

North Branford High School
April 2018 BOE Brief

- SAT Testing for all Juniors will take place on April 24 due to the weather related early dismissal on March 21. Prior to March 21, The College Board and the CSDE provided districts with directives based upon the weather forecast for the original test date in CT. Many districts will be testing on April 24.
- The NBHS Drama Club's spring musical "Footloose" took place on Thursday April 5, Friday April 6 and Saturday April 7. Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Laudano, Mr. Filippides, Mrs. Caplan, Mrs. Maghini, Mr. Rice, Mr. Maler and Mr. Choti were all significant contributors for this production.
- Mrs. Katie Laudano was named 'NBHS Teacher of the Year' on April 2 during the scheduled faculty meeting. Certified staff were provided the opportunity to nominate their peers during the month of March with voting taking place on March 28. Mrs. Laudano is an accomplished Instrumental Music Educator at NBHS and continues to have a tremendous impact on her students and the program at NBHS.
- On the transition front, NBHS Junior Owen Hanratty participated in a job shadowing opportunity at the State Capital with State Representative Vincent Candelora on March 19. On April 4, seniors with transition plans via their IEPs, attended a financial literacy fair at CCSU.
- The NBHS National Honor Society hosted the annual spring Senior Citizen Luncheon on April 10 at NBHS. Mrs. Lanzoni's Food Service classes prepared lunch and the NBHS Concert Choir under the leadership of Mr. Filippides, performed for the citizens in attendance following lunch.
- The NBHS GSA, led by Faculty Advisor and Health Educator Mrs. Nicole Lacroix, attended the annual True Colors event at UCONN on March 16. Mrs. Lacroix also organized the annual Wellness Fair at NBHS on March 29th.
- English Department Chair Mr. Robert Ford was recently elected to the Executive Board of the New England Association of Teachers of English. Mr. Ford is the editor of the organization's newsletter and serves on the publications committee.
- NBHS Unified Sports participated in a basketball tournament at EHHS on March 12. Students competed throughout the afternoon (3pm on) on the basketball court with 12 local schools on hand for this annual event. The event was well attended by many families and staff members from the local area.
- English teachers Mr. Darragh and Mrs. Ahlstrom-Miller continued their visual literacy initiative in partnership with the Yale Center for British Art. During the recent field trip, students viewed a special exhibition and were also allowed to view rare prints and artifacts usually only accessed by Yale research students.
- The NBHS Music Department departs for Universal Studios on April 12 and returns on April 15. As in the past, this trip is funded via families and costs are offset by a series of fundraisers completed by students during the past two school years. This travel agency has planned successful trips for the NBHS Music Department in the past including Washington DC, Virginia, and Philadelphia.
- Seniors continue to receive updates regarding their college acceptances and financial packages at this time of the school year. Several students have been accepted to some of the most competitive universities on the East Coast including Boston College, Northeastern, the UCONN Honors Program, and Dartmouth of the Ivy League.
- Mr. Ford and Mrs. Lee of the English Department co-authored an article that will be published in the March/April issue of *English Journal*, a publication of the National Council of the Teachers of English. The article focuses upon recent developments in the study of vocabulary.