



School Talk

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North Branch Area Schools

December 2018

Veteran's Celebration



Our Veteran's Celebration is a long standing tradition here at Ruth Fox. We value our veterans, and we are committed to showing our appreciation each year on the day before Thanksgiving. Throughout the school year, our students write letters to nearly 250 veterans. We also hold fundraisers throughout the year so that we may award our local American Legion - this year we raised \$1400.00. Our program titled "We're Thankful for Veterans," featured: local veterans as guest speakers, a local author, a student choir, the National Anthem sung by an amazing 5th grader, and our main attraction which are poems and letters written and read in appreciation and celebration to the nearly 80 veterans in attendance. We are honored to be able to celebrate these brave and inspiring men and women who have served.



December 2018: Superintendent's School Talk Corner



***Dear Parents, Students, and
Community Members,***

A color portrait photograph of Al Piwinski, a middle-aged man with short, light brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue collared shirt. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a wall with some papers or photos.

I would like to dedicate this space to a man who committed so much of his life to North Branch Area Schools. Al Piwinski passed away on November 3, 2018, exactly ten years from the date the new elementary school was dedicated upon its completion and the students moved into the beautiful new building. One of Al's proudest achievements was the leadership role he played in getting the bond passed to build the new elementary school. But, Al achieved so much more during his years of service to North Branch Area Schools.

Al was hired as an elementary school teacher in 1972. He became the North Branch Elementary Principal in 1983 and served in that role until June of 1998 when he left the district to take a superintendent's position in another district. He returned to North Branch in July of 2002 and served as the Superintendent of North Branch Area Schools until June of 2010. Al became one of my closest friends during this time period and he taught me so much about leadership.

During Al's superintendency, he had to recom-



mend a plethora of cuts to right-size the budget during a decade of economic difficulties. As he would lead the budget discussion, Al always prioritized students and teachers. He adamantly protected all programs that directly impacted the classroom. Shortly after the Board of Education hired me as superintendent back in 2016, Al called to congratulate me on my new position. He told me to always remember three things:

- Be patient and listen before I speak;
- Always put kids first. If in doubt, ask yourself if the decision is best for kids;

- It is possible to love your job and still put your family first.

Al loved people, especially students and teachers. One teacher emailed me and said, "Al knew how people were and how they were doing both in and out of the classroom. Because his staff knew and believed they had his full support, the best interests of students came naturally and kids were put first."

Back in 2008, Al wrote to the community the following in the winter edition of School Talk. He said, "North Branch is a special town. A special place to learn, work, and raise a family." He believed this because of the people in our community who always support the school district and our teachers, support staff, and students. So, on behalf of our community, teachers, support staff and students, the North Branch Board of Education during the November 12, 2018 Board of Education meeting, formally approved renaming the new elementary gymnasium the Alan Piwinski Gymnasium.

Al would be proud to know his commitment to North Branch Area Schools was appreciated and valued. During this holiday season, we are thankful and grateful for the legacy he leaves our district.

He taught all of us to love life, others and our families. He will be missed!

2017-2018 Fiscal Year End General Fund Financial Report

By Melissa Montgomery, Business Director

The audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 was presented to the Board of Education at their regular meeting November 12, 2018. Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. gave the district an excellent evaluation regarding the financial review conducted by their firm. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the district general fund had operating revenues of \$21,835,483. The district expenditures were \$20,974,494 resulting in an increase of \$358,589 to the fund balance. The current fund balance is 12.78% of the budgeted operational expenditures for 2017-2018.

North Branch Area Schools employed 124 teachers, 75 support staff, 12 administrators and a number of substitute workers in 2017-2018. The school district is one of the largest employers in the area and the majority of our employees live within the boundaries of our school district. Since the school district's main

resource is its personnel, this is the largest expense of the district, and approximately 79% of the total expenditures were for wages and benefits paid to district employees. The district contracts for custodial and transportation services.

The student enrollment for the Fall count of 2017 was 2,332 pupils, which is an increase of 8 students from the February 2017 count.

The district's property base improved in 2017. Property values increased from 297.9 million in 2016 to 304.8 million in 2017. This represents a 2.3% increase over the previous year.

The district is financially sound and the Board of Education has adopted five year plans this year for facilities, technology, and curriculum.

You may visit the district website www.nbbbronzos.net to view more detailed information.

North Branch Area Schools General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended June 30, 2018	
	General Fund
Revenues:	
Local Sources	\$1,362,485
State Sources	\$19,896,063
Federal Sources	\$576,935
Transfers In	\$52,142
Total Revenues	\$21,887,625
Expenses:	
Instruction	\$13,687,900
Support Services	\$6,813,054
Transfers out	\$554,542
Capital Outlay	\$473,539
Total Expenses	\$21,529,036
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$358,589
Beginning Fund Balance	\$2,393,531
Ending Fund Balance	\$2,752,120

Drama Department Developments

What a year we have had so far. The North Branch Players started the year out singing and dancing their way in their production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." They spent countless hours preparing for their opening night on November 15th. The production was a great success and thanks go out to all who helped make it that way. A special thank you is sent out to Lauren Dayton (Musical Director); Wendy Miller (Choreographer); Cheryl Burnside (Piano player); Sue Bucholtz (French Horn player); Alex Naracon and Irene Sherman (Costumes and sets), all who volunteered countless hours to help make our students look and sound great. We also would like to recognize Shawn Sorensen, Director along with Adam Glassbrook and

Dominic Williams (student directors) and the student cast and crew for their time and efforts.

The drama department is currently working on their next project, the Annual NBHS Talent Show. Auditions were held in the Gleeson Auditorium on Wednesday, November 28th after school. The Talent Show will be held on Wednesday, December 19th for the student body of NBHS.

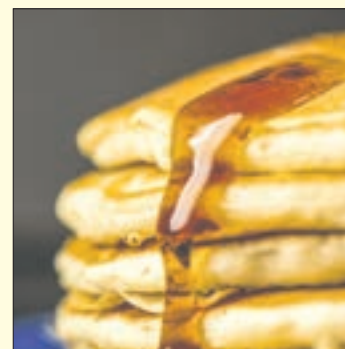
The next Drama production will be an evening of One-Act plays. Please keep an eye out for more information as our thespians will be performing on January 17th, 18th, and 19th. One of the productions will be selected to compete in the Mid-Michigan Drama Festival on February 1st and 2nd in Bay City.



Annual High School Collegiate Breakfast

The annual NBHS Collegiate Breakfast will take place this year on Tuesday, December 19th starting at 6:45 a.m. Students who have graduated and who are attending college or trade school or actively serving in the military are especially encouraged to attend and participate. After breakfast, juniors, seniors, and our guest alumni will move to the auditorium where the graduates respond to questions about life after high school and offer advice on ways to make the most of the remaining time to prepare for what comes next.

Interested graduates should email Student Council Advisor Alison Reed, areed@nbbroncos.net with their RSVP by Friday, December 7th.

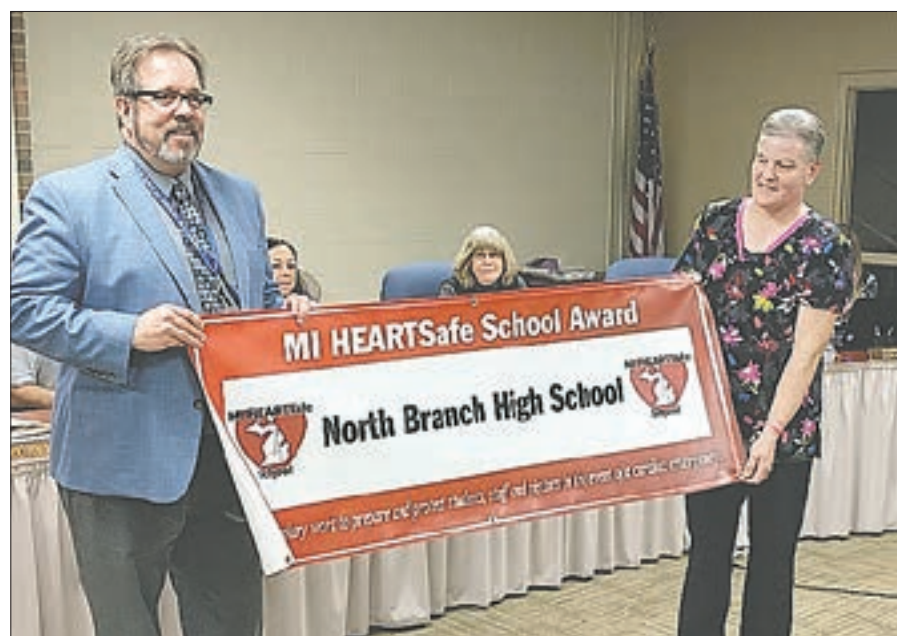


NBHS Recognized as a MI HEARTSafe School!

During the November 12th North Branch Area Schools Board of Education meeting, North Branch High School was recognized as a MI HEARTSafe School by Lori Herbert on behalf of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association, and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young.

A HEARTSafe designation recognizes a school's efforts to prevent sudden cardiac death of the young (SCDY) by preparing for a cardiac emergency. Members of this school community know how to recognize the signs of a sudden cardiac arrest and respond quickly by calling 9-1-1 and using CPR and an automated external defibrillator (AED) until EMS arrives.

North Branch High School received a MI HEARTSafe School banner and award for 2017-2020. We applaud the efforts of the NBHS Cardiac Response team and the NBHS Staff to help prevent sudden cardiac death by creating a safer learning environment for our students and community. These efforts can help save a life!



Promoting Your Future Event

Quest was happy to host the annual "Promoting your Future" event, organized by the Reach Higher Committee. The Reach Higher Committee is comprised of NBHS counselors, administrators, and teachers.

High School seniors from NBHS as well as Quest students rotated between sessions discussing college scholarships, with college admissions representatives, different branches of the military, and representatives promoting the skilled trades.



Tara Tyson and Jessica Hunt talk to College Advisor



Hannah Pack at Trunk R Treat

Quest On Facebook

For more in depth happenings at Quest and to keep up with the great things being accomplished at Quest day-to-day, friend us on facebook!



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NBQuesthighschool/>

Quest Plays Well At TASL Flag Football Championship

Quest's Grid Iron gang traveled to Bad Axe to defend their back-to-back TASL championships! The young men fought valiantly, but fell short.

Quest opened with Bad Axe Ascent High School. They held off Ascent early, opening up to a 20-6 lead. Ascent staged a late comeback, winning 28-26. Quest then took on Caro Alternative. The team came together, besting Caro 54-0. Quest spread the ball around, with 6 different players scoring touchdowns. The last game of the day would see the Quest Owls falter to eventual champions Cros-Lex, trailing by two touchdowns early. Quest closed the gap, but fell short in a close contest 19-16.

Over the three game stretch Mike Milko led the team with 6 touchdowns with Joe Martin totaling 4 touchdowns. Damian Stone, Jacob Elliott, Evan Campbell, and Dylan Boven each added a score. Joe Martin added three 2-point conversions, with Evan Campbell scoring another. Defensively, Quest received strong contributions from Tyler Bemis, Hunter Walesky, Nate Bacon, Nixon Barron, Gabe Young, and Dustin Jones.



Spaghetti Dinner Benefit

The 14th Annual Quest Benefit Dinner was once again well attended! Quest saw a steady stream of those eager to support their program, ranging from former graduates, parents, and those that just stopped in for a delicious plate of spaghetti. The North Branch Masonic Lodge once again donated over \$1,000, bringing their total contribution to Quest to over \$23,000 over the past 14 years.



Mr. Scalf and Kids



Noah Griffith

Chess Club at Ruth Fox

**THANK YOU MRS. MITCHELL
FOR MAKING CHESS CLUB POSSIBLE**

A Chess Club has started at the Ruth Fox Middle School. 7th grader, Josh Barry, led the charge to get a Chess Club up and running by making the suggestion to Mrs. Howe, then finding a teacher (Mrs. Mitchell) to stay after school with the group. An e-mail was sent to all district which resulted in many donated chess sets for the group. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Twelve students attended and of the 12, 8 students knew how to play the game and 4 students came to learn. As students got done with a match they switched partners to play another match. They plan on meeting every Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 in Mrs. Mitchell's room. EVERYONE is welcome!



LCVC Exceptional Educator

Beth Stradinger was nominated for and WON LCVC Exceptional Educator!

Beth WON FREE sunglasses and \$100 worth of supplies for her classroom! Thank You Lapeer County Vision Center! Congratulations BETH.



Students Visit Lapeer Homeless Connect



Some of our student council members had an opportunity to volunteer at "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in Lapeer. The students were able to prepare lunches, fill food boxes, package clothing for needy community members and more. Way to go Broncos!



5-8 Grade PBIS Fall Fest

The Ruth Fox Middle School hosted its first PBIS Fall Fest on October 25th. This was a celebration for students who have maintained good attendance, had all A's, B's, or C's on their reports cards or have shown significant improvement in this area and have had no major disciplinary issues for the entire school year. This celebration was a collaboration of 5th – 8th grade staff that included cookie decorating, donut eating contests, pumpkin bowling, a costume contest and much, much more. The FIRST of MANY ALL SCHOOL events was successful. This event was a success due to a huge collective effort proving there is simply NOTHING we cannot accomplish if we all work together.



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Veteran's Esteem Team Veteran's Dinner

The North Branch Veterans' Esteem Team (comprised of 30 students: 6 HS students and 24 RFMS students) helped the Lapeer Chapter V.E.T & the Koning Family to put on a dinner and event for nearly 400 Veterans and their spouses. We are so fortunate to live in a community where we celebrate the efforts and sacrifices of Veterans.

Kids got to school at 3:00 PM and stayed until the event was over, all chairs and tables were cleared and moved out of the school (10:00 PM).

Student Responsibilities:

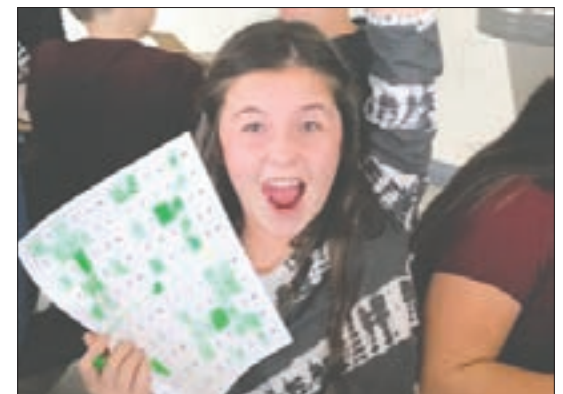
- They helped with the dinner lines and restocked beverages.
- They served coffee, helped with carrying plates, helped clean up plates after dinner.
- They each had a speaking part in the program.
- Most importantly, they made it a point to thank and shake hands with EVERY Veteran in the room and personally THANK THEM for their service.

This event was powerful and emotional! There were so many great speakers to honor our VETERANS!



Veteran's Bingo

Ruth Fox students in the 5th and 6th grades had the opportunity to play bingo for prizes and to raise money for the local veterans associations. For a donation of \$2, students had the chance to play four games of bingo to win one of the many prizes donated by RFMS staff. Kids had a wonderful time while doing something charitable for their community. The donations were presented to the North Branch American Legion at the Veteran's Celebration on November 21st.



Family Math Night

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Family Math Night at North Branch Elementary. BK-6th grade students can join in on lots of fun hands-on learning. Student presentations will be happening throughout the evening. Games and activities will be run by our seventh and eighth grade students, as well as our NBE and Ruth Fox staff members. This year many of our activities will focus around Pi-Day!! There will also be a station where you and your child can learn to play a few math games and then take them home to play later. We hope to see you on March 14, 2019 (Pi-Day).



Dear North Branch Families,

It's that time of year again when we give thanks for the gifts of family and friends. As we gather around our Christmas trees with all the trimmings, gifts, food and festivities, we remember those among us who are less fortunate. Our North Branch Elementary family has a long tradition of spreading Christmas cheer within our community through our "Kids Helping Kids" program.

Many years ago "Kids Helping Kids" was created by our second graders in the spirit of giving. North Branch Elementary students and staff have much to be proud of after donating thousands of items over the years for those in need.

This is where we are hoping for your support as we continue our tradition once again this holiday season. We began our collection of goods on **Monday, November 26th** with the last day to accept donations being **Thursday, December 13th**. We have been asked for specific donations this year. Please DO NOT send in toys. The needed items are the following: **cereal (big need), granola bars, laundry soap, dish soap, body wash, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, kleenex, paper towel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, deodorant, spaghetti, ravioli, cookies, and after school snacks.**

Please send in all donations to your child's classroom. For each item students donate, they will receive a Christmas ornament to color and hang on their grade level tree in the hallway.

We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of our students and our North Branch community through "Kids Helping Kids".

Sincerely,
North Branch Elementary
Second Graders and Teachers



NB Food Service News



To all of our North Branch Families,

You may submit a Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals at any time throughout the school year, as many times as needed, when circumstances change. The reasons to submit a new application would be if your household income has changed, someone loses a job, changes jobs or if the number of people in your household has changed. You may call to have an application sent home with your child or you may download one from our website, www.nbbrncos.net. If you choose to download the application, you can locate it under "Food Service Documents" located under the heading of "DEPARTMENTS." Please submit your completed 2018/2019 application to ANY of our school offices.

Food Service Standards

North Branch Area Schools participates under the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and has a fiscal responsibility to stay in compliance and meet financial accountability; parent/guardians are responsible for meals purchased by their student(s) from the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Students are expected to have funds available on their Food Service Account for the purchase of meals. Our system is a pre-paid debit system, therefore when a student purchases a lunch or breakfast, the amount is automatically deducted from the student's Food Service Account. The preferred method of payment is to pay online through PaySchools. Payments may also be sent in with your student (cash/check) or be mailed to North Branch Area Schools, ATTN: Food Service, PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461

Families are encouraged to prepay for meals, it will help ensure that children have consistent access to healthy, reimbursable meals without accruing unpaid meal charges. Please see the Food Service Policy below:

NBAS Food Service Policy

- Students are not allowed to charge more than 2 lunches (negative balance of more than \$5.00)
- A PB & J/Cheese sandwich with a white milk will be offered at a charge of \$0.75 each occurrence, to the student who has a negative balance of \$5.00 or more.
- Ala Carte items cannot be purchased if there is a

negative balance of \$5.00 or more.

- If a student's balance is negative more than \$5.00, the student may still purchase a lunch with cash.
- A full lunch consists of 3 of 5 items offered, (though 5 items may be taken); main entrée, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk.
- Purchasing milk alone is \$0.50 cents regardless of lunch account type.
- Adjustments will only be made by the Food Service Department.

Thank you for your participation in the breakfast and lunch program at North Branch Area Schools. Please contact North Branch School's Food Service Department at (810) 688-2226 to speak with Supervisor, Louise Nellenbach, or Secretary, Billie Dhooghe, about any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website under "Departments" on the District Home Page for more information.

North Branch Area Schools Food Service Department would like to wish all of our North Branch Area School families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, New Year.

Distinguished Service Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Knox! She was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at the November 12th board meeting. Well deserved!



A Visit To Mrs. Grzecki's Wonderful Room

Mrs. G has been attending AARI training since this summer. Here, she is using AARI (Adolescent Accelerated Reading Initiative) to guide her students through an informational text on Wolves. Through her questioning and her prompting for evidence from the text, her students were able to see things like, author's purpose and details within the story that aide in comprehension. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in her room this week. Thank you Mrs. G for your compassion and care for your kids. Your patience and warmth is inspiring. In this picture Sam is asking questions to his peers about days of the week and events of the month.



As you may already be aware, NBE has adopted a character education program called Core Essentials. This program is based on a monthly value that teaches our school community to:

- Treat other right
- Make smart decisions
- Maximize potential

Along with a monthly assembly and daily announcements, teachers have access to a number of resources that help compliment that particular value.

Our December value is Compassion. Here are a few suggestions in which this theme can be promoted at home:

SAY IT: Caring enough to do something about someone else's need.

KNOW IT:

- Ask a kid:
- Has anyone ever helped you out when you were in need?
- Think of a time when you noticed someone in your class or at your school needed something. It might have been school supplies, new shoes, or a snack for snack time. Did you see anyone show compassion toward that student?

- When have you shown compassion? How did it feel?
- Ask a grown up:
- Where do you see compassion at work in your everyday life? Do you notice people showing compassion at your job, at home, at church, etc.?
- How does it feel to provide a need for someone else?
- Share some examples of compassion that you have experienced in your lifetime.

SEE IT: In September of 2017, Hurricane Harvey ripped through Texas causing immense damage and leaving thousands of people without their homes. What wasn't destroyed by the high winds was ruined by the tremendous flooding that resulted from the storm. The people of our nation joined together to provide relief for the families affected by Hurricane Harvey. Big businesses including Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola, Google and Bank of America rallied and donated millions of dollars to help provide support and economic relief to get people back on their feet. President Donald Trump also pledged 1 million dollars of his personal funds to help disaster relief in Texas. The United States and our elected officials demonstrated their compassion by doing something about someone else's need.

BE IT: Take some time this month to evaluate the needs of people in your life. One night a week, sit down as a family and identify people at school, at work, at church, in your neighborhood or even in your own home who have a need. Consider and discuss as a family what can be done about that need and set out to do something about it in the coming week.

A Visit To Mr. James' Classroom

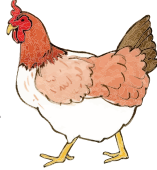
I recently visited Mr. James classroom. What an amazing experience. Through the Technology Grant, his students had the opportunity to utilize Chromebooks to learn about early forms of man. This lesson was done in a "station model" where kids worked either on a timeline or in groups on their

assigned stage of early man. The lesson covered pre-history (time before humans recorded history), and gave students a sneak peek at the enormity of history. Students researched what the very first humans were like and how they lived.



The Little Red Hen

Mrs. Bailey’s students have read The Little Red Hen in class and are building the life skill of responsibility and cooperation. They have been challenged to be helpful like the Little Red Hen by picking a chore to do at home. Here are some students receiving their Little Red Hen Helping Hand award.



Dictionary Give-Away

Our Annual Kiwanis Dictionary Give-Away! Thank you Erika, Krystal and Sarah for providing one for each of our 169 third graders! We greatly appreciate it!!



Cold and Flu Season is Here

It’s that time of year again.....Cold and Flu season. It is important to keep our children healthy. Both the cold and flu viruses are passed by droplets in the air when a person sneezes or coughs. You can also get the flu or cold by touching something that has the virus on it and then touching your mouth or nose.

Ways to keep healthy:

- The CDC recommends getting the seasonal flu vaccine.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, preferably with a tissue or into the bend of your elbow. If you should use a tissue or cough into your hand, dispose the tissue then wash hands immediately.
- Stay away from others who are sick as much as possible. The flu virus can be

- spread from 1 day before getting sick to 5-7 days after.
- Avoid sharing cups, utensils, water bottles or phones.
- Disinfect surfaces, toys and other commonly shared items frequently
- Keeping your child home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications. It’s Important that a sick child get plenty of rest and fluids.
- Antiviral medications maybe beneficial which can be prescribed by your medical professional to help lessen the number of days with the virus. To be effective, antiviral medication must be taken within the first 12-48 hours after the flu symptoms begin.

If your child or family member are experiencing the following warning signs, seek medical care immediately:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Skin color is blueish or gray
- Low urine output
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Lethargic/sluggish
- Flu symptoms improve, but return with fever and worsening cough
- Fever with a rash

It’s important to know the difference between a cold and the flu. Included is a symptoms chart to help determine if you may have a cold or flu:

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rarely	High Temp, lasting several days
Headache	Rarely	Severe
Aches and Pains	Slight	Usually, often severe
Fatigue/Weakness	Mild	Severe
Stuffy/Runny Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usually	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest Discomfort	Common	Common
Cough	Common	Common and can become severe
Chills	Rarely	Common
Potential Complications	Sinus Congestions, Earache	Bronchitis or Pneumonia

Information obtained from the CDC website www.cdc.gov/flu.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Here is the guide I use for determining if I need to send a student home. Please update your phone numbers on your child’s emergency contact list if they have changed. This helps the office contact you if your child becomes ill at school.

- Nurse Patty

Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven’t taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven’t had a fever during that time.
- I haven’t thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.
- I’m throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.

Call the doctor if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.
- I’ve been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.
- I’ve had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren’t getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I’m having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

Congratulations NB Student Athletes



2018 VARSITY SOCCER TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE GPA WITH TEAM GPA OF 3.31.

Front row L to R: Ian Conley, Alejandro Basanta Gete, Jimmie Elizando, William Ankley. Second row L to R: Devin Ray, Brendan Perry, Brent Lange, Garrett VanWormer, Hunter Robinson, Ryan DeWitte, Joshua Sutton.
Not pictured: Ethan Herron, Dominic Seely, Matthew Osborne.



2018 FOOTBALL TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE QUALIFIER WITH TEAM GPA OF 3.981

Front row L to R: Drew Ragatz, Ian Conley, Drake DeMoines, Eli Robinette, Christian Coy, Gavin Cotterman, Dylan Maxwell, Nathan Farnsworth. Second row L to R: Wyatt Howe, Hunter Ratliff, Grant Rose, Kobe Wentzel, Hunter Reinke, Dustin Manns, Taylor Miller, Gerrid Rutledge. Back row L to R: DeMarcus Wagoner, Drake Deshetsy, Caleb Hitchcock, Michael Orebaugh, Lucas Andrews, Michael Gormley.
Not pictured: Kyle Kleinknecht, Caiden Mears, Josh Boyne, Alex Albrecht, Lawson Rutledge, Evan Caudill, Porter Fielder, Brant Mohr.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL INDIVIDUAL ALL-STATE AND ALL CONFERENCE AWARDS

Front row L to R: Delaney Kropp – Ind. Academic All-State 4.006 GPA; Faith Kotur – Honorable Mention All Conference; Hannah Bader – 1st Team – All Region – Ind. Academic All-State 3.968 GPA and Honorable Mention All State; Autumn Deshetsy – 2nd Team All State, 1st Team – All Region – Ind. Academic All-State 4.038 GPA. Back row L to R: Breann June – Honorable Mention All Conference; Reese Ruhlman – Ind. Academic All-State 3.978 GPA and Reese Ruhlman – Wendy's Heismann School Winner – State Semi-Finalist; Allison Bryce – 1st Team – All Region and Honorable Mention All State; Allyson Severance – BWAC MVP – 1st Team All State, Miss Volleyball Finalist and place 3rd in voting – Thumb Player of the year – Signed with Miami University, Ohio – All Region – Ind. Academic All-State 4.019 GPA; Mackenzie Delong – Honorable Mention All Conference – Ind. Academic All-State 3.725 GPA.



2018 VOLLEYBALL TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE WITH A TEAM GPA 3.63.

Front row L to R: Sydney Gormley, Delaney Kropp, Faith Kotur, Hannah Bader, Autumn Deshetsy, Jade Andrzejewski, Shyanne Utley. Back row L to R: Breann June, Reese Ruhlman, Allison Bryce, Jordyn Slater, Allyson Severance, Hannah Farnsworth, Quinn Peterson, Mackenzie DeLong.

Congratulations to our student athletes! We are proud of your efforts, on and off the courts!

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NATHAN FARNSWORTH
2018 Flint Area Football Dream Team-Defense



CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM ALL CONFERENCE
Haileigh Bissett and Caitlyn Rogers



REESE RUHLMAN
Wendy's Heismann School winner
and State Finalist Qualifier.



2018 VARSITY SOCCER INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

Pictured L to R: Ian Conley – Honorable Mention – All District; William Ankley – 1st Team – All District; Hunter Robinson – Honorable Mention; Ryan DeWitte – 1st Team – All District; Josh Sutton – 1st Team – All District – Individual Academic All-State. Not pictured: Matthew Osborne – Individual Academic All-State



2018 VARSITY FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL ALL CONFERENCE AND ALL-STATE AWARDS.

Pictured L to R: Drake DeMoines – Individual Academic All-State Qualifier with 3.739 GPA; Michael Orebaugh – 1st Team; Christian Coy – 1st Team; Michael Gormley – 1st Team – Individual Academic All-State Qualifier with 4.057 GPA; Nathan Farnsworth – 1st Team; Gerrid Rutledge – 1st Team – Individual Academic All-State Qualifier with 4.038 GPA. Not pictured: Porter Fielder – Honorable Mention; Josh Boyne – Honorable Mention

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

We need volunteers. We need fresh ideas. We need support.

If you have an athlete in high school, or one coming up through the ranks, get involved with the athletic boosters.

The North Branch Athletic Boosters will hold the 19th Annual Reverse Raffle Dinner on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Sweet Wedding Chapel and Fellowship Hall (formerly known as Sweet School) located at 473 W. Barnes Lake Road. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Tickets will go on sale after winter break. Lots of raffles and a grand prize of \$2,000 cash.

Come join the fun! We hope to see you there!



Allyson Severance signs with Miami University, Ohio to play volleyball.

NB Winter Sports Schedule

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 14	at IMLAY CITY	7:30
Dec. 27	at BROWN CITY vs. BROWN CITY	7:30
Dec. 28	at BROWN CITY vs. TBA	6:00/7:30
Jan. 04	vs. RICHMOND	7:30
Jan. 08	at ARMADA	7:30
Jan. 11	vs. ALGONAC	7:30
Jan. 15	at LAPEER	7:00
Jan. 18	at YALE	7:30
Jan. 22	at ALMONT	7:30
Jan. 25	vs. IMLAY CITY-Snowcoming	7:30
Feb. 01	at RICHMOND	7:30
Feb. 05	at CROS-LEX	7:30
Feb. 08	at ALGONAC	7:30
Feb. 15	vs. YALE	7:30
Feb. 19	vs. ARMADA	7:30
Feb. 25	Districts at LAKEVILLE	TBA
Feb. 27	Districts at LAKEVILLE	TBA
Mar. 01	Districts at LAKEVILLE	TBA

JV BOYS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 13	at IMLAY CITY	6:00
Dec. 17	vs. BROWN CITY	7:30
Jan. 03	vs. RICHMOND	6:00
Jan. 08	at ARMADA	6:00
Jan. 10	vs. ALGONAC	6:00
Jan. 15	at LAPEER	5:30
Jan. 17	at YALE	6:00
Jan. 22	at ALMONT	6:00
Jan. 24	vs. IMLAY CITY	6:00
Jan. 31	at RICHMOND	6:00
Feb. 05	at CROS-LEX	6:00
Feb. 07	at ALGONAC	6:00
Feb. 14	vs. YALE	6:00
Feb. 19	vs. ARMADA	6:00

FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 13	at IMLAY CITY	4:30
Jan. 03	vs. RICHMOND	4:30
Jan. 08	at ARMADA	4:30
Jan. 10	vs. ALGONAC	4:30
Jan. 15	at LAPEER	4:00
Jan. 17	at YALE	4:30
Jan. 22	at ALMONT	4:30
Jan. 24	vs. IMLAY CITY	4:30
Jan. 28	at MILLINGTON	4:30
Jan. 31	at RICHMOND	4:30
Feb. 05	at CROS-LEX	4:30
Feb. 07	at ALGONAC	4:30
Feb. 14	vs. YALE	4:30
Feb. 19	vs. ARMADA	4:30

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 14	at IMLAY CITY	6:00
Dec. 19	at ARMADA	7:30
Dec. 27	at BROWN CITY vs. BROWN CITY	2:30
Dec. 28	at BROWN CITY vs. TBA	1:00/2:30
Jan. 04	vs. RICHMOND	6:00
Jan. 11	vs. ALGONAC	6:00
Jan. 15	at ALMONT	6:30
Jan. 18	at YALE	6:00
Jan. 21	vs. CARO	7:30
Jan. 25	vs. IMLAY CITY-Snowcoming	6:00
Jan. 29	vs. CROS-LEX	7:30
Feb. 01	at RICHMOND	6:00
Feb. 08	at ALGONAC	6:00
Feb. 12	vs. ARMADA	7:30
Feb. 15	vs. YALE	6:00
Feb. 22	vs. ALMONT	6:30
Feb. 26	at CROS-LEX	7:30
Feb. 28	at CAPAC	7:30
Mar. 04	Districts at NORTH BRANCH	7:00
Mar. 06	Districts at NORTH BRANCH	6:00/7:30
Mar. 08	Districts at NORTH BRANCH	7:00

JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 14	at IMLAY CITY	4:00
Dec. 17	vs. BROWN CITY	6:00
Dec. 19	at ARMADA	6:00
Jan. 04	vs. RICHMOND	4:00
Jan. 11	vs. ALGONAC	4:00
Jan. 18	at YALE	4:00
Jan. 21	vs. CARO	6:00
Jan. 25	vs. IMLAY CITY	4:00
Jan. 29	vs. CROS-LEX	6:00
Feb. 01	at RICHMOND	4:00
Feb. 04	vs. DRYDEN	5:30
Feb. 08	at ALGONAC	4:00
Feb. 12	vs. ARMADA	6:00
Feb. 15	vs. YALE	4:00
Feb. 26	at CROS-LEX	6:00
Feb. 28	at CAPAC	6:00

COMPETITIVE CHEER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 15	at CHESANING	10:00
Jan. 04	at RICHMOND	TBA
Jan. 09	at CROS-LEX - BWAC #1	5:30
Jan. 12	at PERRY	TBA
Jan. 16	at ALGONAC - BWAC #2	5:30
Jan. 19	at DAVISON	TBA
Jan. 30	NBHS - BWAC #3 (High School Only)	6:00
Feb. 01	at ROMEO	TBA
Feb. 06	at ARMADA - BWAC #4 (Senior Night)	6:00
Feb. 09	at OXFORD	TBA
Feb. 21	DISTRICTS (or 22nd)	TBA

VARSITY WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 15	at CARO INVITATIONAL	9:00
Dec. 19	at MONTROSE QUAD w/DURAND & FENTON	5:00
Dec. 28	at MAYVILLE INVITATIONAL	TBA
Jan. 05	at IMLAY CITY INVITATIONAL	9:00
Jan. 09	BWAC #1 @ NB	5:30
Jan. 12	at BAD AXE	9:15
Jan. 18	BWAC #2 @ YALE	5:30
Jan. 19	at LAPEER TOURNAMENT	TBA
Jan. 23	BWAC #3 @ ARMADA	5:30
Jan. 26	PELTIER CLASSIC @ YALE	9:30
Jan. 30	BWAC #4 @ IMLAY CITY	5:00
Feb. 02	BWAC TOURNEY @ CROS-LEX	9:00
Feb. 06	TEAM DISTRICTS @ FLINT KEARSLEY	TBA
Feb. 09	INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS @ GAYLORD	TBA
Feb. 16	INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS @ GAYLORD	TBA

VARSITY BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 07	at IMLAY CITY (CEDAR LANES)	
Jan. 10	vs. ALMONT (GERLACHS)	3:00
Jan. 16	vs. RICHMOND (GERLACHS)	3:30
Jan. 17	vs. MEMPHIS (GERLACHS)	3:00
Jan. 23	at ARMADA (STRIKERS)	
Jan. 28	at LANDMARK (PORT HURON)	
Jan. 31	vs. YALE (GERLACHS)	3:00
Feb. 06	at ALGONAC (COLONY)	
Feb. 07	vs. CROS-LEX (GERLACHS)	3:00
Feb. 13	at DRYDEN (HIDE-A-WAY)	
Feb. 14	vs. MERRITT (GERLACHS)	3:00

7TH/8TH VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb. 11	vs. IMLAY CITY	4:00
Feb. 14	at ALMONT	4:00
Feb. 21	vs. YALE	4:00
Feb. 25	vs. RICHMOND	4:00
Feb. 28	at CROS-LEX	4:00
Mar. 04	at ALGONAC	4:00
Mar. 07	vs. ARMADA	4:00
Mar. 11	at IMLAY CITY	4:00
Mar. 14	vs. ALMONT	4:00
Mar. 18	at YALE	4:00
Mar. 21	at RICHMOND	4:00
Mar. 16	at IMLAY CITY (8th grade)	TBA
Mar. 16	at ALMONT (7th grade)	TBA

HOCKEY

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 14	vs. KALAMAZOO EAGLES (Polar Palace)	7:00
Dec. 15	vs. KALAMAZOO EAGLES (Polar Palace)	2:00
Dec. 19	vs. WEST BLOOMFIELD (Polar Palace)	7:15
Dec. 22	at DAVISON (Dort Federal Arena)	12:30
Jan. 02	at BAY AREA THUNDER (Bay County Civic)	7:30
Jan. 04	at UNITED (Dort Federal Arena)	5:00
Jan. 09	vs. OXFORD AVONDALE (Polar Palace)	7:15
Jan. 16	at FENTON (Hartland Sports Center)	6:30
Jan. 19	at MILFORD (Hartland Sports Center)	6:30
Jan. 26	at GRAND BLANC (Dort Federal Arena)	12:30
Jan. 30	vs. TRI VALLEY TITANS (Polar Palace Arena)	7:15
Feb. 02	at FNV (Saginaw Bay Ice Arena)	7:00
Feb. 06	vs. FENTON (Polar Palace Arena)	7:15
Feb. 09	at LEGION (Colleen J. Howe Arena)	3:30
Feb. 13	vs. UNITED (Polar Palace Arena)	7:15
Feb. 15	at OKEMOS (Suburban Ice)	8:00
Feb. 23	vs. LEGION/Senior Night (Polar Palace)	5:45

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 13	at RICHMOND	4:30
Dec. 17	vs. ARMADA	4:30
Jan. 07	at ALMONT	4:30
Jan. 10	at CROS-LEX	4:30
Jan. 15	vs. IMLAY CITY	4:30
Jan. 17	vs. YALE	4:30
Jan. 19	at SC4 vs. ALGONAC	TBD
Jan. 22	vs. ALMONT	4:30

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb. 20	vs. ALGONAC/ARMADA	4:30
Feb. 27	at ALMONT w/IMLAY CITY	4:30
Mar. 06	vs. IMLAY CITY	4:30
Mar. 09	BWAC TOURNEY @SC4	TBA
Mar. 13	at RICHMOND w/YALE	4:30



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