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Sylvania Northview High School Volleyball



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2024!

by **Chad Rutkowski, Head Coach**

As we reflect on the past 2023 season, we are elated at the steps we have taken within our program to emerge as the elite program in Northwest Ohio. Coming off our Northern Lakes League title in 2022 and two District Championships in 2020 and 2022, the foundation has been set and it is time to forge forward into grander happenings with the upcoming Team 48!

As 2023 comes to a close, we celebrate the Class of 2024 - Claire Smith, Hannah Davis, Hannah Schoen, Jordyn Pakulski, and Natalie Kerchevall. Northview Volleyball wishes you all the best on the endeavors ahead of you and know that you will succeed in all that you do. Always remember "no matter where you go, we will keep in touch, and you will always be welcome when you come home again."

For our returning players and families, it is important to remember that delivering exceptional results requires a different approach moving forward. The sport has shifted and so too must our strategies for preparation and success. We must continue to innovate, finding new ways of conducting our program and looking ahead with optimism. With hard work and dedication, there is no limit to what we can accomplish this year. Here's to an exciting 2024!



# 2024 CALENDAR AND IMPORTANT DATES

Online Calendar for Northview Volleyball – Summer dates and practices are set for the 2024 season with a few minor changes to be expected.

- Computers and Mobile Devices:
  - <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/nvvolleyball%40sylvaniaschools.org/public/basic.ics>
    - You should subscribe to this calendar on your mobile devices immediately as we will start early morning workouts in January, 2024. These will start the week we return to school, with the first morning lifting happening on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.
  - Or to view online, click here - <https://northviewwildcats.org/main/teamCustomPage/id/121169/seasonId/4725010/contentId/55692599>
- Player and Parent Meeting – April 15, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Northview Performing Arts Center
- First Summer Practice/Open Gym for Freshman Only – Tuesday, June 3, 2024
- Incoming 9th Graders Summer Camps – Monday nights throughout June and July
  - More details to follow but will be 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and based on position
- Tryouts – One Day Only – August 1, 2024 from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. (Session #1) and 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (Session #2)
  - Athletes will be required to attend both sessions
- Spirit Wear Order Due – August 2, 2024
- More dates will be added to the calendar as we move towards the season and events are finalized.

*For our new and returning athletes:*

- *Starting Tuesday, January 9, 2024* - Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. Northview Volleyball will be having Optional Weight Lifting in the Fitness Center at Northview High School. These are optional, but highly recommended as strength training will provide us that additional edge in our skillset. Returning athletes should prioritize attending at least once per week, if not twice. For those that have weight lifting as part of their club volleyball experience, you should attend when applicable, but athletes should be weight training at least once per week, whether at Northview or at their club, or a combination of the two.

# PRE-SEASON ATHLETES & PARENTS MEETING

We will officially kick off the 48th season of Northview Volleyball on **Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Northview High School Performing Arts Center**. This meeting will last about 45 to 60 minutes. Please feel free to share this information with anybody that might be interested in playing volleyball in 2024 at Northview.

A friendly reminder, if you are a new athlete to the program (either a transfer or incoming 9th grader), you will need to fill out the **Athlete and Parents Information sheet that can be accessed online by clicking here**.

All incoming freshman volleyball players from both Arbor Hills and McCord have been included on this E-mail, as well as our other 8th graders that have expressed interest in attending Sylvania Northview High School previously, but the link above will be your formal prospect information that we will communicate moving forward.



## WEBSITE CONTENT

For the past couple of years, we have worked tremendously hard to maximize our resources and conserve the amount of waste that we have within our program. With that, we have digitized most of our materials and will share almost everything digitally with very little being sent in print form. This is always a chance for us to create some creative and innovative content which is exciting for the program. Please visit our website ([www.northviewwildcats.org](http://www.northviewwildcats.org)) and click on Team Files to access computer and mobile device backgrounds, daily checklist for athletes, links for match schedules only that you can share with family members.

We appreciate the support of going digital with most of our materials and hope that you will find them helpful and user friendly.

### Follow us on social media

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Northview Athletic Website - [www.northviewwildcats.org](http://www.northviewwildcats.org)

All Northview Volleyball resources can be found online. It is highly encouraged that you utilize the website as much as possible. All of our match results and pictures of our athletes can be found on our social media - please like, follow, share and be as active as you can with our social media posts! It is a wonderful way to get people engaged with our program.

## SUMMER CAMPS

We are excited to host a variety of Volleyball Summer Camps at Northview for all athletes. This year's summer camp schedule will include a week long camp for K - 3rd graders, a week long camp for 4th - 8th graders, a variety of day camps on Monday nights for 4th - incoming 9th graders and, returning for 2024, a *Tune-up for Tryouts Camp* on Wednesday, July 31st, the day before tryouts.

In addition, we will host specific camps for our 7th and 8th graders as well as our high school athletes. Thank you to the Sylvania Rec for the continued partnership to expose all of our youth to the great sport of volleyball. Our 2023 summer camps hosted 468 campers and our 2023 Holiday Camps that concluded last week host 258 campers over 4 days! With over 700 participants in camps in 2023 alone, NVVB will continue to be committed to advancing the sport in our community.

For more information on all of our summer camps being offered in 2024, please visit our website. Registration links and camp specific details will be available soon!