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## North Ridgeville State of City 2022 *We're in This Together*

Was it a talk show? Was it a quiz show? No, it was the annual North Ridgeville State of the City Address with a few new twists!

Presented in the North Ridgeville Schools Academic Center on Friday, Feb. 25, the address saw North Ridgeville Supt. of School Roxann Ramsey-Caserio join with Mayor Kevin Corcoran before a full house in the NRAC cafeteria.

The presentation was staged in a talk-show format with the mayor and superintendent sharing microphones on a sofa as they shared both sides of the state of the City AND the Schools, 2022.

The implied message was clear - even though the city and schools are separate entities, North Ridgeville is one community with both agencies serving the same population.

There were other new twists as well. Audience members were live-pollled during the talk via cell phone on questions from the mayor and superintendent on a number of civic interests.

The event was sponsored by the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce.

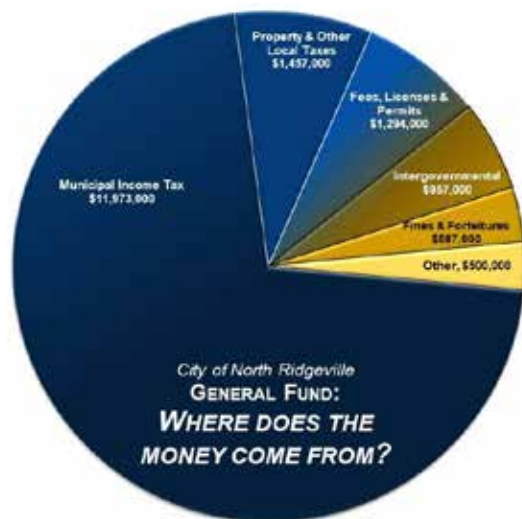
Some of the takeaways:

- The population of North Ridgeville has grown to an estimated 36,000 people! That represents a growth of 19.7 percent from 2010 to 2020. The figure is very accurate as North Ridgeville was awarded for being the city with highest census response rate (85.5 per cent) in all of Lorain County.

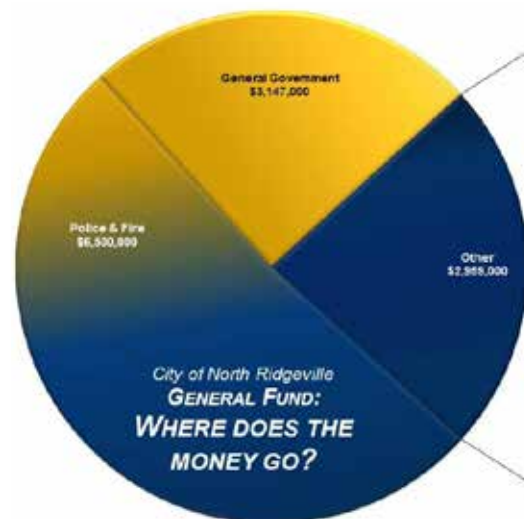
- Close behind is the city's student population. Supt. Ramsey-Caserio reports that enrollment



North Ridgeville Mayor Kevin Corcoran and Supt. of School Roxann Ramsey-Caserio



General Fund Revenue



General Fund Expenditures



figures for the North Ridgeville School District have grown from 4,169 in 2017 to 4,678 today. That means 175-200 new students in the district every year, and the need for facilities growth. In addition to mobile classrooms being added to the high schools this year, voters will be asked to pass a 4.9 mill operating levy in May. This will cost homeowners \$14.16 per month on a \$100,00 home. The operating levy is for a 10-year period and will raise \$5,673,000 million per year. North Ridgeville has the SECOND lowest school district tax rate for residents in Lorain County at 48.4 per cent. Due to student enroll-

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## Taking a Stand Against Bullying

Liberty Elementary second-grade students made a pledge to stick together to stop bullying! A special shoutout goes to the NRHS Anti-Bullying Club for organizing the project!

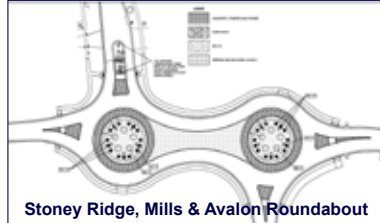


# North Ridgeville State of City 2022: We're in This Together

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## Partnerships

- OPWC & NOPEC
  - Chestnut Ridge Road & Alternate SR 83 Roundabout
  - Stoney Ridge, Mills & Avalon Roundabout (Construction 8/2022)
  - SR 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road Roundabout (Engineering/Design)
- ODOT
  - Center Ridge Road Urban Paving Program (Construction April 2023)
- ODNR
  - Mill Creek Conservation & Flood Control
  - Park Trails



ment growth in the district, North Ridgeville High School is overpopulated and Liberty Elementary is at capacity. The District goal is to build a new high school and elementary school to accommodate the growth of North Ridgeville and increased enrollment.

- City economic activity is vibrant. Discount Drug Mart at Bagley and Lorain will open in April. Other new businesses coming this year include Kenneth A. DeLuca, PhD & Associates, Mootown Creamery, Ohio Mills Storage, Primrose Schools, Smoothie King, Starbucks and Young Explorers Montessori. On the city side, Fire Station #2 renovations are underway. Project cost estimated at \$1.456 million. And plans are underway for the new police station passed by voters via a bond issue last November.

- Large parcels of land and their strategic use will positively impact North Ridgeville's future. One involves the

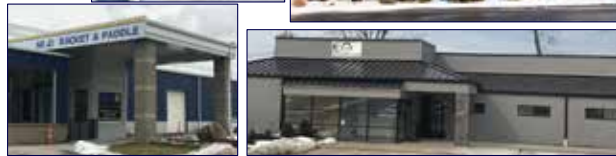


2020 Census: North Ridgeville Awarded Best Response Rate in Lorain County = 85.5 %

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## New & Relocated Businesses

- AT&T
- Animal Clinic Northview (expansion)
- Berkshire Homecare
- Blue Falls Car Wash
- Charmed Boutique
- Cleveland Clinic Medical Outpatient Center
- Crafters R Us
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## New Businesses - Coming Soon!

- Discount Drug Mart
- Kenneth A. DeLuca, PhD & Associates
- Mootown Creamery
- Ohio Mills Storage
- Primrose Schools
- Smoothie King
- Starbucks
- Young Explorers Montessori



## North Ridgeville City Schools



### Protect Our Progress

- NRCS has not asked for new operating funds since 2012: a 10 year promise to the community that the district has fulfilled
- **Issue 6:** Operating levy on the ballot on **May 3, 2022**, that will enable the continuation of current academic programming and educational offerings
- Funds the maintenance of school facilities
- Allows for the continuation of hiring high-quality educators for a growing district
- Keeps pace with student learning and technology needs
- The operating levy is 4.9 mills, costing homeowners \$14.16 per month on a \$100,000 house
- The operating levy is for a 10-year period and will raise \$5,673,000 million per year



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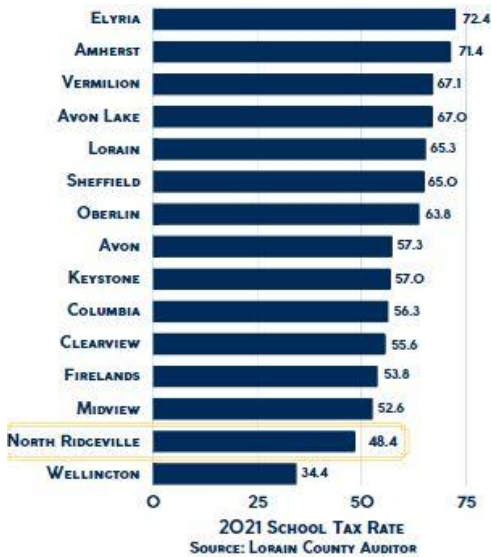
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former Middle School site combined with city land that equates to about 30 acres of real estate between Center Ridge and Bainbridge Road. The city and district are collaborating to determine plans for the plot of land where the old middle school was located.

Polled at the luncheon, respondents said they would most like to see a new recreation center/

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NRCS has the **SECOND** lowest school district tax rate for residents in Lorain County at 48.4%



North Ridgeville student Nick Gardner and the State of the City centerpieces he created.



Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, Supt. of Schools, Marjorie Snyder, President/CEO North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Kevin Corcoran

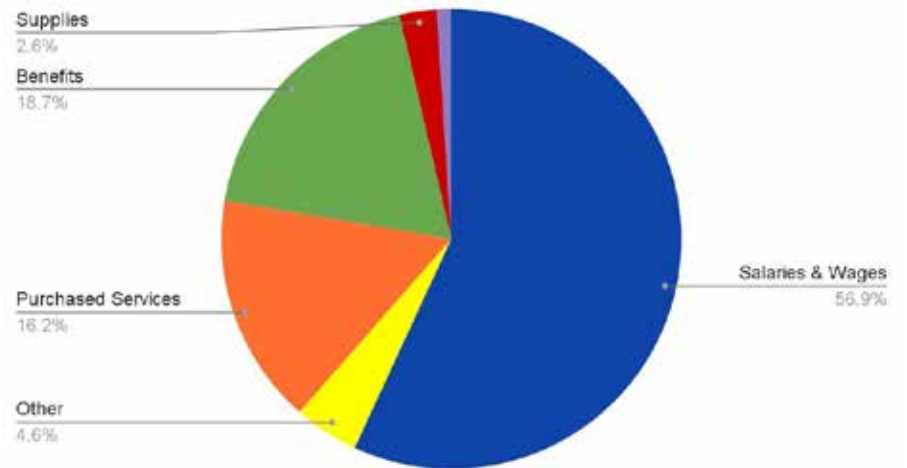
## North Ridgeville Consistently Ranks As Safest City

SafeWise Report 2021:

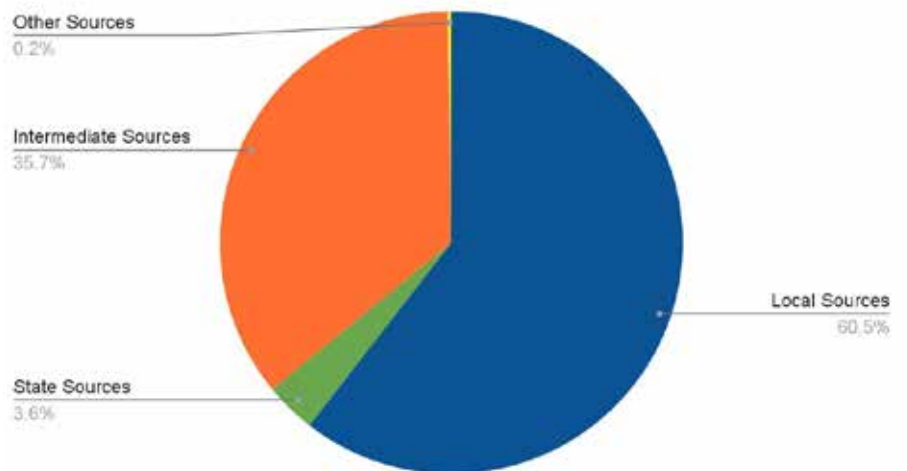
- Ranked #6 Safest City in Ohio
- Ranked #34 Safest City in America



## General Fund Expenses



## General Fund Year Revenue By Sources



## TOP 15 LARGEST CITIES (POPULATION)

Population (2010-2020)						
Rank (2020)	City	County	2010	2020	Change	% Change
1	Cleveland	CUY	396,815	372,624	-24,191	-6.1%
2	Parma	CUY	81,601	81,146	-455	-0.6%
3	Lorain	LOR	64,097	65,211	1,114	1.7%
4	Elyria	LOR	54,533	52,656	-1,877	-3.4%
5	Lakewood	CUY	52,131	50,942	-1,189	-2.3%
6	Euclid	CUY	48,920	49,692	772	1.6%
7	Mentor	LAK	47,159	47,450	291	0.6%
8	Strongsville	CUY	44,750	46,491	1,741	3.9%
9	Brunswick	CUY	46,121	45,312	-809	-1.7%
10	Brunswick	MED	34,255	35,426	1,171	3.4%
11	North Ridgeville	LOR	29,465	35,280	5,815	19.7%
12	Westlake	CUY	32,729	34,228	1,499	4.6%
13	North Olmsted	CUY	32,726	32,442	-276	-0.8%
14	North Royalton	CUY	30,444	31,322	878	2.9%
15	Garfield Hts	CUY	28,849	29,781	932	3.2%

Source: U.S Census 2010 and 2020



Michelle Hung, Lorain County Commissioner, State Representative Gayle Manning, and Georgia Awig, Council at Large



Daphne Yost and Heather Kaesgen of North Ridgeville Community Care.



Kim Lieber, North Ridgeville Director Planning and Economic Development, Heather Johnson, Executive Director, Northridge Health Center and Jason Jacobs, Council President

## LCCC Faculty Receive Top Honors for Community College Excellence

The League for Innovation in the Community College is recognizing four Lorain County Community College faculty members making a difference on campus and in the community.

The League for Innovation in the Community College is an international nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate innovation in the community college environment. LCCC faculty members receiving The League's Excellence Award for 2021-2022 are:

Vincent Granito, Jr., Ph.D., professor of psychology and women's basketball coach



Christine Sheetz



Harry Kestler, Ph.D.



Hope Moon, Ph.D.



Vincent Granito, Jr., Ph.D.

Harry Kestler, Ph.D., professor of microbiology  
 Hope Moon, Ph.D., professor of nursing  
 Christine Sheetz, library coordinator and professor in the teaching and learning support division

Kestler and Moon received the award in recognition of their service to the LCCC campus and community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. From the onset of the pandemic, Kestler provided scientific data that informed LCCC's COVID response. In his popular "COVID-eo" YouTube series, Kestler used his background as a virologist to inform the public while maintaining a calm and reassuring presence. In total, Kestler made more than 80

COVID-eos with over 100,000 views. In creating the series, Kestler said he aimed to follow the advice of Fred Rogers and be a helper during challenging times.

"When the pandemic began, we were all frightened. There was a lot of misinformation circulating and I am a virologist. So, I became a helper," Kestler said.

As a nurse, Moon felt called to improve public health during the pandemic. She became a member of the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps and trained to administer COVID vaccines. She volunteered at countless vaccine clinics in the region, vaccinating hundreds of people against COVID. Additionally, Moon played a critical role in bringing vac-

cine clinics to the LCCC campus for students, faculty and staff. Throughout her career as a nurse and a nurse educator, Moon said the drive to help others has always been at the forefront.

"I was simply doing what nurses do in a crisis and what we as LCCC do to serve our community," Moon said.

Granito and Sheetz received the Excellence Award for their work in supporting student success through the creation of LCCC's new Teaching and Learning Center. The pair led a group of LCCC faculty and administrators who helped develop the concept and mission of the center.

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## Newsweek Names O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville a Best Nursing Home 2022

O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville was awarded a Best Nursing Home 2022 by Newsweek and Statista.

Only 15 facilities in Ohio earned this prestigious award, and of those facilities, O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville was ranked fifth overall. O'Neill Healthcare North Ridgeville is the only Lorain County facility to be recognized.

Statista, in cooperation with Newsweek, conducted a review of nursing facili-

ties in 25 states with the highest population size, and named 450 of those facilities as Best Nursing Homes for 2022. America's "Best Nursing Homes 2022" highlights the nation's top nursing homes based on performance data, peer recommendations and the handling of the current COVID-19 situation, relative to in-state competition. Nursing homes in the 25 states with the highest population size, according to The United States Census Bureau (2020) were

included in the study.

"We are incredibly honored to be recognized by Newsweek and Statista as a Best Nursing Home 2022" said David O'Neill, Director of Operations at O'Neill Healthcare. "We are so proud of our staff for this incredible recognition - they truly deserve it."

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# The Importance of Recycling from Lorain County Solid Waste District

The North Ridgeville Rotary invited Brandi Schnell to their Friday, February 12th meeting to be their speaker. She is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, which is a department of the Lorain County Commissioners.

Brandi spoke about the function of a Solid Waste District and some of the special programs offered to residents. One of these special programs is the Lorain County Collection Center, located at 540 S. Abbe Road in Elyria. This center allows Lorain County residents to bring in acceptable items to drop off during their normal business hours (Mondays: 9am – 3pm, Wednesdays: 12pm – 6pm and Saturdays: 9am – 3pm) at no charge.

Acceptable items include electronic scrap material, fluorescent bulbs, household hazardous waste, scrap tires and paper to be shredded. For a complete list of acceptable items please visit our website: [loraincounty.us/solidwaste](http://loraincounty.us/solidwaste).

Brandi Schnell talked about the history of why the Solid Waste Management District was created and the purpose that it serves today. A focus of the presentation was on how to properly recycle to reduce contamination and ensure the greatest amount of recyclables are being diverted from the Landfill, which as it stands now, only has approximately 14 years of capacity left.

The important takeaway was to only include items in your recycling from the 5 main categories: Metal (aluminum and steel food containers), Cartons (food/beverage containers), Plastic (kitchen, laundry, bath: bottles and jugs), Paper (cereal boxes, newspaper, magazines and flat-

tened cardboard), and Glass (food/beverage bottles and jars). It is important that all items are empty, clean, dry and NOT in a plastic bag. No plastic bags, food waste or food soiled items in your recycling bin.

North Ridgeville receives grant dollars from the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District each year as an incentive for recycling. The more tonnage of recycling, the more money the community receives. North Ridgeville received the second highest amount of community recycling incentive dollars in 2020 for Lorain County. The numbers for 2021 haven't been completed yet. Examples of projects that North Ridgeville has used these grant dollars on include:

- T-shirts and booklets that promote recycling for the Safetyville program administered by the NR police department
- Refrigerator magnets containing the 2022 reuse/recycling/bulk pick-up schedules that go out to all residents
- Advertising and educational materials for the website, community newsletter, mailers and educational brochures
- Recycled content traffic cones, barrels and barricades
- Benches, chairs, trash receptacles and signs made from recycled content. These items can be seen and used at city parks, entrances of the Police and Fire Stations and the Splash Pad.
- Bandit Intimidator 18XP Chipper for use by the Service Department to chip trees, brush and branches and turn them into mulch. This purchase was subsidized by City Funds.



Matt Keller, North Ridgeville Rotary, Brandi Schnell, Community Outreach Coordinator, Lorain County Solid Waste and Michelle Hung, Lorain County Commissioner

## Garden Club of North Ridgeville Plant and Bake Sale

The Garden Club of North Ridgeville will have their annual Plant and Bake Sale on May 21, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Giant Eagle Plaza on Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville by the Dollar Tree store. We have not had a plant sale in the past two years so we have lots of plants to sell at great prices. The plants are perennials that we dig from our yards. We have repeat customers every year so we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. For information, please call 440-365-8522.

## NORTH RIDGEVILLE SENIOR CENTER

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Thurs., March 17, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the musical duo Sunday in the Park as they present The Luck o' the Irish. Whether you're truly Irish or just Irish for the day, this light-hearted collection of Irish songs and stories will put a smile in your eyes and a song in your heart. You'll learn the stories behind the songs—and have a chance to sing along to some familiar tunes. Program begins at 11:00 a.m., corned beef lunch to follow. Please note, due to the special program, cards will begin at 12:30 p.m. on this date. RSVP by March 15 at noon by calling 440-353-0828.

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pool, new high school/middle school, and more retail in the community.

Another critical piece of land will be opened up starting this year when the city connects Cypress Road, a dead-end street off Lear Nagle, to Lorain Road. This will open up about 88 acres of land convenient to the I480 exit ramp. It is the most "economically viable piece of property in the city," said Mayor Corcoran.

The 2022 State of the City address has much more information than can be included on these pages. Residents should turn to the city's website for the complete slideshow. It's also available to read at [www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com](http://www.NorthRidgevilleReview.com).



Matt Lundy, Lorain County Commissioner and Garry Gibbs, Director, Lorain County Tourism Board

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State of the City audience member takes part in the live tele-poll that was part of the event.

## Capital Improvement Projects 2022

- Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension (Barton east to corporation limit)
- Lorain Road Water Main Extension
- State Route 83 Storm Sewer Extension (Hampton Subdivision)
- Barres Road Realignment with Stoney Ridge Road
- Crack Seal Program - 75 lane miles
- Full Depth Concrete Repairs (appropriated \$550,000)
- Sugar Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension
- Mills Road/Jaycox Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement
- Eastview Sanitary Sewer Extension
- Creekside/Pine Condos Watermain Replacement
- Victory Park Detention Basin Sediment Removal
- Hydrant Replacements (\$420,000 appropriated)
- Catch Basin Rehabilitation (\$50,000 appropriated)



## North Ridgeville Police Department North Ridgeville Fire Department

- Responded to 30,193 calls for service in 2021

It's just not about arrests, but also service to the community...

- 487 Vehicle Lockouts
- 505 Disabled Vehicle Assists
- 361 Ambulance Assists
- 341 Welfare Checks
- 249 Premise Checks
- 630 School Patrols

- Calls for Assistance in 2021
- EMS Runs 3,939
- Fire Runs 698
- Total 4,637

17% Increase in Runs  
13 Runs Per Day on Average

## New North Ridgeville Police Station



## Service Department Projects 2021

- Street Paving
  - 12 residential streets = 3.87 miles
- Ditches
  - 5.24+ miles of ditch cleaning
  - 10.48+ miles of tree clearing/bank work
- Water Repairs
  - 18 water main breaks
  - 83 fire hydrants replaced
  - 12 water main valves replaced
  - 70 curb boxes/service lines
- Sanitary & Storm Sewer Inspected/Cleaned
  - 15+ miles sanitary sewer main/laterals
  - 8+ miles roadside/storm sewer

## LCCC Faculty Receive Top Honors for Community College Excellence

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"I am thrilled to be recognized for my service to the LCCC students, faculty and community," Sheetz said.



LCCC's Teaching and Learning Center promotes and supports transformative, innovative teaching and mentoring for the campus community through collaboration and reflection across all stages of an academic career. The center places an emphasis on inclusive excellence, evidence-based practices, quality and innovation to enhance professional learning in an effort to foster a culture of teaching excellence at LCCC.

"I believe the strength of LCCC has been the faculty and the innovative teaching practices directed toward the success of our students," Granito said. "This has really been true over the last two years and the adjustments made during the pandemic."

LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D., said Granito, Kestler, Moon and Sheetz went above and beyond to fulfill the mission of LCCC by helping students, employees and the community during challenging times.

"As our region experienced hardships related to the pandemic, these remarkable faculty members rose to the challenge and did their part to make our campus and community a better place for all," Ballinger said.

The award winners will be recognized during The League for Innovation in the Community College's annual awards celebration on March 3, a component of this year's virtual conference.

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# North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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## Pizza Bake-Off

It was a fantastic time during the pizza bake-off in Ms. Carr's Baking for Beginners classes! Thank you to the staff judges for visiting the classroom to evaluate the delicious pizza!



## Power of the Pen Tournament

Congratulations to NRAC eighth-graders Paige Snyder, Claire Wolanski, and Kellie Riley for their stellar performance at the district Power of the Pen Tournament! Reilly placed 12th and all three students qualified for the Power of the Pen Regional Writing Tournament,



which will take place on Saturday, March 12.

## Building (Toothpick) Bridges

In Mr. Durbin's physics classes, students designed and tested the durability of their toothpick bridges! The project also helped students learn about cost to weight ratio.



## NRHS A Capella Choir, Concert & Symphonic Bands Qualify for State

Congratulations to the NRHS A Capella Choir for qualifying for the State Competition after receiving a superior rating for their performance at the OMEA contest! (Photo Credit: NRHS Choir)



Not only did the NRHS choir perform well at the OMEA event over the weekend, so did the band! The concert and symphonic band both qualified for the State Competition after receiving superior ratings for their performances!



## NRCS Future Fair

The North Ridgeville City Schools are appreciative of the 36 colleges and 45 business partners that were in attendance at last month's Future Fair!



## Friday Fish Frys at Convenient Sunoco

Don't forget about your favorite place this Lenten Season. Stop in and try one of our amazing fish dinners! Pair it with some of our delicious sides, Hush Puppies, Crab Cakes, Cabbage and Noodles, and more! Call ahead and we can have it ready for you! See you all soon. 440-327-7093.

	SINGLE	DINNER
LAKE PERCH	\$2.99	\$10.99
CAJUN CATFISH	\$5.49	\$7.49
COD	\$5.99	\$8.49

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE JOJO'S, COLESLAW & ROLL WITH BUTTER

PIEROGI (Potato Cheese)  
6 FOR \$4.99

CABBAGE & NOODLES  
12 OZ \$5.29 16 OZ \$6.2

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