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# Northwest News

## Survey Reveals Work Needed to Unify the Community

In 2008, the Northwest Local School District's revenue received per student ranked 603rd out of 619 schools in the State of Ohio. This means that Northwest's students are in the lowest 3% in the state regarding revenue received per student. Were you aware of how low the Northwest Local School District was ranked in Ohio?

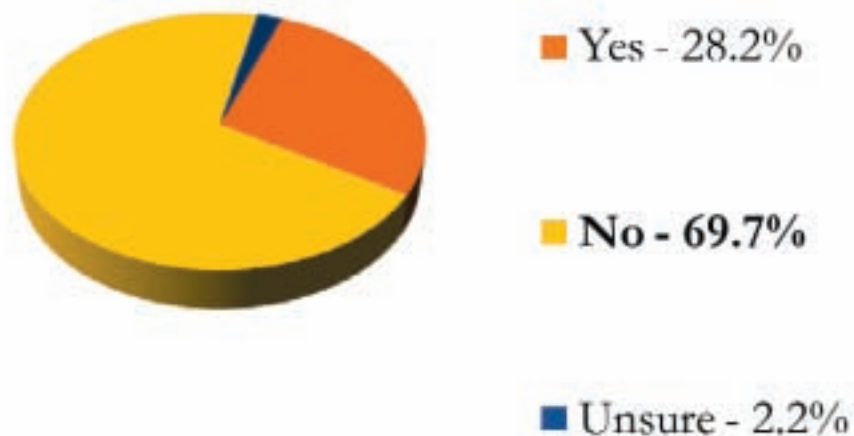
### How Would YOU Answer These Questions?

A random telephone survey of registered voters in the Northwest Local School District has revealed that many of our residents don't know the facts about our financial crisis. Over 70 percent of the registered voters surveyed were unaware that Northwest is in the lowest 3 percent of the state regarding revenue per student. The Impact Group shared the results of the survey taken in mid-June at the August Board of Education meeting.

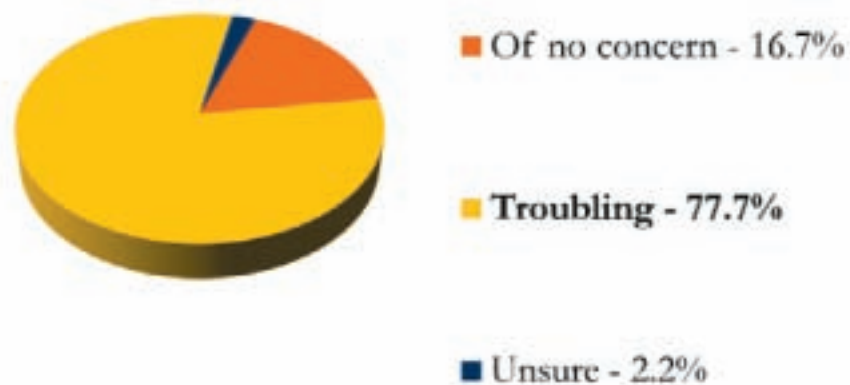
More survey results are available on pages 4-5.

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Now that you know that Northwest's students are in the lowest three percent in the state regarding revenue received per student, as a resident in the NLSD, is this knowledge...



## Board Members on the Web



### Board of Education Members Email Addresses:

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## Superintendent's Message to the Community

Christopher Reeves once said, "Once you choose hope, anything is possible."

The faculty and staff of the Northwest Local School District hope to provide the best possible education for our students in the 2009-2010 school year. Over 2,400 young people, filled with excitement, will enter our school buildings and stand before us, hoping that through our efforts and their hard work, their lives will be enriched. What an awesome responsibility we have as a faculty, a staff and a community!

While I appreciate Christopher Reeves's belief in hope, I must also consider a statement from Charlotte Perkins Gelman: "You cannot put a quart in a pint cup." The Northwest District is trying to do just that. Please consider:

- Northwest's revenue per student is in the bottom 3% in the entire state of Ohio.
- Northwest is one million dollars in debt.
- Northwest has lost and is continuing to lose essential programs and services that our children and their families need.

We are in this dire situation due to a lack of trust and an absence of communication, according to our recent community survey. Let's begin working together. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help save our community and schools. Feel free to contact me at Stetler.W@northwest.sparcc.org if you are willing to help.



William Stetler  
Superintendent

## Contact Numbers for Northwest Schools

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### Stinson Elementary School

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### Northwest Elementary

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## Treasurer's Message

Over the past year our community has been engaged in a discussion about the district's financial crisis. In order to analyze the impact on students, it's important that you understand the specific reductions made to balance the budget.

In recent years we have made these reductions:

- Renegotiation of physical and occupational therapy contracts
- Elimination of school bus purchases
- Elimination of textbook purchases
- Renegotiation of copier and printer contracts
- Elimination of professional leave
- Elimination of in-service days
- Elimination of field trips
- Elimination of 26 staff positions, increasing class size
- Reduction of thirteen (13) extracurricular positions with stipends
- Elimination of the mailing of interims reports and report cards
- Elimination of high school busing

For the 2009-2010 school year, we have made additional cuts in our program:

- Lower transportation costs by moving the start of the intermediate school day to the same time as the middle school.
- Lower transportation costs by eliminating half-day kindergarten.
- Eliminate one (1) administrative position.
- Eliminate 19 additional staff positions, further increasing class size.
- Eliminate programs for at-risk youth.
- Eliminate extended-time contracts.
- Double the cost of pay-to-participate from \$200 to \$400.
- Elimination of the athletic budgets.

These current reductions will reduce our annual spending approximately 1.5 million dollars this year. Of course, our financial situation is also dependent upon the state's budget, and final revenue projections are still being determined.



Dan Levegood  
Treasurer

## Eric Bornstine is New NHS Principal

Eric Bornstine is the new principal of Northwest High School, replacing Steve Jones who retired in June. Bornstine has worked as an associate principal at Wooster High School since 2003. Prior to his position at Wooster, he worked as a teacher of mathematics at Kenmore High School, beginning his career there in 1996. Bornstine is a graduate of Norton High School and the University of Akron where he earned a B.A. in secondary education, receiving licensure in mathematics and chemistry. He also obtained his M.A. in educational administration at the University of Akron.



Eric Bornstine  
High School Principal

Mr. Bornstine brings a wide-range of experience to Northwest High School, including experience in student discipline, development of strategic plans, supervision of activities, staff evaluation, and the alignment of curriculum to academic content standards. Bornstine says, *"I am a student-centered educator who has high academic expectations as well as strong technological skills. I led the development and implementation of the dual enrollment program at Wooster High School."*

He hopes to build on the academic success achieved by former principal, Steve Jones, and the faculty of Northwest High School: *"A successful high school centers on challenging classes for students, a culture where all students receive personal attention whether they need enrichment or remediation activities."*

*Additionally, a successful high school connects student learning to the real world."*

Bob Venables will become the assistant principal at the high school, replacing Gary Dials who retired in June. Mr. Venables is looking forward to working with the staff and students at the high school, where he spent 10 years teaching math and 9 years working as the athletic director. For the past 8 years, Mr. Venables has been the middle school principal. The middle school post will be filled by Jay Baughman who served as the principal at Northwest Intermediate School. As one of the district's cost-saving measures, Lori Mariani will be principal of both Stinson Elementary and the Intermediate School. This move allowed the district to eliminate one administrative position.

## Busing Information



Northwest School District provides transportation for students in grades K – 8. Due to reductions because of the district's financial situation, students in grades 9-12 are NOT eligible for bus service except for those students who attend RG Drage Career Center. The law requires that we provide shuttle service to these students from our campus to and from the Drage. Student mailers listing bus stop locations, bus number(s) and pick-up and drop-off times were mailed to students beginning on August 10th.

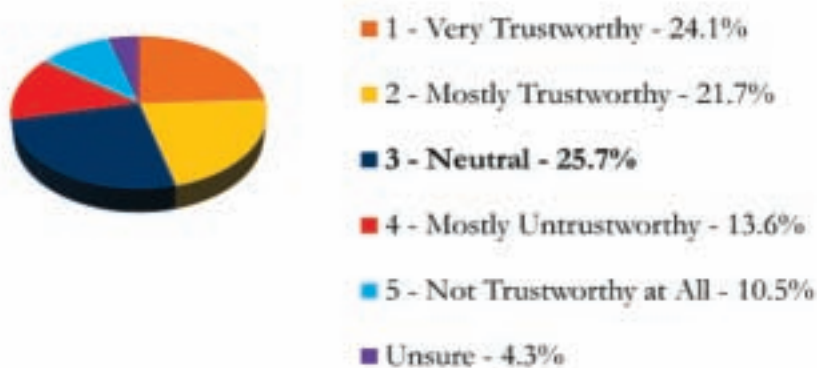
The Northwest Transportation Department strives to inform parents / guardians about various policies and procedures relating to the transportation of students. Parents should be acquainted with policies regarding disruptions, such as substitute drivers, flooding of roadways or accidents. Detailed information about how we deal with these issues is available on the school district website.

If you do not receive a mailer regarding bus service for the new school year, please contact Raymond Gesaman in the department's office at 330-854-3301.

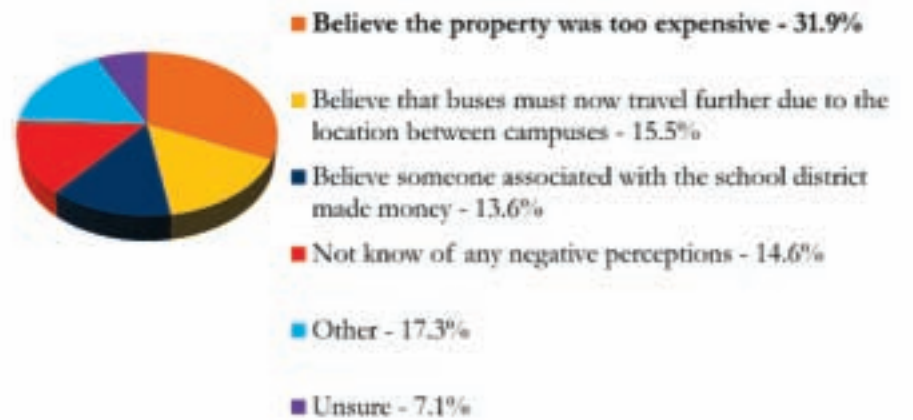
# Community Survey Results

From June 11-13, 2009, The Impact Group conducted a statistically-accurate, random telephone survey of registered voters in the Northwest Local School District. The results yielded a 95 percent confidence level. Because of space limitations, we are able to share only a portion of the survey with you. A complete summary of the survey is available on the Northwest Local School District website ([www.northwestsparcc.org](http://www.northwestsparcc.org)) under "Community Survey."

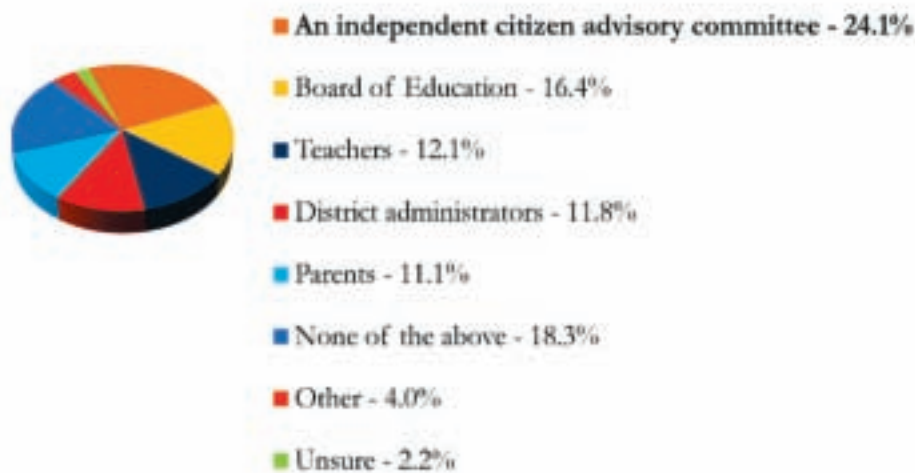
On a scale of one-to-five, with one being VERY TRUSTWORTHY and five being NOT TRUSTWORTHY AT ALL, how would you rate the amount of trust you have in the Northwest Local School District? Would you say the district is:



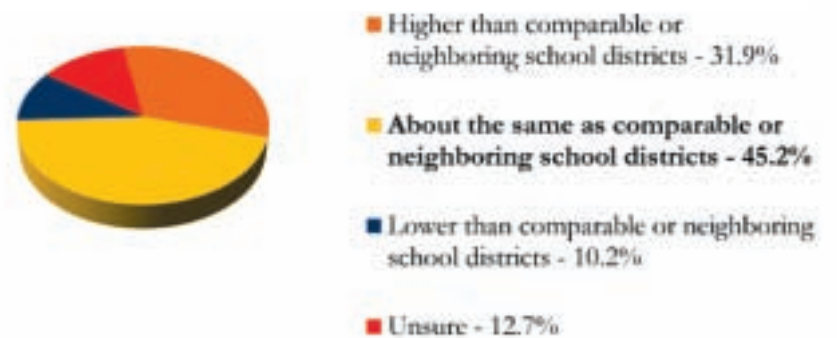
Although the new bus garage was a much needed upgrade for the district, there seems to be a negative perception about the bus garage. Why do you believe that negative perception exists? Do you:



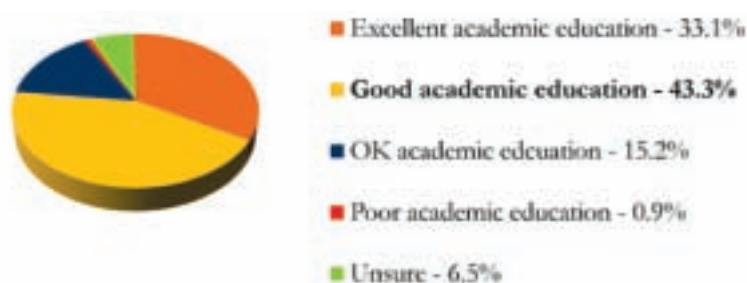
Who do you trust most to provide information about the Northwest Local School District?



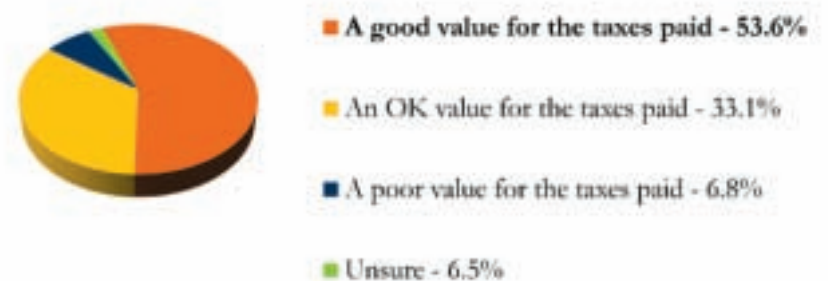
Do you believe the taxes you pay to support the Northwest Local School District are:



Would you say the Northwest Local School District offers an:

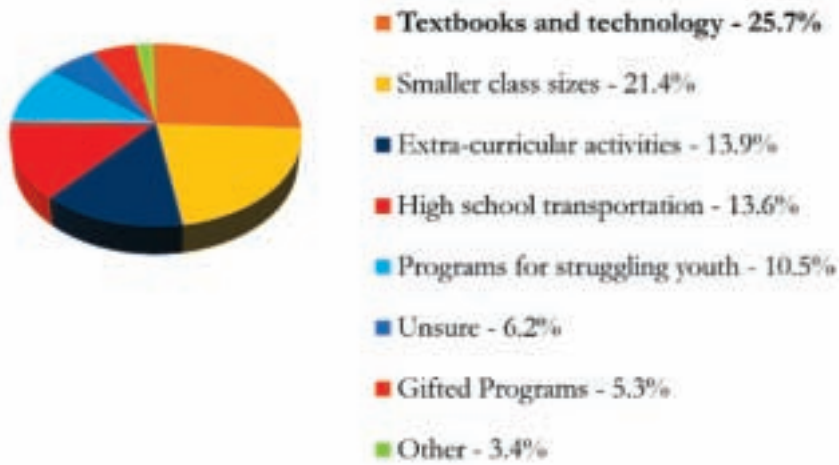


Do you believe that the education provided to the students of the Northwest Local School District is:

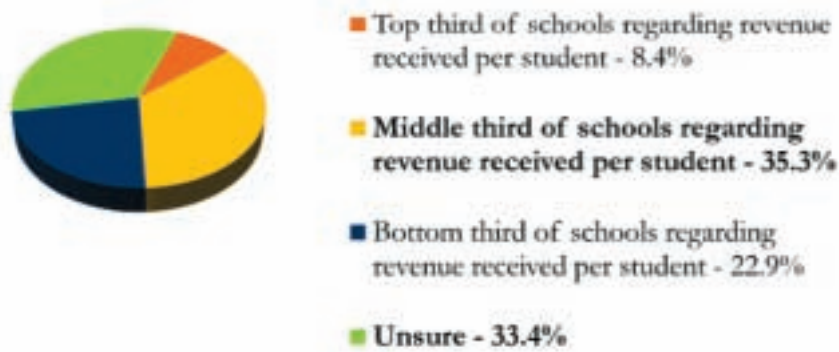




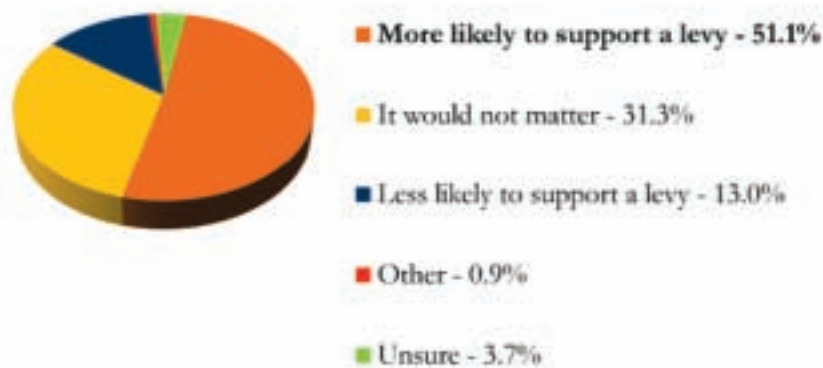
The school district has made significant budget cuts and eliminated many programs during the past two years. If a levy passed, what would be the top eliminated item you would bring back to the schools?



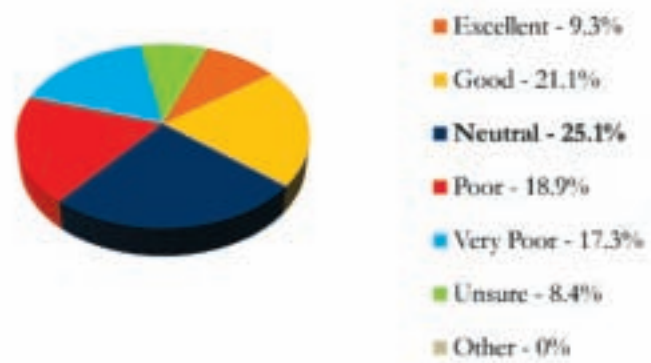
When compared to other school districts in Ohio regarding revenue received per student, would you say that Northwest Local School District is in the...



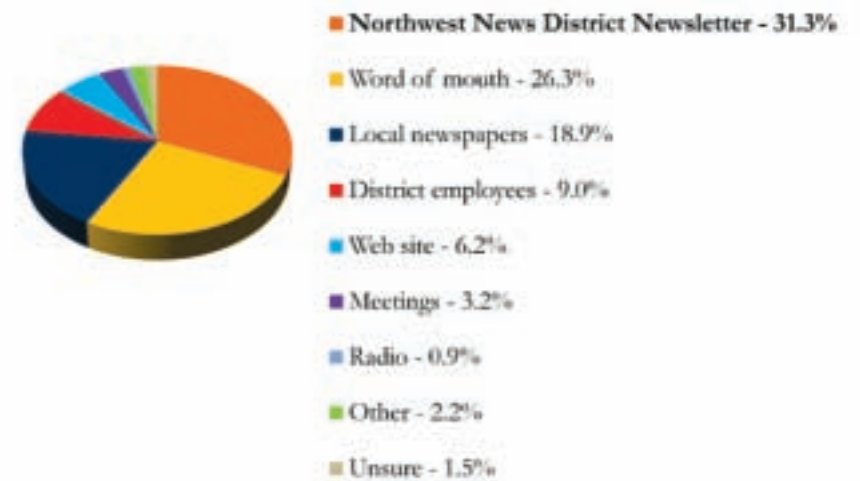
Now that you are aware that the Northwest Local School District has made these budget cuts, would it make you:



How would you describe the management of finances for the Northwest Local School District?



Where do you receive most of your information about the Northwest Local School District?



In general, do you feel that the Northwest Local School District is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?



Do you believe the time has come to vote against all tax increases?



# Northwest Local Schools 2009-2010 Calendar

## AUGUST 2009

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## AUGUST

24 Convocation  
25 First Day of School

## SEPTEMBER

7 Labor Day

## OCTOBER

12 County Inservice  
NO STUDENTS  
30 End of 1st 9 weeks (47)

## NOVEMBER

5 Parent/Teacher-  
NO STUDENTS  
6 Teacher Inservice  
NO STUDENTS  
26-27 Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

21-31 Winter Break

## JANUARY

1 Winter Break  
15 End of 2nd 9 weeks (42)  
15 End of Semester (89)  
18 Martin Luther King Day

## FEBRUARY

15 Presidents Day

## MARCH

19 End of 3rd 9 weeks (43)

## APRIL

2 Parent/Teacher  
NO STUDENTS  
5-9 Spring Break

## MAY

31 Memorial Day

## JUNE

3 Last Student Day  
3 End of 4th 9 weeks (48)  
End of semester (91)  
4 Last Teacher Day

### Snow Day Make Up:

Make-up days will be scheduled beginning June 4, 2010.  
Please do not schedule vacations or other obligations until after  
June 11, 2010 to allow for the possibility of make-up days.  
\*Calendar is subject to change for extenuating circumstances.

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 - Parking (Passes for Reserved Spaces only in Stadium)  
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**Red Reserved Seats  
Premium Cushioned Seats at Mid-Field**

Last Season: \$100 - \$250

New for 2009 Season: Only \$300

Parking Pass: Only \$20

2 seats + Parking Pass:	Last Season \$500	2009 Season \$200
	Savings of \$300!!!!	



**Gray Reserved Seats  
Premium Seats between the 40 yard lines**

New for 2009 Season: Only \$400

Parking Pass: Only \$40

For only \$40 more than you would pay at the gate, you can enjoy a Reserved Seat for the entire Season!



**Parking Pass (No Reserved Seats): \$50**

# Fall Kickoff Dinner Auction

Sponsored by the Athletic Charitable Committee

**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

**\$15 per person**

**Northwest High School Commons**

**Salad, Chicken Dinner & Dessert**

**Silent Auction      Raffle      Door Prizes**

All proceeds will be used to fund the stadium improvements as well as future projects to upgrade the other Northwest sports complexes.

For tickets or to donate an auction item please contact:  
Aaron Schley 330-819-8357 or Lane Knore 330-232-2582

Chicken dinner provided by the Canal Fulton Rotary Club



**Thank you for your  
support of our schools  
and athletic programs.**

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# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

## 2009 INDIANS FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/15	WASHINGTON HS (Scrimmage)	Away	9:00 AM
8/20	GARFIELD HS (Scrimmage)	Home	6:00 PM
8/28	ORVILLE HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/4	FIRESTONE HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/11	FIELD HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/18	* MARLINGTON HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/25	* LOUISVILLE HS	Away	7:00 PM
10/2	* CANTON SOUTH HS	Home	7:00 PM
10/9	* MINERVA HS	Home	7:00 PM
10/16	* CARROLLTON HS	Away	7:00 PM
10/23	* WEST BRANCH HS	Home	7:00 PM
10/30	* ALLIANCE HS	Away	7:00 PM

## 2009 INDIANS BOYS' SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/11	FAIRLESS HS (Scrimmage)	Home	6:00 PM
8/13	JACKSON HS (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00 PM
8/18	COVENTRY HS (Scrimmage)	Home	6:00 PM
8/20	TUSLAW HS (Scrimmage)	Home	6:30 PM
8/21	NBC SOCCER PREVIEW	Alliance	5:30 PM
8/25	MANCHESTER HS	Home	7:00 PM
8/29	BARBERTON HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/1	* CANTON SOUTH HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/5	KIDRON CC	Away	7:00 PM
9/8	* CARROLLTON HS	Away	5:00 PM
9/12	PERRY HS	Home	11:00 AM
9/15	* WEST BRANCH HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/17	CANTON CC HS	Away	7:15 PM
9/19	CHIPPEWA HS	Home	1:00 PM
9/22	* MINERVA HS	Away	5:00 PM
9/24	LAKE CENTER CHRISTIAN	Home	7:00 PM
9/29	* LOUISVILLE HS	Away	5:00 PM
10/6	* MARLINGTON HS	Home	7:00 PM
10/8	WASHINGTON HS	Home	7:00 PM
10/13	* ALLIANCE HS	Away	7:00 PM
10/15	* ST THOMAS AQUINAS HS	Away	7:00 PM

## 2009 LADY INDIANS SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/12	REVERE HS (Scrimmage)	Away	TBA
8/15	HOOVER HS (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00 PM
8/18	PERRY HS (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00 PM
8/20	LAKE HS (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00 PM
8/24	NORTHWESTERN HS	Away	7:00 PM
8/27	CHIPPEWA HS	Home	7:00 PM
8/29	GLENOAK HS	Home	3:00 PM
9/2	* CANTON SOUTH HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/3	ST THOMAS AQUINAS HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/9	* CARROLLTON HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/12	WADSWORTH HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/16	* WEST BRANCH HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/19	CANTON CC HS	Away	3:00 PM
9/21	RAVENNA HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/23	* MINERVA HS	Home	7:00 PM
9/28	BARBERTON HS	Away	7:00 PM
9/30	* LOUISVILLE HS	Home	7:00 PM
10/7	* MARLINGTON HS	Away	7:00 PM
10/10	FIRESTONE HS	Home	12:00 PM
10/14	* ALLIANCE HS	Home	7:00 PM



Above: Quarterback Bryan Jones practices his passing skills.

At left: Coach Vic Whiting providing team leadership as the Indians get ready for the upcoming season.

## 2009 INDIANS GOLF

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/17	BIG CAT @ MASSILLON LEGENDS	Away	9:00 AM
8/19	* WEST BRANCH HS	Home	4:00 PM
8/20	TILLAPAW CLASSIC	The Elms	8:00 AM
8/20	CARROLLTON HS	Away	1:00 PM
8/24	* CANTON SOUTH HS	Home	4:00 PM
8/26	* MARLINGTON HS	Home	4:00 PM
8/27	* MINERVA HS	Away	4:00 PM
9/1	LOUISVILLE HS	Away	4:15 PM
9/2	* ALLIANCE HS	Home	4:00 PM
9/3	* WEST BRANCH HS	Away	4:00 PM
9/9	* CARROLLTON HS	Home	4:00 PM
9/10	* CANTON SOUTH HS	Away	3:30 PM
9/15	* MARLINGTON HS	Away	4:00 PM
9/16	* MINERVA HS	Home	4:00 PM
9/17	LOUISVILLE HS	Home	4:15 PM
9/22	* ALLIANCE HS	Away	4:00 PM
9/24	NBC at WILKSHIRE	Marlington	9:00 AM
9/26	STARK COUNTY	Sable Creek	8:30 AM

## 2009 LADY INDIANS VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8/15	GLENOAK HS	Home	10:00 AM
8/15	ALUMNI GAME	Home	6:00 PM
8/20	RIVER VIEW HS	Away	4:00 PM
8/25	JACKSON HS	Away	4:00 PM
8/29	TRIANGULAR (NW, DOVER, TV)	Northwest MS	10:00 AM
9/1	CARROLLTON HS	Home	6:30 PM
9/3	* WEST BRANCH HS	Home	6:30 PM
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9/26	JACKSON QUAD	Away	10:00 AM
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10/17	NW-HUBBARD-PERRY TRI	Home	10:00 AM