



North Brookfield Jr. - Sr. High School

News Letter

September 2015

Don't Forget To Be Awesome!

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! We have had a terrific opening of school, despite the malfunction of some technical equipment. I believe in the law of averages, so I am confident the rest of the year will be glitch free. Just don't quote me on that.

I would like to start by taking a moment to welcome some new staff to the HS family:

- ◆ **Susan LaFlamme**, a very familiar face from the Elementary School, is joining us as a Mathematics Teacher. Sue will be working with 7th graders as well as teaching one 8th grade and one Geometry class.
- ◆ Also coming from the ES is **Shari Ludwick**, who is not quite as familiar as Sue. Shari did her student teaching in the ES last year, and was continuing in the district as a paraprofessional. She recently got her teaching certification and will now be filling the role of Middle School Special Education Teacher.
- ◆ **Bill Kelleher** has joined us after many years working as an Engineer to anchor our new Vocational Engineering program. Bill is teaching one 8th grade and one 9th grade section of Intro to Engineering.
- ◆ **Courtney Cummings** is our new Music Teacher/Band Director. Courtney is teaching one HS and one JHS section of Band/Music.
- ◆ **Trish Richardson** has also moved from the ES to the HS as a paraprofessional. Trish will be working primarily with 7th and 8th grade students.

Welcome to all of our new staff!

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September is like spring training—each of us can envision this being The Year When Everything Comes Together. Students take vows to be more organized (as do teachers and administrators), parents take vows to be more engaged with their students' schoolwork, and there is a palpable sense of optimism and promise throughout the building. The key, of course, to fulfilling the promise of spring (in this case, fall) is stamina and tenacity. The vows of September need to be revisited in October, at the start of each marking period, and after every setback or struggle. They need to be part of our consciousness for the full ten months.

As adults, we can help instill, reinforce, drill, nag...whatever it takes to build that endurance. September usually goes well--let's get all over those successes and use them to build for the long haul.

And finally, I will be using Twitter this year--hopefully a lot; primarily as a tool to brag about the cool things going on in our school and to celebrate the success of our kids, but also to communicate about things going on in the school quickly and efficiently (read: snow days & cancellations). My Twitter handle (it's called a handle, right?) is @nbhsevens. Follow away!

Thanks,
Bill
Bill Evans
Principal

Upcoming Events

Sept. 7— No School

Sept. 11— Back to School Dance Gr. 7-12

Sept. 18— Nichols College Visit for Seniors

Sept. 25— End of 1st QTR Progress Report

- Homecoming Tailgate Party 6PM

Sept. 26— Homecoming Games start 10AM

- Homecoming Dance 7-10PM

- Grades 9-12

Sept. 28— Early Release 1/2 PPD

Oct. 12 — No School

Oct. 13 — No School PPD

Oct. 16 — Picture Retakes

Oct. 30 — End of 1st QTR



Parents are encouraged to enroll in iParent. This tool will allow parent/guardian access to our student information system and provide parents/guardians the ability to monitor their child's educational progress online. It is our hope that iParent will improve student achievement by increasing collaboration and communication with parents. Go to www.nbschools.org click on the Jr/Sr High School tab then the Parents tab and iParent Registration.



Quarter	Progress Report Issued	Report Card Issued
1	October 2	November 6
2	December 11	January 26
3	March 4	April 6
4	May 20	Last Day of School

Help out the PTO

We have registered North Brookfield PTO as a choice at AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. If you shop Amazon, choose the NBPTO and help support our schools!

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National Honor Society

The SOHCAHTOA Chapter of the North Brookfield National Honor Society had our first meeting of the year on September 2, 2015. Under the leadership of this year's president, Christopher Tillotson, we discussed a few of the activities planned for this year. On Thursday, October 8, 2015 NHS will host a Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE here at the high school. Please consider scheduling an appointment for this drive to donate a pint of life-saving blood!

submitted by Ms. DiPilato



Order your 2016 NBHS Yearbook

Pre-Order Purchase Information

Between Wednesday, August 26, 2015 and Thursday October 8, 2015 = \$35.00

Between Tuesday October 13, 2015 and Friday November 13, 2015 = \$40.00

Between Monday November 16, 2015 and Tuesday December 22, 2015 = \$45.00

Yearbook delivery date is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2016

To order a yearbook, simply fill out the order form below and return with cash or check made payable to NBHS, return to office or give to Mrs. Lacaire.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Cash _____ Check#: _____

Garden Club

"Mr. Reardon and Ms. Guzik will be running the after school Garden Club every Tuesday from 3 to 4 PM. Any High School students interested in the Garden Club Should contact Ms.Guzik by e-mail (nguzik@nbschools.org) or quickly stop by the Art Room During C or E Block before Thursday, September 10th."

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Wed., September 30th: Make a Super Simple Bulletin Board for Your Locker or Classroom!

Students and staff can sign-up in the library to make this creative display, during directed study. Limited to 15 participants.

Poetry Slam will be starting after school on Wednesday Sept. 30th from 2-2:45

Tuesday, October 13th: Google This! Better Searching, Better Selecting.

Most of us use Google as our first choice for online searching, but how do you know the websites you're selecting for homework, projects, teaching are good ones? Students and staff can sign-up in the library for this great mini-tech workshop. Limited to 20 participants. This workshop is during directed study.

October 18th-24th: Teen Read Week! Get caught reading-- be on the look-out for lots of fun stuff coming this week!

Wednesday, October 28th: Masquerade Mask-Making!

Need a quick costume for Halloween? Sign-up in the library to decorate a masquerade mask! During direct study. Limited to 15 participants.

Coming in November: writing the college application essay, book discussion group, Thanksgiving wreath! Check the calendars on the library windows for more exciting opportunities.

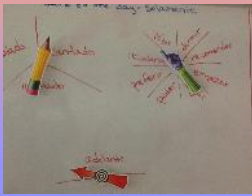




Noticias del Rincón – Septiembre

Spanish 1 this year has been great so far. Last year wasn't the best because I failed a lot of tests and quizzes, and I didn't do a lot of my homework. So coming from me you should study a lot and do ALL your home work! Also Señora moved from the other side of the school to a much bigger room. It's better because it's cooler and the room isn't as hot so it's easier to focus. I think this year will be much better for me and my classmates in Spanish 1!
submitted by Sydney Messenger

Ms. DiPilato has changed classrooms! She has moved to the opposite side of the building, so our Spanish II classes are held in room #208. We are currently going over material we covered in Spanish I to ensure a thorough review before beginning the new material.
submitted by Justin Lareau



In Spanish 3 we have been doing a quick review of what we learned last year in Spanish 2. This year Mrs. DiPilato is trying something different in her teachings. Now we have these spinners on the board that we turn. One has the verbs, such as *preferir, conocer, saber* or *poner*, whichever one it lands on we have to conjugate it. The other spinner is whether we have to conjugate the verbs orally, write them, literally sing them or act-spell the last word out. Yes, you read correctly. Sing or act them out! It was a lot of fun refreshing our memories on how to conjugate by singing or acting them out. Spanish 3 is looking a little bit differently than Spanish 2, but it's a good different.

submitted by Kristen Foote



Yearbook Deadlines for Seniors

- ⇒ Seniors will be asked to sell ads to local businesses to help defray the cost of yearbooks. Any senior interested in selling ads should see Mrs. Lacaire for the information and paperwork that needs to be completed beginning on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. All ads need to be completed and returned to Mrs. Lacaire, as soon as they are received by the student. The last day to turn in ads and money is Friday, November 13, 2015. Any senior selling at least \$300.00 in business ads will not be required to pay for their copy of the yearbook. Seniors not selling ads will be asked to cover the cost of their yearbook (approximately \$45.00). This payment needs to be received by Monday, December 21, 2015, in order to reserve a copy of the yearbook for seniors.
- ⇒ Seniors are asked to submit one (1) baby picture for the yearbook. Baby pictures will be accepted until Monday, December 7, 2015.
- ⇒ Seniors are asked to submit one (1) candid picture for the write-up section of the yearbook. Candid pictures will be accepted until Monday, December 7, 2015.
- ⇒ Seniors are asked to submit one (1) color senior picture for the Senior Portrait section of the yearbook. Pictures may be submitted on photo quality paper, digitally on CD, or by email. Digital images are preferred; however, they must meet the following specifications: 2 x 3 size in 300 dpi. Senior pictures will be accepted until Monday, December 7, 2015.
- ⇒ Senior will be asked to complete a write-up for the candid section of the yearbook. Write-ups will be distributed after Christmas vacation and will be accepted until Friday, January 15, 2016.

* Please make sure that your name is on the back of any picture submitted (and it is labeled for use in the correct section), so that it may be returned to you after the yearbook staff has scanned it. Quality of yearbook pictures is dependent on the original picture. (Blurry images will remain blurry.)

* Digital images are accepted and encouraged, since the yearbook will be completed using an online program.

Pictures taken digitally should be from a camera with at least 4 mega pixels. This requirement allows for better quality pictures in the yearbook.

* If there are any questions or concerns regarding Senior requirements, please contact Shelly Lacaire at slacaire@nbschools.org or at 508-867-7131.

* Pictures can be emailed to slacaire@nbschools.org.

2015 HOMECOMING

StuCo News

Homecoming weekend will begin
Friday, September 25th at 6PM @ NBHS.
With a tailgate party put on by the NBHS
Student Council.

The party is open to the town.

On Saturday September 26th, we will continue to
celebrate with the following varsity fall sport games.....

- . Girls Soccer at 10AM
- . Cross Country at 11AM
- . Field Hockey at 12 PM
- . Boys Soccer at 1:30PM

Hope to see everyone there to support our teams!

After the games the High School will have their
Homecoming Dance from 7-10PM