

August 2026

Dear Seniors students and families –

Happy August! We hope you're having a great summer so far. We are looking forward to seeing all of you when school begins. We're writing to help get you started thinking about coming back to school (there is a lot of summer left, don't worry!) and to let you know what to expect.

Our team is excited to be back together for another exciting year for NBS Seniors! Tim returns as our intrepid Math teacher, Lindsey reprises her roles as NBS Seniors' fearless Science and Music teacher, and Wendy looks forward to expanding young minds as she returns as Seniors' Language Arts and Humanities teacher. Together, we are committed to delivering inspiring and thought-provoking explorations in a collaborative and safe learning environment.

Back to School Night! Parents are invited to the Seniors' Homeroom on **Tuesday, August 25 either 4 - 5 pm or 6 - 7 pm** to meet teachers, see the room, and ask any questions about the school year. We'll have some information for you about the year ahead, as well as reminders about everything you need to get started. Feel free to bring any shared supplies that you have purchased at this time.

Our **first day of school is Thursday, August 27. School is closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7.** Students can bring their shared school supplies (list is below) to Back to School Night or to school those first couple of days.

A Reading Reminder: If you haven't started or you're still working on your **Summer Reading BINGO challenge**, there's still lots of time to complete it. The directions are listed at the end of this document.

Bring your Summer Reading BINGO challenge sheet—and your activities—to NBS on the first day of school in Fall, 2026. Give it to Wendy, your Language Arts teacher. If you lost your copy of the BINGO challenge, see the attached copy below. HAVE FUN!

Math Camps - Want your student to hit the ground running this fall? Katrien is offering three camps to help them sharpen their skills and boost their confidence:

Bootstrap 1 (Coding) - August 10th-14th, 9:00am - 12:00 pm

Fractions 1 - August 10th-14th, 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

If your student is attending both Bootstrap 1 (Coding) and Fractions 1 during the week of August 10th, they can stay for lunch between sessions.

Probability - Aug. 17th-21st, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm (NOTE: Thursday's camp will be 1:30-4:30 pm)

If your student is attending both BTS Readiness (now FULL) and Probability during the week of August 17th, they can stay and bring a lunch to be eaten between sessions.

Email Katrien (KatrienV@nbsva.org) to reserve a spot.

With this letter, you will find a **supply list** for Seniors. Please let us know if you have any questions about anything on this list. If you have any questions about the year, please feel free to email us. **We look forward to a great year!**

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Seniors' Supply List - 2026 - 2027

Please obtain the following items before the start of school. We hope you will be able to take advantage of summer sales. Please feel free to reuse folders, notebooks, and supplies that are in good shape. They do not need to be new.

Personal Item for each student

A **camp chair labeled with student's name** for the Annex porch, so everyone has a place to **sit** and relax (and they are easily moved around) - please let us know if you do not have one that can come to school and stay there, and we will begin looking for extras.

A **water bottle**, with your child's name written on it in permanent marker.

A **clipboard** - 12.5" X 9"

A **pencil case** (box or pouch), large enough to hold the following items.

pencils -- pack of 10 or 12, with extras at home

an eraser - the pink or white rectangular erasers work well

hand-held pencil sharpener - the simple small plastic ones with a cover to catch the shavings

fine tip dry erase markers (4 pack, all black or assorted is fine)

scissors - The small Fiskar style works well, but you can choose; nothing fancy or large is needed.

earphones/buds - Your child should have their own pair for use throughout the year.

highlighters - 1 each of yellow, pink, and green

black sharpies (optional) - 1 fine, 1 ultra-fine

Shared Items for the Classroom:

Please choose 2 items from the following list to donate to the classroom for general use: *bold-tipped dry-erase classroom markers, box of tissues, dish soap, kitchen sponges, tall kitchen trash bags, extra #2 pencils, wide-ruled lined notebook paper, colored Sharpies (bold or fine line), pack of glue sticks, playdough, and colored pencils.*

For Use at Home:

An eraser, colored pencils, markers, a pencil sharpener, pencils, notebook paper

Subject Folders and Notebooks Needed:

Language Arts: **2 composition notebooks** (of any color or design), as well as a **YELLOW** 3-ring binder with a pocket in the front or back

Humanities: a **BLUE** 1" 3-ring binder with a pocket in the front or back, and three dividers (any kind)

Science: a **GREEN** 1" 3-ring binder with interior front and back pockets, and 3 binder dividers (any kind).

Math: a **RED** 3-ring binder with a pocket in the front or back (½" to 1" size is preferred).

Music and Chorus: a **PURPLE** or music-themed pocket folder for music

Art: a **sketchbook** to use at home and in class. It should be 8.5" x 11" or larger. It does not have to be new. If you already have a sketchbook that you are using, that is great: please keep using it!

Spanish: a **WHITE** 1-inch 3-ring binder for **Spanish** (Using your previous year's binder is encouraged.)

We'll supply: *a student planner for keeping track of homework and projects, curriculum materials, a small whiteboard, ruler, protractor, and calculator, and supplies for special projects.*

Highlights

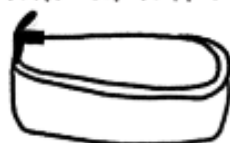
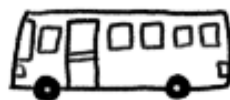


Summer Reading



BINGO



In a kiddie pool 	In a closet with a flashlight 	In a fort with a friend 	On a swing gently swinging 	In a sand chair at the beach 
A book review on Sunday 	In the bleachers at a game 	At a campsite by a fire 	Food on a takeout menu 	In a tub, without water 
At the breakfast table 	In a rocking chair or glider 	FREE SPACE 	In a tree house or wagon 	In line at a theme park 
On a carpet with headphones 	The news to a pet 	A poem by Shakespeare 	An e-book or e-zine 	A movie review 
On a blanket at a lake 	A scene in a play 	Towns on a map 	In your parents' bed 	A train or bus schedule 



Seniors' Summer 2026 Reading BINGO Challenge



Welcome to your ultimate summer reading adventure! This challenge is designed to keep your mind sharp, introduce you to incredible stories, and let you read on your own terms. Complete the board, track your favorite books, and share your best reading moments for some fun rewards when you return in the fall!

How to Play

- **Connect 5:** Complete five squares in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
- **Mix It Up:** Choose books from different genres and formats.
- **Track Your Progress:** Cross off squares as you finish each reading activity.
- **Review Your Favorites:** Fill out the log and reflection section below.
- **Return it in the fall:** Enjoy fun goodies in the fall for completing the challenge!

The COVER ALL Ultimate Challenge

Are you ready to maximize your summer reading? For extra bragging rights and some fun fall perks, take on the **Cover All Challenge**

- **The Goal:** Cross off every single square on your BINGO board by the end of summer.
- **The Reward:** Earn a special recognition and fun goodies during our class kickoff in the fall!

Your Summer Reading Log

Keep track of your Seniors' Summer Bingo Books this summer! List up to six books you read below, including the author and your personal star rating. (Attach an extra page if you need more space!)

1. **Book Title:** _____ **Author:** _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
2. **Book Title:** _____ **Author:** _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
3. **Book Title:** _____ **Author:** _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
4. **Book Title:** _____ **Author:** _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
5. **Book Title:** _____ **Author:** _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
6. **Book Title:** _____ **Author:** _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Summer Spotlight Reflection

Of all the BINGO squares you completed, which reading activity was your absolute favorite? Describe the experience and tell me exactly why it stood out to you!

My Favorite Reading Activity Was:

The Book I Chose For This Square Was:

Why I Loved It:

Draw A Picture Of Your Favorite Scene From The Book:

