

North Branford Intermediate School
NBIS News – September, 2018

- The PTO hosted the 2nd Annual NBIS PTO Welcome Back Picnic on Thursday, August 30th from 5-7 p.m. A great time was had by all in attendance, and our students enjoyed the music, games, tasty food truck delicacies, and the popcorn and sno-cones. Many staff members attended with their families as well.
- The PTO held their first meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. This year's officers are President Liz Hoskins, Vice President Dale Izzo, Secretary Noelle Durkin, and Treasurer Terri Nuzzo.
- The NBIS Open House Back-to-School Night took place on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Our parents had an opportunity to meet their children's teachers and learn more about our academic & enrichment programs. The evening concluded with a reception in the library.
- The TV Club has started airing the daily morning announcements show. We plan on having our first after school meeting shortly as the school year gets underway.
- Middle school teachers are in the early stages of getting to know their Creative Learning students. Throughout the school year, a variety of opportunities will be available to Creative Learning students, such as differentiated class activities, independent learning projects, extracurricular clubs, and after-school enrichment courses.
- The NBIS Interact Club will start their new year off with a school-wide Food Drive for the North Branford Food Pantry. The drive will be held from September 13th through September 21st.
- The NBIS Future Problem Solvers will have their first meeting later in September. NBHS Senior, Rebecca Sabetta, has volunteered to help coach this year's teams. Her experience as an FPS team member, as well as a state conference and international conference competitor, will be a tremendous benefit to our students.
- Sixth and eighth grade Social Studies students are learning how to think and act like historians. Sixth grade historians will be focusing on the study of ancient civilizations, while eighth grade historians will be focusing on the study of the United States. In seventh grade, students are learning how to think and act like geographers. Seventh grade geographers will be learning about the physical and cultural geography of regions around the world. The skills mastered in these early units will allow students to think critically, to participate in socratic discussions, and to successfully engage in a wide variety of inquiry activities.
- Sixth grade Art students just finished their first project, electric lizards, which focused on proportion and balance. Seventh grade students are just concluding their Keith Haring inspired print making projects which utilized two different types of printing - marker and inking. Eighth grade students finished hand building their clay fish projects and will be glazing their projects in the next few days.
- The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start in the NBIS Music Department. Our Chorus and Band classes have begun music for the December concert. General Music classes are reviewing music notation and beginning their introduction to guitar. Piano and Guitar classes are working on review songs and will be starting new concepts once the review is done. We will be starting Jazz Band rehearsals on September 12th, and our new Select Chorus will have their first rehearsal on September 11th. The grade 6 music students will be attending the Coast Guard Band concert on September 20th in New London.
- In Science, 7th grade students have begun thinking about energy and the many forms it takes. The first application of this new understanding will be the creation of marble roller coasters in the classroom. Students will design and build a working roller coaster and test and modify their final concept.
- The NBIS Student Council has elected new officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Each grade will soon elect representatives. Applications are currently being distributed for homeroom representatives. The fall spirit wear sale will run through September 30th. There are many plans in the works to help make this a student-centered year.