



Message from the Superintendent's Office

Hello Polar Bears! Students, staff, teachers, parents, and community members, I wanted to take a few minutes to keep you all updated on what is going on in the district. It is a very busy time on campus, and it is about to get a lot busier.

First of all, we are in the middle of our new Strategic (Intentional) Planning process. Thank you to all of you that completed the community survey. This is great information that we use in our process to make the most informed and educated decisions for the district. There are some really creative thoughts and ideas coming out of our meetings that we hope to bring to fruition. These will be communicated throughout the district as the plan continues to develop.

Building on from the previous paragraph is the district's immediate decision to add a full-day preschool for next year. The full-day preschool and the two half-day preschools are already filling up quickly, and that is exciting for our district and our families. The whole purpose of what we do as educators is to support, educate, and prepare students of all ages in a safe environment. We believe the addition of the all-day preschool is going to be the start of a lot more great things.

On the athletics front, it is springtime in Ohio, and mother nature continues to play with our emotions. All our student-athletes are working hard to prepare for their seasons, whether it is inside the school or out in the challenging elements. We look forward to a great spring season in all our extracurricular sports, regardless of the weather. We are Polar Bears.

On the facilities front, you will notice that the renovations on the football field project have started and with good weather, you will start to see a lot of activity in the next few months. Trees along the west side of the current student parking lot have also been removed due to multiple dead trees. Once the stadium project is completed, we will look to add a new tree line for aesthetics and as a natural wind block.

Lastly, I wanted to take a second to give a shout out to our *Hardin Northern Robo Bears* robotics team that competed in Troy, Ohio on March 9th at the state competition. The *Bears* represented HN with class and we are proud of their accomplishments, with many more to come in the future. Great job *Robo Bears*, Mr. Reeves, and Mr. Allen on all of your hard work and commitment!

It is already the 4th quarter of the school year and the only thing we have to fear is... an eclipse. That was a joke. Hardin Northern, as well as all Hardin County schools will be closed on April 8th for the event and the HN campus is closed. The end is in sight, and we will be saying our heartfelt goodbyes and warm wishes to our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 pm. We hope you can make it. GO BEARS!

Sincerely,

Andrew K. Cano

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Superintendent—Hardin Northern Local Schools.

Hardin Northern School

April- Summer 2024

GUIDANCE BULLETIN #4

Hardin Northern Scholarship Foundation Polar Bear Legacy

Scholarships from the scholarship Foundation will be awarded this spring. Polar Bear Legacy scholarships will be awarded to as many as four graduating seniors. The Norma Dirmeyer Bibler Scholarship will be awarded to a Hardin Northern graduate furthering their education fulltime next year (2 year or 4 year). The Robert P. Wildman Scholarship will be awarded to HN graduating seniors pursuing additional education with an emphasis on developing trade skills. Applications for all three scholarships can be found on the guidance website. All applications are due March 22 to Mr. Wilson. A reminder that the foundation invests all donations and only the interest earned from the deposits is given out as scholarships. So the scholarships will continue to exist indefinitely. If you are interested in donating to the foundation, contact Mr. Wilson.

Hardin Northern Community Scholarship Fund

Graduation for the Hardin Northern Class of 2024 is set for Sunday, May 19. Starting with the class of 1984 each Hardin Northern graduating class has had the opportunity to be awarded what has become known as the Hardin Northern Community Scholarships. Each year as many as twenty scholarships have been awarded from this fund to graduating seniors who will be continuing their education.

This program has been made possible over the years by donations from area individuals, service groups, businesses, and companies. As has been the case for the past forty years, it is hoped that area and community contributors can once again be counted on to provide the funds to make this program possible.

The Class of 2024 has 26 members and a large number of them are making plans to continue their education at technical institutions, colleges, and universities. Although the dollar amounts of these scholarships have always been modest in comparison to college educational costs, every dollar counts toward the Community Scholarship Program's goal of showing the community's support of education beyond high school.

All donations to the scholarship fund are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "Hardin Northern Scholarship Fund". Questions can be directed to Andy Wilson, Claire Poling, or Kelly Settlege.

Please mail your donations to the school, attention Clare Poling:

11589 State Route 81
Dola, Ohio 45835

THANK YOU! WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

Hall of Distinction

In an effort to recognize outstanding alumni of Hardin Northern, Dola, and Dunkirk, nominations for outstanding alumni were taken through January of this year. A committee then selected Mr. James Steele, HN class of 1978 and Lt. Colonel Garrick Webb, HN class of 2001 for this year's class. They will be inducted into the Hall of Distinction at Graduation. You can read their complete bio on the HN webpage. Congratulations! **If you know a Dola, Dunkirk, or Hardin Northern graduate that has gone on to accomplish great things in his or her field of endeavor and/or community, please nominate them at www.hardinnorthern.org**

Academic Awards Assembly

The spring academic awards assembly is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 17 at 12:00 pm in the junior high gym. This assembly allows the school to recognize the seniors receiving scholarships, the top students in each course, perfect attendance, and other awards/recognitions. NOTE: Academic letters and pins for 3.0 GPA's for this year for students in grades 7-11 will be awarded at the fall academic awards assembly and not the spring. Parents of students receiving awards or recognitions will receive an invitation about a week before the assembly.

Elks Teen of the Month

Congratulations to Kiersten Horn for being named Hardin Northern's Elks Teens of the Month for March. Out of the students that were selected by the staff for Elk's Teens of the Month, the staff selected Cooper Thomas and Emmah Boose as our Elk's Teens of the Year. These two students will compete with the other schools in the county for the county wide Elk's Teen of the Year Award which will be named at a banquet on May 5. In addition, Sean Kulman was selected as our Elk's Volunteer of the Year and will also compete against the other county school winners and be recongnized on May 5. I would like to thank the staff for taking the time to vote each month.

Course Scheduling for the 2024-2025 School Year

Students in 6-11th grade received scheduling materials in mid March. Scheduling materials can also be found on the guidance webpage. Students will schedule their classes on the following days. Current Juniors- March 18, current Sophomores- March 20, current Freshman- March 22, and current 8th graders- March 25. High School students will receive an email link to register for their classes. Current 6th and 7th graders need to turn in their course request sheets by Tuesday, March 26.

Students taking CCP courses for next year will be given college resgistraion materials as soon as we have schedules set. CCP students that have not taken a course through that college in the past will need to apply for admittance at that college.

TIDE AIR testing

The next generation of graduation tests are called End of Course Exams and are created by TIDE AIR (English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies). These tests are given at the end of the following subjects: English II, Biology, American History, Government, Alg. I and Geometry. Students are required to score a 684 on both ELA II and Algebra I EOC tests to qualify for graduation. They are also required to earn a minimum of 2 readiness seals. Seals can be earned in a variety of ways but two seals can be earned by scoring proficient (700) in the EOC tests for Biology, Government, and American History. All of the current seniors have met their state testing requirement and pending final grades in this year's courses, are on track to graduate!

In addition, Students in grades 3-8 will also take an End of Course Exam in ELA and Math each year. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take a science EOC exam. These tests give students, parents, and the school a snap shot of progress and help prepare students for the high school graduation tests. All tests will be given on-line in April or early May.

Junior High and Highschool test dates are listed under dates to remember.

Promotion

Promotion from 7th grade to 8th grade or 8th to 9th grade requires students to pass 3 of these classes: science, math, English, social studies, and reading. Students must have 5 high school credits to be considered a 10th grader, 10 credits to be considered an 11th grader, 15 credits to be considered a 12th grader, and 21 credits to graduate.

Summer School

For those students who fail classes, you can make the classes up during the summer. **It is the responsibility of the student/parents to make sure this occurs!!** Remember, only 2 summer school credits can be used for promotion during junior high and only 2 summer school credits can be used for graduation in high school. ACE on line and Apollo summer schools are the only ones available to students that passed at least 2 of the 4 nine weeks in a class or 1 of the 2 semesters. All options are not cheap. Best bet? Pass the class at HN!!

Summer school starts in mid June. This means parents must be prepared to register students for summer school as soon as they know the student will need it. As soon as the guidance office has final grades, summer school information will be sent to those needing it. Remember! **Registrations for summer school go directly to the summer school, not to HN!!**

NOTE: You may only take one English class per high school grade and you must have 4 English credits to graduate. If you fail an English class, you **must** make it up in summer school to graduate on time. If you don't make up a failed class in summer school, you will have to change your schedule to make it up next year!

Juniors (next year's seniors)

Summer ACT test dates are June 8th and July 13th. The registration deadline for the June 8th ACT test is May 3, 2024 and the July 13th registration deadline is June 7. Juniors should consider taking the ACT at this time!!! Register for ACT at www.actstudent.org

Athletic Eligibility

To be eligible to play junior high sports, the student must pass 5 classes each nine weeks. To be eligible to play high school sports, the student must pass 5 credits of classes each nine weeks.

To play at an NCAA division I or II college, students must clear the NCAA clearinghouse. Information on the clearinghouse can be found at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Be aware, to be eligible to play at this level, students must take and pass a college prep curriculum.

Seniors

At the end of April I will need a list of scholarships that each senior is getting, awards they have received during their senior year, and plans after graduation. This will be used for the awards program and graduation, so make sure it is correct!

Community Scholarship, Polar Bear Legacy, Robert Wildman and Norma Dirmeyer Bibler Applications have been given to all Seniors. Make sure you fill these out if you are eligible. You can find the applications on the guidance webpage. They are all due March 22.

April Dates to Remember

April 2- Return from Easter Break

April 5- Elks Teen of the month Luncheon for March

April 8- No School Eclipse day

April 13- ACT test date

April 16- Grades 7, 8, and English II ELA EOC Part 1 testing- students not testing can come to school at 10:10 am.

April 17- Interim grades

April 18- Grades 7, 8, and English II ELA EOC Part 2 testing- students not testing can come to school at 10:10 am.

April 22- NHS tapping ceremony during GRIT period.

April 23- 8th grade science EOC at 8:20 am, Biology EOC at noon.

April 30- American History EOC EOC in AM and American Gov't (Full year class only) EOC in afternoon.

May Dates to Remember

May 1- Grades 7, 8, Algebra I, Geometry Math EOC- Students not testing can come to school at 10:10 am.

May 1- Due date for applying for CCP at colleges and have paperwork in office.

May 3- deadline for registration for June 8 ACT testing

May 5- Elks' Teen of the Year Banquet at 5:30 pm at Kenton Elks

May 6- EOC Make ups

May 17- Seniors last day

May 17- Senior breakfast

May 17- graduation rehearsal in the morning and Academic Awards Assembly in school gym at 12:00 pm

May 19- Graduation at 2 pm

May 21- Last day for students

Summer Dates to Remember

June 3- Guidance Office closes for summer.

June 8- ACT Testing date

June 7- ACT registration deadline for July 16 test date

July 13- ACT Testing date

Watch Kenton Times in August for schedule pick up dates and 7th grade orientation date.

July 13- HN Polar Bear Golf Outing to benefit the HN Scholarship Foundation. Looking for teams and sponsors, call Andy Wilson at 419-759-2331 ext 1202.



Words cannot express our gratitude to our community and school volunteers who have given many hours of their

time this school year to help our elementary students. A big "THANK YOU" to the following volunteers:

Jean Burnworth, Marlene Crowe, Linda Gibson, Cheryl Good, Pam Halsey, Kris Hastings, Melinda Hipsher, Elaine Hoover, Susie Jolliff, Sandy Kurt, Sandy Leis, Madelyn Lowery, Judi Ludwig, Nancy Musselman, Amanda Noascono, Vet Stump, Sharon Thompson, Max Trachsel and Darlene Wilson .



Notes from the Nurse.....

*All incoming Kindergarten students are required to have the following boosters before the start of the school year: DPT, Polio, MMR and Varicella (Chickenpox)

*All incoming 7th grade students are required to have the following vaccines before the start of the school year: DPT and Meningitis.

*All incoming Seniors are required to have the following vaccine before the start of the school year: Meningitis.

Updated shot records can be turned in when the student picks up his/her schedule in August, at Open House, or the 1st day of school.

Any questions, contact Mrs. Stevenson at 419-759-2331, ext.: 1302.



**2024
POLAR BEAR
SHOWCASE
&
ART SHOW**

**DON'T MISS THIS
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 7
5:00-7:00 PM
HARDIN NORTHERN SCHOOL**

**Students in grades K-12 will provide
live demonstrations and walk
guests through a variety of exhibits.
The evening will be packed with
opportunities to see our amazing
Polar Bear academics in action!**

**FREE AND
OPEN
TO THE
PUBLIC!**

JH/HS Band & Choir Spring Concert
Monday, May 6th at 7:00pm

JH Band
JH Choir
HS Band
HS Choir

Awakened Commotion

JH/HS students should dress in concert attire and arrive at the school at 6:30pm.



News From the Hardin Northern Public Library

The library will be closed on **Monday, April 8th**. We intend to reopen on Tuesday, April 9th. The staff and board of trustees encourage patrons to watch the library's website and Facebook page for updates to this schedule. Patrons may also call ahead to see if the library is open for business.

Plans are being finalized for the 2024 summer reading program! We will have fun and educational programs every Tuesday at 2:00 from June 4th through July 9th. We have a lot of prizes for children to win by reading books from the library and earning tickets for those prizes. More information will be sent home with students at the end of the school year!

The library will be closed **Monday, May 27th** to observe the Memorial Day holiday and closed on **Thursday, July 4th** to observe the Independence Day holiday.

Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 1pm-8pm, Wednesday: 9am-5pm, Thursday: 9am-8pm,
Friday: Noon-5pm, Saturday: 9am-Noon

Phone 419-759-3558 Fax 419-759-3558
website - hardinnorthernpl.org
Facebook – hardin northern public library
email – hardinnorthernpl@gmail.com



HARDIN NORTHERN ORIGINAL Yearbook Orders

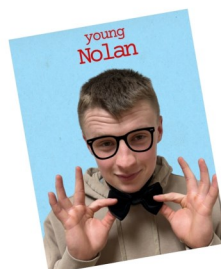
★★★★★ 2024

Orders due: May 15, 2024

Use this form
(cash/check payable to HN)
or order online
(credit card)



www.jostens.com/yearbooks



Northern Lites

High School Yearbook

128 full color pages

Hard cover

Portraits from PK-12

All JH/HS activities

\$50.00

Elementary

Memory Book

28 full color pages

Soft cover

Portraits from PK-6

Limited El. activities

\$15.00

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Name: _____ Gr: _____ Phone: _____

	Price	Quantity	TOTAL
Northern Lites HS Yearbook	50.00		
Elementary Memory Book	15.00		
Senior Shoutout (info on back)	15.00		

Please include payment (cash/check payable to Hardin Northern) and return to Mrs. Uitto/HS Office by May 15, 2024. Thank you!

HARDIN NORTHERN ORIGINAL Senior Shoutouts

★★★★★ 2024

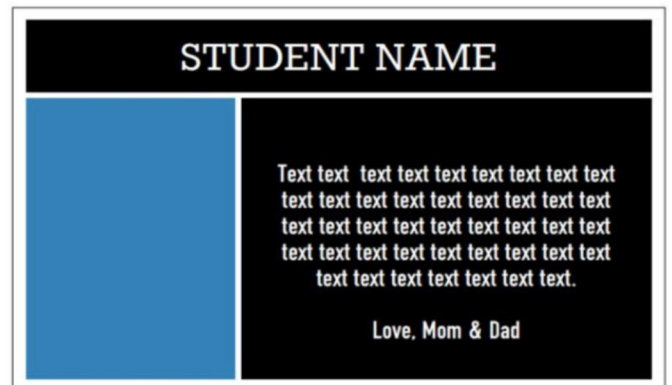
In the back of the yearbook we will be featuring special senior recognition ads with messages from you to your senior.

Ads only cost \$15 each!

Just follow these steps:

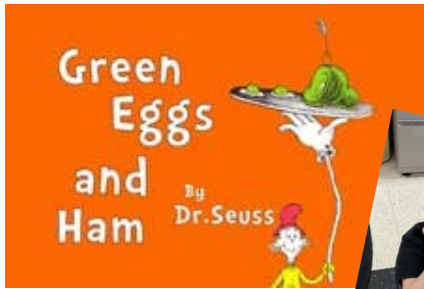
1. Compose a short message containing your love, pride, and appreciation of your senior, in approx. 40-50 words.
2. Pick a picture to go with the message, a digital copy is best.
3. Email that message and picture to Mrs. Uitto at erika.uitto@hardinnorthern.org by May 15.
4. Indicate your order on the paper yearbook form and submit payment. You can order a yearbook using the same form or order online (shoutouts not available with online ordering).
5. Thank you!

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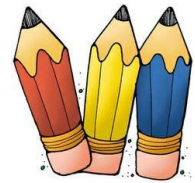


Senior recognition ads will resemble this sample.

Kindergarten had a great time learning during Dr. Seuss Week!



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING 2024-2025



Kindergarten Screening at Hardin Northern School for the 2024-2025 school year has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 8:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Your child must be 5 years of age on, or before August 1, 2023 to be eligible for next year's Kindergarten Class.

You must register your child for Kindergarten Screening in the office prior to the screening date. Please call 419-759-2331 and ask for Amber Crossman, Elementary Secretary.

When registering your child, we will need the following papers from you:

- *-Child's Birth Certificate
- *-Social Security Card
- *-Immunization Records/Health History
- *-Custody Papers (If Applicable)
- *-Proof of Residency (Anything with your name and current address such as driver's license, billing, etc.)
- *-Register on Final Forms:
<https://hardinnorthern-finalforms.com>

Paperwork needs to be turned in by April 12th.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to meeting our parents and students of next year's Kindergarten Class!