

The Family Connection

January 7, 2019
Special School
Board Edition

Important Dates

January 8, 2019 Board Meeting
January 22, 2019 Board Meeting

Take time to say ‘thanks’ to the Northville Board of Education members!

January is **School Board Recognition Month** – a great time to formally honor the crucial role Northville Public Schools Board of Education members play in the lives of children, schools and the community.



Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are deeply rooted in this tradition. Their job is to establish the district’s vision, mission and goals and develop policies to achieve them; to strongly encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and to advocate at the local, state and national level in support of public education. This work includes an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other documents to read and study; and a never-ending commitment to thoughtful consideration of the issues, balancing perspectives, and making difficult decisions that are both fiscally responsible and focused on what is best for students.

“We are fortunate at Northville Public Schools to have a Board of Education that supports our quest to open *A World of Possibilities* for each and every student that will prepare them for work and life in the 21st century,” said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.” “Together with district leaders, the seven members of the Northville Board of Education develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our school district, and in turn our community. They bear the responsibility and oversight for an annual general fund budget of approximately \$80 million, 7,151 students, 863 employees, and 11 buildings.”

One Hundred Years from Now...

“One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of house you lived in... what kind of car you drove... what your bank balance was... but what will matter is that you were important in the life of a child.”

~adapted from a quote by
Forest Witcraft

“While we make a special effort in January to show appreciation to our school board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment,” Gallagher added. “With this in mind, I invite all the members of our community to make a special effort during School Board Recognition Month to tell our Board of Education members that their hard work, dedication and commitment of time on behalf of our community’s children has been noticed, and is truly appreciated and valued. It can be as simple as writing a note, sending an e-mail, making a phone call or simply saying “thank you” the next time you see a Board member out in the community.”

The men & women serving Northville Public Schools and their years of service are:

BOARD MEMBER	YEARS OF SERVICE
Ms. Cynthia L. Jankowski	7 years
Mr. Matthew Wilk	6.5 years
Mr. Roland Hwang	4 years
Ms. Sarah Prescott	3 years, 4 months
Ms. Laurie Doner	2 year
Ms. Angela Jafaar	Started January 1, 2019
Ms. Suzanne Lynn	Started January 1, 2019

