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Greetings! It has been a busy few weeks here at NBTMS, with many great events and programs happening. We still have much planned for the remainder of the year, but first up are our *Spring Parent Teacher Conferences*. We strongly encourage all parents to look over interim grades in *Parent Portal*, and then make an appointment to speak with teachers during conferences for any classes you are concerned about. More information regarding conferences is linked below.

Spring Break begins at the end of next week- we hope everyone is able to enjoy some time off, and rest up for the end of the year! Read on below for highlights from around our school! Thank you, as always, for your support.

—Rick Selover, Principal

Up-Coming Events

<u>3/21/24:</u>	Parent Teacher Conferences, 6:30–8:30 (12:12 Closing)
<u>3/22/24:</u>	Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:30–2:30 (Virtual Only; 12:12 Closing)
<u>3/28/24:</u>	12:12 Closing
<u>3/29–4/5/24:</u>	School Closed– Spring Break

Dates To Remember

<u>4/15–4/19/24:</u>	PTSO– Scholastic Book Fair
<u>5/10/24:</u>	8th Grade Semi-Formal (<i>details to follow</i>)
<u>6/18/24:</u>	Class Night, 4pm (<i>8th Grade Promotion Ceremony; details to follow</i>)

Parent & Student Survey Reminder

Once again, we are participating in NJSCI school climate surveys. Please click on the links below regarding our student survey this week, and the parent survey you can participate in, which is now open.

[NBTMS Parent Letter for Student Survey](#)

[NBTMS Parent Survey](#)

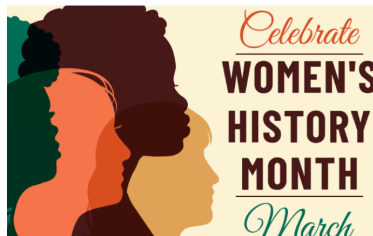
Spring Conferences This Week

Please see the link below for more information and to register conferences for this week.

[NBTMS Conferences](#)

NBTMS Honors Women's History Month

This month, NBTMS will honor Women's History Month in a variety of ways. Students will learn of influential women, events and accomplishments in their classes throughout the month, and we will acknowledge many key figures on our morning announcements.



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7th Grade Enjoys Annual Social

Last Friday, we hosted our **7th Grade Social**. About 200 students participated in various activities, games and dancing. Our PE teachers set up volleyball and basketball for the students. The chips and water were flowing from our snack area, competitions were going down in the "game" room, and rugs were being cut on the



dance floor! Thank you to all those who helped setup, chaperone, & DJ!



Alumni Return to Speak to Students

Social Studies teacher Mrs. Nancy Yauch's daughters Chelsea and Mallory, and their lifelong friend Erin Folger- all NB Alumni- spoke to seventh grade students last week about their careers. They covered many topics including the level of training they went through as well as the pros and cons of their careers as an institutional social worker, an E.R. nurse and a N.J. State Trooper, respectively. Welcome home, ladies, and thank you!



Physics Students Construct Junior Solar Sprint Cars!

Kristen Tomasicchio from Avenues in Motion gave a workshop to the Physics Fundamentals classes in order to support the students in their building of their Junior Solar Sprints cars. The goal of the project is to have the students design a solar car to move along a 66 ft track with the use of a solar panel. The project is embedded with not just engineering but with science, math and technology (STEM) as well. Our students



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will be looking at ways to maximize the best use of physics, science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts, specifically energy and matter and system and system models, to have the fastest moving car on the track. The experiments that will be student designed and driven by the SEPs will be infused with the NJSLA math standards found in Algebra, Statistics and Probability, and functions. The standards for mathematical practice are embedded as well. We are looking to work in conjunction with other STEM areas in our school to allow for the building of pieces for our cars through the process of 3D printing. The students will create a video journal of their research and process that will be submitted. The top 65 cars in the state will move on to a state competition to be held in the spring.



7th Grade Science Enjoys Presentation on Coral Reefs & Climate Change

Recently retired NBTMS science teacher Mr. John Wares returned to our school this week as a guest presenter, sharing his knowledge of coral reefs and tropical fish with our seventh grade science and ELA classes. Welcome back, Mr. Wares, and thank you!



NBTMS Hosts Annual Literacy Night

The ELA Department hosted another successful Literacy Night last Tuesday. There were displays, several activities and raffles for the families who attended. The North Brunswick Public library had a display, and it was a nice evening and an informative event!

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Advanced Studio Art Visits County College and Holds Workshop

Our Advanced Studio Art Class has had a busy couple of weeks! Last week, the class had a great trip to Middlesex College. Students worked on pieces of art and interacted with the college staff- it was a great experience all around! The week prior, we hosted our annual altered book workshop, in which students discover various ways to make art out of discarded books.



NBTMS Drama Group Puts on Annual Musical

This past weekend, our drama club put on *School House Rock* for an enthusiastic audience at NBTMS. The cast and crew did a fantastic job putting on an entertaining performance. Bravo, one and all- and thank you to our advisors, Mrs. Ogrodnik and Mr. Garatino- plus all other staff members who helped to make the show a success!



NBTMS Welcomes Holocaust Presenters

We were happy to have 2 very moving presentations by Ms. Jessica Wang and Mr. Jake Singer two weeks ago- both of whom are the grandchildren on Holocaust survivors. They gave very moving and informative

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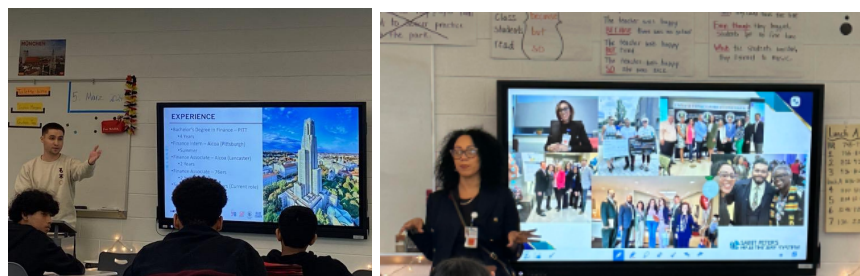
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presentations to our 7th grade students on their grandparent's experiences. Thank you to Mr. Adam Schwartz for organizing this event!



8th Grade ELA Hosts Variety of Presenters for Annual Career Day

Our 8th grade students were treated to an array of professional presenters recently regarding career choices. Health care professionals, law enforcement officers, entrepreneurs, a judge, an accountant from the Philadelphia 76ers- and even our own Superintendent Mrs. Janet Ciarrocca, spoke to our students regarding education, training and the ups and downs of their various careers. It was truly a great day, with many impactful messages for our students !



Orchestra Students Spend Day with Neighboring Students

The students in our string program recently spent a day at South Brunswick High School with middle school student-musicians from South Brunswick and East Brunswick. Each ensemble performed for the others, and then they all performed a few measures of the Led Zeppelin classic Kashmir as a closing activity! A great day for our program.



Music Students Attend Program at Temple University

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Congratulations to Demytria Sawaryn and Gabriel Lopes who went with the **high school jazz ensemble** to a program at **Temple University** this week- and thank you to **Mr. Steve Komar** for putting this together! If you're looking for a nice night out, on March 26th at 7pm in the NBTHS Commons, we'll be hosting our annual Jazz Night. We'll be featuring numbers from the Linwood, NBTMS, and HS Jazz bands along with some guest musicians!

Attendance

Attendance in school is vital to academic success. Nationwide, chronic absenteeism has become a significant concern since the pandemic. Poor attendance can have a negative impact on a student's level of success in school and there are consequences for students who are regularly late. Please know that our counselors and administration are always available to assist with attendance concerns or issues.

Please click [here](#) for some interesting information regarding school attendance- and how crucial it is for academic success!

RWJ/Barnabas Offers Local Support for Families

Raising a middle school student can certainly be a challenge for a variety of reasons. This may be especially difficult in today's world, with social media causing issues for teens, as well as social-emotional issues the pandemic may have brought on. **RWJ Barnabas Health Network** is offering resources and support for children and families, which can be found here:

[RWJBarnabas Support](#)



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Keep in Touch!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers or administration if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress. Administration contacts are listed here: [NBTMS Contacts](#)

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