

**North Branford High School**  
**Board of Education Brief**  
**January 2018**

- Mrs. Genzano's Theatre Arts class provided a free public performance on Tuesday January 9 in the auditorium - This one semester course prepared a series of one act plays and completed their work for this performance throughout the semester.
- Assistant Principal Greg Gwudz and Guidance Counselor Melinda Balg attended Powerschool training on 1-8 and 1-9 provided by powerschool representatives. This update training focused upon the effective use of powerschool and provided updates for the most recent versions of the software.
- Professional Development at NBHS on 1-10 included: Special Education staff attending a Writing Strategies workshop at Central Office provided by SERC (State Education Resource Center) and NBHS staff and students presenting to certified staff on the work of Dr. Carol Dweck of Stanford University - Fixed vs Growth Mindset. This is a follow up to the annual professional development provided via the Shoreline Principals Association that has included teachers and students during the 2015-16, '16-17 and '17-18 school years. The NBHS Homework Exploratory Committee also met to review the results of the staff survey completed this fall and to begin to draft a student and parent survey to be administered this spring.
- The NBHS T Bird News is scheduled for 1-26. The video production classes provide approximately 2-3 shows per month that are viewed during scheduled Advisory time. Typical shows are 9-12 minutes and include: timely news items about the school, upcoming academic and co-curricular events, and public service announcements focusing upon the PBIS attributes.
- NBHS Guidance Junior conferences will begin during February with students and parents both included. The coursework for the senior year and post high school plans are the focus for these important meetings.
- The North Branford Education Foundation hosted another fundraiser featuring The Harlem Superstars versus the NB Dream Team on January 12 at 7pm. Community members including North Branford faculty members participated in this fun event.
- NBHS exams started on January 16 and concluded on January 19. Report cards will be distributed on February 2 with automated electronic updates provided to parents from powerschool prior to and following exams. During 2018-19, NBHS plans on issuing print copies only for the final report card at the close of the year due to the electronic and 24/7 access available to parents and students.
- Ten members of the NBHS Music Program participated in the Southern Regional Festival on January 11 and January 12 at Middletown High School. This prestigious event includes the 'best of the best' from the southern portion of the state of Connecticut.
- The NBHS Athletic Program is one of several school from the Shoreline Conference continues to participate in "CIAC Class Act Sportsmanship Program". This CIAC Sportsmanship program focuses upon participant and spectator expectations including the importance of coaches and parent spectators modeling expectations set forth for participants and all spectators. The CIAC website has information regarding the program. Schools that participate in the program also establish a student leadership team led by the school's athletic director.
- Professional Development at NBHS on 2-14 will include powerschool training in the area of course requests for the upcoming school year so that staff and students can complete this entire process electronically. Guidance Director Abigail Detour will provide the staff with this important information and training.
- Lauren Danner, Tracy Wootton, Carter Welch, Keith O'Rourke, and Todd Stoeffler attended a Next Generation Science Standards workshop at the CT Science Center on 1-18, 19. The state of CT adopted the Next Generation Science Standards during 2015 and Science teachers have been participating in professional development on site, off site and online since the adoption of the standards. This workshop focused upon successful implementation and leadership in the area of Science Education.