

## NBHS Board of Education Brief January 2012

- The annual NBHS Alumni Breakfast took place on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> with 40+ graduates returning. Six graduates participated in a panel discussion for the junior class during an assembly on 1/10. The senior year of high school and the transition strategies for the first college semester were the focus.
- The NBHS Financial Aid Form Workshop was held on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> with one session at 5pm and another at 6:30pm. A presenter from the Education Consulting Association led the workshop with parents completing forms on-line in a computer lab. Parents were guided screen by screen and were able to submit their forms by the close of the workshop.
- NBHS exams began on January 18<sup>th</sup> and are scheduled for 1/19, 20, and 1/23. Students received the exam schedule and study guide tips during the 1/6 Advisory meeting. During this Advisory Meeting, juniors also developed lists of questions for the Alumni Assembly held on 1/10.
- NatureWorks of Northford donated 200 purple and white tulip bulbs to NBHS. Students completed planting in the NBHS Courtyard and in front of the school during some of the warmer winter days this season.
- The NBHS Helping Hands Club led by Mrs. Travisano, collected over 400 gifts for the Holidays that were distributed by the NB Fire Department, The NB Senior Center, and by the Yale New Haven Toy Closet.
- The Unified Sports Youth Action Leadership Summit was held Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> at Wesleyan University. Five NBHS students attended with Coach Artaiz. The workshops held at the summit focused upon acceptance, leadership skill development, and promoting awareness at the home schools of the participants.
- On Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> the NBHS Boys' Soccer Team held their banquet at Woodwinds in Branford and the NBHS Football team held their banquet on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> at Anthony's in New Haven. Both events were a success and included reflective moments and previews to the future seasons. The NBHS Girls' Soccer Team is scheduled for their banquet on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- During the January 9<sup>th</sup> NBHS Faculty Meeting, faculty reviewed discipline data and PBIS data from the first semester. Positive School Climate is one of the three goals of the NB Public Schools Strategic Plan.
- Tonight, January 19<sup>th</sup>, The North Branford Education Foundation is holding a major fundraiser at NBHS. – The Harlem Superstars versus the NB Dream Team III. Community members including NB educators are scheduled to be suited up to play in this fun event.
- The NBHS School-Based Data Team has continued with the classroom walk through process focusing upon student engagement and rigor. The team is scheduled to meet with the consultant from ACES and will discuss next steps for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. The data has been shared periodically with the entire staff during faculty meetings and during professional development days.
- On 1-23, the NBHS School Climate Committee will be providing the entire staff with a presentation focusing upon the new state regulations regarding school climate. A parent presentation will be occurring later in the year as well as information included within Advisory meetings for students that will be connected to our efforts with *Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports*
- The NBHS Semi-Formal Dance is scheduled for Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> and the Project Graduation Band Jam is scheduled for Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>.