

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION CENTER
38705 GRAND AVENUE
NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
MARCH 23, 2023
5:30 PM**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call

Board Member Naegele will be attending the meeting remotely at the following location: 9876 State Highway 176, Walnut Shade, MO 65771

- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Work Session Topics
 - A. Superintendent's Report 2
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- V. Adjournment

Superintendent Update

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Prepare all learners for success in school and in life.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments

What - Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA), Minnesota Alternate Assessments, Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS), and Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS)

- Math
- Reading
- Science

Who - All students in grades 3-8, 10 and 11

When - April and May

Why - The student achievement data allows the teachers, building leaders, and district staff the opportunity to better personalize each student's learning experience. In addition, high school students who meet the designated MCA scores benchmark in a subject area are not required to take a developmental level course in that subject area, saving time and money.



Mutual accountability for shared results.

- NBAPS shared Level 5 e-learning plans with families in February newsletter
 - Included links to school-specific e-learning activities
 - Website created for families to readily access e-learning links
 - www.isd138.org/Page/510





Prepare all learners for success in school and in life.

Confidence matters.

- Remind students that they are prepared.
- Highlight *what's in it for me* “WIIFM.”
- Keep it in perspective.
- Stay positive.



Knowledge Bowl is regional champs!

Our High School Knowledge Bowl team won the regional Knowledge Bowl competition and will compete in the state meet April 13-14 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd!
Congratulations to Knowledge Bowl!



Knowledge Bowl State Qualifiers

Regional Champions!
Grace Larson
Theresa Beck
Alexis Mathison
Kennet Lupinek



Guys and Dolls coming in May



Guys and Dolls is coming to the Edelstein Auditorium in May. Showtimes are:

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- May 4, 5, 6 - 7 p.m.
- May 7 - 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the [NBAHS Activities website](#).

Mutual accountability for shared results.



Preventing Ransomware Attacks

A ransomware attack occurs when a hacker takes over a school district's computer systems and hold them “hostage” until the district pays a ransom or can restore the system on their own.

NBAPS Response (Darin Marcussen-Director of Technology)

- Train employees: NBAPS trains staff to recognize phishing emails and other types of cyber attacks.
- Implement multi-factor authentication: To protect network access and email, NBAPS implements multi-factor authentication processes. This requires users to have two or more credentials as authentication.
- Require strong passwords: NBAPS requires users to update passwords in regular intervals and emphasizes the best practice of having different passwords for multiple accounts.
- Backup data: NBAPS backs up essential data offline and remotely frequently.
- Ongoing prioritization for continuous improvement:
 - Ongoing agenda item of Tech Admin agenda
 - ECMECC partnership continues to strengthen our approach
 - Considering pilot to eliminate highest risk of ransomware attacks by changing staff software and operating systems. (Spring 2023)



Mobilizing Community Engagement.

NBAHS CAREER FAIR



CONNECT TO YOUR FUTURE

JOIN NORTH BRANCH AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOR AN EDUCATIONAL DAY OF EXPLORING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. SPEAK WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, MILITARY BRANCHES, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND COLLEGES. 11TH AND 12TH GRADE WILL BE ATTENDING THIS EVENT. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND RECRUIT STUDENTS LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK OR HIRE GRADUATING SENIORS.

APRIL 26 AND MAY 23

7:45AM-2:25PM

**LOCATION: NORTH BRANCH AREA HIGH SCHOOL
NORTH GYM**

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL KRISTIN MAYNE CAREER NAVIGATOR TO
REGISTER AND RESERVE A BOOTH**

651-674-1618 K MAYNE@ISD138.ORG

North Branch Area High School Career Fair
April 26 and May 23, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.

- Incredible opportunity for juniors and seniors to meet with and ask questions of
 - Community industry partners
 - Military recruiters
 - First responders and Civic Leaders
 - Learn about apprenticeship programs offered in the trades
 - Post-secondary educational programs
- Opportunity for district partners to meet and recruit from a growing body of hard-working, responsible, and intelligent students.



Mobilizing Community Engagement.

We Are All The Same Sock Hop

To commemorate National Down Syndrome Day The NBAEC hosted the "We Are All The Same Sock Hop" on March 21.

- Over 280 attendees
- Dairy Queen, County Market, and Dominos helped sponsor the event
- Thanks to all the volunteers, businesses, and guests!





Bike and Roll to School Day is May 3



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This year's Spring Bike and Roll to School event is Wednesday, May 3.

District staff is working alongside city and county staff to plan this event.



Committing Resources to District Priorities.

NBAPS was awarded grant funding to install cameras on the stop arms of school buses.

- Two cameras will be installed on each stop arm, one forward facing and the other facing rearward

Safe rides to school

- Video cameras are also in place inside buses, recording audio and video. On our full size buses, there are cameras in the front, middle and back of the bus.
 - Data practices are strictly followed.
 - Our SRO works alongside us to address safety issues.





Committing Resources to District Priorities.

NBAPS was made aware of the availability of federal funds to assist in meeting student mental health needs during the upcoming summer.

An application was submitted in February and notification arrived last week that the district has received additional funding that can be used in the month of June¹³ to meet student needs.



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Middle School Program Update

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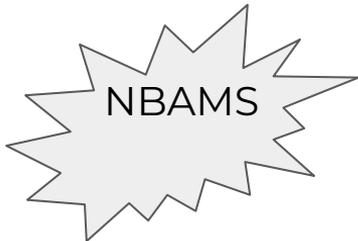
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MIDYEAR UPDATE: ACADEMIC GOAL



At the end of Semester One:

85% of NBAMS students earned a C- or better in all classes.



Academic Goal: What's Next?

Additional action steps being taken include:

- Individual grade check procedure completed in advisory during weeks 3, 5 and 7 of Quarters 3 and 4.
- Addition of “On a Roll” recognition for students whose GPA increased by .166 from previous quarter GPA calculation.
- Content specific academic support assigned to Grade 7 and 8 students during advisory. Same for Grade 6 students during WIN time.

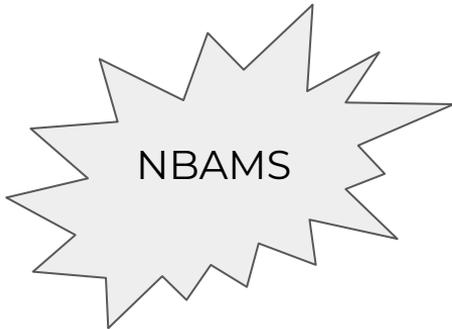


MIDYEAR UPDATE: LIFE SKILLS GOAL



At the end of Semester One:

94% of NBAMS students are displaying RED behaviors consistently (0-1 behavior referrals).



Life Skills Goal: What's Next?

Additional action steps being taken include:

- Two high school Juniors added to the MS mentor program; 8th Grade students identified as being at-risk using the Early Warning Threshold System (attendance, grades, behavior referrals, assessment scores) are assigned to begin working with the newly added HS mentors.



NBAMS Intervention Highlight: Mentor Program



Our mentor program began in 2019 and this year 60 students are benefiting from working with a peer mentor. The mentors assist the students in realizing their potential and focus on personal growth and development.

NBAMS Enrichment Highlight: Art Club



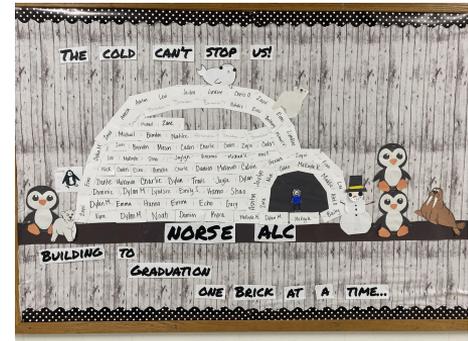
- Est. February 2023
- 30 students registered in a blink of an eye.
- Opportunity for students to hone in on their artistic talents.²¹
- No prerequisite required.
- Currently a Community Ed after school program.
- Each session is an hour and half with the students completing their project in the allotted time.

Norse Area Learning Center Program Update

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Growing toward Graduation



Norse ALC Academic Goal:

During the 2022-2023 school year, 80% of all course grades will be on track for earning credit by the end of each term; students not on track in their courses will have a personalized learning plan toward course completion.

1st semester Norse ALC grades show that 84.7% of all course grades are on track to earn credit.

Norse ALC Life Skills Goal:

Student attendance at Norse ALC for students enrolled on October 1, 2022 as measured by Average Daily Attendance, will grow from an average from the 2021 school year of 31% to at least 50% present during the 2022-23 school year.

Norse ALC average daily attendance for semester 1 was 46.42%

We are growing at Norse ALC

- ❖ Expanded Learning Opportunities
 - ❖ Foundation-Funded Events
 - ❖ Post Secondary Visits



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Distance Learning Academy Program Update

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Current DLA Enrollment

Total enrolled in NPAPS

146

Open Enrollment:

32 (approximately 20%)

Full time students:

93

Part time students:

53 (48 are 11/12 grade)

Enhanced Communication



- ❖ **2nd semester kick-off meetings**
 - In Person
 - Virtual

 - ❖ **Intervention efforts**
 - DLA team created a progressive intervention response to students 'Off Pace'
 - Progress Reports mailed every 2 weeks
 - Parents real time access to student progress via Edmentum 27
 - Senior/Family In-person meetings

 - ❖ **Seniors On-track to Graduate**
 - 45 total
 - 26 PT, 2 not on pace
 - 19FT, 7 not on pace
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