

# Alumni Newsletter

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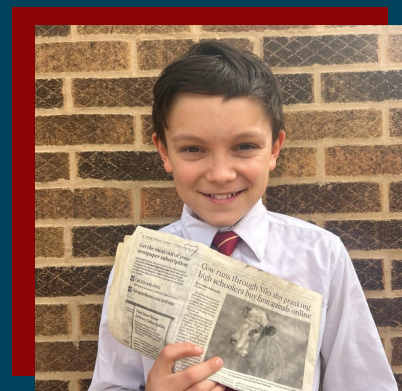
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## THANK THE PRANK

George Dietz III '94 says Northridge was always in the plans for his son for high school, but their timeline sped up after he read a story in [this newspaper clipping](#) about the Northridge Senior Cow Prank that his wife brought to family dinner. "That's my school, boys!" Dietz said to his sons. With a renewed interest in Northridge, Dietz and his wife decided to attend an Open House to get reacquainted with the school. There, he said, is when their decision became clear.

"Once we heard Niall's speech, it struck a chord, and we said, 'Why are we waiting? Why not look at doing this right now?'" Dietz recalled thinking. After some deliberation, the family moved forward with enrolling George IV for sixth grade.

But what was it about the cow prank in particular that drew Dietz back in? "The prank was a combination of the boys being daring enough to do something never done before, and being smart enough to even think of planning it in the first place. To me, that's what Northridge is all about."



**George Dietz IV**

## RECONNECTING WITH YOU

### FREE HAT

*To the first  
10 alumni  
to reply!*



### EMAIL RESPONSES TO

**Jack Cleveland '07**

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### IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, IF YOU...

- **Got married:** please share the date, bride's name, and photo.
- **Had a baby:** please share the date, name, and photo.
- **Moved homes:** please tell us from where, to where, and why you moved.
- **Got together with fellow alums:** please share a photo and a story!

### AND/OR

- **Got a new job:** please share your new company's name and your new title.
- **Job openings:** Are there openings at your company? Would you like to hire a Northridge Alum?

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday, April 26**  
Dinner at the Ridge



**Wednesday, May 21**  
Track & Field Sectionals



**Saturday, May 24**  
Baseball Regionals



**Saturday, September 20**  
All Alumni Reunion



**Friday, November 7**  
Boxing Night



**Saturday, November 1**  
Cross-Country Sectionals



**Saturday, October 18**  
Soccer Regionals



**Wednesday, October 1**  
Golf Regionals



**Friday, November 14**  
All Souls  
Knights Legacy Society  
Mass & Reception



**Tuesday, November 25**  
Alumni Homecoming  
Basketball Game



**Saturday, November 29**  
Alumni vs. Varsity Soccer  
Team Game

## A LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS



### Knights Wrestling Captures Program's First IHSA Regional Title

Knights wrestling continued a historic stretch for Northridge athletics this season, earning their first IHSA regional championship in program history. As a result, an incredible 11 Knights wrestlers advanced individually to compete in IHSA sectionals, with senior Adam Haddad, finishing 3rd at state!



### Scholastic Bowl Knights Take Third at State

Our Knights showcased their academic prowess at the IHSA State Competition, bringing home a coveted trophy! Facing off against nine top teams, they demonstrated mastery across history, mathematics, philosophy, and more. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement!

# A LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS *continued*

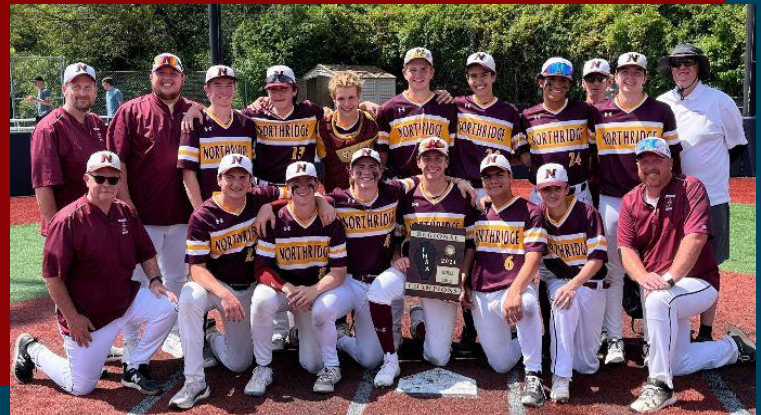
## Cross Country Wins School's First-Ever State Championship Title

The Northridge Cross Country program made history this past fall by winning the school's first-ever State title! From John Kestler to Mike Egle to current coach, Julian Murphy, we owe a debt of gratitude to all of our past and present runners. You all built this!



## Baseball Wins First-Ever Regional Championship!

At the end of the 2023-24 school year, and led by a pair of alumni coaches (head coach Pat Hunt '88 and assistant Pat Hunt Jr. '16), the Knights varsity baseball team ended the year with a bang, winning the program's first-ever regional championship in an instant classic over IC Catholic in Elmhurst. The program's six seniors capped off the accomplishment with graduation the very next day!



## Soccer Wins First-Ever Sectional Championship!

The soccer program advanced to the IHSAA 2A super-sectional game, the farthest a Knights squad has advanced in school history. Several alumni traveled to Waukegan to watch the Knights win their first-ever sectional championship this fall!





### A New Chapter for Northridge Athletics

Beginning this Fall, Northridge will depart the Independent School League (ISL) and become a full member of the Chicagoland Christian Conference (CCC).

This will be good for the school as a whole, and is a great step forward for our entire Athletics Department. You can read Coach Will Rey's letter providing more details about the [change here](#).



### New Clubs!

While many staple clubs remain, we've added robotics, rocketry, wood shop, media club, and more! Check out the [full list of clubs and co-curriculars here](#). We have more than 20!

Investment Club pictured above, lead by Jason Beck '09, enables students to manage \$15,000 in real funds. Jason teaches how to use charts to buy and sell stocks based on *Investor's Business Daily* founder Bill O'Neil's methodology.

## WHAT'S NEW AT NORTHRIDGE



### Alumni Working Full-Time at Northridge

Several of us have returned to the halls of Northridge over the years to serve in various capacities. Currently, we have 12 alumni working here. Our graduation years span the 80s, 90s, 00s and 10s. It's been great to reconnect as colleagues and share our collective experiences back at the school.

### Upgraded Facilities!

Good things come to those who lift! The Summer of 2024, we added new equipment to our weight room such as new racks with integrated cable machines as well as new dumbbells, bars, plyo boxes, pull-up bars, and more.



Our remodeled classrooms raise the professional environment at school. They are complete with new carpeting, paint, LED lighting, a decorative mural on each back wall, blinds and new desks provided by alumni-owned AmTab (Jason '04 and Steve '01 Samikkannu)!



# TRADITIONS LIVE ON

You know the saying: The more things change, the more they stay the same. That statement holds true at Northridge as much as anywhere else!



[Read About The Halls Here](#)



[Read About The SuperFans Here](#)



**John Conroy (Past Parent)**  
[Read Obituary Here](#)

## IN MEMORIAM

Our alumni community lost beloved members this past year whom we honored at our All Souls Knights Legacy Society Mass last November.



**Tim Long '80**  
[Read Obituary Here](#)

### Fellow Alumni,

I hope you enjoyed our first Northridge Alumni Newsletter.

These newsletters are meant to strengthen our alumni community by providing school & alumni updates, event information, and more.

Each year, we'll be sending two editions: Spring and Fall. We want to continue the great work Jerry Shepherd started years ago.

**Cheers,**  
**Jack Cleveland '07, Director of Alumni Relations**  
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