

## North Branford High School October BOE Brief

- College admission personnel have been visiting NBHS throughout the month of September and October, twenty five representatives this month. Juniors and Seniors have been provided access upon their requests to attend presentations. As a part of the Student Success Plans, guidance personnel have also completed senior conferences with parents and grade 12 students focusing upon post high school plans.
- The annual Financial Aid Application Workshop took place on October 4th with two sessions scheduled, 5pm and 6:30pm. Parents signed up ahead of time with Mrs. Detour, NBHS Guidance Director taking the lead with this important workshop.
- In conjunction with the two aforementioned items, NBHS is supporting seniors with the College Application process with support sessions being offered throughout the month of October following the scheduled school day. On Tuesdays, English teacher and Dean of Students Mrs. Lee is working with students on their college essays. The NBHS Guidance Department is hosting support sessions for completing the common college application on Wednesdays during the month of October.
- Annual TBIRD Fair for grade 8 parents and grade 8 students took place on Monday October 16th and Tuesday October 17th. Students visited during the morning of each day with parents participating during the night of 10-16. All viewed a video about NBHS prior to visiting the gymnasium to meet with current students and advisors. All departments, clubs, organizations, and athletic programs had display tables with representatives on hand. The video was produced by Mr. DeLizio and his students under the direction of Assistant Principal Mr. Greg Gwudz. Student achievement, programming, co-curriculars, and interviews (graduates and parents) were included in the informative video highlighting the positives about the school and culture.
- All NBHS grade 9, 10 and grade 11 students completed PSAT testing on Wednesday October 11th during the scheduled school day. Seniors attended classes as scheduled with classes relocated to the first floor to accommodate for testing room needs.
- Alan Bernstein of the College Board visited NBHS on October 17th and met with the NBHS Data Team. Mr. Bernstein met with school administration a number of years ago and inquired recently about visiting NBHS once again. During the meeting, current strategies were discussed including the use of PSAT/SAT data reports and Khan Academy.
- NBHS TV Production classes have continued with scheduled TBird News programming during Advisory during the month of October with two shows per month targeted.
- The NBHS Homecoming week is scheduled for 10-16 through 10-20 concluding with a home athletic contest Friday night on 10-20. The NBHS Student Council sponsored theme days throughout the week.
- Nineteen members of the NBHS Music Program performed in the Shoreline Music Festival at Coginchaug High School on October 12th. Ten instrumentalists and nine vocalists were a part of this annual event that showcases the best musicians of the 12 member conference.
- NBHS sponsored a Hurricane Relief Toiletry Drive during the month of October. Collections were by Advisory groups with the Advisory collecting the most items treated to a breakfast prepared by building administration.
- The US Marine Corps Band performed on September 28th for NBHS Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble. Students were provided to pose many questions between selections with students inquiring about the military, service, and music.
- NBHS Athletic Programs have continued with a successful fall season with Field Hockey, Girls' Soccer, Football, Boys' Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country teams all progressing nicely. During the home Cross Country meet on October 3rd, a dedication ceremony was held in memory of long time NBHS Cross Country Coach Floyd Parness.