

North Branford High School Board of Education Brief March 2018

- The NBHS Career Fair was held on March 2 with a variety of representatives from the local area attending. Guidance Counselor Carrie Esposito and Transition Coordinator Caitlin Roshka organized this important event that focused on career exploration. Students grades 9-12 attended this important event during the morning blocks.
- Mrs. Nicole Lacroix and sixty NBHS students participated in 'Read Across America' Day on Friday March 2 at Jerome Harrison & TVES. Students read to and with students - this was a great experience for all of the students involved on this literacy awareness day.
- UCONN Student Researcher Enko Berezki, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Renzulli, is completing a research project within Mrs. Danner's classroom this marking period focusing upon the integration of technology and creativity. Dr. Renzulli is known as the pioneer of research and programming for the Gifted and Talented. His work continues at UCONN in the School of Education and he has been recognized nationally as one of 25 of the most influential psychologists in the world <https://gifted.uconn.edu/>
- NBHS athletic teams qualified for Conference and CIAC State Tournament play - Girls' Co-Op Hockey, Boys' Hockey, Boys' Basketball, & Girls' Basketball all qualified with games played during March or at the close of February.
- The annual NBHS Blood Drive sponsored by the NBHS Student Council was held on March 8. In order to donate, students must meet age and screening requirements set by the American Red Cross.
- NBHS Seniors presented their Capstone Projects on 3-14 (some scheduled for 4-11) with faculty providing feedback and using a rubric to score each presentation. Students were required to complete a series of steps prior including submitting a proposal, journal entries, and a reflective paper. This portion of the project was the culminating event for this important experience focusing on career exploration.
- Ms. Dodds and the Kaleidoscope Organization will host 'Game Night' on Friday March 23. Monies raised will be used to offset costs associated with the printing of the annual Kaleidoscope publication that includes poetry, short stories, and songs written by NBHS students. Students were allowed to submit pieces for consideration through March 9th.
- Juniors completed the school day SAT on 3-21. When preparing, students completed embedded tasks during their English and Mathematics classes along with targeted practice using Khan Academy that links students' PSAT performance with SAT practice items.
- The annual Spring Musical, "Footloose" is scheduled for April 6, 7, and 8. Tickets have been sale at the box office during afternoons throughout various dates during March.
- NBHS Student Council Advisers Rebekah Polemeni & Amy Farotti and Student Officers attended a leadership conference in Meriden on March 2 sponsored by Jostens. Jostens manufactures class rings and offers programming for schools focused upon motivation, leadership and school culture.
- On February 26th, Technology Teachers Chris Reynolds and Ken Rice and their Project Lead the Way students visited grade 6 Science classes at NBIS to discuss opportunities within the Engineering Program at NBHS along with the connections across disciplines in each respective content area.