



Upcoming School Events:

Fri. 1/16	Re-enrollment information goes home
Mon. 1/19	SCHOOL CLOSED: MLK Jr Day
Wed. Jan 28:	NBS Science Fair (2nd-year Seniors and Middle Schoolers)
Fri. Jan 30:	Letters of Intent due to the office by 4 pm
Fri. Feb. 6:	First Friday Coffee Time 8:45 - 9:30 AM
Sat. Feb. 7:	Parent Work Day 9 - 3 @ NBS
Tues. Feb. 10:	Board of Trustees meeting @ 6:30 pm
Mon. Feb. 16:	SCHOOL CLOSED: Presidents' Day: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tues. Feb. 17*:	Closed: February Break: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*
Wed. Feb. 18*:	Closed: February Break: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS*

*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.

Re-enrollment information for current families 2026-27 The Letter of Intent and re-enrollment information for current families will be attached to your student's paper copy of the Friday newsletter. Please ask for it! The **Letter of Intent**, a non-binding indication of your plans for the 2026-27 school year, is due back to the office on **Friday, January 30**. Reminder - If you are interested in receiving tuition work credit and/or financial aid for the 2026-27 school year, please fill out the financial assistance form that will be included with re-enrollment information. Families currently receiving financial assistance must fill out a new form each year.

The process for **non-enrolled siblings & new families** to inquire and apply for enrollment for the 2026-27 school year has begun. We anticipate having full waitpools across the grades for next year based on current year's enrollment & interest/received applications. Some classes' waitpools are already full, and we are not accepting additional applications. Please find information on the enrollment process [here](#). If you have not submitted your application as a new family or for a sibling of a current student and wish to do so, please keep us apprised of your intentions in this process, as we are expecting full classes.

Reminders...

- **Dressing for the weather**- Because Virginia weather is weird and all over the place, it is important to dress appropriately for weird 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 or wet tootsies.
- **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. NBS 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

Did you know...

- The Middle Schoolers reimagined the 1431 trial of Joan of Arc last Friday morning, with parents and Seniors acting as the jury. She was found not guilty of both heresy and treason. Congratulations to all of the lawyers and witnesses for a good job researching and presenting. For more details and photos of the trial, check out our blog: [Joan of Arc](#).

- More great photos from St. George! Here's the link for Juniors - Middle Schoolers rehearsing in costume in the Big Room: [St. George photos - 2](#)

Many thanks to...

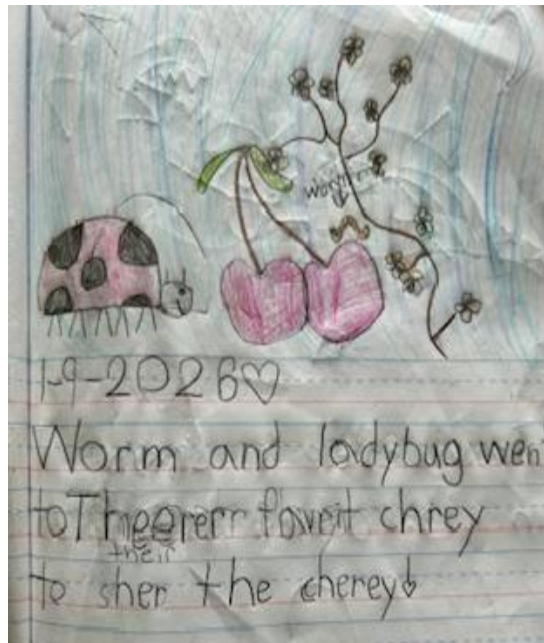
- Many Senior and MS parents, as well as other community members, who are coming to talk to Seniors and Middle Schoolers about their careers during our Career Exploration Elective and Advisory time. This week, students heard from Stephanie Matysek-Snyder about her years as an event planner during events such as the Beijing Olympics or the World Cup, from Justin Harrison about Design Thinking, and from Rita Crawford, Chris & Elvira Highley, Jordan Leahy, and Boomie Pedersen from the Hamner Theater. Thank you all for broadening our horizons! More next week!

In the Community...

- Please see this [document](#) for ideas to honor Dr. King either through community programs or service projects.



Kellan - Primary Yellow



Stone - Primary Blue



Elroy - Juniors



Cora Luna & Carolina - EP & SRS



Juniper & Tristen - Juniors



Ruby & Eleanor - SRS & JRS