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**NORTH HARRISON**

**SHAMROCKS**



*Greetings from Superintendent Willhite*

Fall is one of my favorite times of year. School is in full swing, temperatures are getting cooler, and the leaves are changing color and falling to the ground. As I look out my window, there are signs everywhere that fall is here. Similarly, as I walk down the halls at school, there are signs of success everywhere. I am so impressed with the work of our students and employees. Whether it is our band racking up awards at competitions, our softball team taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the state tournament, our football team participating in the state playoffs, our clubs and organizations doing great things, or our students displaying their classwork in the halls, there are signs of success everywhere. It is so much fun to watch our students succeed and to watch the community rally around the school. North Harrison is a special place and I am blessed to be a part of it.

**North Harrison**

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**A honorary member of the Shamrock Family**  
You may have seen a guy walking around all of our softball games holding a camera and a clipboard. Meet Jesse, an honorary member of the Shamrock family. Jesse works with the Sheridan Express and has wrote many outstanding articles about our softball team. You can follow him on facebook at Sheridan Express. The Sheridan Express is also available for sale at The Vintage Nest.



You can now keep up with North Harrison happenings! Follow us on facebook under North Harrison. You will know it is us from our cover photo, a picture of the school. Here you can get a glimpse into what our kids have been up to during the day and keep up-to-date with important information.



A big congratulations to Addie Slaughter who was selected into the SWACDA Honor Choir. Over two thousand students applied for nomination between the four ensembles from the states of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Addie was one of 16 selected for her voice part. She will perform in Oklahoma City in March.



While everyone was at state watching our softball girls, our daycare was busy watching all the dozers working away



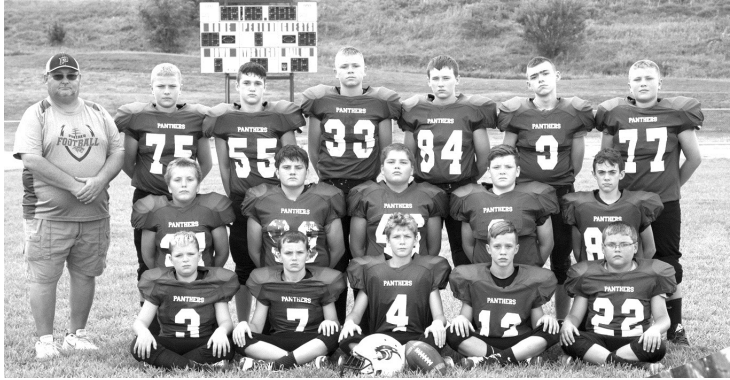
Dirt work has begun at the site of the future North Harrison Track. The site of the track is north of the elementary playground. There is not a firm timeline for completion yet, but we are excited that work has begun and grateful to those who are volunteering their time and/or donating equipment. The amount of time, expertise, and equipment use, even this early in the process, is amazing. Thank you to everyone involved.



The National Honor Society would like the thank those who stopped by and donated blood on September 21st. We had 23 donations that day! Remember you can save more then one life with one simple donation!

# North Harrison Football

For the second year North Harrison co-oped with Pattonsburg for “Friday night lights”. The crowd grew, the weather stayed nice, and our team just kept getting better. There were four boys that participated in Junior High football from North Harrison: Tyson Gibson (7), Brandon Hamilton(8), Cooper Cracraft(8), and Grant Trusty. These boys started their season September 5th and played Monday nights through October 2. They ended their season with a 1-2 record. North Harrison participants on the varsity team were: Ryan Thomsen(12), Lane Huitt(11), Logan Huitt(11), Gavin Garrett(11), Steven Willhite(10), Kason Mathes(10), Collin Briggs(9), Brett Emig(9), and AJ Guy(9). The varsity season started with the first game a win against St. Joe Christian on August 18th and played through October 27th. They were beat out in a close game during the second round of districts against Southwest Ludlow ending with a score of 30-36. For most of these boys the season didn’t just start in August. They were practicing and going to camps throughout the summer. All of the hard work paid off and they had a great season with a record of 4-5. Thank you to all of those that lent a hand in getting the boys to and from practice when needed.



## Our Shamrocks Rock

Once again our band kids have been rocking it! School started a week later this year causing the first competition, Carrollton band days, to come that much quicker with less practices. That didn’t stop this group. They came home with 1st in field show, 2nd in parade, 1st in indoor colorguard, and 1st in drumline.

The next big performance brought them to Missouri Western to perform in the Tournament of the Champions. They placed 5th in class going against 9 other schools. Not only were we the smallest school there, we were the only 1A school so 5th was fantastic. The last big performance brought us to Trenton band days. The Trenton Festival fell on the same weekend of state softball. Not only did the band perform missing 11 kids due to softball, this year they had to compete against 2A schools. Despite all of this, they still had an amazing day. They scored: 3rd in field (only 2.5 points from 1st), 1st in drumline (4th highest overall behind Oak Grove, Central, and North KC), Guard-6th (only 6 points from 4th), and best drum major in class going to Mardee Sadowsky and Audry Briggs.

They were able to accomplish all of this while going to softball practices, football practices, and a shortened time frame for practices. Way to go Shamrocks!

The Pattonsburg Panthers celebrated homecoming September 29 with a game against Worth County. Once again our football boys went and rode the floats while our marching band marched in the parade. This year we closed school for the afternoon and took our 7th-12th grade students to attend the parade and pep assembly that followed. BTC Bank in Pattonsburg fed our students and staff.



### Upcoming Events

- Nov 18 District Jazz performance
- Nov 18 Varsity Basketball Jamboree
- Nov 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 20 ASVAB for all Juniors
- Nov 27-30 North Harrison Jr. High Tournament
- Dec 2 Music Dept. Holiday Vendor Event
- Dec 6 Elementary Christmas Concert
- Dec 8 Early Dismissal-Teacher In-Service
- Dec 14 Sr. Parent Fundraiser at Pizza Hut-Lamoni
- Dec 20 High School Christmas Concert
- Dec 22 Early Dismissal
- Dec 22 End of Quarter 2
- Dec 25-Jan 5 Christmas Break
- Jan 8 School Resumes



Thank You!  
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The cheerleaders would like to say a great big “thank you” to Ashley and Amanda at the Vintage Nest for all the hard work they put into our shirt sales!

Congratulations to Dr. Hall and his wife Ashton. They welcomed daughter Coraline Ivy on Monday October 23rd weighing in at 8 pounds 14 ounces.



## 2017 Lady Shamrocks have left a legacy

Robert Hutton, Varsity Softball Manager

Generations to come will look up to the wall of the gym to see on the girls' softball shamrock the number "2017" painted white. The first time a year has been painted on after fourteen years without.

From the very first practice, the Varsity Lady Shamrocks softball team had their eyes set on a trip to Springfield for the state tournament. When asked what the hardest thing they had to do from the get-go for this season, Coach Brandon Craig focused on filling vacancies. To Craig, the key was "meshing together the influx of new, young players to find their role on the field", and replacing those who left with last year's graduating class. Senior Brandy Rivet said her biggest obstacle to overcome were "those four laps, man." She refers to the daily warm-up laps around the field in the August heat the first few weeks of practice.

The real challenge for the Lady Shamrocks has been the post-season. Winning the past five of six district tournaments only to come up short in each sectional game had put a bad aura around the game following districts. This year was different. Beating Platte Valley 3-2 was the confidence boost that the girls needed. "Getting over the hump with Jefferson... past the roadblock with that sectional game relaxed the kids to go into the quarterfinal and final four and excel," Coach Craig said when asked what impact that game had. After handling Maysville in the quarterfinal qualifier 4-2, the Lady Shamrocks had their passports stamped and the destination was Springfield. Following a community bonfire the night before, and a marvelous sendoff by the whole student body the day of, we took off October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Arriving at Springfield, we toured the Killian Sports Complex, and practiced on Drury College's field that evening. Coach Craig quoted his father in reference as to how they should take this weekend: "The hay's in the barn, now let's have fun." The work they needed to do was done, they were here. Now they just needed to have a ball.

The Lady Shamrocks lost to Canton 4-2 that Friday morning, and went on to beat Chaffee 4-2, earning their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

Congratulations to those that made the HDC All Conference softball team: Payton Craig, Brandy Rivet, Audry Briggs, Emma Craig, Ashlynn Gilpatrick, Carly Rinehart, Mason Cracraft, Kami Gibson, and an honorable mention to Rainey Fordyce.

Those girls that made the Class 1 District 15 softball team are as follows: Payton Craig, Brandy Rivet, Ashlynn Gilpatrick, Mason Cracraft, Carly Rinehart, and Emma Craig. Audry Briggs and Kami Gibson made 2nd Team District 15. Congratulations girls!

Congratulations to Payton Craig for being selected as a top 10 female state finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman award.

### Jr. High Softball by Mary Beth Collins

The JH softball girls may not have won every game, but we still had fun. That's truly what softball is, to enjoy the game even if you are losing. I feel that our team learned a lot this season. Sam and Jordan moved all of us to different places to show us what we are capable of. With that, our pitchers had tremendous strikes that were fast and hard. In addition, the infield and outfield played hard. Several times, our first baseman and catcher would rush to catch fly balls, and they caught them most of the time. The outfield also made some nice catches. I feel our team has improved and excelled by a stupendous amount, learning more than ten plays! I am very proud to say this year's eighth and seventh graders were fun to join them.

Two Lady Shamrocks were selected for the Class 1 Region 4 All Region Softball Team: Payton Craig and Emma Craig. Two were also selected for Region 4 All Regional Second Team Members: Brandy Rivet and Ashlynn Gilpatrick. Great Job Girls!



### Teachers and staff are always learning

While the kids were enjoying their early out, Mrs. Bowen was busy teaching the staff about Google docs during one of the teacher in-service days. During this time we learned how easy the docs were to incorporate into our everyday work, including mine. Permission slips, order forms, and polls can all easily be done through google docs and be linked into Teacherease. I am sharing this with you because I plan to implement this more in the future when possible. The first big thing I did with google docs was send out a permission slip for the 7th-12th grade to watch the parade at Pattonsburg. This worked very well and the feedback was positive. However, it will be important for you to check your email often so you don't miss out. Please make sure you keep an updated email address on file with the school.

When preschool is closed but the ECC is open (ex. October 21st or winter break) child care can be arranged for: \$20.00 (9 hours or less) per day for preschoolers. Bussing will not be available. Prior arrangements must be made. We cannot guarantee your child a spot on a drop in basis. Please let us know in advance so that we are able to ensure we have enough staff here.

### Upcoming Early dismissal/ Closing Dates

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Early Dismissal  
 Wednesday- Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: No Preschool Thanksgiving Break  
 Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Early Childhood Center close at 3:00 for Thanksgiving Break  
 Thursday- Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: Early Childhood Center closed Thanksgiving Break  
 Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Early Dismissal  
 Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: Christmas parties 2:00-3:00  
 Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Preschool Early Dismissal Christmas Break  
 Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Early Childhood Center Close at 3:00 Christmas Break  
 Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Early Childhood Center Closed Christmas Day  
 Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: Early Childhood Center Closed Day after Christmas  
 Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Early Childhood Center Closed New Year's Day  
 Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Resumes  
 Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Will Be In Session (make-up day for closing for state tournament)  
 Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: Early Childhood Center Will Be Open

### Making the Most of the Cold Weather: Reading!

Dear Families,

The weather is getting colder and the days are getting shorter. This may limit the time we can spend outside with our families, but gives us the opportunity to spend quality time inside! One of the best ways to use this time and prepare your little ones for kindergarten is by cuddling up with a book!

Here are four ways you can encourage literacy development at home during these cold winter months.

1. Create a special place at home for you and your child's books.
  - Having a special place for the books in your home shows your child that books are important and deserve a special place inside the home.
2. Family storytelling (a great idea when you are gathered with your family at Thanksgiving!)
  - When all members of the family have the chance to share an exciting story with one another, important language and literacy skills are being built especially when your child has the opportunity to retell important and exciting parts of the story.
3. Writing notes to families and friends.
  - Reading and writing go hand in hand! Encourage writing by placing various writing tools around the home, Leave notes in lunch boxes for family members, on the fridge, and other places in the home to support the idea of writing as a means of communication.
4. Family trips to the library.
  - Family trips to the library help show your child that reading is important and fun! All family members can enjoy a trip to the library, and the books and activities found at libraries help promote early literacy skills. The library is also a wonderful community resource.

One of the most important tools for promoting literacy in your young child is by modeling the importance and fun of reading. Take advantage of the cooler weather to enjoy some warm, indoor reading while setting your young child up for success in kindergarten!

Source: [www.gettingreadytoread.org](http://www.gettingreadytoread.org)

After pre-school child care, including early out days is provided through the daycare for \$3.00 per hour. Prior arrangements must be made by contacting the program in advance. For example, arrangements may be made for daily after school care, or for just a few days per week. If Stepping Stones does not have arrangements made for your child to go to Daycare the late pick-up fee will be assessed to you account (\$10.00 for the first 30 min. and \$5.00 per every 15 min after the first 30 min). Please let us know in advance so that we are able to ensure we have enough staff here.

PAT is a program which recognizes that parents are their child's first and most important teacher and is committed to support you and your family in the role.

We provide developmental screenings and information based on the age of your child and bring an activity for you and your child to do at each visit, which can be held in your home or another location. If you are not currently enrolled in the program and would like to be, please call Patty Rinehart at 660-425-5555 or the school at 660-867-5221

