be signed in by an adult.

### Medical

If you have a morning appointment, please notify the office by 9:00 a.m., and also indicate if your child will be purchasing lunch on that day.



### Absences

If your child will be absent, please call the office by 9:00 a.m. You may also contact the school 24 hours a day and leave a voice mail message. Homework will be made available upon your request after 3:30 p.m. for extended absences.



### Dismissal

If you need to change your child's routine dismissal process, send in a note to the teacher and school office. Do not email the teacher on the day of a change since email communications may be delayed in viewing, particularly if a teacher is absent, too.

Throughout the year, students may be photographed while engaged in school activities. Parents have the opportunity to 'opt-out' of having the image of their child distributed. Student images are often shared on Twitter, in newsletters produced by the school, in the yearbook, and sometimes through community media. Students are not identified by full name without parental permission.

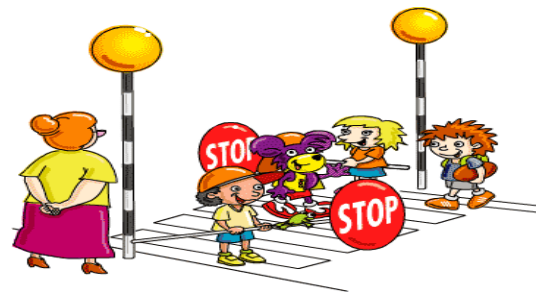


If you would like to **opt-out** of having your child's image appear in publications, please send a note to Ms. Kim Luczywo in the office. Please have any 'opt-out' correspondence to us by September 14, 2018.

**SAFETY  
FIRST**



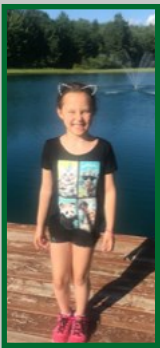
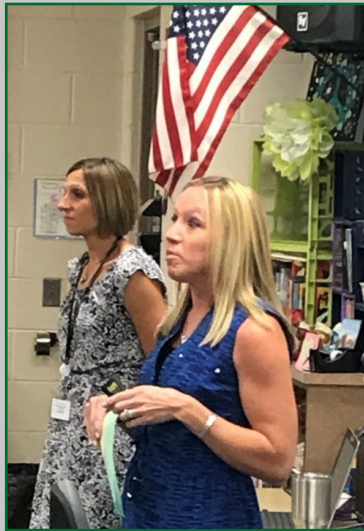
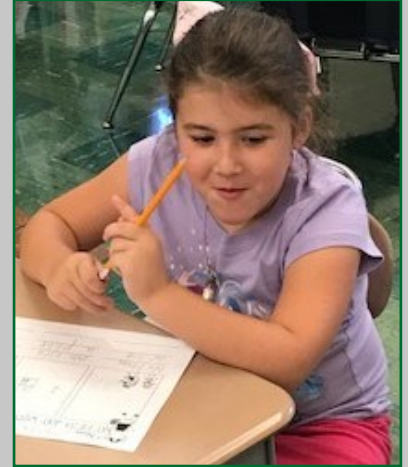
While driving in the parking lot, please remember to drive slowly and carefully. Precious children are walking and exiting the busses!! Also, carpool lines are in constant motion. Proactive driving will eliminate any safety concerns. Thanks for cooperating.



**Just an FYI! This year, lunch is \$2.75. Purchasing a separate milk costs \$.50. Lunch menus are available on the Nordonias web site under the Food Services Department tab.**



# August Snapshots



# Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



Welcome back! I am excited for another great school year! As the school counselor for Northfield Elementary, I am scheduled in the building all day, every day. I work with every grade level (K-4) to help students grow socially, emotionally and academically. I am currently meeting with and getting to know all new students to Northfield this year. Lunch with the

counselor has been a great time to visit new students and see how they are adjusting to a new school. I have been visiting all classrooms for "Meet the Counselor" lessons to introduce myself and talk about the role of the school counselor. Throughout the school year I will visit classrooms to teach lessons on Growth Mindset, Empathy, Managing Emotions, Problem Solving and Career Awareness.

School counselors also offer small group counseling sessions based on student need. Some of the groups that have been offered to students in the past are Friendship, Building Self-Esteem, Managing Worry/Stress, Changing Families, and Grief and Loss. Small group experiences help students develop coping skills, make new friends, and feel support from one another. Please contact me if you are interested in having your child participate in a small group.

I have shared just a few of the ways I serve our students at Northfield Elementary. The role of the elementary school counselor is to help all students do and feel their best in school in order to facilitate their highest learning potential. School counselors work with students individually and in small groups as needed and present classroom guidance lessons to teach and promote skills that will support students' academic, personal/social and career development.

I can be reached by phone at 330-908-6243 or email at [leslie.witt@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:leslie.witt@nordoniaschools.org). Please contact me if you have any questions about school counseling services or if I can assist you in another way. It is a joy to work with the children of Northfield Elementary School! Thank you for all you do to support your child's education.



This summer, families were encouraged to take a photo of their child displaying one of the quality characteristics that showcase what it means to be a Northfield student. Again, the pillars of character can be found on page one of *The Scholarly Squire*. The following students were selected as winners, and will enjoy a special lunch with our new principal, Mr. Kaminicki. Congratulations! Stay up to date on school news by following us on Twitter at **#NFSquirePride**.

Max L., grade 3

Jaci B., grade 2

Brad A., grade 3

Tessa P., grade 2

Abel D., grade 3

Keaton S., grade 2

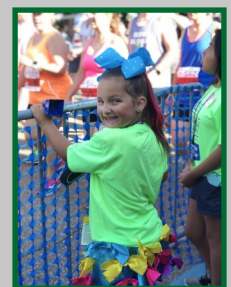
Allison R., grade 4

Aleah S., grade 3

Tanner A., grade 1

Julia R., grade 4

Ava R., grade K





# Parent Tech Talk



Parent Tech Talk  
Nordonia Middle School-Library  
September 26, 6:00-7:00

We invite all parents and guardians in the district to learn about the dangers of social media through the eyes of our students and district experts.

Please join us for this event on September 26th in the Library at Nordonia Middle School. If you are planning to attend, please complete the registration form linked [here](#) before September 24th. We are looking forward to seeing you!

<https://tinyurl.com/y9rma5dl>

## Nordonia Hills City Schools

### REDUCE FEES WITH THE GIFT CARD PROGRAM

*What is this program ?*

A great way to assist Nordonia families with kindergarten tuition, 8th grade Washington D.C. Trip fees, School fees and Athletic fees. Use gift cards to do everyday shopping!



Simply by using these gift cards instead of cash when doing your daily shopping, you could pay for your student's entire school fee. Ask your friends and family to use gift cards to do their shopping and receive those credits as well. You don't have children in the school district? Then request to assist another student and have your gift card credits applied to their account. Place an order and watch the credits grow!

- Each certificate contains a percentage rebate indicated on the order form. 75% of the rebate is credited to the individual family's account through the District. Credits will be applied to student's fee account monthly.

#### *How do I get started ?*

Go to [www.TripNorthLLC.com](http://www.TripNorthLLC.com) to register for your new TRIP account. Login and create your student(s) TRIP account number(s). Helping someone else? Use the student's TRIP account number \_\_\_\_\_ to direct credits to them.

**Each week by 7:00 a.m. Monday\*:**

- Login to your account.
- Select the gift card and/or E\*Certificate\*\* denomination and quantity that you want to order by using our handy search feature, choosing a category from the menu or using the quick order page that shows cards you have ordered online in the past. Once your order is complete, review the shopping cart and confirm your order. Enter your checking account information on our secure process page. For added security, your information is never retained in our system - It's just that easy!
- Pick-up: Look on the TRIP website for your school's specific pick-up times under organizational info.

[www.TRIPNorthLLC.com](http://www.TRIPNorthLLC.com)

- You can choose to have cards sent home with your child by indicating this when you place your order online.
- Middle School and High School students picking up orders will be called down during the end of the day on Fridays.
- Everyone must sign indicating they have received the gift cards. At the time of pickup you will receive an envelope with the gift cards ordered and a label showing the credits earned. You will be credited with 75% of the discount earned directly to your school fees. (25% is administration cost.)

TRIP has over 500 gift cards and E\*Certificates from local and national merchants! Sample order:

Certificate	Purchase	Savings
Giant Eagle	\$ 200	\$ 6.75
Speedway	\$ 100	\$ 3.38
Bob Evans	\$ 40	\$ 4.35
Payless Shoes	\$ 40	\$ 3.90
Home Depot	\$ 100	\$ 3.38
Order Total:	\$ 480	\$21.76
<b>Your Savings</b>		<b>\$21.76</b>

If you placed this order 3 times, you would save \$65.28 toward a student's school fees.

**Bonus!** Kohl's gift cards can be used to not only make purchases but also to pay on your Kohl's charge account unlike those purchased in stores.

**Each month, credits will be applied to the OLDEST FEES FIRST.**

#### *What if the account has extra credits?*

Credit balances will carry over to the following year and be applied at the beginning of the school year. Credits are not cash and cannot be paid out directly.

#### *What if I have questions?*

Contact Andrea Rupp 330-908-6604

or

[andrea.rupp@nordoniaschools.org](mailto:andrea.rupp@nordoniaschools.org)

**Pick-up from your student's building or send home with your student.**

\* Orders received after 7:00 a.m. Monday out off will be processed the following week.

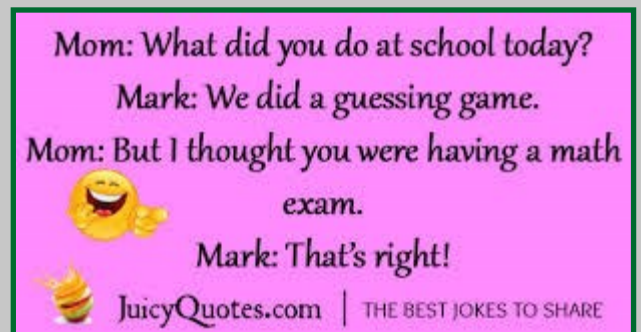
\*\* E\*Certificates are now available for quicker delivery. Once payment clears on your E\*Certificate purchase, your E\*Certificate will be delivered to your email for you to print or use it right from your phone.

**Thanks, Ms. Bass, grade one teacher, for offering these great open-ended questions as an alternative to the standard parent question, “What did you do in school today?”**

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
- Does everyone have a friend at recess?
- What was the book about that your teacher read?
- What’s the word of the week?
- Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
- Did anyone cry?
- What did you do that was creative?
- What is the most popular game at recess?
- What was the best thing that happened today?
- Did you help anyone today?
- Did you tell anyone “thank you?”
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- What made you laugh?
- Did you learn something you didn’t understand?
- Who inspired you today?
- What was the peak and the pit?
- What was your least favorite part of the day?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Did you ever feel unsafe?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- What is something you saw that made you think?
- Who did you play with today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know yesterday.
- What is something that challenged you?
- How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
- Did you like your lunch?
- Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
- Did anyone get in trouble today?
- How were you brave today?
- What questions did you ask at school today?
- Tell us your top two things from the day.
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- What are you reading?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- Teach me something I don’t know.
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?” or, “Is there anything on your mind that you’d like to talk about?” (In your opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
- Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
- What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
- What is your least favorite part of the school building? And favorite?
- If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?



- What kind of person were you today?
- What made you feel happy?
- What made you feel proud?
- What made you feel loved?
- Did you learn any new words today?
- What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?





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Wednesday, September 5, 2018

7:00-8:00 pm

Northfield Elementary (Cafeteria)

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