

North Branford Intermediate School
NBIS News - September, 2017

- The year is off to a great start! We are pleased to welcome our newest NBIS staff members:
 - Genese Robinson, Life Skills
 - Katie Jones, Chorus
 - Joseph DeLucia, Health
 - Brett Gagliardi, P.E.
 - Brittany Salvati, Counselor
 - Thomas Howell, ISS
- The PTO hosted the 1st Annual NBIS PTO Welcome Back Picnic on Thursday, August 31st 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 cotton candy, popcorn, and sno-cones. Many staff members attended with their families as well.
- The PTO held their first meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. This year's officers are President Liz Hoskins, Vice President Dale Izzo, Secretary Michelle Provencher, and Treasurer Terri Nuzzo.
- The NBIS Open House Back-to-School Night took place on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. 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 Library Media Center is open extra hours after school on Monday through Thursday every week. Students may sign up to work in the library, and then take the activity bus home at 4:00 p.m.
- Teachers routinely offer students the opportunity for after school assistance through our daily "Office Hours" after-school help sessions. Generally scheduled from 2:05-2:35, teachers will be available after regular school hours on a "staggered" schedule.
- Our Tools for Schools Initiative continued with our first scheduled walkthrough of the 6th Grade Wing on September 15th.
- The twenty-eighth Annual Community Round-Up will be held at NBIS on Saturday, October 28, 2017. NBIS has hosted this charitable event since its inception. Student teams will collect non-perishable food items for the North Branford Food Pantry.
- School Picture Day was held on September 19, 2017. Retakes and activity photos will be taken on November 8th.
- NBIS hosted PRIDE Night for our students on Friday, September 15th. This team-building event was attended by over 200 students, and featured a D.J. and refreshments. Thank you to all the staff who attended!
- Congratulations to the following teachers, who will serve in leadership roles at NBIS this year: Ralph Shaw (Athletic Director & Health/ P.E. Dept. Leader), Eric Bickelhaupt (Dean of Students), Beth Lazzari (Dean of Students), Marcella Ardine (Social Studies Dept. Leader, 6-8), Nate Bowers (Science Dept. Leader, 6-8), Rob Ford (L.A. Dept. Leader - Rob Ford), Jessica Cavallaro (Math Dept. Leader, 6-8), Jen Tzetzso (World Language/ Tech. & Careers Dept. Leader), Liz Caplan (Art Dept. Leader), Linda Humphrey (Music Dept. Leader) and Carrie Sabetta (K-5 Social Studies Dept. Leader).
- The eighth graders will attend a special high school orientation program (T-Bird Fair) on either October 16th or October 17th. This event will culminate with a Parent Orientation program during the evening of October 16th.

- NBIS is continuing its daily Breakfast program from 7:10-7:25 in the cafeteria. A variety of items, including Smoothies, are on the menu.
- Our fall benchmark testing is underway. NBIS is employing the iReady instructional program during AST (Academic Support Time) classes on a regular basis. This computerized system will help us determine individual student strengths and weaknesses.
- PRIDE Week has been scheduled during the week of October 30th. A variety of activities and themed days will be planned, culminating in the 4th Annual Hawks Walk Walkathon charity fundraising event.