



School

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North Branch Area Schools

August 2024

NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS

North
Branch
Elementary
School



Ruth Fox
Middle
School



North
Branch
High
School



Congratulations to our Board of Education, staff, families, students, and community for earning Local and National Recognition as a

BEST of the BEST School District!

North Branch Area Schools adopted the motto of **"ALL IN"** to reflect the district's commitment for everyone involved to give 100 percent to make the district better for our students, our families and our community. **That commitment includes:**

- ★ An extraordinarily dedicated staff that provides excellent learning opportunities for all students
- ★ Kind, caring support staff, including a school nurse
- ★ Safe and modern, air conditioned facilities including new HVAC system at high school
- ★ Technology rich 1:1 classrooms – every student has a learning device
- ★ F.A.B.S. – a before and after school program
- ★ Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- ★ Gifted & Accelerated Program
- ★ Space Camp Program at U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama (5th-8th grade)
- ★ Tutoring opportunities
- ★ North Branch Early College
- ★ AP Classes
- ★ Dual Enrollment
- ★ Online Learning
- ★ STEM Academy
- ★ Award Winning Marching & Symphony Bands
- ★ Thriving Theatre Program
- ★ Business Professionals of America Chapter
- ★ High School Esports program
- ★ New STEM Labs in North Branch Elementary and Ruth Fox Middle School
- ★ State recognized alternative education program
- ★ Wide Variety of Extra Curriculum Offerings
- ★ Lapeer County Educational & Technology Center programs
- ★ No fee athletics program with free admission for all student to athletic events
- ★ Successful Athletic teams at local and state level
- ★ More than 60% of NBAS athletes annual received the Scholar Athlete Award
- ★ District commitment to school safety: Night locks in all buildings, crisis alert emergency badges for all employees (only school in Michigan), all district employees ALICE trained (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), full-time school resource officer

**THE OPPORTUNITIES
OF A LARGE SCHOOL...**



**...IN A SMALL TOWN
ENVIRONMENT**



Dear North Branch School District Families and Community,

The North Branch Board of Education, administrators, teachers, and support staff are ready and excited to welcome our students and families to the start of what will be another fantastic school year. The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 19th. By now, you should have received specific information from each building in order for your child to successfully begin the school year. Please check our website at www.nbbroncos.net for the most up-to-date school calendar.

I want to thank our community for your continued support of North Branch Area Schools. I am beginning my 24th year as an employee at NBAS and my 8th as the superintendent. Our district has never been stronger as evidenced by the cover of this issue of School Talk. This past year, our school district received national recognition as **U.S News & World Report** identified North Branch High School, Ruth Fox Middle School, and North Branch Elementary School as Best Public Schools in the country. Locally, Lapeer County residents have selected North Branch Area Schools as **BEST of the BEST** in Lapeer County since 2018. There are many reasons why our school district continues to excel and we have listed our commitment to our parents and community which is also included on the front page. However, the primary reason we are thriving is we have dedicated and committed employees working throughout the district:

- **North Branch Board of Education:** Our board demands excellence in all areas. They want our students to excel academically as evidenced by the near one million invested in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Labs in the elementary and middle school. Over a dozen schools visited our district last year for a close up look at the hands-on learning we are providing our K-8 students. At the high school, we have a thriving Early College program that is saving students tens of thousands of dollars in college tuition as well as Advanced Placement classes at every grade level. Extra-curricular opportunities are available for all students in a wide variety of offerings. Our award-winning band continues to receive local, state and national recognition. Our drama and art programs are as strong as ever. Our athletic programs regularly win league and district titles while competing for state championships. The E-Sports gaming program is entering its second season of competition with facilities that mirror any other district in the state. We have something for everyone. Our board has done this while committing to small class sizes especially for our youngest learners at the elementary while being fiscally responsible and ensuring that our school district is healthy financially and prepared to handle the uncertain funding of schools.
- **North Branch Administration:** Our principals, assistant principals, and central office staff are committed to supporting our teachers and support staff in the

classroom. These professionals have the singular goal of creating a learning environment where our students can be successful and enjoy their experience at NBAS.

- **North Branch Teachers:** I have shared this story many times with our staff. We have over 700 students who choose to come to our district through school of choice. I like to ask those parents why they chose to enroll their children with NBAS. Many respond because of our amazing facilities and a plethora of opportunities in and out of the classroom; however, the overwhelming majority state it is because of our excellent teaching staff. Our teachers truly love what they do and they care deeply about their students.
- **North Branch Support Staff:** Our paraprofessionals, aides, secretaries, cooks, bus drivers, maintenance staff, custodians and school nurse have bought into our "All In" theme. Their jobs are vital to ensuring your children are transported safely, enjoy a delicious and nutritious meal, learn in a safe and clean environment, and are supported in the classroom. They care about their jobs and are committed to serving your children.

In closing, we have several new staff members and we welcome them to NBAS. Our district will continue with its "All In" motto and we are excited to welcome your children back to school on Monday, August 19th. Please feel free to contact my office at 810-688-3570 if I can help you in any way during the upcoming school year.

In anticipation of an amazing school year!
Jim Fish, North Branch Superintendent

Welcome New Teachers!

Ruth Fox Middle School



Hello, my name is **Hunter Robinson**. I graduated from North Branch High School in 2020. After high school, I attended Blackburn College where

I played soccer and obtained my degree in Special Education. Outside of school and work I enjoy reading, working out, playing soccer, and learning new things. Along with teaching, I will also be the NBHS Boys Varsity Soccer coach.

I am excited to start my teaching and coaching career. I am thrilled to start teaching and coaching this coming school year!

North Branch Elementary



My name is **Isabella Barker**, and I am excited to be teaching first grade in the fall! I recently graduated from Oakland University, so this upcoming

school year will be my first year teaching, and I couldn't be more excited!

I grew up just outside of North Branch, in Imlay City and have lived there ever since. A few of my favorite things are: color yellow, dogs, family & friends, Moose Tracks ice cream, softball, being outdoors, bike rides.

I can't wait to meet you all and have an amazing year in North Branch.

North Branch Elementary

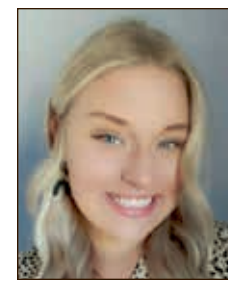


Hello, my name is **Patrick Riley**. I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my nephews. I have extensive coaching experience and have been

working with children since I was 15.

I enjoy being outdoors, ATV and motorcycle riding. I enjoyed this spring but am looking forward to getting a full year under my belt for the 24/25 school year.

North Branch Elementary



Hello, my name is **Catherine Lietz**. I am excited to introduce myself as a new second-grade teacher at North Branch. I grew up in Imlay

City and recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Saginaw Valley State University. I am eager to begin my teaching journey.

I am committed to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment for my students and am delighted to be a part of this community.



North Branch High School

Welcomes New Faces



Doug Lindsay – I'm very excited to be joining the North Branch High School staff as its new principal. I have been in education for 26 years, spending the last 16 as a building principal in Durand and most recently Lapeer. Before moving to an adminis-

trative role, I spent the first 8 years of my career teaching mathematics and social studies courses in Berrien Springs and Durand. Outside of the classroom I have coached football (9 seasons), baseball (7 seasons) and volunteered as a coach in softball (2 seasons).

My wife Abby and I have been married for 25 years and have three children Jane (23), Jackson (21) and Jace (18). In my spare time I enjoy renovating our 1932 farmhouse, fishing and spending time outdoors with our dog Sam.

I can't wait to get to know everyone on staff and look forward to an excellent school year!



Hello! My name is **Ashley Cooper**, and I am incredibly excited to join North Branch High School as your new school counselor! As a long-time resident and supporter of North Branch Schools, I am thrilled to bring my passion for supporting students to the district.

I have experience working in school and clinical settings supporting individuals with diverse needs, and I believe every student has unique strengths and potential.

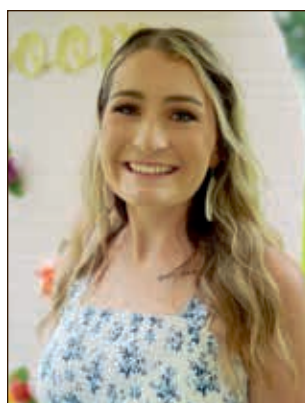
I look forward to contributing to the welcoming and enriching environment at NBHS where every student feels heard, valued, and empowered to achieve their full potential.



Mr. Troy Norman is excited to be a part of the community as a teacher at NBHS. He has a variety of interests, including sports, outdoors, travel, and concerts. He has a variety of experiences that he is excited to bring to the classroom. He worked with alternative edu-

cation students as both a teacher and administrator. He has worked with students teaching math at the middle school and high school setting, and he has been a coach for Football, Wrestling, Track and Softball.

Mr. Norman is also super excited to follow his own children as they pursue their college ambition of playing volleyball at the collegiate level while getting their education. Mr. Norman's wife is also in education. She works as a Speech Language Pathologist for Oxford Community Schools.



Hello! My name is **Victoria Patterson**. I am super excited to join the staff at North Branch High School as a math teacher. I recently completed my third year of teaching at Lapeer High School and will have my Master's in Education in Curriculum and

Instruction completed this August.

I live with my husband Remington on our farm in Imlay City. We raise cows, pigs, chickens, and ducks. We recently got married in November and are looking forward to our honeymoon to Alaska this summer. In my free time I enjoy traveling, gardening, and spending time with my dog, Odie.

I am looking forward to getting to know the students, parents, and staff members here at North Branch High School, and become more involved in the North Branch Community!



My name is **Kristina LaBarge** and I am the College & Career Advisor, now officially, with North Branch High School. For the past year and a half, I have been serving with MCAN (Michigan College Access Network) through AmeriCorps, and

loved the day-to-day life here at NBHS that I was determined to make it permanent! After earning my Bachelor's degree in the Science of Psychology, I had planned on becoming a probation officer, until this opportunity arose. I feel like this is my true calling, and I love being that support system for the students, to help them achieve their goals and empower them to reach their full potential.

During my free time, I like to relax with my family; Husband Ryan, Daughter Lily, German Shepherd Frank, and Bearded Dragon Chungus-Punkbutt. We enjoy traveling, fishing, side by side adventures, photography, and live music.

I have loved being part of the North Branch Community over the years, and now I am thrilled to directly be part of the Bronco Family as well!



Attention Ed-Tech Students

Both AM and PM ED-TECH Classes will be held at NBHS on Monday, August 19th instead of the Ed-Tech Center. Attendance is REQUIRED.

AM ED-TECH students should report to the CAFETERIA no later than 7:15 am.

PM ED-TECH students should report to the AUDITORIUM no later than 11:00 am.



NB Early College

North Branch's Early College program provides students with college courses in general education that can be transferred to any college belonging to the Michigan Transfer Agreement (the vast majority of colleges and universities in the state). The program is now partnered with:



Baker College



Macomb Community College

What is an Early College? Early college high schools enable students entering their junior year to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, the Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certification or up to 60 transferable college credits at the same time, tuition free. The NBEC has two different models in place:

Traditional Model: Students in their junior year would take 6 college courses at the Education and Technology Center in a two hour block. In their senior year, students would take an additional 7 college courses at the Education and Technology Center in a three-hour block. In their 13 year, students would take a minimum of 12 college credits per semester at a Baker College Campus, a Mott Community College Campus or Rochester University Campus.

CTE Blend Model: Students in their junior year would take 1 college course at the Education and Technology Center in a one-hour block after their Ed-Tech program. In their senior year, they would take 3 college courses at the Education and Technology Center in a one-hour block after their Ed-Tech program. In their 13th year, students would take a minimum of 12 college credits per semester at a Baker College Campus or a Mott Community College Campus and receive additional college credit for their CTE successful completion.

The North Branch Early College is a unique and great way for your son or daughter to get a jump start on earning their college credentials, with NO cost to their family.

Student Orientation at North Branch High School

All 9th – 12th grade students are required to come to the NBHS cafeteria during one of the scheduled sessions (*below*). Students can drop in any time during their scheduled orientation time. Orientations should take no longer than 30-60 minutes, depending on each student's needs.

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades

Monday, August 12th

Either Noon – 2:00pm or 3:00pm – 5:00pm

New Students & Parents Meeting in the HS Auditorium 2:30pm

The counseling department will be holding a new student and parent meeting at 2:30pm in the HS auditorium. Although this meeting is optional, it will be very informative, especially for those parents who will have children attending the high school for the first time.

MAKE-UP DAY: 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grades

Thursday, August 15th • 9:00am – 11:00am

All orientations will address the following:

★ 2024-25 Student Schedules ★

★ School Pictures and Photo ID's (required of ALL students) ★

(Order Forms from the Photo Factory will be mailed home but will also be available at orientations)

- Emergency contact information updates
- Bus #'s with pick-up/drop-off times
- Class Voting
- Classroom numbers and map
- Free and Reduced Lunch Forms
- Locker numbers and combinations
- Student Vehicle Registration (\$5 registration fee required)
- Senior Class Graduation Requirements
- Yearbook sales for 2024-25 (*Early Bird Special*)
- Senior Class Fees (*and past years fines*)
- Sports schedules
- Acceptable Use Policy forms (*AUP's*) for computer usage

PLEASE NOTE: Student schedules will not be mailed. They will be available for pick up during the scheduled orientations. The orientations are designed to minimize time out of classes, reduce expenses, and expedite access to student information. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (810) 688-3001 beginning on August 5th.



Don't Break the Bank paying for College!

Talk with our Counselors about NBHS's Early College Option known as the North Branch Early College.



Quest Annual Benefit Dinner

Quest would like to invite all and any community members to our **Annual Benefit Dinner on October 9, 2024 • 5pm-7pm**. Please see the Quest Facebook page for details as the time nears.

The North Branch Masonic Lodge has been hosting the benefit for Quest since 2005. In that time span they have donated over \$30,000 to Quest students. Funds are used for various student activities, field trips, and to meet students basic personal needs.

COST:
\$10 Adults • \$5 Kids • 4 & Under FREE

Enroll Today at Award Winning

Quest High School!

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 by calling **810-688-7581** or email **crosser@nbbrncos.net**



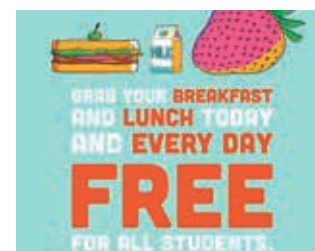
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News from the Food Service Department



NBAS Food Service Department welcomes your family back for the 2024-2025 school year! We would also like to welcome those new families to our school district. We look forward to serving you and your family this coming year. We will do our best to continue delivering healthy, quality meals and services while still maintaining compliance in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

We are happy to announce that, continuing through the 2024-2025 school year, NBAS will offer **FREE meals (both breakfast and lunch)** to ALL students through a program called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)! CEP is a federal program that allows eligible schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. No sign-up or pre-registration is required, so families no longer have to complete free or reduced-price meal applications! Meals are nutritious and delicious, so consider having your child eat breakfast and lunch with us.

Special Meals and/or Accommodations

If a doctor has determined that your child has a special food sensitivity/allergy that would prevent the child 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 your child.

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. NBAS Food Service Department will work with the parent(s) and school staff to create a plan to manage a student's special dietary needs.

Food Service Standards

NBAS participates under the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and has a fiscal responsibility to stay in compliance and meet financial accountability; parents/guardians are responsible for meals purchased by their student(s) from the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Under the CEP Program, first meals are FREE to all students. The financial responsibility is for second meals, milk and any Ala Carte items purchased.

Students are expected to have funds available on their food service account for these purchases. Our system is a prepaid debit system, therefore when a student makes a purchase, the amount is automatically deducted from the student's food service account. Therefore, it is very important that you check your student's food service account weekly to make sure they have funds available each day. The preferred method of payment is to pay online through

SchoolPay. Payments may also be sent in with your student (cash/check) or be mailed to NBAS, Attn: Food Service, PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461.

NBAS Food Service Policy

NBAS Food Service Policy is available by request or online at www.nbbrncos.net under Departments and Food Service Documents. Key Points are as follows:

- Ala Carte items are CASH/CHECK ONLY or students MUST have funds on their Food Service Account. Charges are never allowed for Ala Carte items.
- Purchasing milk alone is \$0.75 cents regardless of lunch account type.
- Adults and Staff are encouraged to have funds on their Food Service Accounts or pay at point of service. No charging is allowed.
- A full (reimbursable) lunch consists of 3 of the 5 components offered, (though 5 items may be taken); main entrée, fruit, vegetable, grain and milk.
- Adjustments will only be made by the Food Service Department.

Thank you for your participation in the Breakfast and Lunch Program at NBAS! Please contact NBAS Food Service Department at (810) 688-2226 to speak with Supervisor Kierstyn Cooper about any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website under "departments" on the District Homepage for more information.



Ruth Fox Middle School

OPEN HOUSE

**JOIN
US!!!**

- Wednesday, August 14th
- 5:00 - 6:30pm
- Come and meet your teachers!

RFMS
School Hours
7:15-2:20

Bell schedule will be
based on grade level



Ruth Fox Space Camp Crew 20

The Ruth Fox Space Camp Crew had fun this summer at Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama!

Their team also won the Outstanding Team Award, for displaying a team attitude and working well with other teammates from around the country.

Space Camp

Crew 20 members:

Lyla Cooper, Conner Healy, Alexis Kelly, Owen Smielewski, Derek Terauds



Follow us at: RFMS@ruthfoxmiddle





5th Graders showing off their rockets before their launch.



7th Grade teachers put on a pancake and waffle celebration for their students.



8th Graders honored veterans on their Honor Flight, while on the Washington DC Trip.



6th Graders test their teamwork skills and courage at the High Ropes course of TREK.

2023-24 Ruth Fox MS *Principal's Award*

The Ruth Fox Principals Award is a yearly award given to one 7th or 8th grade student, and is selected on the basis of high level of academic achievement, attendance, work ethic, compassion, citizenship, and leadership. The 2023-2024 Ruth Fox Principals Award recipient is **Addison Franklin**.



Addison Franklin Principal's Award recipient, and Dane Terauds RFMS Principal

Addison is a leader in every situation, leading with kindness and compassion, and will brighten everyone's day with her heartfelt smile. She works hard in the classroom taking great pride in her work, and is involved outside the classroom in various sports. Congratulation Addison!

NB Broncos Junior Equestrian Team Wins District 14 2024 Division B Championship & MIHA 2024 Sportsmanship Award



Willow Muxlow, placed in the top 10 of riders in the district.

The team is composed of: Willow Muxlow, Abigail Bridger, Olivia Hatcher, Alyssa Thomas, Annabelle McNutt, Ellie Sudbury, Hailey Davis, and Corbin Voss.

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

- COMPASS Gifted and Accelerated Classes
- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra
- STEAM Lab
- Advanced English



5th Annual Wellness Week a Huge Success!



Students kicked off the week by supporting one another in promoting health habits with a walk about the playground.

We had over 370 students participate in the at-home Wellness Bingo Board, and all were able to choose from over 500 prizes!

There were 170 families that participated and submitted a photo of their families being active, and over 100 of those earned additional prizes.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our staff, community, and sponsors.



Summertime Learning

Summer learning is a chance to dive into something new, explore a passion, prevent learning loss or even get a head start on the next school year. The district provided more than thirty summer learning camps for students. Camps ranged from Garden Clubs to Legos to Cooking Camps to Book Exchanges and more. Over 400 students participated.

As a result of a district grant, all BK-5th grade students had 8 books mailed home over the summer from the non-profit organization, Kids Read Now. Students are to keep these books to grow their at-home library.

As we transition to the fall season, we encourage parents to stay in touch with your child's teachers, monitor academic progress (*Family Access - Grades 5-12*), attend parent-teacher conferences, encourage at-home reading, assist with homework by asking guiding questions, providing examples, and student think time. Here's to a great school year ahead!



Turkish Scholar Visits NBE



Mrs. Friday's class building at the SMART Lab with Turkish Scholar, Dr. Bay.

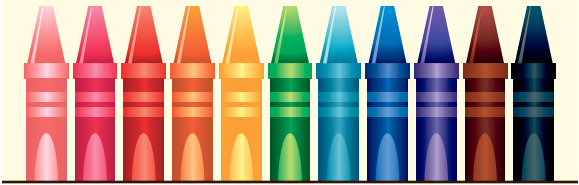




In May, NBE held their 3rd Annual Fine Arts Night – there were over 500 in attendance!

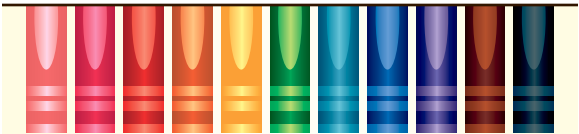
4th grade recorders, Ukulele Club, Hula Club, and members of the high school band performed for a very large, receptive audience. Family and friends were able to enjoy each student’s artwork on display throughout the school. In addition, all in attendance could participate in art, creative movement, and music stations such as sand art, keyboarding, or yoga to name a few. Kona Ice and the BBQ Guys provided refreshments and food for anyone interested.

Thanks to everyone who participated! It was an enjoyable evening, and we look forward our 4th Annual Fine Arts Night next spring.



**North Branch Elementary
“Meet the Teacher”
Night**

**Wednesday, August 14
4:30-6:00pm**



Safety Patrol



The elementary would like to thank all of the safety patrollers that have dedicated their time and efforts into keeping our students safe. We appreciate it and couldn’t have done it without their help!

4th Grade Handprints



This year’s graduating 4th graders made their mark in so many ways while in NBE. Mrs. Opperman has kept the tradition going with letting the students make their literal mark on the wall. We wish the students the best as they travel up to middle school next year!

BWAC League Awards

BWAC 1ST TEAM

Boys Track & Field: Bryce Barkowska, Eli Bickel, Valentino Castaneda, Ethan Dinanath, Michael Gorman, Thomas Kann, Liam McIntyre, Wyatt Muxlow, Dalton Perkett

Girls Track & Field: Aubree Deshetsky, Grace Clemens, Rowan Conley, Sarah Munro

Girls Soccer: Aubrey Fritz

Baseball: Jaydon Hutchinson, Brady Mitchell, Owen Yens

Softball: Alana Deshetsky, Cate Welch

BWAC 2ND TEAM

Boys Track & Field: Eli Bickel, Bryce Barkowska, Leyton Hutchins, Michael Gorman, Wyatt Muxlow, Dalton Perkett

Girls Track & Field: Aubree Deshetsky, Clara Gyomory

BWAC HONORABLE MENTION

Boys Track & Field: Michael Gorman, Thomas Kann

Girls Track & Field: Rowan Conley, Katie Gill, Caleigh Goss, Clara Gyomory, Isabelle Hunt, Lily Hurd, Emma Looney, Tracey Ludescher, Sarah Munro

Golf: Matthew Schmitt

Baseball: John Robinson, Keagan Schierlinger

Soccer: Hannah Thomas, Allison Weathers

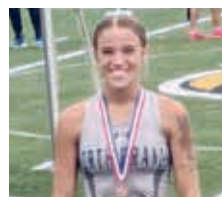
Softball: Gabrielle Polly, Ella Swoish

MHSAA Division 2 Track & Field State Qualifiers

We had 8 Track & Field Athletes qualify for states this year!



Eli Bickel, Aubree Deshetsky, Grace Clemens, Rowan Conley, Sarah Munro, Clara Gyomory, Ethan Dinanath, Leyton Hutchins.



Two of our athletes finished with All-State honors! **Grace Clemens** was 4th place in 200m Dash and 7th place in 100m Dash.



Aubree Deshetsky was 5th place in Shot Put and 6th Place in Discus.

MHSAA Division 2 All-District

Baseball: Jaydon Hutchinson, Brady Mitchell, John Robinson, Keagan Schierlinger, Owen Yens
Softball First Team:

Alana Deshetsky, Gabrielle Polly, Cate Welch.

Softball Second Team: Ella Swoish.
Softball Third Team: Addison Cobb
Soccer: Breanna Dodds, Aubrey Fritz

MHSAA Division 2 All-Region & All State



Softball: Cate Welch
MHSCA Senior All Star Game

Cate Welch was selected to play first base in the MHSCA All Star Game that was held on July 17th at Davenport University.

Academic Awards

NBHS Spring Scholar-Athletes, maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or higher: 114 of 159 Spring Athletes – 72%

Academic All-State

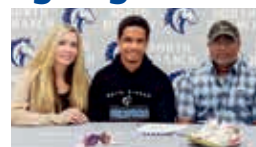
Varsity Softball: Alana Deshetsky, Brookelynn Franklin, Cate Welch, Lillian Osborne, Gabrielle Polly

Varsity Baseball: Brendan Barkowska

College Signings



Brady Mitchell
Baseball • Spring Arbor Univ



Ethan Dinanath
Track & Field • Rochester Univ
Major in Finance & Accounting

MHSBCA East-West All State Game



Brady Mitchell was on the All-State Team his year! He took part in the Senior All Star Game on Tuesday June 18 at Co-America Park in Detroit. Later that same week **Brady** and fellow teammate **Keagan Schierlinger** represented North Branch in the Bruin Classic All Star game at Mott Community College. Their Stellar performance led to them being selected to also play at the Dow in Saginaw on June 28!



CONGRATULATIONS VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM for winning Districts, Regionals & Quarter-Finals!

The girls persevered during their playoffs and even got to play the semi-final game at MSU. These girls were viewed as an underdog team going in, and they definitely showed everyone their Bronco Spirit.

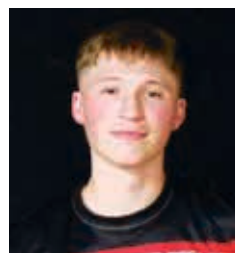


Alyssa Welling was named **All District Coach of the Year!**

NEW HEAD COACHING STAFF



Bethany Cordle is stepping in to take over our Girls Golf Team. Bethany is currently a teacher at North Branch High School.



North Branch Alumni **Hunter Robinson** will be joining us as the Varsity Boys Soccer coach this fall. Hunter will also teach at Ruth Fox Middle School this fall.



Tim Zeeman returns to North Branch as the new head coach for our Varsity Girls Basketball team.



Jason Compeau is moving up to coach our Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Jason has been coaching our JV Basketball team until this year.



Congratulations

5 Individuals/Teams Elected to North Branch Community Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2024!

- ★ Jessica Curtis-Bock ★
- ★ Stacy Lamphere ★
- ★ Blair Mellish ★
- ★ Donald Wilson ★
- ★ 2014 Volleyball Team ★

These teams & individuals will be celebrated at the Induction Ceremony coinciding with our NBAS Homecoming.

Friday, October 4, 2024

1:30 pm – Homecoming Parade (Hall of Fame Banner Representation)

6:30 pm – Introductions prior to the 7:00 pm Game

**Sunday, October 6, 2024 ★ Induction Ceremony
NBHS Cafeteria**

1:00 pm – Doors Open

1:30 pm – Brunch Served (RSVP by Friday, September 20, 2024)

Adults: \$15 • 5-12 Years Old: \$5 • 4 & Under: Free

2:15 pm – Ceremony Begins

Fall Meet the Team Night

**August 16th at 7:00 p.m.
at Krepps Field.**

There will be Team meetings, a dessert bar and fun team competitions on the field.

Booster Memberships

These will be sold in the High School Office, at home games in August and September, and at the Meet the team night.

\$5 Individuals

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NB Athletic Department News

The athletic department is pleased to announce that once again **all North Branch Students** will be admitted to all league and non-league high school and middle school home athletic contests for **FREE** with valid North Branch Student ID.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 29	Caro	Away	7:00pm
Sept 6	Algonac	Home	7:00pm
Sept 13	Imlay City	Away	7:00pm
Sept 20	Cros-Lex	Home	7:00pm
Sept 27	Richmond	Home	7:00pm
Oct 4	Yale	Home	7:00pm
Oct 11	Armada	Away	7:00pm
Oct 18	Almont	Away	7:00pm
Oct 25	Holly	Home	7:00pm

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

(6:00pm Games Follow 4:30 MS Game)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 28	Caro	Home	6:00pm
Sept 4	Algonac	Away	6:00pm
Sept 12	Imlay City	Home	6:15pm
Sept 19	Cros-Lex	Away	6:15pm
Sept 26	Richmond	Away	6:15pm
Oct 3	Yale	Away	6:15pm
Oct 10	Armada	Home	6:15pm
Oct 17	Almont	Home	6:15pm
Oct 24	Holly	Away	6:00pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept 12	Imlay City	Home	4:30pm
Sept 19	Cros-Lex	Away	4:30pm
Sept 26	Richmond	Away	4:30pm
Oct 3	Yale	Away	4:30pm
Oct 10	Armada	Home	4:30pm
Oct 17	Almont	Home	4:30pm
Oct 24	Algonac	Away	4:30pm

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 24	Bay City West. Tourn.	Away	TBA
Aug 27	Frankenmuth	Away	5:00pm
Aug 30	Mt. Morris	Away	TBA
Sept 7	Notre Dame	Away	TBA
Sept 10	Armada	Home	6:00pm
Sept 14	Mercy Power League	Away	TBA
Sept 17	Almont	Away	6:00pm
Sept 21	East vs West Challenge	Away	TBA
Sept 24	Yale	Home	6:00pm
Sept 28	Mercy Power League	Away	TBA
Oct 1	Algonac	Away	6:00pm
Oct 8	Richmond	Home	6:00pm
Oct 12	Beast of the East	Away	TBA

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL, continued

Oct 15	Cros-Lex	Away	6:00pm
Oct 19	Mt. Morris	Away	8:30am
Oct 22	Imlay City	Away	6:00pm
Oct 26	BWAC League Tourn.	Away	9:00am
Nov 2	Grand Blanc	Away	TBA
Nov 4-11	Districts	Away	TBA
Nov 12&14	Regionals	Away	TBA
Nov 19	Quarterfinals	Away	TBA
Nov 21or22	Semi-Finals	Away	TBA
Nov 23	State Finals	Away	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 15	Grand Blanc	Away	5:00pm
Aug 17	Notre Dame Prep	Away	TBA
Aug 21	Clarkston	Away	5:00pm
Aug 23	Bad Axe	Away	TBA
Aug 28	NB Quad	Home	5:00pm
Sept 7	Almont	Away	TBA
Sept 9	Garber	Away	5:00pm
Sept 10	Armada	Home	5:00pm
Sept 12	Mt. Morris	Away	5:00pm
Sept 14	NB Tournament	Away	8:30am
Sept 17	Almont	Away	5:00pm
Sept 21	Marlette	Away	8:30am
Sept 24	Yale	Home	5:00pm
Sept 28	Imlay City	Away	TBA
Oct 1	Algonac	Away	5:00pm
Oct 8	Richmond	Home	5:00pm
Oct 12	Flushing	Away	TBA
Oct 15	Cros-Lex	Away	5:00pm
Oct 19	Mt. Morris	Away	8:30am
Oct 22	Imlay City	Away	5:00pm
Oct 26	BWAC League Tourn.	Away	TBA

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 19	Yale	Away	4:30pm
Aug 21	Imlay City	Home	4:30pm
Aug 26	Cros-Lex	Away	4:30pm
Aug 28	Armada	Away	4:30pm
Aug 29	Montrose	Home	5:00pm
Sept 4	Almont	Away	4:30pm
Sept 9	Algonac	Away	4:30pm
Sept 11	Richmond	Away	4:30pm
Sept 12	Clio	Home	4:30pm
Sept 16	Yale	Home	4:30pm
Sept 18	Imlay City	Away	4:30pm
Sept 19	Genesee Christian	Home	4:30pm

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER, continued

Sept 23	Cros-Lex	Home	4:30pm
Sept 25	Armada	Home	4:30pm
Sept 30	Almont	Home	4:30pm
Oct 2	Algonac	Home	4:30pm
Oct 3	John Glenn	Away	5:00pm
Oct 7	Richmond	Home	4:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept 9	Imlay City	Home	4:30pm
Sept 11	Cros-Lex	Away	4:30pm
Sept 16	Yale	Away	4:30pm
Sept 18	Almont	Home	4:30pm
Sept 23	Armada	Away	4:30pm
Sept 25	Algonac	Away	4:30pm
Sept 30	Richmond	Home	4:30pm
Oct 2	Imlay City	Away	4:30pm
Oct 7	Cros-Lex	Home	4:30pm
Oct 9	Yale	Home	4:30pm
Oct 14	Almont	Away	4:30pm
Oct 16	Armada	Home	4:30pm

GIRLS GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 19	Richmond	Away	9:00am
Aug 22	Luteran Northwestern	Away	7:30am
Aug 26	Yale	Away	3:30pm
Aug 29	Yale	Away	3:30pm
Sept 4	Richmond	Away	2:00pm
Sept 9	BWAC Jamboree	Home	2:00pm
Sept 16	Imlay City	Away	2:00pm
Sept 17	Almont	Away	3:30pm
Sept 23	Armada	Away	3:30pm
Sept 30	BWAC	Away	9:00am

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug 22	Birch Run Early Invite	Away	TBA
Aug 23	The Oakdale Classic	Away	TBA
Aug 28	Cass City HS/MS Invite	Away	TBA
Sept 7	Hatchet Invitational	Away	TBA
Sept 10	Armada	Away	TBA
Sept 14	Holly-Duane Raffin Festival Of Races	Away	TBA
Sept 17	County Press/NB Meet	Home	TBA
Sept 21	Brooks Mid-Season Spectacular	Away	TBA

CROSS COUNTRY, continued

Sept 24	Algonac	Away	TBA
Sept 28	Sault St. Marie	Away	TBA
Oct 1	Birch Run Fall Invite	Away	TBA
Oct 9	Ulby Invitational	Away	TBA
Oct 12	Dave Patterson Invite	Away	TBA
Oct 15	Yale	Away	TBA
Oct 19	Thumb Area Cross Country Championship	Away	TBA
Oct 25	League Tournament	Away	9:00am

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept 7	Hatchet Invite	Away	TBA
Sept 10	Armada	Away	TBA
Sept 17	County Press/NB Meet	Home	TBA
Sept 24	Algonac	Away	TBA
Sept 28	Wagener Park XC Invite	Away	TBA
Oct 9	Ubly Invite	Away	TBA
Oct 15	Yale	Away	TBA
Oct 19	Thumb Area Cross Country Championship	Away	TBA

TICKET PRICING

BWAC:

High School & Varsity: \$5
Only Junior Varsity: \$4
Only Middle School: \$3
MS/JV Combo: \$4

NBHS HOME PASSES:

ALL-SPORTS:

Family \$135; Individual \$75

FOOTBALL:

Family \$80; Individual \$30

VOLLEYBALL:

Family \$40; Individual \$20

BASKETBALL:

Family \$80; Individual \$50

WRESTLING:

Family \$20; Individual \$7

