

North Branford High School
Board of Education Briefs
June 2018

- The annual NBHS Spring Concert was held on May 16. A number of groups from the Music Department performed including the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Select Chorus.
- The North Branford High School Academic Awards Ceremony was held on May 16 with departmental awards, recognition awards, and scholarships announced and presented to students. There were 26 students recognized as “Advanced Placement Honors” – students who completed 3 or more AP classes. 22 students were recognized for the ‘Presidential Award for Excellence’ – 90 cumulative average and 85th percentile on the ACT or SAT.
- NBHS junior Caitlin May was named the school’s recipient for the Shoreline Conference Social Studies Award Program. All recipients from the conference attended a recognition breakfast and awards ceremony during the month of May.
- NBHS junior Logan Frandsen was named the school’s recipient for the Shoreline Conference Math Award Program. All recipients from the conference attended a recognition breakfast and awards ceremony during the month of May.
- NBHS sophomore Marisa Helf and freshman Elizabeth Sarenas were recognized during the annual Shoreline English Department Writers Conference during May. Prior to the ceremony, students were provided an opportunity to submit their literary work for consideration.
- On May 17 and 18, Assistant Principal Greg Gwudz and Dean of Students Megan Lee presented at a regional PBIS workshop held in Mystic CT. During the two day workshop, they presented information regarding the development and progress of the NBHS PBIS/Full CIRCLE program that acknowledges positive behaviors demonstrated by students. NBHS was one of only three high school level schools selected to present at this professional development workshop.
- On May 25, NBHS hosted another successful PBIS Full Circle Assembly that recognized students and staff for their noteworthy contributions to the school climate based upon the CIRCLE expectations of Citizenship, Integrity, Responsibility, Consideration, Leadership, and Empathy. Dean of Students Mrs. Lee and Assistant Principal Mr. Gwudz co-planned and hosted the event.
- NBIS Grade 8 Students attended a panel discussion on May 23 focusing on successful transition strategies in preparation for the transition to the high school level. High school students participated in the panel, grades 9-12. Ms. Balg coordinated the event with support from staff at NBHS and NBIS. Topics of discussion included academic achievement, extra-curricular opportunities, and insights to navigating high school life in balanced fashion.
- NBHS Spring Sports participated in the Shoreline and CIAC State Tournaments with Outdoor Track, Softball, Baseball, Girls’ Lacrosse, Tennis, and Boys’ Lacrosse qualifying for postseason competition. Girls’ Lacrosse captured their fourth Shoreline Title and Softball captured their fourth consecutive Shoreline Title. A number of student-athletes have been named All Shoreline for their respective sports during the spring season. Coach Connelly (Girls’ Lacrosse) was named Shoreline Coach of the Year and Coach DeLizio (Softball) was named Class M Coach of the Year.
- The senior class trip to Lake Compounce in Bristol Connecticut took place on May 24. The seniors began their day in the high school café and then boarded busses to the park. Return busses ran for the close of the school day as well as 5pm for the seniors wishing to stay longer at the park.
- The senior class reflection and breakfast is scheduled for the morning of June 15 with the graduation ceremonies taking place later that afternoon/evening.