



School Talk

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North Branch Area Schools

May 2019

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Valedictorian, Co-Salutatorians Announced for 129th Commencement Ceremony

Each year, North Branch High School honors the two students with the first and second highest rankings in their senior class. This year, NBHS is proud to announce **McKenna Forster** as Valedictorian, **Michael Gormley** and **Mathew Osborne** as Co-Salutatorians of the Class of 2019.



McKenna Forster, the daughter of Patrick and Megan Forster, earned top academic honors with a grade point average of 4.103. During each of her semesters in High School, McKenna made the Honor Roll and is a member of the North Branch Chapter of the

National Honor Society.

During her 4 years at North Branch High School, McKenna was very involved with the NBHS Drama department, appearing in several school plays. During her sophomore year, McKenna represented NBHS at the State HOBY Leadership conference in Lansing. McKenna was also very involved with the Dynamic Dance Studio of North Branch. McKenna has earned the Parsons Scholarship as well as the Isaiah Rae Scholarship and will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She has not yet decided her field of study.



Mathew Osborne is the son of William and Maria Osborne. He is undecided on what University he will attend in the fall but plans on pursuing a degree in Engineering.

While at North Branch High School, Matt earned salutatorian honors with a grade point average of 4.078. During each of his semesters in High School, Matt made the Honor Roll and is a member of the North Branch Chapter of the National Honor Society. Mathew participated in Varsity Soccer and Track & Field. He was also active in his church.



Michael Gormley, the son of Dan and Theresa Gormley plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to pursue a degree in Finance and Economics. While at North Branch High School, Michael earned salutatorian honors with a grade point average of 4.078. During each of his semesters in High School, Michael made the Honor Roll and is a member of the North Branch Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Michael served his class as Treasurer all four years of high school and the student body as a member of the NBHS Student Council. He was very active in athletics where he lettered in Football, Basketball and Track & Field. He also earned Scholar Athlete Awards as a member of each of his sports and captain of the Varsity Football and Track & Field Teams. Michael also earned All State recognition in Football. He was also very active in his church as a member of the youth group as well as the Knights of Columbus at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. In his spare time, Michael worked at the NCG cinemas.



2019 Graduation Events Schedule

Friday, May 17th, 2019:

Last day for ALL Seniors.

- **SENIOR EXAMS** – Seniors who need to take their exams in order to earn credit or make up for exceeding the attendance absence limit, will still do so on Monday, May 21st & Tuesday, May 22nd.

Sunday, May 19th, 2019:

- **BACCALUAREATE SERVICE (7:00pm)** in the High School Auditorium. This is a non-denominational, inspirational service honoring the achievement and future for the graduates. Attendance is optional and admission is free. This event is not sponsored by the school.

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019:

- **GRADUATION REHERSAL (3:00pm)** in the gymnasium (required to participate in the commencement ceremony). Seniors who have met all of the graduation requirements will receive their caps & gowns immediately after rehearsal.
- **SWING-OUT (5:00pm)** Students will line up at the front of the High School and will march through town. The parade will end at the corner of Main Street and Jefferson. NOTE: If this event is canceled due to weather, it will not be rescheduled.

Thursday, May 23rd, 2019:

- **SENIOR CLASS NIGHT (7:00pm)** Students will be honored with local scholarships, awards, NHS stoles, athletic awards and honor cords, etc. Participation is not mandatory but it is nice to see all of the seniors celebrating their accomplishments together. Students should arrive at 6:30pm. Students should wear something a bit more dressy (no shorts, tank tops or flip flops).

Wednesday, May 29th, 2019:

- **COMMENCEMENT (8:00pm)** Seniors "MUST" arrive in CAPS & GOWNS by 7:30pm to line up in the south wing. Doors to the gymnasium open at 7:15pm for the public.
- **PROJECT GRADUATION:** This fun filled, action packed, all you can eat, alcohol-free lock-in has been a tradition in the North Branch community for over 30 years. The celebration will begin immediately following commencement on Wednesday, May 29th and will conclude early Thursday morning, May 30th. All students attending are eligible for door prizes but they must be present to win. Only students participating in commencement will be allowed to attend the post grad celebration.

April 2019: Superintendent's School Talk Corner



Dear School Community,

Recently, I enjoyed reading an article about Peter Tabichi and the challenges he faces in teaching science to high school students in a small Kenyan village. He was awarded the 2019 Global Teacher Award given by the Varkey Foundation to the best teacher in the world. He has limited resources (1 working computer), his students come from extremely poor families (95%), and he has a 58:1 student-teacher ratio. Yet, according to the press release announcing his selection over 10,000 other candidates, enrollment has doubled in his impoverished school, discipline issues dropped from 30 per week to 3, and roughly half of his students in 2018 continued their education in a university or college. Why is he so successful? This is what he said upon winning the best teacher in the world award, "Seeing my learners grow in knowledge, skill, and confidence is my greatest joy in teaching. When they become resilient, creative and productive in the society, I get a lot of satisfaction for I act as their greatest destiny enabler and key that unlocks their potential in the most exciting manner."

I have a strong belief our school district is thriving because we prioritize the needs of all students. I invite you attend our twice monthly school board meetings on the second and fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. You will be encouraged that every meeting celebrates the awesome accomplishments of our students and prioritizes how we can improve student achievement. Thus, similar to that small school in Kenya, North Branch Area Schools continues to see an increase in student enrollment which has enabled our Board of Education to make significant investments in our curriculum, technology, and facilities. In addition, we have very few discipline issues and we provide a quality education for all children at all levels. The support of our community has allowed us to focus on teaching and learning in North Branch Area Schools and we are exceedingly grateful.

I truly believe our district's greatest asset is our dedicated and committed school employees and specifically our teachers. Quite simply, our team of professionals (teachers, support staff, and administrators) love working with your children. We get to be part of an amazing learning process on a daily basis. We are mindful of creating a positive and safe environment where 2,355 children can come to school to learn. Three years ago, we adopted an "All In"

theme to remind us students will always come first in this district. We work tirelessly to provide a rigorous education for all students, and our primary goal is to educate all children so they can become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

As we near the conclusion of another successful school year, we look forward to the Class of 2019 graduation on Wednesday, May 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Kelley Hutchins Young (Class of 2005) will return to North Branch to deliver the keynote address. She currently teaches chemistry to freshmen level pre-medical and science major students at the University of Notre Dame. Kelley's success at such a young age is in part to the excellent education she received from North Branch Area Schools. The Class of 2019 has represented our school district and community exceedingly well and I appreciate Kelley returning to share some of her experiences with them.

On behalf of all NBAS employees, thank you for your continued support which allows us to do our jobs of educating your children.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer,

Jim Fish

North Branch Superintendent

Friend of Youth



Andrea Kropp

has been a member of the North Branch Athletic Boosters for 8 years, where she discovered how she could apply her marketing and advertising experience to help the community. For the past 6 years she has

coordinated much of the Boosters' fundraising efforts raising \$10,000-\$15,000 a year that has been used toward the purchase of athletic equipment and supplies, scholarships for Senior athletes, funding for teams to attend regional or state competitions, and more. She also served as Secretary for 4 of those years, and helped with North Branch Community Hall of Fame and other Booster projects.

Thank you Andrea for your continued support of North Branch Area Schools!

2019-2020 NBAS Parent School Calendar (Dates to Remember)

August 20	1st Day of School	January 21	3rd Marking Period Begins
August 23	No School	February 12	Count Day
August 30	No School	February 14	No School
September 2	No School (<i>Labor Day</i>)	February 17	No School (<i>Potential Snow Day Make-Up</i>)
October 2	Count Day	March 20	No School (<i>Potential Snow Day Make-Up</i>)
October 18	No School	March 26	End of 3rd Marking Period
October 25	End of 1st Marking Period	March 27-April 3	No School (<i>Spring Break</i>)
October 28	2nd Marking Period Begins	April 6	School Resumes 4th Marking Period Begins
November 15	No School	April 10	No School (<i>Good Friday</i>)
November 27-29	No School (<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>)	May 22	No School (<i>Potential Snow Day Make-Up</i>)
December 23-January 3, 2020	No School (<i>Winter Break</i>)	May 25	No School (<i>Memorial Day</i>)
January 6	School Resumes	June 9	Last Day of School (<i>1/2 Day</i>)
January 17	End of 1st Semester		
January 20	No School		

NB Food Service News

The North Branch Area Schools Food Service Department is happy to report that the Administrative Review recently conducted by the Michigan Department of Education Office of School Support Services and School Nutrition Programs meets full compliance with all state regulations set forth by the USDA under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This is a comprehensive evaluation of NBAS school nutrition program and includes both Critical and General areas of review. The Critical and General areas of review are intermixed across four primary sections: Access and Reimbursement, Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality, General Program Compliance and other Federal Program reviews.

The NBAS Food Service Department is committed to serving your children the highest in quality meals while still continuing to meet the standards and regulations set by the Michigan Department of Education and USDA.

PARENTS: Please check your student's food service accounts. All outstanding balances must be paid by June 1, 2019. No meal charges will be allowed after May 1, 2019. All negative balances must be paid in full by Monday, June 17, 2019.

Policy Regarding Food Service Accounts

- Students are not allowed to charge more than 2 lunches (negative balance of more than \$5.00).
- A peanut butter and jelly or cheese sandwich with white milk will be offered, and \$0.75 will be charged to the student's Food Service Account each time, once the student's lunch account is negative \$5.00 or more.
- Ala Carte items are CASH ONLY or students MUST have funds on their Food Service Account. Charges are never allowed for Ala Carte items.
- 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.
- Adults and Staff are encouraged to have funds on their Food Service Accounts or pay at point of service. No charging is allowed.
- Purchasing milk alone is \$0.50 cents regardless of lunch account type.
- Adjustments will only be made by the Food Service Department.

Meals may be paid for with cash/check or online through PaySchools. Payments may also be mailed to North Branch Area Schools, ATTN: Food Service, PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461. If you would like to pay for school meals online, please visit Family Access Tab at www.nbbrncos.net.

School Meals follow the USDA guidelines:

Menu items are offered from all 5 components. In order to be compliant with the National School Lunch



Program, your child must select at least 3 of the 5 components (for all grades) for their choices to be considered a meal, which is priced as a unit. If they choose less than the minimum required, student account will be charged separately for each item.

The components are:

- Meat/Meat Alternate
- Grains/Breads
- Juice/Fruit/Vegetable
- Fruit/Vegetable
- Milk

What is Ala Carte?

Ala carte items are "Cash Only" unless there is money on the student's food service account. These items are not part of the breakfast or lunch reimbursable meal program. Ala carte items meet the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools Standards which require more whole grains, low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables, and leaner proteins while being lower in fat, sugar, and sodium in order to provide more of the nutrients children. Some examples of ala carte items include-single purchase OR extra milk or juice, cookies, chips, an additional entrée, ice cream and other non-menu items. If a parent or guardian only wants their student to only purchase a breakfast and/or lunch, they may contact the Food Service office and controls may be placed on the account to block or limit ala carte purchases.

Special Dietary Needs

If a student has a special food sensitivity/allergy that would prevent him/her from eating the regular school meal, the school will make ANY substitution prescribed by a licensed physician. The physician's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, MUST be submitted to the food service department before any special diet can be given to the student. The Michigan Department of Education's Request for Special Dietary Needs Accommodations Form is available through the food service department and also available online at www.nbbrncos.net, located under the Food Service Documents tab, and needs to be filled out by a licensed physician. This provision is State mandated.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Applications may be filled out and submitted at any time throughout the school year even if you have already submitted one earlier in the year. If there is a change in household size, income or a loss of income, please submit a new application. Applications are available in each school office or by calling the Food Service Department at (810) 688-2226. Application are available online by going to www.nbbrncos.net, located under the food service documents tab.

Thank you for your participation in the breakfast and lunch program at North Branch Area Schools. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at 810-688-2226.



SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Anyone interested in enrolling through the Schools of Choice program at North Branch Area Schools can obtain applications on www.nbbrncos.net

the Superintendent's office, or from any of our building offices.

The Schools of Choice enrollment period is May 1 – August 23, 2019

(Application are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 23, 2019)

Please Note: If you are a current student at NBAS and have moved out of the district you will also need to fill this out if you continue to attend NBAS.

Contact Rhoda Lucia 810-688-3570 for additional details.

SENIOR SCHOLARS

Each year, North Branch High School recognizes the top 25 students in the senior class, based on a combination of Grade Point Average and SAT test scores. These top academic students receive the title of Senior Scholar and will be recognized during Senior Class Night, and awarded a gold cord to wear with their graduation gowns on the night of commencement.

This year's Senior Scholars are:

Jacque Ankley	Delaney Kropp
Charles Buckel	Bryce Lopucki
Christian Coy	Cora McLean
Drake Demoines	Emily Murray
Autumn Deshetsy	Mathew Osborne
Nathan Farnsworth	Olivia Philips
McKenna Forster	Riley Roach
Michael Gormley	Gerrid Rutledge
Abigail Hadden	Joshua Schmitt
Julie Hagopian	Allyson Severance
Marcus Holzinger	Brunno Voigt
Noah June	Natalie Wells
Ava Key	



Academic All Conference

Each year, the 8 schools in the Blue Water Area Conference nominate the top five students to be named to the BWAC Academic All-Conference Team. The students are nominated based upon a combination of their GPA and SAT scores.

On April 25th, the top five students, based on these scores were treated to a luncheon at Greystone Golf Club & Banquet Center in Washington, Michigan, where they were recognized for their academic accomplishments and received a BWAC All Conference medal.



Riley Roach



Mathew Osborne



Marcus Holzinger



McKenna Forster



Ava Key

Congratulations to these students who earned the right to represent NBHS on this year's BWAC Academic All-Conference Team.

Also invited to this prestigious ceremony are the top Female and Male Athletes from the Class of 2019. Representing North Branch High School this year are Reese Ruhlman and Gerrid Rutledge.



Reese Ruhlman



Gerrid Rutledge

Thank You!

North Branch High School-The Bronco Boutique and Trading Company would like to thank the following for their support:

Samsung SDIA of Auburn Hills
Knights of Columbus
North Branch Athletic Boosters
North Branch Wesleyan Church
Life In Christ Church, North Branch
Lapeer Church of Christ
North Branch/Lapeer County Community Members

The Bronco Boutique and Trading Company is a safe place for students to have access to free clothing, food and hygiene products.



The North Branch Drama Department performed their spring production of "The Trials of Robin Hood" on April 4th, 5th, and 6th. This comedic version of the folk tale puts Robin Hood on trial and we watch as Robin Hood, Maid Marian and the Sherriff of Nottingham all tell their version of the events. With three possible endings, the audience decided which version was the truth.

On Friday, May 10th, the drama department will be presenting a bonus production called "Dessert Theater." Patrons will be treated to dessert before the performance, and students will perform songs from Broadway Musical Revue. All the proceeds will be donated to the Hope Fund, a scholarship fund in honor of Arianna Phovone.

NBHS Graduate Awarded Model UN Honors

Brenden Forster, 2017 NBHS graduate, received honors at the regional Collegiate Model UN conference competing on the Alma College Model UN team. For the 26th straight year, Alma College students received top honors at the Midwest Model United National Conference. Competing Feb. 23-23 in St. Louis, Mo., Alma students representing the countries of Argentina and Indonesia received "outstanding delegation" recognition, the highest award at the conference. More than 600 students representing 75 delegations from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest participated in the conference. Alma College teams have won 48 "outstanding" awards at the Midwest Regional since 1994. "It was an outstanding performance by our students," says Derick Hulme, faculty coordinator of Model UN at Alma College. "Nineteen of the 23 Alma students who competed received delegation or individual recognition. Seventeen members of our team were first-time participants at a Model UN regional conference."

Model UN attempts to replicate the real United Nations in a competitive manner. Teams of college students take on identities of countries, and delegates from each country meet in committee to propose, discuss and debate topics relevant to issues facing the world community. Once resolutions are completed in committee, they are presented to the Model UN replication of the UN general assembly to be further debated before the assembly votes on resolutions.

Alma College advanced to the National Model UN Conference held March 24-28 in New York City. Alma has won top honors at the national conference for 22 consecutive years -- the longest active winning streak in the nation.



Derick Hulme and Brendan Forster at United Nations building in New York

While in NYC the students were able to visit the floor of the United Nations and to meet some of the ambassadors currently working there. They also competed in the National Model United Nations competition which had over 5,000 student-delegates from 151 different countries. The competition was broken down into different committees of 250-300 students. We are proud to say that Brenden and his partner were given one of the 3 peer awarded "outstanding delegate" awards. Out of all of the delegations in attendance, the Alma College team was awarded the Outstanding Delegation Team award!

Congratulations Brendan. We are all very proud of you!

College
Decision
Day May 3

**Where Will
North Branch
Students
Go After High
School?**

May 3rd is College Decision Day, and we are proud to announce that North Branch High School is a host site for Decision Day 2019 (#MIdecisionday). For the sixth year in a row, North Branch High School will be participating in both the State and National campaigns. All NBHS Seniors who have made a commitment to post high school education/training, will be recognized at our Decision Day Ceremony which will take place during 3rd hour (9:23-10:31) on Friday, May 3rd in the NBHS Auditorium. The purpose of Decision Day is to recognize high school seniors for their post-secondary plans and encourage younger students and families to prepare early for post-secondary education.

Decision Day is held annually on or around May 1 in the State of Michigan. It is designed to coincide with the date that most seniors must inform a college of their plans to enroll. College and military recruiters will be here to recognize the students that are attending their institutions in the fall.



North Branch Area Schools will once again be offering a summer school program for students in grades 7-12 that need to recover lost credit. The online program, Edgenuity (Education2020), will be used for the credit recovery, with over 50 courses being offered. Orientation will be held approximately one and a half weeks after the last day of school. Please check with your students' counselor or for a link to the application on the NBAS website in early June for definite dates and times for orientation.

Summer school classes will tentatively begin the week of June 24th (Orientation date) and will conclude the last week of July. The fee per course is \$80.00. For more information please see your student's counselor or for specific questions, please contact the Summer School Coordinator, Corey Rosser at crosser@nbbrncos.net or by calling 810-688-7581, ext. 2820.

Enroll at Award Winning Quest High School Today!



Students interested in enrolling at Quest High School or obtaining more information about the programs offered at Quest can learn more about us on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/NBQuesthighschool/

To enroll at Quest contact Program Coordinator Corey Rosser at 810-688-7581 or by e-mail at crosser@nbbronzos.net



Let's See How Far We've Come



2008 Quest graduate **John Ekstrom** was a guest speaker in Mr. Scalf's class. John recently received his journeyman's card as an electrician. He spoke about a rewarding career in the trades. He is just one of several former graduates invited back this year to speak to current Questers.

Quest Merit Scholarship



Quest seniors have been hard at work preparing for their next chapter in life! Among the many scholarships and applications is the opportunity to apply for the Quest Merit Scholarship. The scholarship is fully funded by former North Branch community members Ron and Carolyn Bower, who have pledged over \$20,000 in scholarship money to Quest graduates over the last decade and a half. Congratulations to this year's winners: **Zakiyah McCanham, Dominic Sloan, Reese Nelson, and Dustin Jones**. Best of luck in your future endeavors!

Quest Students Excel at Ed-Tech State Competitions

Several Quest students have performed well at their state and local competitions in their trade.

Senior Dominic Sloan participated at the state BPA (Business Professionals of America) competition in Grand Rapids, with his team placing 3rd out of 20 schools, narrowly missing a chance to compete at nationals in California. Junior Jalen Lewis placed 2nd in Culinary Arts at the Skills USA Local Competition and was rewarded with a trip to the regional competition, Junior Jaclyn Stratton traveled with her Sales and Marketing class to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, performing admirably.



Quest Community Service Day



While mother-nature did not cooperate for Quest students to perform their full community service day, students were able to make it out to help rake a number of lawns for senior citizens.

This is the 13th year that Quest has served the senior members of the North Branch community.

Thank you to all the students who participated in this service project.

Quest Girls Win TASL Volleyball Tournament



Quest traveled to Cros-Lex for the 3rd Annual TASL Volleyball tournament.

The girls' team, consisting of Jacklynn Barton, Nycol Deming, Jessica Hunt, Holly Jidas, Alyssa Pettingil, Jaclyn Stratton, Savannah Todd, and Laina Wilson won their 2nd Championship in three years. The girls finished the day undefeated, overpowering their competition with strong serves, and great team play!

The boys' teams played hard, but fell just short finishing in the middle of the pack.

Quest Girls Win Another Bowling Championship

The Quest girls team came away victorious at the Thumb Alternative Sports League bowling tournament, on their way to their second bowling title in three years. The girls dominated, winning by 174 pins. The Quest girls' team boasted the top three female finishers for individuals, with Abby White taking 1st, Lexis Scott 2nd, and Jacklynn Barton 3rd. Quest's other two scores counting toward the team total were Kirstyn Dumity and Emma Huantez. Additional team members included Ryver Kotzke, Breanna Louk, Alyssa Pettingil, Jaclyn Stratton, and Savannah Todd.

On the boys division, the Quest boys finished third. The Quest boys' team included Hunter Walesky and Mazinn Findley who finished 3rd and 5th for individuals. Other top scorers for Quest included Brennon Hartman, Mike Ottenbacher, and Nixon Barron.



Don Johnson chucks a ball at an opponent.

Quest Hosts 7th Annual Dodgeball Tournament

Quest hosted the 7th annual TASL Dodgeball Tournament. Overall 7 boys' teams and 3 girls' teams competed from 4 different schools.

Our two boys' teams performed very well. The Quest Black team finished the day 9-3, taking 2nd place. The Quest Red Team also played well, finishing with a 6-4 record and a 3rd place finish. The Quest girls' team played well also and finished the day in a tie for 2nd in the girls division.

Quest High School Receives Grant



Quest High School has received a \$500 grant from the MEEMIC Insurance Company. The grant money will be used to support our programming for our students.

Great job Questers!!!

The funds will go toward learning tools and classroom supplies.

Let's See How Far We've Come



Quest welcomed back 2017 Quest graduate **Randy Jackson** while he was home on leave.

Randy spoke to the class about his career in the military. It was a good opportunity for our students to see a great success story and to ask questions in exploring options for their future!

County Spelling Bee Champion **Wyatt Opperman!**



Pictured with Mrs. Woodruff and Mr. Sieh
(District and County Spelling Bee Judges)

Mrs. Mitchell Wins Grant!

Mrs. Mitchell won a 3D printer grant from Gentner Insurance Agency. Congratulations to Mrs. Mitchell and thank you Gentner Agency for providing these grant opportunities to educators and students.



Pictured: Assistant Principal Mr. Barkowska,
Mrs. Mitchell and Dan Gentner

RUTH FOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

CLUBS

- KINDNESS CLUB
- CHESS CLUB
- ARCHERY CLUB
- QUIZ BOWL
- GAMER'S CLUB
- ROBOTICS
- STUDENT COUNCIL
- VETERAN'S ESTEEM TEAM

In addition to many athletic opportunities, our school offers students a variety of clubs to belong to and participate in.



RUTH FOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Gifted and Accelerated for 5-6

PRE-ALGEBRA

ALGEBRA

SPANISH

ADVANCED ENGLISH

...and coming in 2019-2020

COMPUTER SCIENCE

2nd Annual Math Night a Huge Success!

Over 300 students and parents joined us for our 2nd annual K-6 Family Math Night. This was a hands-on, active learning event led by students and staff. Kudos to Mrs. Lewis for planning this event and for the students/staff who headed up the various stations!



March is Reading Month!

We had a number of events/activities taking place this month including:

- A building-wide theme of **Reading is my Superpower! What is Yours?**
- Various reading ideas for each day in March available on calendars.
- Passports were used once again to track minutes read.
- Students who met their monthly reading goal received a FREE BOOK!
- A building-wide Read-In.
- The top two readers from each grade level were able to compete against Mr. Terauds and Mr. Matheson in an obstacle course.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY STUDENT, EVERY SCHOOL, EVERY DAY

Dear Broncos,

It is hard to believe that we have just two more months to go! Hopefully, with all the snow days and cold / flu bugs behind us we can wrap up the year with strong building attendance. With that said, we ask that all parents send their children to school, on time, every day to ensure that they receive the optimal learning experience for the remainder of the year.

With the start of the day at 8:37 a.m., it is imperative that students are here to be a part of the morning routines. Unfortunately, we have dozens of students still coming in late on a regular basis. Over time that adds up to a sizable amount of missed instruction.

With the end of the day at 3:42 p.m. it is imperative that students remain in class until the bell rings. When students leave early, they may miss out on receiving classroom/building correspondence, properly completing their homework logs or receiving last minute instruction.

Though we realize there are valid reasons for missing partial or full days, the fact remains that there is a direct correlation between academic success and regular school attendance.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

Together in Learning,
Greg Matheson, Principal

Perfect Attendance!



We are happy to report that we had 68 students with perfect attendance during the 3rd marking period. This includes students who attended every day and have not been tardy or left early. **Great Job!**

Liam Bennett	Aiden Goralski	Samantha Osborne
Layla Benson	Keegan Goss	Nevaeh Ott
Jasper Bitters	Dylan Griffis	Peyton Patterson
Alexander Bradshaw	Paige Griffis	Evalynn Putnam
Andrew Bradshaw	Connor Healy	Jacob Rae
Vanes Branch	Owen Healy	Mason Richardson
Hudson Budreau	Jakob Heim	Peyton Schaaf
Frank Campagne	Jacob Hemingway	Layla Searles
Aaron Card	Julius Hill	Taia Searles
Benjamin Card	Jersi Hoist	Nevaeh Sloan
Ethan Card	Rodney Holcomb II	Kara Smith
Brilynn Carpenter	Elliott Hutchinson	Lucas Smith
Emily Carrier	Elijah Johnson	Emma Solon
Johanna Cleghorn	Candela	Charlie Stebbins
John Coppola	Victoria Johnson	Ryleigh Stebbins
Hunter Curtis	Candela	Josiah Tyler
Eliza Damaska	Owen Lowe	Kendra Vert
Skye Dorner	Blake Marble	Karen Wells
Myla Dricoll	Aaron Matthews	Garrett White
Danika Franklin	Sophia McDonald	Blake Willis
Rylee Gagnon	Antonio O'Brien	Teaghan Wilson
Elizabeth Garrett	Kamdin O'Dell	Gretchen Yens
Rose Garrett	Silas Opperman	Quinn Zarski
	Allison Osborne	

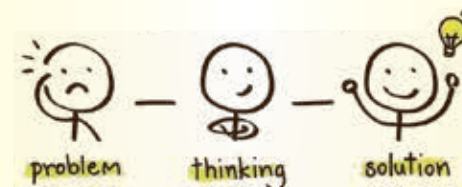
UPDATE:

Begin-a-garten/
Kindergarten
Registration

If you were not able to attend our kindergarten round-up, a second, more condensed version will be offered in the near future. We will be contacting those affected parents to secure an appointment for that date. The assessment results and recommendations from the April 2nd Round-Up will be sent out no later than the beginning of May.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding the recommendations or need to begin the registration process, please contact the office at 810-688-3042.

CRITICAL THINKING



There's an important skill that can help your child succeed in school: **CRITICAL THINKING!**

Spot Similarities – Choose two objects in the room that don't appear to have anything in common, (ex. - a clock and a snow boot). Ask your child to find at least one thing that is similar about them. He/she could say that the numbers are printed on both or that each has parts to them.

Flip a Fairy Tale – Critical thinkers can look at situations through different lenses. Encourage your child to write a fairy tale from another character's point of view. For instance, how would the wolf tell The Three Little Pigs? He might think of himself as hungry rather than "big and bad." If the mother pig were the narrator, how might the story be different?

Be Strategic – Games like checkers, chess, Connect Four, and Mastermind build thinking skills. Play some together, and share your thought process. "If I move here, you'll probably move there, and then I could capture your piece." Suggest that your child talk himself through his/her moves, too.

APRIL CORE ESSENTIALS: HOPE

This month's value is Hope. Here are a few suggestions in which this theme can be promoted at home:

SAY IT: Believing that something good can come out of something bad.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Can you think of a time when something bad happened to you or someone you love? How did you react? Were you able to think positively and have hope?
- Who is someone that you know who is a hopeful person? What are some things that they do or say that suggest they have hope?

Ask a grown up:

- When is the last time that you held a grudge against someone? How long did you do this? What was the end result?
- How does it feel to let someone else win an argument or conflict in order to keep the peace?
- What are some things that you have done that have helped you be successful in keeping the peace?

SEE IT: Watch this short video about Ruby Bridges, a six year old African-American girl who integrated a public school in New Orleans in November of 1960. Not only does this video speak to her immense bravery, but also to the hope of the African-American community that one day their children would be able to be fully integrated into society and be treated equally. This was certainly a time when people believed that something good could come of something bad. pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/video/ruby-bridges-goes-to-school/

BE IT: This month, volunteer at your nearest Red Cross. This nonprofit organization helps individuals and families affected by disasters such as fires and hurricanes. There are many ways to volunteer including donating blood or assisting with a blood drive, installing free smoke alarms and helping out after a disaster strikes. Your family will not only serve as a source of hope for people, but you may also witness hope in the people that you serve.



Congratulations NB Student Athletes



Sydney Gormley, Faith Kotur and Jordyn Slater sign with OCC to play volleyball.



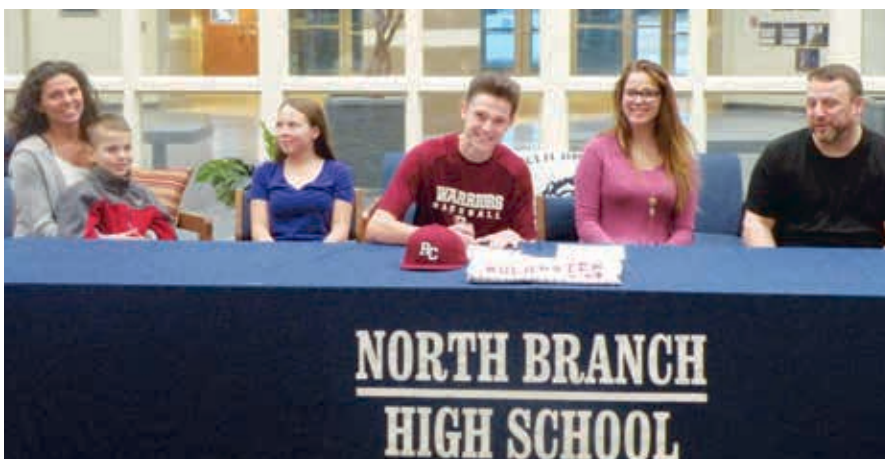
Autumn Deshetsy signs with Grace College to play volleyball.



Maeson Schlaud signs with Madonna College to play softball.



Reese Ruhlman signs with University of Detroit Mercy to play softball.



Colton Maher signs with Rochester College to play baseball.



Mackenzie Delong signs with Grace College to play volleyball and track & field.

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Dylan Castle and Caitlyn Rogers sign with SC4 to run cross country.



Riley Bugg signs with SC4 to play basketball.



Jade Andrzejewski signs with Adrian College for track and field.



**Varsity Competitive Cheer
BWAC All Conference
Awards:**

Pictured L to R: Jordan Gregory, Honorable Mention All Conference; Lily Davis, Honorable Mention All Conference. *Not Pictured:* Ally Marshall, All Conference



**Varsity Girls' Basketball BWAC All
Conference Awards:**

Pictured L to R: Erin Wadley, Honorable Mention All Conference; Autumn Deshetsy, Honorable Mention All Conference; Reese Ruhlman, MVP 1st Team All Conference



**Varsity Boys' Basketball BWAC All
Conference Awards:**

Pictured L to R: Drake Deshetsy, Honorable Mention All Conference; Riley Bugg, MVP 1st Team All Conference; Nathan Farnsworth, Honorable Mention All Conference and All BWAC Defensive Team. *Not Pictured:* Gerrid Rutledge, 2nd Team All Conference



Jacob Young,
Hockey 2nd Team All Conference
and Division I
All-State Team Hockey

SPORT PHYSICAL INFORMATION

A current school year sport physical is a physical that has been given on or after April 15 of the previous school year; therefore, sport physicals received on or after April 15, 2019 will be good for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. William Starbird of North Branch is offering sport physicals for \$10.00 on the following dates:

Tuesday June 18 • 9am – noon and 1 – 3pm

Tuesday, July 16 • 9am – noon and 1 – 3pm

Tuesday, August 6 • 9am – noon and 1 – 3pm

No appointments are necessary and physical cards may be picked up in the athletic office or will be available at Dr. Starbird's office. Students not accompanied by a parent will need a note from their parent stating that their child may receive a sports physical from Dr. Starbird's Office.

NB SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 20	Cass City	Away	4:00
April 02	Goodrich	Away	4:00
April 04	Clio	Home	4:00
April 06	Montrose @ Whaley Park	Away	2:00
April 08	Caro	Away	4:00
April 11	Richmond	Home	4:00
April 16	Yale	Away	4:00
April 18	Garber	Away	4:00
April 23	Armada	Away	4:00
April 26	Swan Valley	Away	4:00
April 27	Greater Flint Tourney	Away	8:00
April 30	Almont	Home	4:00
May 03	Cros-Lex (single game)	Home	4:00
May 07	Algonac	Home	4:00
May 11	Caro	Away	9:00
May 15	Cros-Lex (single game)	Home	4:00
May 18	Bad Axe Invite	Away	TBA
May 21	Imlay City	Away	4:00
May 27	Greater Flint Tourney	Away	5:00
May 28	Millington	Home	4:00
May 28/June 1	Districts @ Cros-Lex	Away	TBA

VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 20	Cass City	Away	4:00
April 02	Goodrich	Away	4:00
April 04	Clio	Home	4:00
April 08	Caro	Away	4:00
April 11	Richmond	Away	4:30
April 16	Yale	Home	4:30
April 18	Garber	Away	4:00
April 23	Armada	Home	4:30
April 27	Saginaw Heritage	Away	TBA
April 30	Almont	Away	4:30
May 02	Lakeville	Away	4:00
May 03	Cros-Lex (single game)	Away	4:30
May 07	Algonac	Away	4:30
May 11	Swan Valley Quad	Away	TBA
May 15	Cros-Lex (single game)	Away	4:30
May 16	Oxford	Home	4:00
May 21	Imlay City	Home	4:30
May 24/25	Greater Flint	Away	TBA
May 28	Millington	Home	4:00
May 28/June 1	Districts @ Cros-Lex	Away	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 03	Goodrich	Away	4:00
April 04	Clio	Away	4:00
April 08	Caro	Home	4:00
April 11	Richmond	Home	4:00
April 16	Yale	Away	4:00
April 18	Garber	Home	4:00
April 27	Caro Tournament	Away	9:00
April 23	Armada	Away	4:00
April 30	Almont	Home	4:00
May 03	Cros-Lex (single game)	Home	4:00
May 07	Algonac	Home	4:00
May 09	Swan Valley	Home	4:00

JV BASEBALL, cont.

May 11	Slug Fest @ Broome Park	Away	TBA
May 15	Cros-Lex (single game)	Home	4:00
May 17	Millington	Away	4:00
May 21	Imlay City	Away	4:00

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 03	Goodrich	Away	4:00
April 04	Clio	Away	4:00
April 08	Caro	Home	4:00
April 11	Richmond	Away	4:30
April 16	Yale	Home	4:30
April 18	Garber	Home	4:00
April 23	Armada	Home	4:30
April 27	Caro Tournament	Away	9:00
April 29	Capac	Home	4:00
May 02	BWAC Tourn-Yale	Away	4:30
May 03	Cros-Lex (single game)	Away	4:30
May 04	Hemlock Invitational	Away	TBA
May 09	BWAC Tourn-IC/CL	Away	4:30
May 11	Slug Fest @ Whaley Park	Away	TBA
May 15	Cros-Lex (single game)	Away	4:30
May 16	Oxford	Home	4:00
May 17	Millington	Away	4:00
May 21	Imlay City	Home	4:30

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 03	Goodrich	Away	4:00
April 04	Clio	Away	4:00
April 09	Davison	Away	4:00
April 17	Algonac	Home	4:00
April 22	Almont	Away	4:00
April 26	Frankenmuth	Home	4:00
May 09	Clio	Home	4:00
May 11	Slug Fest @ Broome Park	Away	TBA
May 15	Almont	Home	4:00
May 22	Algonac	Away	4:00

VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 03	Clio	Home	4:30
April 04	Caro	Away	4:30
April 09	Garber	Away	4:30
April 11	Almont	Home	4:30
April 12	Goodrich	Away	6:00
April 15	Armada	Away	4:30
April 17	Algonac	Home	4:30
April 18	Powers Catholic	Away	6:00
April 22	Cros-Lex	Home	4:30
April 24	Imlay City	Away	4:30
April 29	Yale	Home	4:30
May 01	Richmond	Away	4:30
May 04	Birch Run Invite	Away	9:00
May 08	BWAC #1	TBA	4:30
May 11	Freeland Invite	Away	10:00
May 13	BWAC #2	TBA	4:30
May 15	BWAC #3	TBA	4:30
May 18	Bad Axe Tournament	Away	TBA
May 22-24	Districts @ Clio	Away	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 03	Clio	Home	6:00
April 09	Garber	Away	6:00
April 11	Davison	Home	6:00
April 12	Goodrich	Away	4:30
April 16	Frankenmuth	Away	4:30
April 17	Imlay City	Home	6:00
April 18	Powers Catholic	Away	4:30
April 24	Imlay City	Away	6:00
April 29	Grand Blanc	Home	6:00
May 03	Imlay City	Away	6:00
May 06	Frankenmuth	Home	5:00
May 09	Luthern High North	Home	5:00
May 13	Davison	Away	TBA
May 16	Lapeer	Away	5:00

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 20	CMU Indoor Invite	Away	12:00
April 02	Reese w/Marlette	Away	4:00
April 05	Kearsley	Away	3:00
April 09	Lakeville w/Millington	Away	4:00
April 12	Davison Invite	Away	12:00
April 16	Armada	Home	4:30
April 18	Marlette Invite	Away	TBA
April 23	Algonac w/Almont	Away	4:30
April 26	Vassar Invite	Away	3:00
April 30	Imlay City/Richmond	Home	4:30
May 03	Goodrich Invite	Away	3:30
May 07	Yale w/Cros-Lex	Away	4:30
May 10	Marysville Invite	Away	3:00
May 13	Frankenmuth JV Invite	Away	4:00
May 17	Regionals	Away	TBA
May 21	BWAC League Meet @ Armada	Away	1:00
May 24	Blue Water Meet	Away	TBA
May 28	Caro Thumb Meet	Away	TBA
June 01	State Finals	Away	TBA

GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 08	Armada (Timberwood Course - V)	Away	4:00
April 10	Caro w/Mayville (Caro GC)	Away	4:00
April 12	@ Lapeer Tune Up - V	Away	8:00
April 15	Yale (Willow Tree)	Away	4:00
April 17	Algonac (Michigan Meadows-JV/V)	Away	3:30
April 26	Almont (Heather Hills-JV/V)	Away	4:00
April 27	Eagle Invite (Timbers)	Away	8:30
April 29	Imlay City (Castle Creek-V)	Away	4:00
April 30	Cros-Lex (Lakeview-JV/V)	Away	3:30
May 03	Caro w/Mayville (Washakie)	Home	4:00
May 06	Richmond (Richmond Forest-JV/V)	Away	4:00
May 10	North Branch (Washakie-V)	Home	3:30
May 16	BWAC League Meet (Solitude Links)	Away	11:00
May 17	Vassar Invite (Vassar G&C)	Away	9:00

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
April 24	Almont w/Algonac	Away	4:30
April 29	Imlay City w/Richmond	Away	4:30
May 06	North Branch w/Cros-Lex & Yale	Home	4:30
May 09	Caro Invite	Away	4:00
May 16	Armada	Away	4:30
May 20	BWAC League Meet @ Algonac	Away	11:00

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