



Upcoming School Events:

Fri. Jan 26:	Letters of Intent due to the office by 4 pm
Tues. Jan 30:	LAST DAY to vote NBS in CharlottesvilleFamily Favorites (see below)
Fri. Feb. 2:	First Friday Coffee Time 8:45 - 9:30 AM, hosted by Junior families
Tues. Feb. 6:	Board of Trustees meeting @ 6:30 pm
Sat. Feb. 10:	Parent Work Day 9 - 3 @ NBS
Tues. Feb. 13:	NBS Prospective Student Open House 10-11 am & 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Mon. Feb. 19:	SCHOOL CLOSED: Presidents' Day: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tues. Feb. 20*:	Closed: February Break: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*
Wed. Feb. 21*:	Closed: February Break: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*
Fri. Apr. 26:	31st Annual North Branch Golf Classic (registration form attached)

*This February Break includes NBS's snow make-up days. If we have to make up days missed due to inclement weather on these days, we will notify families.



Vote by Jan. 30 for NBS as a CharlottesvilleFamily Favorite in several categories: **Page 2:** Festival (write-in BandFair), **Page 6:** Choose North Branch School in Preschool, Private Elementary, and Private Middle School categories. **Page 6:** Write in the name of a teacher under Preschool, Elementary, and Middle School categories. **Page 12:** You must hit submit for your survey to be valid.

If you need help with teachers' last names: <https://north-branch-school.org/about/faculty/>

Survey: <https://www.charlottesvillefamily.com/family-favorite-awards/family-favorite-awards-ballot/>

2024-25 Contracts coming soon Thank you for returning your Letter of Intent for next year. We will begin drafting contracts for the 2024-25 school year and hope to have them to families by next week for review and return.

Parent Work Day Saturday Feb. 10 from 9 am - 3 pm. We will have our first Parent Work Day of the spring semester on Saturday, February 10. Please plan to attend and help keep our school in good working order and looking good as we prepare for spring. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will have both inside and outside jobs and activities that need to be completed. If this is highlighted, you signed up to attend on your Yellow Pages.

Valentine's Day at NBS is all about friends! Teachers of Preschool-Primary students will create Valentine containers at school to display in the Big Room. Juniors, Seniors, and Middle Schoolers will create their containers at school & home, so all can be displayed Monday, February 12th through Friday, February 16th. Everyone is invited to make Valentines at home for their classmates, teachers, Book Buddies, and friends. The containers will go home with students at the end of the day on the 16th.

Invite any friends and acquaintances who may be interested in learning more about a North Branch education to our upcoming **Open House on February 13**, from 10-11 am or from 5:30-7 pm. **You are our best form of advertising.**

Three months until the **31st Annual North Branch Golf Classic!** Attached is a **registration form** for this fun, low-key golf tournament **for players of all levels.** An opportunity to sponsor the NBS Golf Classic and BandFair 2024 will be coming your way soon.

Did the snow make you think about...gardening? **Seed catalogs are winging their way to us** from High Mowing Organic Seeds. You'll have an opportunity to place an order to benefit your garden AND NBS.

Did you know?

- Katrien and Tim attended a National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Nashville this week. They spent two full days thinking about the most effective ways to teach children and came home with many things to share with students and colleagues.

Many thanks to...

- Everyone who attended the Meet the Board event. Here's info shared about the NBS budget::
 - Our annual costs hover around \$1 Million - mostly personnel expenses.
 - Most (~75-80%) of our income is tuition and fees.
 - Remainder of income comes mostly from donations and grants.
 - We historically have strived to have 100% of tuition income go to teacher salaries/benefits. Donations/grants cover all other expenses.

