

NBHS BOE Brief December 2017

- During the October CAPSS meeting, Mrs. Jen Tzetzko presented information about the NBHS Capstone Project to Superintendents and Directors of Instruction and Curriculum.
- The CT State Police and NB Police Department provided a workshop for parents and students on November 30 focusing upon Internet safety and the positives and negatives associated with social networking sites. Assistant Principal Greg Gwudz collaborated with the agencies planning this important event.
- On November 7 (professional development day), Mrs. Stephanie Cangiano-Barry moderated a panel discussion focusing upon effective strategies for teaching in the block schedule. Panelists included: Cindy Genzano, Lauren Ziccardi, Anne D'Agostino, Jon Rapport and Jen McGrath.
- The NB Teacher of the Year, Mr. Rob Ford, was recognized at the CT State Teacher of the Year Ceremony in Hartford CT at the Bushnell. CT Teacher of the Year Mrs. Lauren Danner was a keynote speaker during this November 15 event.
- Ms. Chelsea Dodds once again organized the SHED Writing Conference for the entire Shoreline Conference on November 17 that included several published authors. Students from the attending schools participated in workshops throughout the morning at NBHS.
- On December 5, three members of the NBHS Field Hockey Team were recognized at the CT Coaches Association All State and All Academic Ceremony. Head Coach Babby Nuhn was name Class S Field Hockey Coach of the Year, 6th time in her illustrious career.
- The NBHS Winter Concert was held on December 6 with selections performed by the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chorus and Select Chorus. The vocal groups also performed at the annual NB Tree Lighting event on December 1 and performed for the Women's Club on Saturday December 2. The NBHS Music Department provided a preview concert to NBIS on December 21 and traveled to TVES on 12-14.
- NBHS Drama Club auditions for spring production of Footloose were held on December 7 and 8. Set design and construction has begun with approximately 16 weeks until the performances.
- Mr. Darragh was a presenter at the National Conference of Teachers of English and provided information to the entire English Department during the 12-6 department meeting.
- The NBHS Data Team met on December 13 to review fall PSAT data. This data will be used to: generate literacy and math lab recommendations, created AP Potential lists, analyze trends 9-11, and to review effectiveness of targeted interventions for grade 11.
- On December 15, the NBHS National Honor Society sponsored the annual Gingerbread Wars event in the high school café.
- Members of the NBHS Music Program and the National Honor Society visited the North Branford Senior Center on December 15 for the annual Holiday Musical Performance. The citizens were provided a selection of seasonal songs performed by our NBHS Chorus and Concert Choir.
- The NBHS Homework Exploratory Committee (HEC) has administered a homework survey to all faculty. This committee and the NBHS Leadership Team are currently reviewing the responses and feedback. Questions included related to format, objectives, frequency, and amount for all types of coursework. Future surveys will be provided to students and parents with final recommendations drafted by both groups by the close of the school year.