

**North Branford Intermediate School**  
**NBIS News – March, 2019**

- Eighth grade students attended a presentation about the North Branford High School course registration process. The students then registered for their NBHS courses with the help of the school counselors. Eighth grade students explored Naviance during classroom lessons and completed their Student Success Plans.
- During the month of February, the TV Club members were busy with the morning announcements, creating runners, and learning stop motion video techniques.
- The Student Council Officers have been working on creating a web presence that will highlight the extracurricular activities at NBIS. Student Council has begun the annual door decorating initiative with this year's theme being a three-month long decorating "frenzy" having a different motif each month.
- Sixth grade Theatre Arts students are completing a unit on scene writing where they focus on plot structure, and perform on stage learning some basic acting and performance techniques. They are applying their knowledge from the previous unit on blocking/staging a scene. Seventh grade Theatre Arts students are beginning a unit on costume design where they learn the roles/responsibilities of a professional costume designer, and have the opportunity to create their own costume design based on an emotion word. Eighth grade Theatre Arts students are working on creating and performing a conflict scene where they are focusing on how character motivation plays an important role in both how a scene is written and performed.
- NBIS Spotlight Players recent production of Seussical Jr. was a great success, selling over 1,000 seats, and involving 120-plus NB students from the Intermediate and High Schools. Students served their roles in this show exceptionally well, as actors, stage crew, hair and makeup artists, ushers and front-of-house workers, and musicians.
- Sixth grade students started their Fitness unit regarding topics such as the five components of fitness, the differences between aerobic and anaerobic exercise, as well as muscle contractions such as isometric and isokinetic. Seventh grade is coming to an end of their Tobacco unit where they have been educated on the effects of tobacco through facts and statistics as well as the dangers and effects of E-cigarettes and vaping devices. Eighth grade students have just begun working on their CPR/Safety Prevention unit. Students have been learning the proper techniques and strategies for CPR, as well as using an AED training device in case an emergency ever occurs.
- NBIS has completed the "school" portion of the National Geographic Bee. The final and championship rounds were held on January 10th. Our school Champion for the 2018-2019 Bee is eighth grader, CJ DeAngelis. CJ was school champion last year as well. CJ had some tough competition against seventh grader, Jamie Brustman, who placed second. Eighth graders Gabby Barone and Robert Dolzani tied with sixth grader Ethan Helff for third place.
- Robotics Club has continued with weekly meetings and teaching at Jerome. We have, on average, five high school students and ten middle school students teaching the second graders the vex IQ robots. The club members are working on building a vex IQ robot to compete in competitions against other middle schools.
- Seventh grade Science students have begun working on a model of the Earth that will help them understand how the heat energy from the Earth's core slowly transforms the surface of our planet over time. Students will be presenting these models to each other in the coming weeks.
- Grade 6 Art students have just completed a project based around the North Branford Economic Development Committee's Sunflower Program. Students created beautiful sunflower drawings using oil pastel on black paper. Students chose a variety of sunflower images and selected paper based on the image that they had chosen. Grade 7 students are currently working on a one-point perspective unit using warm and cool colors to create a cityscape. Grade 8 students are currently illustrating Onomatopoeias using the style of Roy Lichtenstein who was a pop artist and had a very comic-style type of art.
- On February 11, the Alan C. Davis NBIS National Junior Honor Society Chapter held its first induction ceremony and 34 students were inducted into the organization. The chapter had their first meeting in early March and will be selecting their first service project.