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**NORTH HARRISON**



Shamrock Education – A Successful Model

By Dr. Todd Willhite, Superintendent

Education is important to me. I have committed my entire career to public education. The last twenty-five years, whether in a classroom or an office, I have tried to ensure the students under my care are learning the subject matter they need to be successful and to make sure they are also learning how to be productive citizens and people of integrity. One of my favorite teaching strategies is modeling. If I want students to be able to solve a math problem, I model how to solve a similar problem. It is amazing how much easier it is for a student to solve a math problem when they have an example laid out in front of them. Similarly, it is so much easier for students to grow into quality people when they have quality people serving as models (role-models) right in front of them. This is an area where the people of North Harrison excel. From the moment I decided to come to North Harrison, my family and I have been welcomed with open arms. You have been a model of how to welcome people. From the moment I arrived at North Harrison, I have been treated like family. You have been a model of family. From the moment my wife was diagnosed with cancer, about two months ago, you have picked us up, held us up, prayed for us, assisted us, and encouraged us. You have modeled compassion, generosity, friendship, selflessness, genuine concern, and love. The North Harrison family is a beautiful example to others, including myself, of how to care for people. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for teaching my family and me how to be SHAMROCKS! We love you. Thank you.

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The Harrison County spelling bee was held in Cainsville on February 13. Those participating from North Harrison were 5th graders Caleb Harris and Even Schreiber, 6th graders Griffin Dougherty and Keygun Johnson, 7th graders Noah Breshears and Katelyn Briggs, and 8th graders Adrian Cracraft and Nick Babinski. Congratulations to all of our participants!

The junior high scholar bowl team has been holding practices and started their season at home on February 14th. Their record is now 3 -0. The jr. high team's schedule includes meets on Feb. 14th at home, Feb. 21 in Gilman City, and Feb. 28 in Winston. Players on the junior high team this year are Lola Breshears, Nick Mickelson, and Jayliegh Robins.

Practices for the varsity team began on February 13. The team is hoping to contribute their efforts toward winning the All Activities Plaque this year! Meets for the varsity team are March 5 at North Mercer, March 12 at Tri-County, and March 19 at home. Members of the team include Ashlynn Gilpatrick, Ethan Valenti, Gavin Garrett, Lola Breshears, and Nick Mickelson. First games begin at 4:00 for

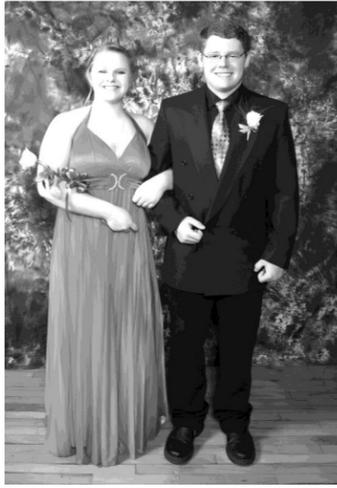


A great big "Thank You" goes to all who participated in the fall bookfair this year. The fair earned \$658.68 in Scholastic Dollars with which we will buy books for the library.





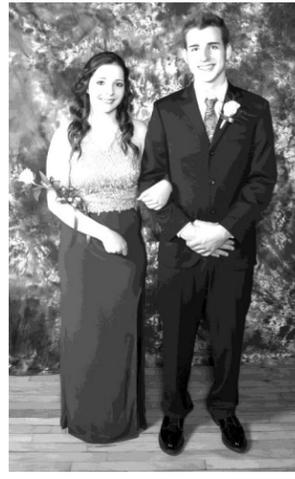
Freshmen: Lola Breshears and Collin Briggs



Sophomores: Kenna Slaughter and Kason Mathes



Juniors: Cheyenne Peterson and Gavin Garrett



Seniors: Hannah Whitmire and Brennan Gilliland



Crownbearers: Brooklyn Wynne and Scotty Briggs



Basketball: Brandy Rivet and Ryan Jones



Softball: Audry Briggs



2017-18 Homecoming queen and king: Brandy Rivet and Bobby Hutton



The 2nd graders had lots of winning spirit on green and white day.



Don't be jealous, Mr. Craig can still fit into his letter jacket. Just don't ask him to button it!



Kealey and Alanna know that twinning is winning for the Shamrock games



The 7th graders are ready for a busy day of lounging around in their jammies!



Who's who....Dr. Hall and Mrs. Rivera switch roles for the day. We have yet to figure out how Dr. Hall got Mrs. Rivera's pants to be long enough!

### Outside Clothes

With spring peeking in and winter creeping out we are going to go outside as much as possible (weather permitting). Any time the temperature is 32 degrees or warmer we will be going outside for play time. Are playground could be wet/muddy in some places so please send shoes/clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Please send the following attire so your child(ren) can play outside!

- Boots
- Hat/Gloves
- Winter Coat
- Extra clothes/ snow pants

With Spring just around the corner I will be sending spring break forms home on the 26th of February to help us prepare for the upcoming break. Also with summer not far behind I will start preparing after Spring Break for summer enrollment. If you have any questions or concerns about anything my door is always open!

Thanks,  
Kadie Emig  
Early Childhood Center Director

### Upcoming ECC Early dismissal/ Closing Dates

- Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: Preschool early dismissal 12:45
- Monday-Friday, March 12-16<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Staff Professional Development
- Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: No Preschool Good Friday
- Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: ECC Close at 3:00 Good Friday
- Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: No Preschool (Make-up snow day)
- Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Preschool early dismissal 12:45
- Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Preschool early dismissal 12:45 (Last day of school, Date will adjust with snow days)
- Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: ECC CLOSED Memorial Day
- Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: ECC CLOSED Independence Day
- Wednesday-Friday, July 25-27: ECC CLOSED for Cleaning

NORTH HARRISON SHAMROCKS  
2017-18 Spring Baseball

Mar 16	Baseball Home vs North Nodaway (VAR/JV)	Home	4:30
Mar 17	Baseball vs East Harrison (Var) Cainsville	Trenton	TBA
Mar 17	Baseball Home vs Trenton (Var)	Trenton	10:00am
Mar 21	Baseball at Cameron	Away	5:00
Mar 23	Baseball at Pattonsburg (Var/JV)	Away	5:00
Mar 26	Baseball at Home vs Mercer/Princeton	Home	5:00
Apr 05	Baseball Home vs East Harrison (Var/JV)	Home	5:00
April 09	Baseball at Southwest Livingston	Away	5:00
Apr 10	Baseball at Putnam Co (Var/JV)	Away	5:00
Apr 12	Baseball at South Harrison (Var/JV)	Away	5:00
Apr 13	Baseball at Tri-County (Var/JV)	Away	TBA
Apr 14	Baseball-North Harrison Tournament	Home	9:00am
	Baseball at Mercer w/Princeton (Var/JV) at Lineville	Away	5:00
April 17	Baseball at South Nodaway	Away	
Apr 23	Baseball at Lathrop (Var/JV)	Away	4:30
Apr 24	Baseball Home vs Milan (Var/JV)	Home	5:00
Apr 26	Baseball Home vs Grundy (Var/JV)	Home	5:00
Apr 28	Baseball South Nodaway Tournament (JV)	Away	TBA
May 01	Baseball Home vs South Nodaway	Home	4:30
May 03	Baseball at East Harrison (Var/JV)	Away	5:30
	Baseball Home vs Northeast Nodaway (Var/JV)	Home	4:30
May 07	Baseball at Braymer (Var/JV)	Home	5:00
May 08	MSHSAA Districts (Varsity)	Away	TBA
May 11-18			

ADMISSION

\$3 Students  
\$4 Adults  
OR \$12 Family Evening Pass

2017-18 Junior High Track

Mar 27	Worth County Early Bird Meet	Grant City	3:30
April 03	Putnam County Practice Meet	Unionville	4:00
April 04	Pattonsburg Invitational	Pattonsburg	2:30
April 06	Warrior Jr High Relays	Albany	3:30
April 09	South Harrison Jr High Relays	South Harrison	3:30
April 10	Demon Relays	Lamoni	3:30
April 12	Stanberry	Stanberry	4:00
April 18	Milan Relays	Milan	TBA
April 25	HDC Conference Meet	Bethany	TBA
April 26	Worth Co Jr High Meet	Worth County	3:30

2017-18 Varsity Track

March 22	Worth County Early Bird Meet	Grant City	3:30
March 27	South Harrison Quad	Bethany	3:30
April 02	Warrior Relays	Albany	TBA
April 04	Pattonsburg Invitational	Pattonsburg	2:30
April 05	Stanberry Meet	Stanberry	4:00
April 12	Trenton Bulldog Relays	Trenton	3:00
April 17	Worth County Tigers Relays	Grant City	1:30
April 18	Milan Wildcars Relays	Milan	TBA
April 25	HDC Conference	Home	10:00
April 27	South Harrison Relays	South Harrison	3:30

**Using Sign Language in the Early Childhood Classroom**

In the preschool classroom, we use sign language for nonverbal communication, which is useful in our fast-paced environment. If a teacher is with a group of students, and another student approaches with a question, the teacher can simply sign “yes”, “no”, or “wait”, without interrupting the flow of the lesson.

While sign language is a convenient communication tool, it also has many early developmental benefits. Here are a few!

- Children who sign are using both sides of their brain to process language!
- Sign language accommodates several learning styles, including verbal, kinesthetic, and interpersonal!
- Encourages awareness of social cues and gestures!
- Engages muscle memory - when children use sign language, they are using different senses which promotes memory retention!

There are many resources available to help parents and teachers become familiar with sign language. Here are a few that you may find helpful! Simply use a free QR code scanner on your phone!

“See It, Say It, Sign It” Alphabet Song by Jack Hartmann	
Baby Sign Language Basics	
“See It, Say It, Sign It” Alphabet Song (With letter sounds) by Jack Hartmann	

**Mardee Sadowsky Qualifies for FCCLA State**

Mardee Sadowsky, junior at North Harrison High School, attended the FCCLA STAR Events on January 24, 2018. FCCLA stands for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the STAR Events means Students Taking Action with Recognition. Every year multiple students take projects to STAR Events to compete; their projects deal with issues like safety, health, wellness, and recycling.

This year, Mardee presented a speech about human and sex trafficking, the signs and circumstances of slavery, and how one person can help end it. “Whenever I found out that 27 million people were victims of slavery today, I knew I could not keep from sharing that,” commented Mardee on choosing the controversial topic.

Mardee received the top score of gold at the local FCCLA STAR Events held at Northwest Missouri State University and will now be moving on to state competition at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach, Missouri on March 11th-13.

Change your email? Remember to call in and update your email address so that you can log into Teacherease. Teacherease is a great tool to keep up with your child's grades, check lunch money, contact teachers, and receive announcements.

**www.teacherease.com**

**Administrator Spotlight:**  
**Dr. Todd Willhite, Superintendent**  
 Robert Hutton, North Harrison Journalism Class

2017 was the first year with Dr. Todd Willhite as the superintendent at the North Harrison School District. As superintendent, Dr. Willhite oversees all of the school operations: buses, food service, reporting to DESE (Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education), and the school's budget. He has said that his goal for what to accomplish this year is to learn, and that "being a superintendent is similar in every [school] district, yet every district has their own specific needs, challenges, and accomplishments."

Dr. Willhite's favorite aspect about this school district: the community supporting it. He enjoys how welcoming everyone is and how much everyone pulls for each other to succeed. Dr. Willhite uses the varsity softball team's run to the state tournament to exemplify how much this community resembles a family. He also mentions the "unbelievable" and "overwhelming" support he and his family have received since his wife, Julie, was diagnosed with cancer.

Dr. Willhite attended high school and graduated from South Harrison High School in Bethany. He attended William Jewell College receiving a Bachelor's in Math and Secondary Education, then came back to Bethany and taught junior high and high school math. While teaching, he earned his masters to become a principal. After that, he went to North Daviess and was the high school principal for five years and superintendent for two years. While serving as a principal he earned his specialist to become a superintendent, then while in that role he earned his doctorate from William Woods University. After serving as the superintendent of the Salisbury school district for ten years, he taught in Saint Joseph as a math teacher for the 2016-17 school year and then came to North Harrison.

Steven, the Willhite's youngest son, is currently a sophomore at North Harrison. The oldest Willhite kids, Michael and Sarah, are students at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. Dr. Willhite is a sportsman and likes to hunt and fish. He also enjoys athletics and participating in his kids' sports and activities, as well as travel.

**Teacher Spotlight:**  
**Mrs. Sarah Howell**

North Harrison welcomed a new 3rd grade teacher this year, Mrs. Sarah Howell, who lives in Lamoni, Iowa, but relocated from Audubon, Iowa last year. Mrs. Howell's husband, Frank, is head coach for Graceland University's women's basketball team, and they have two children, Meredith and Natalie, who attend Lamoni Elementary. Mrs. Howell says she has enjoyed her nicely sized class, as well as all of the people she works with. North Harrison is not her first experience with teaching by far. Mrs. Howell has primarily taught high school Spanish and Language Arts, but had most recently been subbing while in her transition to southern Iowa. Mrs. Howell first became part of the Shamrock family last year as a translator for a Spanish speaking student at NH and then as a regular substitute. In her freetime, Mrs. Howell likes to cook for her family, curl up with a good book, or hangout with her kids and pets.

**Teacher Spotlight:**  
**Mrs. Ginger Bennett**  
 By Jonathan Crowder

In August of the 2017-2018 school year, Mrs. Ginger Bennett started teaching the kindergarten class at North Harrison. She likes kindergarten because she says that, "It's a fun age to teach." Mrs. Bennett grew up and went to school here in Eagleville, but she now lives in Bethany. Before teaching at North Harrison she had taught kindergarten at Ridgeway Schools for 25 years.

Mrs. Bennett's second grade teacher, Mrs. Susie Lacy, was her inspiration for becoming a teacher because Mrs. Lacy taught her to read. Mrs. Bennett and her husband Danny have three kids, Saige who is a 6th grader at South Harrison, Kiana who is a junior at NWMSU, and Carter who works in Osceola, Iowa. In her free time, Mrs. Bennett likes to watch her kids play sports, enjoys visiting new places, reading, photography, and watching Royals and Chiefs games.

**Teacher Spotlight:**  
**Mr. Brent Fleshmen**  
 by Lucas McChesney

August of 2017 was the first year for Mr. Brent Fleshmen to join North Harrison staff as the high school special education teacher. Mr. Fleshmen has two strategy classes where he helps kids with homework or other tasks, and throughout the day he helps students with specialized instructions or assignments.

Before coming to NH, Mr. Fleshmen taught elementary special education (1-6th grade) and taught 4th grade at Hardin Central in Hardin, Missouri. He has 7 years of being a full-time teacher and 20 years' experience as a substitute for 5 different districts. In regards to his new experience in our district Mr. Fleshman said, "The staff is excellent, also, most of the kids are wonderful." He says he has learned a lot of things since being here at North Harrison, "Paperwork isn't fun, but I try to remain positive and happy throughout the day." Mr. Fleshman enjoys being able to work one on one with the kids, but also wants to spend more time to get to know all the kids in the school and not just his own.

Mr. Fleshman doesn't only teach, he is also a pastor, bus driver, and a volleyball, softball, and basketball official and has been doing those for 10 years. Mr. Fleshmen and his wife reside in Cameron, Missouri. They have 7 kids and 3 grandkids, which they raise as their own, and 14 grandkids total.