



# *Northbrook Junior High School Newsletter*

## *January 2018*

Monday	01/08		-	School Resumes
Tuesday	01/09	9:00am	-	PTO Council Meeting @ HOH
Wednesday	01/10	8:45am 10:15am	- -	NBJH PTO Meeting GBN Representative visits with 8th Grade Students
Friday	01/12	4:00pm	-	<b>6th Grade Girls Only Make-Up (originally scheduled 12/6) Basketball Game vs. Wood Oaks - @NBJH - small gym</b>
Saturday	01/13	5:00pm	-	6th Grade Dance Assembly @ JH - Large Gym
Monday	01/15		-	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday	01/17	12:00pm	-	Music Parents Club Meeting @ HOH
Thursday	01/18	6:30pm	-	Incoming Freshman Curriculum Night @ Glenbrook North
Friday	01/19		-	End of JH Term 3
Saturday	01/20	8:00am	-	NBJH Science Fair @ JH
		5:00pm	-	6th Grade Dance Assembly @ JH - Large Gym
Tuesday	01/23	7:00pm	-	Board of Education Meeting @ HOH
Saturday	01/27	5:00pm	-	6th Grade Dance Assembly @ JH - Large Gym
Monday	01/29		-	8th Grade Students Travel to GBN for Registration
Tuesday	01/30	7:00pm	-	D28 Faculty Recital



Dear Parents and Guardians of current NBJH sixth and seventh graders,

Northbrook School District 28 is committed to providing challenging opportunities to all students. Gifted and Talented services are offered to students that demonstrate unique strengths in academic or intellectual areas of mathematics and/or language arts to provide a more rigorous and challenging curriculum.

The Gifted and Talented (G/T) identification and placement testing is scheduled to begin in early February. At NBJH, sixth and seventh grade students may be evaluated for placement in Advanced Language Arts. Students are referred for testing in one of two ways: 1) the student is recommended by his/her current LA teacher; or 2) the student's parent/guardian submits a nomination form.

**Should you wish to nominate your child, please note that the completed form is due by January 19, 2018.** Use the link to the nomination form; it can also be found on the District 28 website or be requested from the school office. (Please note that students currently in Advanced LA classes are not required to complete the form.)

The receipt of nomination forms will be confirmed via email. If you submit a nomination form but do not receive an email confirming its receipt, please email Mrs. Heller, the Gifted and Talented Service Coordinator at NBJH, at [bheller@northbrook28.net](mailto:bheller@northbrook28.net).

You may also contact Mrs. Heller if you have any questions about the process.

Thanks,  
Scott

Link:

[http://northbrook28.ss9.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_556025/File/Programs/Gifted%20and%20Talented/Parent%20Guardian%20Nom%20Form%202018%20NBJH%20ADA.pdf](http://northbrook28.ss9.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_556025/File/Programs/Gifted%20and%20Talented/Parent%20Guardian%20Nom%20Form%202018%20NBJH%20ADA.pdf)

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## **News Update from Your NBJH PTO!**

*Dear NBJH families,*

*Welcome back to school! The PTO has a lot going on this month. The biggest highlight is for 6th graders. Don't forget, **6th grade parents**, it's time for Dance Assembly! Your child will learn current and traditional social dancing as well as social etiquette from Ms. Vera Schmidt, our wonderful dance instructor. This program runs for 8 Saturday evenings beginning Saturday, January 13. It is usually attended by over 90% of the 6th grade class and is definitely one of the highlights of 6th grade. Make sure to turn in your form and check to the committee chairs, Liz Karle and Sharon Cuncannan ASAP! There are also opportunities to chaperone this fun event. You can log on to our website, [nbjhpto.com](http://nbjhpto.com), to sign up to help. It's so fun to see the children dressed up and learn social graces.*

*We are looking to fill several positions on the NBJH PTO for next year. We are seeking a Recording Secretary for the executive board. If you are interested in getting involved we would love to have new parents join us!! Additionally we will need many new committee chairs to fill roles in various committees as well. Please contact me if you are interested and we can find a position that works with your interests and schedule.*

*As always, if you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to email me. Our upcoming meeting dates are: Wednesday, January 10 at 8:45, Wednesday, February 7 at 8:45 and Wednesday, March 7 at 8:45 am.*

*Here's to a terrific 2018!!*

*Fondly,*

*Betsy Lawrence  
PTO President  
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# What's Happening at NBJH

## **New clubs beginning the week of January 29th.....**

### **Chess Club**

Wednesdays @ 3:45-4:45

- Open to all levels

- Interested in learning about chess? Playing for the first time? Been playing for years and want to improve and play others? Join Mr. Pucciarello and your friends every Wednesday afternoon for chess club. Get started with this great game and take your skills to the next level!

### **Book Club**

6th Grade: Monday during lunch

7th Grade: Wednesday during lunch

8th Grade: Thursday during lunch

- Love to read? Want to share opinions and thoughts with others? Join Mr. Pucciarello and other readers from your grade to talk about the books you love! The best part is that you get to run the club: you get to choose which book we read each week, what activities we'll take part in, etc. Come see Mr. P if you're interested!

Kyle Pucciarello

Resource Director

### **Spirit Week**

Student Council is in the midst of planning for Spirit Week 2018, which will be during the week of January 29th. Activities will include X-Block door decorating and daily Dress-Up Days. Will it be 6th, 7th, or 8th Grade that takes home the Spirit Week trophy? The suspense will be resolved on Friday, February 2 during our culminating Spirit Week Assembly.

### **Geographic Bee**

NBJH is gearing up for our school level National Geographic Bee competition in mid-January. Social studies teachers have made announcements regarding sign-ups and practice sessions. It's our second year participating, and we're looking forward to an exciting event. The NBJH winner will take an online test in an effort to qualify for the state competition, which will be held in the spring. Contact Mrs. Heller or Mr. Piechowiak if you have any questions.

### **Sports**

The 8th grade girls basketball team is off to a great start. They have been working hard, focusing on teamwork and defense. They've had some very exciting, close contests and look forward to coming back to complete the season in January. Coach Seifer

The 6th Grade Boys Basketball team has had an amazing start to the season with a 7-0 start. They have two remaining games before winter break, and the boys are prepared for the remaining four games of the season. They are a great group of boys, who work together, and play the game the right way. A lot of great personalities and positive attitudes are what have lead to this teams success. Coach P is going to miss this group come January 11th.

## Shakespeare Lunch Club is in full swing!

This year, five eighth graders have decided to make Shakespeare Lunch Club a daily part of their day, and we all look forward to our lunch time together!

Here is what happens every day in Shakespeare Lunch Club. The group enjoys reading portions of the plays, discovering Shakespeare's language, figuring out the rhythm of his words, as well as watching certain plays on DVD. It is great fun to hear the students read their favorite scenes and act them out! Shakespeare wrote a total of 37 plays and 154 sonnets. Because the club only meets during 7<sup>th</sup> period lunch, the focus for club is on Shakespeare's plays with the hope that the members will continue to enjoy his work outside of club!

Shakespeare Lunch Club is another way for students to get involved during eighth grade at Northbrook Junior High!



Miss Hicks  
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# Yearbook

## Baby Pictures

### Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

The years go by quickly & sometimes it's hard to believe how fast kids grow up! As in previous years, you will have an opportunity to share a baby picture of your child in the 2017-2018 yearbook.

To prevent any missing pictures, we will be using a website through Herff Jones, our yearbook company, where you can upload the picture directly.

### How to share photo:

1. Visit [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com)
2. Use school code: **NBJH**
3. Complete the form, including your first & last name, your email address, telephone number.
4. Click to agree to the terms & conditions.
5. Click on "**Browse for Images**".
6. Locate the picture file you would like to share.
7. Click "**OK**" to upload your picture.
8. Complete the form, including grade of student & their name.
9. In the **Description** box, please share a short message (25 words max) to your child with your congratulations & wishes for them. **NOTE:** Any messages over 25 words will be edited for length.
10. Click "Submit Image" when you are done.



included in the 2017-2018 yearbook, submit your child's baby picture by **February 14, 2018**.

If you don't have a digit image of your child to upload, you might consider bringing a photograph to the photo department of a store like Walgreens, Target, or CVS where they can scan & digitize the photo for you for a small fee.

We look forward to helping you share this special memory with your child! Please contact Dave Kostal with any questions.

Mr. Dave Kostal & Ms. Heather Sullivan  
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# NORTHBROOK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## JANUARY LUNCH BLUE PLATE MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 WINTER RECESS	2 WINTER RECESS	3 WINTER RECESS	4 WINTER RECESS	5 WINTER RECESS
8 Pasta & Marinara Garlic Bread Steamed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	9 Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice Steamed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	10 Loaded Chili Cornbread Chopped Salad Fresh Fruit	11 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Kettle Chips Fresh Fruit	12 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
15 No School	16 Pork Walking Taco Brown Rice Fresh Fruit	17 Teriyaki Chicken & Broccoli Fried Rice Fresh Fruit	18 Meatball Sub Kettle Chips Vegetable Sticks Fresh Fruit	19 Bosco Sticks Caesar Fresh Fruit
22 Mac & Cheese Garlic Bread Steamed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	23 Beef Tacos Mexican Rice Steamed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	24 Baked Chicken Tenders Roasted Potato Sweet Corn Fresh Fruit	25 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Kettle Chips Fresh Fruit	26 Pita Pizza Chopped Salad Fresh Fruit
29 Baked Mostaccioli Dinner Roll Steamed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	30 Chicken Enchilada Brown Rice Steamed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	31 Turkey Roll Ups Kettle Chips Vegetable Soup Fresh Fruit		



**SALAD BAREVERYDAY:**

**SmallBowl\$1.75**

**LargePlate\$3.50**

**ROTATINGALA CARTEOPTIONS:**

**PastaDishes,Burgers,**

**Soup,Sandwiches,Chi**

**ckenTenders,Pizza,**

**And more!**

**BLUE PLATE MENU IS \$3.50 AND INCLUDES MILK, JUICE, OR SMALL WATER**

