

**NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Agenda for February 13, 2024**

**Opening**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge and Prayer led by Andrea Poteat.
3. Roll Call
4. Review of the Agenda by the Superintendent.

**Public Comment and Reports**

5. Recognition of Citizens who wish to address the board.
6. Report from Student Board Representative Ava Whisker.
  - Jackie Clevenger, Nick Clevenger, Adam Berry, Ebbie Berry, Anna Beckett, and Leah Beckett will all be representing NBC at the PMEA Region III Band Festival this February at Bald Eagle High School.
  - 6 students made it to regional choir.
  - A fourth show was added to the musical performance.
  - Student Council held a blood drive with lots of student and community participation.
  - PRIDE team held a Valentine's day activity where you had to match with your cartoon pair to win a prize.
  - SADD is dedicating February and March to Teen Dating Violence Awareness.
  - FBLA was successful at Regional with 72 students making it to states with an additional 3 students who could potentially make it still.
  - Student Council and FBLA held a Coffee Coop fundraiser where Coffee Coop came to the school to deliver students their pre ordered orders.
  - FBLA held a basket raffle at the Sideline Cancer game. There were 87 baskets donated. The basket raffle alone raised \$8,357.
7. Communications: Letter for retirement of Michael Brode; Letter for retirement of Sue Heuston; Letter for retirement of Craig Curfman, Letter for retirement of Cindy Keith.
8. Announcements: March board meeting will be held March 12, 2024 in Room 136 of the High School.
9. Approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 board meeting. JOHN ESHELMAN JEN MCCOY
10. Review Health and Safety Plan

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**Personnel – CONSENT MOTION 11-15 – JOHN ESHELMAN ANDREA POTEAT**

11. Approve, with regret, the retirement of Michael Brode as High School Math teacher effective with the end of the 2023/24 school year.
12. Approve, with regret, the retirement of Sue Heuston as Elementary Special Education teacher effective with the end of the 2023/24 school year.
13. Approve, with regret, the retirement of Craig Curfman as Middle/High School Technical Education teacher effective with the end of the 2023/24 school year.
14. Approve, with regret, the retirement of Cindy Keith as Elementary Food Service as of June 30, 2024.
15. Approve the following as substitute teachers:

Mikayla Hall                      Act 91

**Approvals – CONSENT MOTION 16-21 – STEVE COTTLE JEN MCCOY**

16. Approve the following as bona fide volunteers, pending clearance submissions, for the positions listed at the nominal payment for 2023/24 as recommended by the Administration. The classification may be subject to further clarification upon solicitor's recommendations:

Ryan Cherry	Head Varsity Baseball Coach	\$2,560.00
Larry Corle	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	\$1,370.00
Brian Dutchcot	Head JH Baseball Coach	\$1,370.00
Brian Frederick	Assistant JH Baseball Coach	\$1,180.00
Shane Suter	Head Varsity Softball Coach	\$2,570.00
Todd England	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$2,090.00
TBA	Head JH Softball Coach	
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Marcus Yeatts	Head Boys and Girls Varsity Track Coach	\$3,405.00
Garry Black	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	\$1,550.00
Jeff Batzel	Associate Head Boys Track Coach	\$2,580.00
Brittany Beach	Associate Head Girls Track Coach	\$1,860.00
Tina Detterline	Co-Head Jr. High Track Coach	\$1,490.00
Johnna Ritchey	Co-Head Jr. High Track Coach	\$1,340.00

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17. Approve the following as volunteers for the Spring 2023/24 Sports:

Whitley Mellott	Volunteer Varsity Track Coach
Kecia Scott	Volunteer Varsity Track Coach
Shalonne Sipes	Volunteer Varsity Track Coach
Taylor Ridgely	Volunteer JH Track Coach
Brook Over	Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach
Kaity Corle	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Brittany Ebersole	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Craig Mitchell	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Allie Hileman	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Brice Verbitt	Volunteer JH Softball Coach
Amanda Replogle	Volunteer JH/Varsity Softball Coach
Kevin Gable	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
David McIlnay	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
Brandon Snider	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
Andrew Lazor	Volunteer JH Baseball Coach
Shane Zellers	Volunteer JH Baseball Coach

18. Approve the second reading of the 2024/25 school calendar.

19. Approve the following policies on the second and final reading:

Policy 200	Enrollment of Students
Policy 202	Eligibility of Non-resident students
Policy 217	Graduation
Policy 254	Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Policy 810	Transportation
Policy 815	Acceptable Use of Internet, Computer and Network Resources
Policy 819	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

20. Approve the following additional fundraisers being requested:

High School Band and High School Chorus	Gardner Candies	Feb/Mar 2024
Soccer Boosters	Soccer Camp Gr 3-6	June 2024

21. Approve Mervac Plumbing Heating to repair miscellaneous repairs to air handler unit, pneumatic level probe and seal kits on hot water pumps in the amount of \$5,950. These are unbudgeted repairs and will be paid with a transfer from budgetary reserve.

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**Administrative Reports**

22. Approve the following reports and invoices -- JOHN ESHELMAN STEVE COTTLE

Administrative Reports  
Federal Programs Report  
Athletic Report  
Financial Reports, Budgetary Transfers  
Approve payment of invoices

23. Discussion

Capital Projects

24. Adjournment 7:52 PM

The Board of Directors of the Northern Bedford County School District met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Room 136 of the high school building in Loysburg, PA. The meeting scheduled for January 9, 2024 was postponed due to weather.

The following board members were present: Jack Briggs, Steve Cottle, Mike Cottle, John Eshelman, Jenn McCoy, Andrea Poteat, Ralph Scott, Kelly Steele and Randy Wiand.

Also present Mr. Todd B. Beatty, Superintendent; Mr. Trevor Replogle, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Lindsay Cherry, Special Education Supervisor. Miss Teri Biddle, Board Secretary/Business Manager. Members of the public included: Brittany Hall, Tyler Hall, Marcy Smith, Bill Imler, Jeff Koontz, Brice Verbit, Johnny Leidy, Kassi Leidy, Tracy Clapper, Amy Price, Liz Smith, Charlie Cragan, Connie Cragan, Tim Christopher, Jennifer Price, Betsy Wile, Garry Black, Chris Neil, Chase Kagarise. Savannah Hershberger, Kat Keith from Morrisons Cove Herald and Erica Burkholder from Bedford Gazette.

1. Randy Wiand called the meeting to order.
2. Prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Jen McCoy.
3. Roll call was held with all members present.
4. Recognition of citizens who wished to address the board included: Brittany Hall, Bill Imler and Kassi Leidy addressed the board transportation contract for Leidy Transportation.
5. The student representative report was given by Savannah Hershberger and included the following:
  - The student council blood drive has been moved to February 1st.
  - Student Council is bringing the Coffee Coop to school on the 22nd for the students. Students preordered what they want before Christmas break.
  - NBC Interact Club had four members ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Traditions restaurant.
  - Interact club also made homemade Christmas cards and delivered them to the VA in Altoona, and made cookie trays for the local fire companies.
  - The Prom Committee has chosen Diamond Lane as the venue for this year's Prom.
  - Band took 33 student to County band at Bedford.
  - FBLA Regionals are coming up on the 24th.
  - 6 students are going to District Chorus and while they are there, they will also audition for Regional Choir where the top 12 seats go.
  - 11th Grade Student, Jackie Clevenger was selected to participate in the PMEA District 6 Jazz/Vocal Evolutions festival at Tussey. Jackie is one of a total of 20 students selected, and will represent NBC in a contemporary acapella vocal ensemble.



adjustment with the baseline for the price chart as it is on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for that school year. The first \$.02 will be paid when the monthly average cost of diesel fuel surpasses the \$.25 from the baseline price as established. Van contracted pricing and Activity/Athletic runs are as follows with the Vote resulting in 8 "yes" and 1 "no". Randy Wiand cast the "no" vote.

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Activity Runs	\$2.30/mile	\$2.30/mile	\$2.42/mile	\$2.57/mile	\$2.65/mile
Van Runs	\$1.80/mile	\$1.80/mile	\$1.85/mile	\$1.85/mile	\$1.90/mile
Layover	\$14/hour	\$14/hour	\$14/hour	\$14.50/hour	\$14.50/hour
Minimum Van Run	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35

15. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to retroactively approve Snyder Transportation for a handicapped accessible van run beginning January 2, 2024 which was previously being provided by Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08. Rate will be \$1.55/mile with 75 mile minimum. All members present voted "yes".
16. Andrea Poteat moved, seconded by Jen McCoy, to approve the following Snyder Transportation van drivers as follows:
  - Corey Snyder
  - Jen Snyder
  - Selena Hinish
  - Toby Holley
  - Clyde Snyder
  - Greg Dick
  - Tom Plummer
  - Ken Shimer
  - Tessa Shimer
17. Mike Cottle moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to retroactively approve the Resolution to Not Raise Taxes above the Index for 2024/25 budget as per attached resolution as of the December 5, 2023 meeting. Submission of the resolution needed submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Education by January 4, 2024. All members present voted "yes".
18. Ralph Scott moved, seconded by Steve Cottle to do the following items as a consent motion with all members present voting "yes".
  - Approve the first reading of the 2024/25 School Calendar as attached.

- Approve the following students to attend the Pennsylvania Classic State meet for gymnastics and represent Northern Bedford County School District. Their parents are responsible for all transportation to and from meets as well as all entry fees and expenses incurred because of their participation.

Savannah Hershberger  
Araya Keller  
Aaliyah Pepple

- Approve Ebbie Berry to participate in PMEA District 4 and 6 Orchestra at Richland High School. Parents to cover registration and travel costs.
- Approve Jim Over and 5 students to attend FFA ACES Conference in Hershey PA on January 27-28, 2024. Transportation is only cost to the district with all other costs covered by the FFA.
- Approve Zachary Clark and 6 students to attend Coal Cracker Wrestling Tournament to be held January 20-21, 2024 at Jim Thorpe, PA. Overnight accommodations to be paid by the boosters while transportation will be covered by the school district.
- Retroactively approve the repairs of the High School water pumps located under the high school band room per Mervac in the amount of \$9,700. This will require a budgetary transfer from budgetary reserve.
- Approve High School Band to do a trip to Buffalo, New York on May 18-19, 2024. All costs to be covered by Student Activity and Band Booster accounts.

19. John Eshelman moved, seconded by Andrea Poteat, to approve the following reports and invoices: Administrative Reports, Federal Programs Report, Athletic Report, Financial Reports and Budgetary Transfers and approve the payment of invoices. All members present voted "yes".
20. The meeting was adjourned by a motion of Andrea Poteat and Jen McCoy seconding.



# Northern Bedford County School District 2024-25 School Calendar

19 - Teacher In-Service 20 - Teacher In-Service 21 - First Student Day  Note: 9 Student Days 10 Teacher Days	<b>AUGUST 2024</b> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1 - No School (New Year) 20 - No School (MLK Day - Teacher In-Service) 24 - No School (Teacher In-Service)  Note: 22 Student Days 22 Teacher Days	<b>JANUARY 2025</b> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31								
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### Schedule for Make-Up Days

February 14, 2025  
 March 20, 2025  
 February 17, 2025  
 March 21, 2025

Teacher In-Service - ACT 80
Teacher In-Service - ACT 48
No School-Possible Make-Up Day
First & Last Student Day
Holiday
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Two Hour Early Dismissal

\*Use of FID days will be used as necessary to maintain the last day of school.

\*\*In the event all snow/FID days are used additional days will be made up at the end of the school year.

**Northern Bedford County School District  
2024/2025 School Calendar (Preliminary)**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Student Days</b>	<b>Faculty Days</b>
August	19	In-Service Day for Teachers (Act 48)	9	10
	20	In-Service Day for Teachers (Act 80)		
	21	First Day for Students		
September	2	No School (Labor Day)	20	20
October	14	No School (Columbus Day)	21	22
	28	No School (Teacher In-Service Day Act 48)		
November	11	No School (Veteran's Day)	17	18
	26	Two Hour Early Dismissal (PM-Parent/Teacher Conferences)		
	27	No School (AM-Parent/Teacher Conferences)		
	28,29	No School (Thanksgiving)		
December	2	No School (Buck Season)	14	14
	20	Two-Hour Early Dismissal		
	23-31	No School (Christmas Break)		
January	1	No School (New Year's Day)	22	22
	20	No School (MLK Day) (Teacher In-Service Day Act 80)		
	24	No School (Teacher In-Service Day Act 80)		
February	14	No School (Make-Up Day #1)	18	18
	17	No School (President's Day) (Make-Up Day #3)		
March	20	No School (Make-Up Day #2)	19	19
	21	No School (Make-Up Day #4)		
April	18	No School (Good Friday)	20	20
	21	No School (Easter Monday)		
	25	Two-Hour Early Dismissal (NBCAA Invitational Track Meet)		
May	14	Two-Hour Early Dismissal (District Track Meet)	20	21
	26	No School (Memorial Day)		
	29	Last Day for Students (Two-Hour Early Dismissal) Graduation		
	30	In-Service Day for Teachers (Act 48)		
<b>Total Days</b>			<b>180</b>	<b>184</b>

**Northern Bedford County School District**  
**Maintenance Project Update**  
**Updated 2/12/24**

**Projects Approved/In Progress**

- Air Conditioning at Elementary MPR, Stage, and Faculty Room
  - Marc's Service sent over the submittals and are starting to order the equipment. Will develop timeline once we get the lead times.
- Wellness Building
  - Working with Corle Building System to develop a plan moving forward.

**Potential Projects – Working on Details**

**Priority 1**

- High School Office Entrance
  - Modern Art quoted this project. Potential to use a grant.
- Middle School Office Entrance
  - Modern Art quoted this project. Potential to use a grant.
- Water Line from High School to CTE
  - The current water line has been fixed at least two times. Hoping to do this during the excavation of the new wellness building. Guyer Brothers quoted this project.
- Line Sewer Line from CTE Building to Main Sewer Line
  - With the recent issue with tree roots growing into the line, Guyer Brothers scoped these lines, and they are in bad shape. Guyer Brothers also quoted this project.

**Priority 2**

- Black Top Reseal
  - Currently working on bid specs and will bid when done.
- Door Access/Camera System Upgrade
  - IT Department to work on this. Potential summer 2024 projects. Looking into grant.

**Priority 3**

- Paint Outside of Vo-tech Building
  - Brian Lutz Painting quoted this project. Will need to be bid.
- Front of the school
  - Brian Lutz Painting quoted this project for painting the bricks. Will need to be bid.
- Carpet Replacement in Elementary
  - The elementary currently has carpet in the office, library, PreK, head start, and kindergarten rooms. The current carpet is showing wear. For example, there are stains and tearing in places. The wallpaper in the office is also showing its age and will need to be replaced in the future. Degol Carpet

quoted the carpeting. Brian Lutz Painting quoted taking off the wallpaper and painting the office. Will need to be bid.

- High School Gym Bleachers
  - Eichenlaub Co. quoted this project. – Board declined moving forward with replacement.
  - Replaced some of the wheels. Continuous maintenance and part replacement will need to occur by keeping the current bleachers.
- Elementary MPR Flooring
  - The floor will need to be replaced in the future. Looking at 2028.
- School Signs
  - Art class and students to design these.

### **Maintenance**

- Auxiliary Gym
  - This did not happen again this summer due to timing issues. Will be looked at again during the summer of 2024.
- Sidewalk Trip Hazard Grinding
- Water Leak at North wing of elementary to Little League Field
  - The line is currently shut off. Need to open the wall between Mrs. Carter and Mr. Corle to repair leak.
- Pole Light at Sidewalk Outside of CTE going to Stadium Entrance
  - Currently working with Jared Wiand to figure out the issue with this pole light. This light hasn't worked in years and will help with our lighting issues leaving the stadium. Looking into a grant for this.

### **Monitoring—Will be removed if no further movement.**

- Brick Wall by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pit
  - Brick is falling off the sides of walkway. Tom Swope is looking into this.

## **Completed Projects – Since 2015**

- Sound System Upgrades in Elementary MPR – January 2024
- CTE Fire Alarm Replacement – December 2023
- Replaced domestic water pumps and check valves at high school – November 2023
- Sound System Upgrades in High School Gym – November 2023
- Control Valves for Air Conditioning Projects in High School Gym, Locker Rooms, and District Office – November 2023
- New Fuel Line Ran from CTE Generator to New Fuel Tank – November 2023
- Water line between high school and CTE was patched – November 2023
- Air Compressor Replacement for CTE Building – October 2023
- Wire Radial Arm Saw at Ag Shop – September 2023
- Hot Water Heater Replacement at CTE – September 2023
- Green House Heated Concrete – September 2023
- Elementary/Vo-tech Pneumatic Valves Replacement – Summer 2023
- Stadium Lights Upgrade – Summer 2023
- Replace Carpet in Guidance Counselor Office – Summer 2023
- Replace Carpet in Middle School Office – Summer 2023
- All Exterior Doors Replacement at the Elementary – Summer 2023
- Middle School Office Renovations – Summer 2023
- High School Gym, Locker Rooms, District Office Area Air Conditioning – Summer 2023
- Paint High School and Middle School Hallways – Summer 2023
- Auditorium Lighting Upgrade – Finished in Summer 2023
- Gym Floor Recoat – May 2023
- Replace coil in auditorium HVAC unit – March 2023
- Update HVAC Computer Controls at HS/MS – February 2023
- Replace Compressor on High School Office HVAC Unit – January 2023
- Replace Carpet in Auditorium Sound Area – November 2022
- Auditorium Seating – September 1, 2022
- Vo-tech Roof Coating – August 2022
- Abatement and New Tile of the Auditorium Pit, Hallways, and District/High School Offices – June 2022
- Paint Ceiling of Auditorium – June 2022
- Lockers and Heaters Repainted in High School and Middle School – July 2022
- Replaced 2 pumps that pump the water from front of high school to elementary tank – 6/14/22
- Gym Floor Recoat – 5/10/22
- Auditorium Rigging – 4/27/22 (2021/22)
- Sand and Paint Auditorium Stage at High School—3/29/22(2021/22)
- Soccer Scoreboard Replacement at Route 36 Field—(2021/22)
- Auditorium Audio/Visual System—(2021/22).
- Replaced Fire Suppression System in Home Economics Room—(2021/22).

- Elementary Water Pumps—(2021/22).
- Fire Alarm System Replacement
  - Project was completed on 12/29/21 (2021/22).
- High School/Middle School Hallways were Abated with New Flooring Installed Part 2 – 2021/22
- Elementary Roof Project Completed – 2021/22
- Middle School Office HVAC Rooftop System was Replaced – 2021/22
- Abatement and Floor Tile Replacement HS/MS Hallways Part 1—2021/22
- Replace Steps and Sidewalks at Elementary—2021/22
- Elementary Freezer Unit was Replaced – 2021/22
- Elementary HVAC Rooftop Units Replaced – 2020/21
- High School Classrooms Abated. New Flooring and Windows Installed with Required Infill – 2020/21
- Track Resurfaced -- 2019/20 (and 2013/14)
- Hot Water Heater Replaced in High School/Middle School – 2019/20
- The Gymnasium Floor was Resurfaced—2019/20
- New Blacktop in North Parking Lot, Front Drive of High School and Middle School, and Handicap Sidewalk Repaired – 2017/18
- Remaining Blacktop Area Cracks Sealed and a Topcoat Sealant Applied -- 2017/18
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Superintendent

Elementary School Report

Trevor Replogle  
Elementary Principal

Middle School Report

Kendra Pritchett  
Middle School Principal

High School Report

Shawn Cerully  
High School Principal



# **SUPERINTENDENT**

## **2024/25 State Budget Address**

The Governor released his budget last week. I do not expect that we will see that educationally once the legislature is done with it. Once again, if the politicians would pass a bill to separate cyber schools and charter schools in the law, they could strategically pass additional bills that would significantly reduce cyber school costs to local school districts.

## **2024/25 NBC Budget Meetings**

Budget meetings with the administration/supervisors began last week and will continue over the next week or two. Once we have budget numbers, we will meet again as necessary and then schedule a budget committee meeting.

## **2024/25 Projects**

We may have several projects that we are looking to finalize for this year through board discussion.

## **TEACHER RETIREMENTS**

The board approved the resignation of three career teachers at NBC for the purposes of retirement. Mrs. Heuston, Mr. Brode, and Mr. Curfman served the district well during their career. A huge thank you for all they have done, and we wish them well in retirement.

## **ELEMENTARY**

### **Cartoonist Visit**

Our PTO has agreed to pay to have a professional cartoonist, Duane Abel, come to the elementary school to share his presentation with our students. His message for them is to Work, Study, Learn and Try and he teaches that message with his artistic skills. We're excited to welcome him to our school. Thanks to all the PTO parents for their support of our little Panthers.

### **January Character Kids**

The elementary school recognizes a Character Kid of the month based on the Character Traits of Responsibility, Citizenship, Caring, Respect, Trustworthiness, Fairness, and Kindness. Students receive a certificate, and a picture is placed on the school Facebook page and sent to the local newspapers. The January Character Kids are listed below.

PK – Owen Bowser, K – Luke Sell, 1 – Charleigh Iacurto. 2 – Gannon Replogle, 3 – Dana Sell, 4 – Levi Clark, and 5 – Lyila Hughes.

### **Early Childhood Registrations**

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration dates are being finalized for the month of March. We are preparing to register our new students March 26-28. These dates will be shared on the school website, Facebook, and local newspapers.

### **Student Council**

Our fifth grade Student Council members are planning a March Madness activity for all the elementary school students. They will be doing both academic and athletic events during their specials times. They are still in the process of finalizing all the rules and activities for that day. The Student Council is led by Mrs. Dilling and Mrs. Brumbaugh.

### **Read Across America**

The High School National Honor Society students are planning to visit NBC Elementary School on Friday, March 1 to help our students celebrate Read Across America Day. Read Across America Day is scheduled for the birthday of Dr. Seuss (March 2). NHS students will visit elementary classrooms and read a Dr. Seuss book to the children. Mrs. Swanseen plans this activity for our students.

### **PBIS activity**

The PBIS team planned a Glow Dance activity for students on January 26. Students used PAWS tickets that they have earned throughout the year by making good choices to participate in the event. The day was well-received by the students. Thanks to the PTO for their support and making the day run smoothly.

### **100th Day of School**

Students celebrated the milestone date of the 100th day of school on January 31. Some students and staff dressed as 100-year-olds and did a great job playing the part.

## **ELEMENTARY (cont'd)**

### **Random Acts of Kindness**

Mrs. Brumbaugh, the elementary school counselor, has created a Kindness challenge for our students in February. The students were informed that when someone shows them kindness, they are to write it down on a strip of paper and turn it in to their teachers. We are creating a chain out of the strips and hanging them in the lobby where everyone can see how many random acts of kindness are taking place in our school.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Students of the Month

Students of the Month are nominated each month based on school pride, citizenship, and work ethic. Faculty and staff then have the opportunity to vote on students who are demonstrating our Panther PRIDE traits by being Positive, Respectful, Involved, Dependable, and Excellent.

### **NBC Middle School January Students of the Month:**

Grade 6	Kaylynn Hall	Keyan & Brittany Hall
	Isaiah Morrow	Joshua & Jennifer Morrow
Grade 7	Bristol Barton	Andrew & Melissa Barton
	Elijah Dutchcot	Brian & Amanda Dutchcot
Grade 8	Aubrey Holsinger	Adam & Jessica Holsinger
	Braden Zellers	Shane & Jamie Zellers

## Unplugged Day

Middle school and high school students and staff participated in an unprecedented “Unplugged” day in which students and adults gave up all electronic devices connected to the internet for one day. In order to help students wrap their heads around the value of such a day, students took a pre-survey about social media and viewed the Netflix documentary, *The Social Dilemma*, before participating.

Throughout the day it was well-noted that more people were having face-to-face conversations. When students were finished with homework in study halls they were interacting with each other, the cafeteria was noticeably more active, and teachers were seen physically in other classrooms when they needed to touch base with a colleague.

Middle school students participated in a post-survey and then attended a “Summary Session” to review the survey results and debrief from the experience. Feedback has been positive from students, staff, parents, and community members. One student reported, “It seemed to inspire a lot of genuine conversation.”

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL (cont'd)**

### **Scholastic Scrimmage**

Scholastic Scrimmage is an event that is held at the IU in which area schools send teams to compete against each other. Teams have a chance to face off with a question posed and must buzz in to answer. Once the question is answered correctly, that team has the ability to earn bonus points with 3 more questions posed just to them. The team members are able to consult with each other on these ones but must answer quickly. Another "face-off" question is asked, and the cycle continues. Questions are ten points each, of all subjects, and can be extremely challenging. Each teams' points are calculated. The top teams will advance on to the championships where they will face off with schools that are farther away. Winning teams receive a trophy.

Our NBC Junior High Team may not have moved on to the championships this year, but they put up a good fight and won several rounds over the course of this two day event in January!

### **Groundhog Day - Job Shadowing**

Our eighth graders were recently given the opportunity to experience a job shadow day. During the week leading up to this event, school counselors provided students with worksheets and activities pertaining to assessing personal strengths and interests, what to expect when transitioning to high school, understanding graduation requirements, and career exploration. Students participated in a wide variety of jobs as they observed and worked alongside one of their relatives.

At times, it can be difficult for families to make this day work. We were blessed with some willing NBC employees this year as we placed a few of our students with the maintenance and cafeteria departments. Five students were able to see the "inner workings" of our school. While this provided them with a great opportunity to experience a job they may never have otherwise thought about, it also gave some of them a new appreciation for what is done to keep our school functioning and clean on a daily basis.

### **Middle School Upcoming Events**

Feb. 14th	Ski Club
Feb. 15th	Midpoint of MP3
Feb. 16th	School is in session - Make-up Day #1
Feb. 19th	No School - Presidents' Day - Make-up Day #3
Feb. 20th	Midpoint of MP3
Feb. 20-21	Gr. 6 Signs of Suicide Presentation
Feb. 21st	Spring Sports Meetings
Feb. 23rd	Camp Cadet Presentation Feb.
Feb. 24th	MS Winter Semi-Formal
March 7th	School is in session - Make-up Day #2
March 8th	No School - Make-up Day #4
March 14-17	HS Musical Production - Matilda

# **HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Career Technical Education (CTE)**

SkillsUSA is a United States career and technical student organization serving more than 395,000 high school, college and middle school students and professional members enrolled in training programs in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

Place-winners from Northern Bedford include:

Team Works:

Noah Baker, Nate Blackburn, Ashton Detterline, Reece Dibert - Teamworks - 1st place

Gavin Miller - Automotive Technician - 2nd place

Camden Wisor - Automotive Maintenance and Light repair - 2nd place

The Pennsylvania SkillsUSA State Competition will be held in Hershey in April.

## **FFA**

National FFA week is February 19-23. The club is planning several activities to celebrate the week including announcements and/or videos every day to educate students on the importance of agriculture in our lives, school-wide theme days, and a FFA Breakfast.

## **Guidance**

Scheduling: Mrs. Swansen began the course selection process for the 2024-25 school year on January 31 by meeting with all grade 9 students. The students toured each of our CTE programs to learn about the opportunities and participate in hands-on activities related to the programs. Tours of the Bedford County Technical Center and an evening open house will be offered to interested students in the upcoming month. Grade 9 students will then select their primary program of study for grades 10, 11, and 12 after completion of the tours and parents will verify their selection. Course selection for all high school students continues through the end of February.

Financial Aid: Due to the late launch of the 2024-25 FAFSA, the annual FAFSA completion night will be held at NBC on February 15 from 4pm-6pm. Seniors who plan to attend postsecondary school can register to attend with their parents and receive live help in completing their financial aid paperwork.

Career Portfolios: All Grade 11 students will complete mock interviews with local business representatives on Thursday, February 15. Juniors have been preparing in their CEW 11 course (taught by Mr. Black) by completing sample employment applications, writing cover letters and resumes, and practicing soft skills relevant in an interview. These interviews provide valuable community connections and feedback to students as well as help to meet a portion of PA's Chapter 339 career requirements.

## **HIGH SCHOOL (cont'd)**

### **FBLA**

Students recently competed in the FBLA regional competition at St. Francis. Of the 82 students who participated, 68 of them qualified for the State competition. The skills our students are learning through this organization are invaluable and will help them no matter what career path they choose to follow. One additional benefit from this program is the diversity of individuals who participate in it. FBLA brings together a plethora of students from athletics, music programs, and a wide variety of academic disciplines to all compete on the same "team". Throughout this experience, students not only enhance these important skills, but they also are afforded the opportunity to work with students with whom they typically do not interact.

### **NBC Unplugged**

Our NBC Middle and High School participated in NBC "Unplugged" on Monday, January 22nd. The purpose of this activity was to raise awareness of addiction to technology, specifically social media. We are happy to report that this day was a huge success. Many of the students said this experience opened their eyes to their specific addiction to social media and they felt that it was healthy to have a day off from phones. Overall, 45% of students said they felt more engaged throughout the day and 52% said they are interested in having a "Phone Free Day" regularly.

### **Fencing**

Mr. Crocker is once again running the NBC Fencing club. The students learn about the sport and specific skill sets required for fencing while having the opportunity to compete against the Grier School in matches. As to no surprise, the interest in the club grew this year as students enjoy this unique opportunity.

### **Budget**

I have been meeting with each teacher who requested budgetary items to discuss their specific needs and requests. This time has proved valuable and has allowed me to better understand how we can continue to support our students and teachers.

# **ATHLETIC REPORT**

## **Team Records**

<b>Boys' Varsity Basketball</b>	1-18	<b>Girls' Varsity Basketball</b>	14-6	<b>Varsity Wrestling</b>	11-2
Boys' JV Basketball	3-16	Girls' JV Basketball	8-3	JH Wrestling	6-6
Boys' JH Basketball	10-7	Girls' JH Basketball	11-8		

On February 3rd, senior wrestler Eion Snider captured his 100<sup>th</sup> win.

February 7<sup>th</sup>, senior basketball player Mariah Hall scored her 1000<sup>th</sup> career point.

Varsity girls basketball first round of playoff action is Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

District 5 varsity wrestling to be held February 24<sup>h</sup> at UPJ. Qualifying wrestlers advance to Regionals on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at Altoona High School Field House.