

Upcoming School Events:

Friday, Dec. 6

Thursday, Dec. 19

Fri., Dec. 20 - Sun., Jan. 5, 2025

Monday Jan. 6

NBS Holiday Craft Fair, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. George & the Dragon 1 & 7 pm @ RVCC

Winter Break

School reopens after Winter Break

St. George & the Dragon Performances - 'Tis the season when dragons and giants take center stage. Early Primary through Middle School have begun rehearsing for NBS's annual performance of *St. George & the Dragon* this week.

- We hope all Preschool students & families will come to the 1:00 pm *St. George & the Dragon* performance to watch.
- The 2024 performances will all be at Rockfish Valley Community Center (190 Rockfish School Ln. Afton VA 22920)
- **Early Primary, Primary Blue & Primary Yellow** students will **perform ONLY** in the **1 pm performance**.

Juniors through Middle School will perform in **both** the **1:00 & 7 pm performances**.

Here is the [link](#) to help with set-up & clean-up at RVCC. Please sign up to help if you are able - more hands makes quick work! This link has also been sent out via email to families in Primary Blue - Middle School. Remember, only Juniors - Middle School are in the evening performance.



#GivingTuesday Recap:

- Thank you to everyone who donated to NBS for #GivingTuesday and to all who support the school in a variety of ways throughout the year.
- For #GivingTuesday 2024, NBS received \$24,500 in gifts and pledges from 45 families, 39 friends, former families and staff members, 36 grandparents, 17 alumni, and 8 board members (100% of our board!).
- Added to that total is the \$15,500 in matching gifts from our challenge donors, making the grand total of **\$40,000!** Many thanks to our matching donors for the inspiration and incentive: Ellen Bouton, Paul & Maria Henderson, Ian & Aaron Kelly, Becky Lindsay & Scott Pearce, and two anonymous donors.
- If you donated online for #GivingTuesday, the fees associated with your gift were covered by Lovingston Veterinary Hospital. A big thank you to this Nelson County gem for making sure that NBS received 100% of every gift.
- We appreciate our gift card donors for generously adding a little fun to the day. Below are the lucky folks whose names were drawn at random to receive a gift card:
 - Trager Brothers Coffee (2 cards) - Krista C, (former parent/teacher), Hannah H, (parent, alum)
 - Blue Ridge Pig - Christy & Jeff H. (former NBS parents)
 - Silverback Distillery (two cards) - Cat M, (parent) & Jeff H. (grandparent)
 - Starbucks (two cards) - Toni N. (grandparent), Suzanne W. (grandparent)
 - Target (two cards) - Jaime M, (former parent, board), Kathleen K. (grandparent)
 - Barnes & Noble - Sharon S, (former NBS parent)
 - BandFair 2025 Family ticket (two certificates) - Erica C. (parent), Silas T. (alum)

Reminders...

- **Dressing for the weather**- Because colder temperatures are upon us and we spend so much time outside during the school day, it is important to dress appropriately for the weather. Layers for peeling off or adding on as needed, coats, hats, and gloves/mittens are ideal--and warm socks or shoes because no one likes cold tootsies.
- Check the **Lost & Found** on the front porch & under the front office bench of school. There are many items that need to go home. On December 19th, all items in Lost & Found will be donated.
- **Inclement Weather** -If you are in any doubt about whether school is open or closed, always check the school answering machine (540-456-8450) and the school website north-branch-school.org for a message about school delays or closings. The message will be posted by 7:30AM of the day in question. NBC closings and delays are also posted on NBC channel 29 television news, and online at www.nbc29.com. If there is a 2-hour delay, Preschool will be canceled and there is no Before Care.
We will make every effort to send a school-wide email but cannot guarantee one can be sent
- Order **silhouettes by December 13** for delivery before the holidays. Let Bonnie or Autum know if you need the link and password again.
- Virginia Diner orders will be ready for pick up next week!

Many thanks to...

- Our entire community for helping with Stone Soup - we could not share our yummy cauldron of soup, delicious cornbread and fresh butter without everyone contributing to our feast. Special thanks to Catherine R., Melinda S., Adam J., Rebecca H., Anne B., Priya S., Oliwia S., Ever G., Megan D., Aaron K., Freda F., Peggy P., Lauren W., Missy H., Megan F., Kitty D., Jessica C., Kelsey L., Christin M., Eric C., Cory & Rachel P., Tim R., Berry F., Jesse S., Cristan K., Travis A., & Joia W. for extra help with veggie chopping, set up and clean up and parking help.
- Allie L. & Ting Pavilion for extra tables and chairs.



Oscar - Juniors



Wes - Juniors



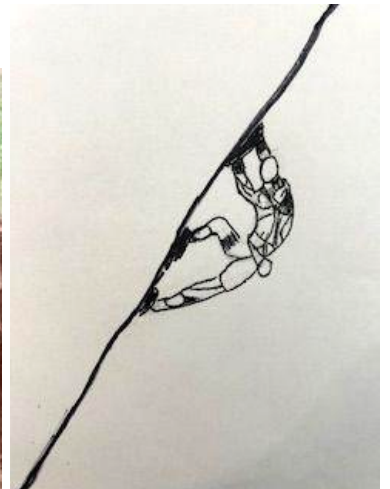
Gus - Middle School



Eleanora - Juniors



Carina - Juniors



Sam - Middle School