



# School Talk

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North Branch Area Schools

August 2018

**“ALL IN!” + COMMITMENT =  
BEST OF THE BEST!**



**NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS** adopted the motto of “ALL IN” to reflect the district’s commitment for everyone involved to give 100 percent to make the district better for our students, our families and our community.

**THAT COMMITMENT INCLUDES:**

- ★ K-4 Average class size is 25 students per classroom, **Kindergarten 22, 1st grade 24, 2nd grade 23**
- ★ A dedicated teaching staff that provides excellent learning opportunities for all students
- ★ Kind and Caring Support Staff including a School Nurse
- ★ Safe and modern, air conditioned facilities
- ★ Technology rich classrooms
- ★ F.A.B.S. a before and after school program
- ★ Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- ★ Gifted & Accelerated Program
- ★ Space Camp Program at U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, over 60 students have attended
- ★ Washington D.C. Trip for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- ★ Tutoring opportunities
- ★ AP Classes
- ★ Dual Enrollment
- ★ Online Learning
- ★ STEM Academy
- ★ Award Winning Marching and Symphony Bands
- ★ Thriving Theatre Program
- ★ Business Professionals of America Chapter
- ★ Wide Variety of Extra Curriculum Offerings
- ★ State recognized Alternative Education Program
- ★ Lapeer County Educational and Technology Center programs
- ★ No Fee Athletics programs
- ★ Successful Athletic teams at local and state level
- ★ More than 60% of NBAS athletes annual received the Scholar Athlete Award
- ★ A Community Fitness Center



**THANK YOU  
TO OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES, STAFF & COMMUNITY  
FOR GIVING US YOUR ALL!**



**The Opportunities Of A Large School  
In A Small Town Environment**

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE FOR 2018/2019**

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# AUGUST 2018: Superintendent's School Talk Corner



## Dear North Branch School District Families & Community,

Welcome back to what will be another great year at North Branch Area Schools. All of our school employees have been busy preparing for the 2018-19 school year. I would like to share some updates as we look forward with great anticipation to the first day of school on Monday, August 27:

- The Ruth Fox and Middle School have combined into one 5-8 school now called the Ruth Fox Middle School. We are not closing a building; rather, we are merging two buildings into one which will help manage staff and students more efficiently. We now have a structure in place in our K-4 Elementary, 5-8 Ruth Fox Middle School, and 9-12 High School of 1 Principal, 1 Assistant Principal, and a team of support personnel including secretaries, counselors/social workers, and/or instructional coaches. The main office for the Ruth Fox Middle School will be located in the Ruth Fox building while the Middle School offices will house our Special Education Department. Please contact the Ruth Fox Middle School office at **688-3284** if you have any questions as we start the school year.

- Part of the additional support for the Ruth Fox Middle School has been the addition of Theresa Rae as a math/literacy coach for grades 5-8. Mrs. Rae shared her mission with our interview team which includes working with teachers, students, and the community to continue to provide our students a high-quality education. We have also hired a social worker to replace retired 7-8 counselor, Dale Parsons. Jessica Buckner, former North Branch graduate, will

provide support for all students in grades 5-8. She has a number of new ideas and initiatives she will be implementing for our students.

- We have entered into a partnership with the Family Literacy Center in Lapeer to train volunteer individuals to assist our children with reading, writing, and math skills. We are appreciative of the Morgan Fike Memorial Fund which sponsored the training held this past June in our elementary school. We are hoping to continue this partnership next summer. In addition, North Branch Schools conducted a two-week Jump Start program for BK-K students who needed a boost before school started. Again, we partnered with the Family Literacy Center to come in and help celebrate with our parents and students which included providing literacy strategies to use at home.

- North Branch Area Schools makes student safety a priority in our district. We are in the process of conducting building assessments to identify areas we can improve safety. We have a district-wide safety committee that meets regularly and includes parental input. North Branch Schools will have an increased police presence in our district thanks to the partnership the Board of Education entered into with the North Branch Village. The school district is sharing in the cost of having two full-time police officers providing coverage for the village and the school district during the day time and for evening athletic events at the school.

- North Branch completed its final season in the Tri-Valley Conference and is the newest member in the Blue Water Area Conference. We will forge new relationships and rivalries with the other seven league members: Algonac, Almont, Armada, Croswell-Lexington, Imlay City, Richmond and Yale. The most

updated athletic schedule will always be on our web-site. We invite the entire community to attend the Fall Kick-off pep rally scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 in the High School Auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

- Our district was recently informed by the Student Scholarships and Grants Director in the Michigan Department of Treasury that for the Class of 2018, Lapeer County had approximately 52.10% of senior students complete their required applications during the financial aid process which includes their eligibility for State aid programs. I am extremely proud to announce that at North Branch High School, 100% of our eligible seniors last year completed their applications resulting in 552 college applications going out and \$2,225,000 dollars in scholarships and instructional awards for those seniors.

- The Board of Education continues to be fiscally responsible while annually approving 5-year plans to invest and improve in the areas of curriculum, facilities, and technology. The total investment has been \$1,252,424. This has been accomplished while improving the fund equity (savings account) for the district. North Branch is healthy and thriving thanks to the support of our families and community.

Finally, we are very humbled North Branch Area Schools was selected by the County Press readers as the "Best of the Best" school district in the county. We do want to thank our students, families, staff and community for supporting our school district. We will continue with our "All In" theme and pledge to provide the very best education possible for all of our students. Please do not hesitate to call our administrative office at 810-688-3570 if you have any questions regarding the start of the school year.

## Back to School

### BUILDING SCHEDULES

**High School (Grades 9-12)**  
7:15am-2:20pm

**Ruth Fox Middle School (Grades 5-8)**  
7:15am-2:20pm

**North Branch Elementary**  
8:37am-3:42pm

### OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION

**High School**  
Grades 10-12: August 14  
9-11am or 1-3pm  
Grade 9: August 14, 5-7pm  
Optional 9th Grade Parent Meeting  
4:30pm • HS Auditorium

**Ruth Fox Middle School**  
Grades 5-6: August 21, 3:30-5pm  
Grades 7-8: August 23, 3:30-5pm  
Welcome Back Dance, 5-7pm (Cost: \$5)

**North Branch Elementary**  
(Grades BK-4)  
Meet the Teacher Night: August 22, 6-7:30pm



# First Graduates of STEMM Academy Early College

On May 9th, the first cohort of the STEMM Academy Early College were recognized for completing the requirements of the State's Early/Middle College Technical Certification.

After taking college classes through Baker College of Flint, in their Junior and Senior years and a year at Baker, the students earned a total of 1,079 credits which is an average of 83 credits per student. Through this innovative program, these students each saved on average, \$24,000 in college tuition and fees.

The STEMM Academy — which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medical — is a five-year high school program, sometimes called Early/Middle College. It provides the opportunity for high school students to earn substantial college credit along with their high school diploma. Upon completion of their fifth year, students will graduate high school with one of the following: 1) An Associate Degree; 2) The Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) Technical Certification; 3) Up



NBHS Students: Paul Bahdouchi, Mitchell Bonner, Brennan Bower, Alexa Finley, Autumn Fusero, Sevanah Grossbauer, Dairn Ronne, Emily Sutton + 5 Imlay City HS students.

to 60 Transferrable College Credits. The STEMM Academy was formed in partnership with Baker College of Flint and now includes MOTT Community College. Students and Parents interested in enrolling in the program for the 2018-19 school year should contact the NBHS counseling office at (810) 688-3564.



## New Faces at NBHS



Hi there! My name is **Danielle Lonergan**, your new English 11 teacher. I am a recent graduate of Oakland University who is passionate about quality education. I feel fortunate to be given the opportunity to teach for North Branch Area Schools and truly believe NBHS is just as good a fit for me as I am for the district.

I grew up in Almont, Michigan, where I fell in love with small-town culture. I now live in Capac, where I enjoy time spent with close friends and family. Every once in a while, I do appreciate adventure – to the family farm, the local ice cream shop, and sometimes my family cabin on the west side of the state. However, I'm looking forward to building a second home at NBHS. I have no doubts that, together, my students and I will build a positive, productive learning environment.



My name is **Ben Brusie** and I am excited to be teaching at North Branch High School starting this fall.

Since my own graduation from North Branch in 2004, I have received a bachelor degree from Saginaw Valley State University and completed a masters program in the art of teaching from Marygrove College. Over the past ten years I have spent time teaching mathematics in 6th through 12th grades and my family and I have enjoyed recently moving to North Branch with our four children.

I look forward to continue to grow in my professional practices and become a member of North Branch Area Schools.

## High School Student Orientation Dates

Students are required to come to the NBHS cafeteria according to the schedules below. Students can drop in any time during their scheduled orientation time. Orientations should take no longer than 30- 60 minutes, depending on each student's needs.

### 10th / 11th / 12th Grades

**Tuesday, August 14th**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am -or- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

### 9th Grade

**Tuesday, August 14th**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Freshmen Parent Meeting  
In High School Auditorium 4:30 pm**

The counseling department will be holding a freshmen parent meeting at 4:30 pm in the HS auditorium. Although this meeting is optional, it will be very informative, especially for those parents who will have children attending the high school for the first time.

### Make-Up Day (9th – 12th Grades)

**Wednesday, August 22nd**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**All orientations will address the following:**

- 2018-19 Student Schedules
- School Pictures and Photo IDs (*required of ALL students*). Order forms from the Photo Factory will be mailed home but will also be available at orientations
- Emergency contact information updates
- Bus #'s with pick-up/drop-off times
- Class Voting
- Classroom Numbers and Map
- Free and Reduced Lunch Forms
- Locker numbers and combinations
- Student Vehicle Registration (*\$5 registration fee required*)
- Senior Class Graduation Requirements
- Yearbook Sales for 2018-19 (*Early Bird Special*)
- Senior Class Fees (*and past years fines*)
- Sports schedules
- Acceptable Use Policy Forms (AUPs) for computer usage

**PLEASE NOTE:** Student schedules will not be mailed. They will be available for pick up during the scheduled orientations. The orientations are designed to minimize time out of classes, reduce expenses, and expedite access to student information. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (810) 688-3001.



## Looking for Opportunities to Make a Difference

Last year Quest partnered with the North Branch Thrift Shop, amongst other volunteer endeavors, sending students to help sort donations twice a week. Thrift Shop volunteer had this to say of Quest's contribution, "They are so willing to help. They lift, carry, sort, and do anything we need."



If you have any volunteer opportunities that can connect Quest students to the community, please e-mail Program Coordinator Corey Rosser at [crosser@nbbrancos.net](mailto:crosser@nbbrancos.net) to see if we can help.

## Back-To-Back League Champs

The Quest Disc Golf Team traveled to Swinging Bridge Park in Croswell for the TASL league championship. Quest won their second straight disc golf championship, posting a score of 310, followed by Croslex at 325, and Ascent with 338.

Quest Senior **Devont Smith** led the way with a 57 to win his second individuals championship. **Sennan Nichols** had a 61 to place 3rd overall, **Alex Gregory** a 62 for 4th place, and newcomer **Hunter Walesky** tied for 5th overall with a 64. **Max Rowden** and **Evan Campbell** each finished in Quest's top 5 scores, tied at 66.

## New Bronco Discs Available

Quest has continued to partner with Whistle Stop in selling North Branch disc golf discs. Discs can be purchased for \$17, mini discs for \$6. The proceeds go to the Quest Disc Golf course that is open and free to play. Check out our new discs with North Branch Area Schools' official logo.



# GO BRANCOS!

# 411 Quest Success Stories and Counting!

*Quest welcomed 23 new graduates to its alumni at their graduation celebration! To date, Quest has helped 411 students achieve their high school diplomas. Congratulations class of 2018, we wish you well, and will miss you!*



## Quest Shows Off Continued Success

Quest will display a new sign along Jefferson Street touting their continued success over the past 14 years.



## Quest Recognized by MAEO

Mr. Rosser and Mr. Scalf were honored to travel to Mt. Pleasant to accept the **Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO)** award for "Best Program Component" on behalf of their students. Quest High School received the award for their volunteerism in the North Branch community, the creation of an alternative education sports league (TASL), and development of a disc golf course in the community!



## INVITING ALL to the Quest/North Branch Masonic Lodge Spaghetti Fundraiser

The North Branch Masonic Lodge will once again be putting on the annual Quest High School Spaghetti Fundraiser hosted at Quest High School. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for 9 and under, free for 3 and under. **The event will take place from 4:30-7:00 on Thursday, October 11th.**

The Masons pay for all costs, and give every dollar collected to Quest High School. To date, the Masons have donated over \$20,000 to Quest High School's activity fund. All funds go directly to student needs that range from college applications to participation in the Thumb Alternative Sports League.



## GREAT NEWS from Ruth Fox Middle School

This year you will see a few changes here. We have combined offices, buildings and libraries. This merger helps make our processes more efficient while continuing to maintain our focus on exemplary teaching and learning. All buildings and facilities are open and being utilized just like last year.

**Parents:** There will be very little changes inside our school. The major change will be ONE main office for grades 5-8 which will be at the former Ruth Fox Elementary school NOW the new Ruth Fox Middle School main office.

### Ruth Fox Middle School 2018-2019

#### - MORNINGS -

**Changes:**

- All secretaries will be in "Ruth Fox" office - new Ruth Fox Middle School office.
- Mr. Barkowska and Mrs. Howe will have ONE office. Parents can only come through this office.
- One announcement for all 4 grades in the mornings for "Morning announcements."
- Doors will lock at 7:10. All parents must come in through the new main office. All students who come late to school will need to sign in through the main office.

**Remains the same:**

- 5-6 students will still enter through the "Ruth Fox" side in the mornings both parent drop off and bus drop off will be the same
- 7-8 students will still enter through the "Middle School" side in the mornings both parent drop off and bus drop off will be the same
- Walking club will remain the same with 5-6 in RF side, 7-8 in MS side

#### - DURING SCHOOL HOURS -

**Changes:**

- All calls will come through one office 810-688-3284 / Ex. 2300/2301
- All visitors, parents and students will go to and through the main Ruth Fox Middle School office- even those wishing to meet with or speak to Teresa Upleger or Judy Fleury (Special Education Director and secretary)
- All students sent to office or needing to speak to the principal or assistant principal will go to the main office.
- There will be ONE library for all Ruth Fox Middle School students (located in the 7-8 side)

**Remains the same:**

- Announcements during day will remain grade specific
- School dismissals and pick ups will still be the same. 5-6 dismiss at 2:15, 7-8 dismiss at 2:20. 5-8 kids who are parent pick up, will be picked up out front as always.

#### - AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS -

**Change:**

- One secretary will stay for after school hour (2:20-3:20) for parent phone calls or issues on buses. Office will close at 3:20

**Remains the same:**

- All sporting events will be held as in previous years

### How to get the LATEST UPDATES AND INFO

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Get information for Ruth Fox Middle School 2018-2019 right on your phone--not on handouts.



### Accelerated 7th Grade English

Here at Ruth Fox Middle School we are excited to announce that we have another advanced course for students! This year, we have added Accelerated English for 7th graders, to our robust list of offerings. Accelerated ELA is a program for students which provides additional challenge and rigor in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening and language. This course follows a Scope and Sequence/ CCSS similar to regular Language Arts classes, but with added rigor, additional assignment requirements, acceleration, and higher expectations. There are additional curriculum and materials that add complexity and rigor. Students are expected to read and write at a higher volume, respond to open-ended high-level questions more rapidly, and actively participate in class discussions.



# Ruth Fox Middle School OPEN HOUSES

Please join us on the following dates to meet your teachers!

**August 21 • 3:30-5:00**  
**5th-6th Grade Open House**

*Watch for your mailing!*



**August 23 • 3:30-5:00**  
**7th-8th Grade Open House**

*Watch for your postcard!*

## SAVE THE DATE

**Ruth Fox Middle School**  
**7th and 8th grade Orientation**  
**Thursday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:00**



- Parents and students MUST be here by the starting time of orientation. Students WILL receive their schedules after opening presentation in GYM.
- Students who cannot attend orientation will have access to their schedules August 24<sup>th</sup> via Skyward or will receive it on the first day of school (Aug 27<sup>th</sup>)
- There will be a **WELCOME BACK DANCE** for all 7th and 8th graders from 5:00-7:00 following orientation **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The dance will be \$5.00.

Please join our district in kicking off our first Varsity HOME football game of the season following the dance @ 7:00.

## New Faces at RFMS



My name is **Jessica Reeves** and I am excited for the opportunity to serve as the new School Social Worker in the Ruth Fox Middle School this upcoming year.

I grew up in North Branch and graduated from North Branch High School in 2013. Following graduation, I attended Oakland University where I received my Bachelor of Social Work. In my last year at Oakland, I was an intern at Lapeer County ISD's center-based program and also participated in the Mentor program here at Ruth Fox. I then continued my educational journey at the University of Michigan where I am completing my Master of Social Work with a school certificate.

This past school year, I have had the privilege to intern at an elementary school in metro Detroit where I have gained valuable experience as a school social worker. I have worked with children in special education programs with a focus on children with Autism. Additionally, I have collaborated with teachers to promote success for all students, including creating individual plans to address struggles that extend outside of the classroom. This coming year, I look forward to getting to know, support and encourage students, staff and families.

Outside of my professional role, I enjoy teaching dance and spending time with my family, including my fiancé (Jarrad Buckner) whom I will be marrying in August. I look forward to returning to my home town and to once again be a North Branch Bronco.



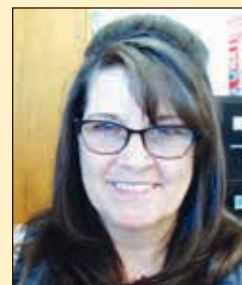
My name is **Lindsay Fisher** and I will be teaching 7th grade mathematics at Ruth Fox Middle School starting this school year. I was born and raised in Troy and currently reside in Clawson. I have family in Lapeer and Caro and have been wanting to move out

your way for a few years now.

I attained my Bachelor of Science from Oakland University. I have been tutoring math for over 7 years, worked at Mathnasium and was a supplemental instructor at Oakland Community College. In my free time, I love nothing more than to read a good book. So much so, that I have over 2,200 books in my own personal library! Whenever I get the chance, I love to go up north with my fiancé, Michael, and our dog, Remington.

I cannot tell you how excited I am to be a Bronco! I look forward to getting to know you all in the upcoming weeks.

## Val Bader showcased in video for Writable



In the fall, Mrs. Bader agreed to engage in year-long teacher action research using Writable in several classrooms. This tool was developed by Dr. Troy Hicks, who is a leading mind in writing and digital literacy in the US and

abroad. He developed the Writable platform to grow writers through a continuous peer feedback process.

During the school year, Mrs. Bader had several classrooms pilot Writable. She did comparative research within her classes, and found the Writable classroom to produce richer pieces of writing as a result of the high volume of timely feedback and the embedded rubrics.

***We are so proud of the work Val has done!***

To view the video, visit:  
<https://vimeo.com/273383341>

Writable



## SPANISH

**Coming To Ruth Fox Middle School!**

This year we are excited to announce that 8th graders have the option of taking Spanish 1 for High School Credit!



**1st Day of School Monday 8.27.18**



# 上海师范大学教育学院 Education College Shanghai Normal University

## Mrs. VerBurg Visits China!

Mrs. VerBurg had the opportunity of a lifetime this school year. In November, she was selected to be part of the Gerstacker Fellowship Cohort 12. The purpose of this fellowship is to provide a select group of premier teachers and administrators with a leadership development program and to create a new cadre of educational leaders who will increase the quality of K-12 education in their communities.

Throughout the school year, Mrs. VerBurg and 11 other fellows participated in professional development opportunities which included topics such as school and classroom culture, diversity, liberating structures, global studies and a trip to Lansing to discuss political advocacy.

In June as part of the fellowship, the group traveled to China to visit public and private schools. During these visits, they met with administrators and teachers, toured the schools, and observed in classrooms. In Beijing and Shanghai, Mrs. VerBurg was able to visit Tsinghua International School, LiMai Chinese International School, Xuhui High School and Shanghai Normal University.

As part of this cultural experience, the group also toured Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Mrs. VerBurg visited Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City, climbed part of the Great Wall of China, walked through the Lu Garden and Shanghai Bund District, rode The Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, took a boat ride in a Sampan, and enjoyed many different types of cuisine.

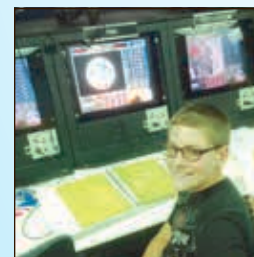
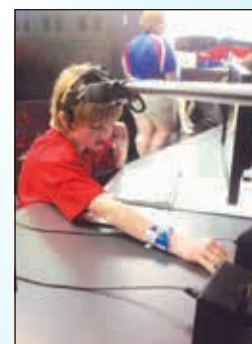
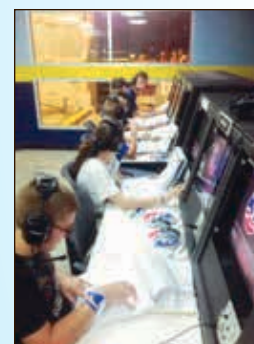
"This international trip and fellowship have truly been a life changing experience. To have met so many wonderful people and learned so much, it feels like a dream come true."



## The Journey of Flight Crew 15



U.S. Space & Rocket Center  
Huntsville, Alabama



Thank you to this amazing community for coming together every December at our Old Fashioned Family Christmas! The money raised from this event goes directly to our Space Campers!

## NEW Interactive Math Lab at RFMS

Last year, Mrs. Buchanan and Mrs. Rae began putting together the plans for an interactive Math Lab. Their idea was for two teachers to team teach math in the huge space formerly known as the Ruth Fox Library. The large space will open up a world of opportunities for our 8th graders. They should expect to see an increase in projects, interaction with the peers, and more flexible grouping. 8th grade was the focus of the math lab because their curriculum was the best suited for the transition – with a good deal of the year focusing on linear functions, 3-D shapes, and geometry, as well as reasoning skills and graphical analyzation and interpretation.

The math lab will be fully equipped with manipulatives, whiteboards to display thinking, bulletin boards to display student work, technology, resources, and best of all – not one, but TWO teachers ready to teach our 8th graders to be resourceful, persistent, and mindful mathematicians.



This 80x30 space will be the home of our NEW INTERACTIVE MATH LAB coming to 8th graders this year at Ruth Fox Middle School.





## Core Essential Values

As you may already be aware, NBE has adopted a character education program called Core Essentials. This program is based on a monthly value that teaches our school community to:

- **Treat others right**
- **Make smart decisions**
- **Maximize potential**

Along with a monthly assembly and daily announcements, teachers have access to a number of resources that help compliment that particular value.

Our September value is Responsibility. Here are a few suggestions in which this theme can be promoted at home:

### SAY IT:

- Responsibility is proving you can be trusted with what's expected of you.

### KNOW IT:

- **Ask a kid:** What is something big that you would like to be trusted with someday? When is it hard for you to be responsible?
- **Ask a grown up:** What are your greatest responsibilities? When did someone in your family show they could be trusted with more?

### SEE IT:

- For millions of people every weekend, football is a big deal. To make those games so exciting and competitive, lots of people have to follow through on their responsibilities each week. Take the coach for example – what responsibilities does the coach have each week? As a family, make a list of what responsibilities the coach of your favorite football team might have. In what ways are those similar to responsibilities you have?

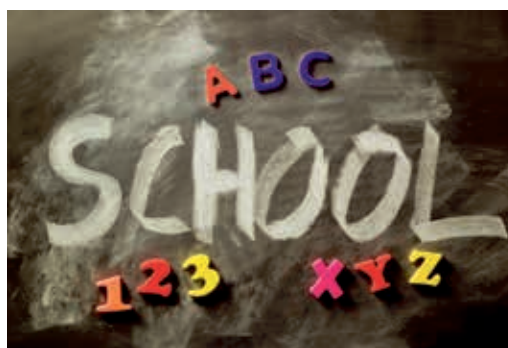
### BE IT:

- Choose one night this month to cook together as a family. Give each family member at least one responsibility for the meal. Maybe younger siblings could set the table or pour drinks, older kids can make a dessert or salad, and really responsible kids can cook a main dish. As you eat, remember that feeding your family is someone's responsibility every night. Make sure you thank them for showing that responsibility to you.

# NEWS from North Branch Elementary!

## Follow-Up – Summer Learning Opportunities:

We hope you had the opportunity to take advantage of some learning opportunities for your child this summer utilizing our Summer Learning Passport Program! We want to remind you that students who bring their completed passport to NBE's Meet the Teacher Night on August 22nd will receive a small prize and be entered in for a chance to win an Android Tablet!



## ABCs of Student Success – A is for Attendance:

As we are about to start another school year, we want to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with just make-up work.

Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and eventually in the work place. This year, please make school attendance a priority. Your child's future depends on it!

## Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday, August 22nd:** Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, August 27th:** First Day of School 8:37 a.m. – 3:42 p.m.

# How Can I Support Our Little Broncos?

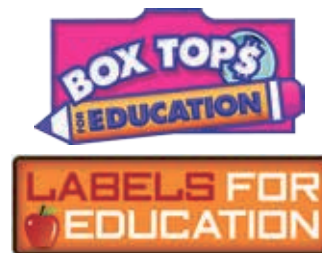
*Here are a number of businesses that offer school rewards.  
Link your accounts to NB Elementary, and when you shop, the school benefits!*

### Office Depot / Office Max

<https://www.officedepot.com/a/loyalty-programs/office-depot-rewards/>



### Bring in your BOX TOPS and LABELS FOR EDUCATION



### Link a Target RED Card to North Branch Elementary (School ID: 62748)



If you know of other businesses that have programs to support local schools, please send us their information so we can partner with them to benefit all of our students. For more information, contact Mr. Terauds at [dterauds@nbbronzos.net](mailto:dterauds@nbbronzos.net)



# Congratulations NB Student Athletes



## ALL CONFERENCE BASEBALL

Nate Farnsworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; Brady Good, Honorable Mention; Quinten Dorner, Honorable Mention; Chandler Russell, 1<sup>st</sup> Team, All District; Kaden Maynard, Honorable Mention, All District; Gerrid Rutledge, Honorable Mention; Wylie Swoish, Honorable Mention; Colton Maher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team



## GAVIN MOHR

Most Positive Boys Track & Field Athlete in the State of Michigan! Gavin was recognized on the field at a Detroit Tigers game on Tuesday, June 26 vs. Oakland



## BASEBALL TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE

Team Academic All State Qualifiers with Team GPA of 3.26 Individual Academic All-State Recipients include Colton Maher, Nate Farnsworth, Brady Good, Gerrid Rutledge, Reilly Roach, Christopher James



## ALL CONFERENCE SOCCER

Rachel Schwartz, All Conference; Savannah Orlando, All Conference, All District; Jacque Ankley, All Conference, All District; Sydney Turner, All Conference, All District



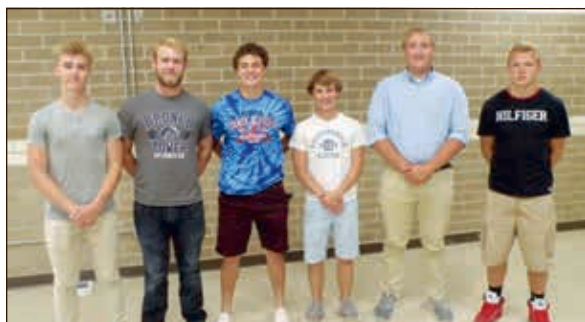
## ALL CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

Maeson Schlaud, Honorable Mention, All District; Reese Ruhlman, 1<sup>st</sup> Team, All District; Brianna DeMeyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, All District; Lily Ragatz, Honorable Mention, All District; Olivia Sweeney, Honorable Mention, All District; Autumn Deshetsy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, All District; Clare Westphal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team



## ALL CONFERENCE GIRLS' TRACK

FRONT ROW: Caitlyn Rogers, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 3200M Relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team 3200M Run, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team 800M Run, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team 1600M Run; Delaney Kropp, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 3200M Relay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team 800M Run; Cloye Schram, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 3200M Relay; Sydney Gormley, Honorable Mention High Jump. BACK ROW: Mackenzie Delong, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Discus, State Qualifier, Honorable Mention Shot Put; Hanna Gipson, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 3200M Relay; Allison Bryce, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Shot Put; Jamie Kirkwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Long Jump, State Qualifier; Honorable Mention 300M Hurdles



## ALL CONFERENCE BOYS' TRACK

Taylor Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Long Jump; Porter Fielder, Honorable Mention Shot Put; Logan Rutledge, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 4x100, Honorable Mention 200M Dash, Honorable Mention 100M Dash, State Qualifier; Christian Coy, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 4x100, State Qualifier; Ryan Beatley, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Shot Put, State Qualifier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Discus; Caleb Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 4x100 Relay, State Qualifier. NOT PICTURED: Jordan Mauk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team 110M Hurdles; Josh Boyne, 1<sup>st</sup> Team 4x100, State Qualifier



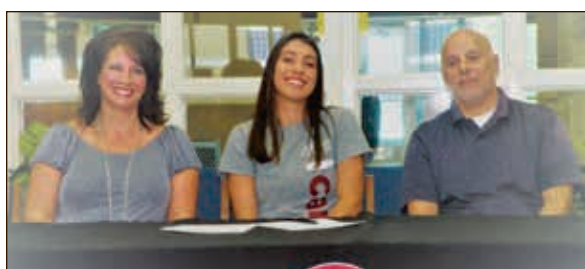
## SOCCER TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE

Team Academic All State with Team GPA of 3.511 Individual Academic All-State Recipients include Savannah Orlando, Brielle Mears, Brenna Schlaud, Mikenzi Vauter, Elaine Youngert

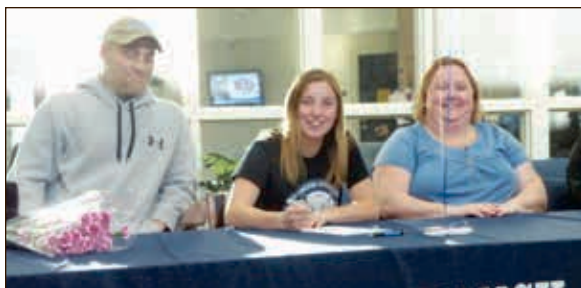


## SOFTBALL TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE

Team Academic All-State with Team GPA of 3.65 Individual Academic All-State Recipients include Keyahna Bryant, Brianna DeMeyers, Autumn Deshetsy, Reese Ruhlman, Maeson Schlaud, Olivia Sweeney, Clare Westphal



CARLY WARDA signs with Aquinas College to play basketball



CHELSEY DEWITTE signs with Northwood University to play softball

Congratulations to our student athletes! We are proud of your efforts, on and off the courts!





# Congratulations NB Student Athletes



**OLIVIA SWEENEY & JANEL RUHLMAN**  
Class of 2018  
Female Athletes of the Year



**Softball 2018 District Champs**  
**ALYSSA WELLING** – District Coach of the Year



**HUNTER MURPHY**  
Class of 2018  
Male Athlete of the Year

## VARSITY BASKETBALL & GOLF

### 18th Annual Golf Scramble

**Saturday, September 8th • 10:00am**

**Registration: 9:00am • Shotgun Start: 10:00am**

**Castle Creek Golf Course • Lum Road, Attica**

**4 person scramble (men & women welcome) • \$240 per team**

#### ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

*18 Holes of Golf • Continental Breakfast • Hot Dogs/Kielbasa at the Turn • Cash Prizes • Golf Cart*

**1st Place: \$240 Cash/Team • 2nd Place: \$120 Cash/Team • 3rd Place: \$100 Cash/Team**  
**Skins • 50/50 Drawing**

CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #2 \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #3 \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **North Branch Area Schools** and mail to:  
Steve Sippell  
North Branch Area Schools  
PO Box 3620  
North Branch, MI 48461

**All Proceeds Benefit North Branch Golf & Boys' Basketball Programs**

*To register or for more information, call:*

Steve Sippell, Golf Coach 810-441-8380 - OR - Mike Snoblen, Varsity Basketball Coach 810-614-8670



# NB Food Service News



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUE COOKS AND CASHIERS. PLEASE CONTACT 810-688-2226.

North Branch Area School’s Food Service Department welcomes your family back for the 2018-2019 school year as well as those families that are new to our school district. We hope that you had a wonderful time making lasting memories with your family. We will do our best to continue delivering healthy, quality meals and services while still maintaining compliance in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

**Household Applications for Free & Reduced Price School Meals MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.** Please complete **ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD** and return it as soon as possible. Those families qualifying at the end of last school year will continue to receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch for the first month of school. If the school does **NOT** receive a **NEW** application for the 2018-2019 school year, the family’s Food Service Account will be adjusted to a paid/normal breakfast and lunch. A new application may be filled out at any time during the school year if the household income changes. The Eligibility Chart for the 2018-2019 school year is shown below and will be included on the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals as well. It can also be found on the Michigan Department of Education website: <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/> Please see the chart below to see if you qualify.

QUALIFYING FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

Your child(ren) may qualify for Free or Reduced priced school meals if your income falls within the limits on this chart.

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	22,459	1,872	432
2	30,451	2,538	586
3	38,443	3,204	740
4	46,435	3,870	893
5	54,427	4,536	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	1,508
Each additional person:	7,992	666	154

SPECIAL MEALS AND/OR ACCOMMODATIONS

If a doctor has determined that your child has a special food sensitivity/allergy that would prevent the child from eating the Regular school meal, the school will make ANY SUBSTITUTION PRESCRIBED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN. The physician’s statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, MUST be submitted to the Food Service Department before any special diet can be given to your child. The Michigan Department of Education’s Request for Special Dietary Needs Accommodations Form is available through the Food Service Department and also available online at [www.nbbrncos.net](http://www.nbbrncos.net), located under the Food Service Documents tab, and needs to be filled out by a licensed physician. This provision is State mandated.

FOOD SERVICE STANDARDS

North Branch Area Schools participates under the USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and has a fiscal responsibility to stay in compliance and meet financial accountability; parent/guardians are responsible for meals purchased by their student(s) from the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Students are expected to have funds available on their Food Service Account for the purchase of meals. Our system is a pre-paid debit system, therefore when a student purchases a lunch

or breakfast, the amount is automatically deducted from the student’s Food Service Account. The preferred method of payment is to pay online through PaySchools. Payments may also be sent in with your student (cash/check) or be mailed to North Branch Area Schools, ATTN:Food Service, PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461

Families are encouraged to prepay for meals, it will help ensure children to have consistent access to healthy, quality meals without accruing unpaid meal charges. Please see the Food Service Policy below:

NBAS FOOD SERVICE POLICY

- Students are not allowed to charge more than 2 lunches (negative balance of more than \$5.00)
- A PB & J/Cheese sandwich with a white milk will be offered at a charge of \$0.75 each occurrence, to the student who has a negative balance of \$5.00 or more.
- Ala Carte items cannot be purchased if there is a negative balance of \$5.00 or more.
- If a student’s balance is negative more than \$5.00, the student may still purchase a lunch with cash.
- A full lunch consists of 3 of 5 items offered, (though 5 items may be taken); main entrée, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk.
- Purchasing milk alone is \$0.50 cents regardless of lunch account type.
- Adjustments will only be made by the Food Service Department.

SCHOOL MEALS FOLLOW THE USDA GUIDELINES:

- Meat/Meat Alternate
- Grains/Breads
- Juice/Fruit/Vegetable
- Fruit/Vegetable
- Milk



2018-2019 MEAL PRICES

Breakfast:	K-6	7-12	Lunch:	K-6	7-12
• Paid	\$1.60	\$1.80	• Paid	\$2.70	\$3.00
• Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.30	• Reduced	\$0.40	\$0.40
• Free	\$0.00	\$0.00	• Free	\$0.00	\$0.00
• Adult	\$2.80	\$2.80	• Adult	\$3.90	\$3.90

Thank you for your participation in the breakfast and lunch program at North Branch Area Schools. Please contact North Branch Schools Food Service Department at (810) 688-2226 to speak with Supervisor, Louise Nellenbach, or Secretary, Billie Dhooche, about any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website under “Departments” on the District Home Page for more information.

MEAL TIMES

Breakfast	Start	End	Lunch	Start	End
• High School	6:50am	7:15am	• High School	10:37am	12:12pm
• HS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance	8:05am	8:13am	• RFMS	10:30am	11:55am
• RFMS	6:50am	7:15am	• Elementary	11:00am	1:25pm
• Elementary	8:05am	8:38am			

## Annual Pesticide Notification

State of Michigan law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that North Branch Area Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school building. The second method will be posting information on the school building web site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please complete the information below and submit to:

Jeff Drayton, Director of Operations and Technology  
North Branch Area Schools  
P.O. Box 3620 • North Branch MI 48461

Pesticide prior notification request should include:

- Parent/Guardian Name
- Student Name
- Home Address
- Telephone Numbers (Day/Evening)
- School Building or Site
- Please indicate whether prior notification is requested for treatments inside, outside or both
- Please sign and date the request
- Requests must be filed annually

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school’s Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.

## A.H.E.R.A. Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that schools be inspected for asbestos at least once every three years. The inspection must identify, catalog, and provide directions for maintaining asbestos found in any school buildings. The inspection reports are on file in the principal’s office at each building. Jeff Drayton, the Facility Supervisor is the designated person responsible for maintaining these records and insuring that any necessary maintenance is properly completed. All of the school district’s maintenance and custodial staff have received the required training in understanding and handling issues relating to asbestos containing materials. Questions concerning North Branch Area School’s asbestos management plan should be directed to Jeff Drayton at (810) 688-3570.



# NB Fall Sports Schedule



## VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 23	Lakeville	Home	7:00
August 30	Armada	Away	7:00
September 07	Yale - <i>Patriotic Salute</i>	Home	7:00
September 14	Almont	Away	7:00
September 21	Algonac - <i>Homecoming</i>	Home	7:00
September 28	Richmond - <i>Lights Out</i>	Home	7:00
October 05	Imlay City	Away	7:00
October 12	Cros-Lex - <i>Senior Night</i>	Home	7:00
October 19	Caro	Away	7:00

## J.V. FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 22	Lakeville	Away	6:00
August 29	Armada	Home	6:00
September 06	Yale	Away	6:00
September 13	Almont	Home	6:00
September 20	Algonac	Away	6:00
September 27	Richmond	Away	6:00
October 04	Imlay City	Home	6:00
October 11	Cros-Lex	Away	6:00
October 18	Caro	Home	6:00

## 8th GRADE FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
September 05	Yale - <i>Scrimmage</i>	Home	5:00
September 12	Almont	Away	5:30
September 19	Algonac	Home	5:00
September 26	Richmond	Home	5:00
October 03	Imlay City	Away	4:30
October 10	Cros-Lex	Home	5:00
October 17	Armada	Away	4:30

## VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 11	Novi - <i>Scrimmage</i>	Away	9:00
August 15	Marian - <i>Scrimmage</i>	Away	5:00
August 18	Brighton Tournament	Away	TBA
August 21	NB Invitational	Home	8:30
August 24	SC4	Away	TBA
September 05	Clarkston Quad	Away	5:00
September 08	Mt. Morris Tournament	Away	8:30
September 12	Almont	Home	6:00
September 19	Richmond	Away	6:00
September 26	Armada	Home	6:00
September 29	E. Grand Rapids Invitational	Away	TBA
October 03	Algonac	Away	6:00
October 06	Marian Invitational	Away	TBA
October 10	Cros-Lex	Home	6:00
October 13	Beast of the East	Away	8:30
October 17	Yale	Home	6:00
October 20	NB Invitational	Home	8:30
October 24	Imlay City	Away	6:00
October 25	Lake Orion Scrimmage	Away	5:00
October 27	BWAC Tournament @ SC4	Away	8:00
Oct 29 - Nov 1	Districts	Home	TBA

## VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL, cont.

November 6&8	Regionals @Notre Dame	Away	TBA
November 13	Quarter Finals	Away	TBA
November 15	Semi Finals	Away	TBA
November 17	State Finals	Away	TBA

## J.V. GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 18	Mt. Morris	Away	9:00
August 22	Mt. Morris	Away	9:00
September 05	Oxford Quad	Away	5:00
September 12	Almont	Home	5:00
September 19	Richmond	Away	5:00
September 25	Goodrich w/Notre Dame	Away	5:00
September 26	Armada	Home	5:00
October 01	Brown City	Home	6:00
October 03	Algonac	Away	5:00
October 10	Cros-Lex	Home	5:00
October 13	NB Invitational	Home	8:30
October 17	Yale	Home	5:00
October 24	Imlay City	Away	5:00

## FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
September 05	NB Quad	Home	5:00
September 12	Almont	Home	5:00
September 19	Richmond	Away	5:00
September 25	Goordich w/Notre Dame	Away	5:00
September 26	Armada	Home	5:00
October 01	Brown City	Home	5:00
October 03	Algonac	Away	5:00
October 06	Birch Run Invitational	Away	5:00
October 10	Cros-Lex	Home	5:00
October 17	Yale	Home	5:00
October 24	Imlay City	Away	5:00

## VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 18	Caro Tournament	Away	TBA
August 20	Flint Kearsley	Home	4:30
August 23	Harbor Beach	Home	4:30
August 27	Richmond	Home	4:30
August 29	Almont	Home	4:30
September 05	Armada	Away	4:30
September 08	Bad Axe Invitational	Away	TBA
September 12	Cros-Lex	Home	4:30
September 17	Imlay City	Away	4:30
September 19	Yale	Home	4:30
September 20	Clio	Away	4:30
September 24	Lapeer	Away	5:00
September 26	BWAC Round 1	TBA	4:30
October 01	BWAC Round 2	TBA	4:30
October 03	BWAC Round 3	TBA	4:30
October 04	Caro	Away	7:00
October 08	Lakeville	Home	4:30
October 10	USA	Home	4:30
October 15	Districts	Home	TBA

## J.V. BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 20	Flint Kearsley	Home	6:00
August 27	Imlay City	Home	6:00
August 29	Hemlock	Home	6:00
September 12	Valley Lutheran	Home	6:00
September 17	Imlay City	Away	6:00
September 20	Clio	Away	6:00
September 24	Lapeer	Away	6:45
October 08	Freeland	Home	6:00
October 10	USA	Home	6:00

## CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
August 20	USA	Away	TBA
August 23	Birch Run Invitational	Away	4:15
August 28	Corunna Invitational	Away	4:00
September 08	Bad Axe Invitational	Away	TBA
September 11	Almont Jamboree	Away	TBA
September 15	Reese	Away	TBA
September 18	County Meet	Home	4:30
September 25	Cros-Lex Jamboree	Away	4:30
September 29	Wegener Park	Away	9:30
October 02	Birch Run Invitational	Away	4:00
October 06	Cass City	Away	TBA
October 13	Goodrich	Away	9:00
October 16	Yale Jamboree	Away	4:30
October 20	Caro Thumb Meet	Away	10:00

## M.S. CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
September 08	Bad Axe Invitational	Away	TBA
September 11	Almont	Away	4:30
September 18	County Meet	Home	4:30
September 25	Cros-Lex	Away	4:30
September 29	Wegener Park	Away	8:30
October 16	Yale	Away	4:30
October 20	Caro Thumb Meet	Away	10:00

## M.S. GIRLS' BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
September 17	Imlay City	Away	4:30
September 20	Yale	Away	4:30
September 24	Algonac	Home	4:30
September 27	Cros-Lex	Home	4:30
October 01	Richmond	Away	4:30
October 04	Armada	Home	4:30
October 08	Almont	Away	4:30
October 11	Cros-Lex	Away	4:30
October 15	Imlay City	Home	4:30
October 18	Yale	Home	4:30
October 20	Algonac @ SC4	Away	4:30
October 22	Almont	Home	4:30



**GO BRONCOS!**

