



School Talk

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North Branch Area Schools

May 2016

The Class of 2016 Announce their Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Kirk Donaldson

The Valedictorian of North Branch High School's Class of 2016 is Kirk Donaldson. Kirk is the son of Will and Heather Donaldson. Kirk has participated in Varsity Baseball, Varsity Basketball and was Academic All-State in Baseball after the 2015 season. Kirk is a National Honor Society Member and was selected to the Tri-Valley Conference Academic All-Conference Team. Next fall, Kirk will be attending Saginaw Valley State University on a full tuition scholarship to study Mechanical Engineering.

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2016 is Simon English. Simon is the son of Tom English and Janet Wassmann. Simon is a member of the National Honor Society, is a Martial Arts instructor and served the school as the Student Council President. Simon will be attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to study Architecture.



Simon English

Class of 2016 Graduation Events

Friday, May 20th, 2016:

Last day for ALL Seniors.

SENIOR EXAMS- Seniors who need to take their exams in order to earn credit or make up for exceeding the attendance absence limit, will still do so on Monday, May 23rd & Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016:

Baccalaureate Ceremony (7:00 p.m.) in the High School Auditorium. This is a non-denominational, inspirational service honoring the achievement and future for the graduates. Attendance is optional and admission is free. This event is not sponsored by the school.

Tuesday, May 24th, 2016:

Graduation Rehearsal (3:00 p.m.) in the Gymnasium (required to participate in the commencement ceremony). Seniors who have met all of the graduation requirements will receive their caps & gowns immediately after rehearsal.

Swing-Out (5:00 p.m.) Students will line up at the front of the High School and will march through town. The parade will end at the corner of Main street and Jefferson. **NOTE: If this event is canceled due to weather, it will not be rescheduled.**

Thursday, May 26th, 2016:

Class Night (7:00 p.m.) Students will be honored with local scholarships, awards, NHS stoles, athletic awards and honor cords, etc. Participation is not mandatory but it is nice to see all of the seniors celebrating their

accomplishments together. Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Students should wear something a bit more dressy (no shorts, tank tops or flip flops).

Wednesday, June 1st, 2016:

COMMENCEMENT (8:00 p.m.) Seniors "MUST" arrive in CAPS & GOWNS by 7:30 p.m. to line up in the south wing. Doors to the Gymnasium open at 7:15 p.m.

Project Graduation: This fun filled, action packed, all you can eat, alcohol-free lock-in has been a tradition in the North Branch community for over 20 years. The celebration will begin immediately following commencement on Wednesday, June 1st and will conclude early Thursday morning, June 2nd. All students attending are eligible for door prizes but they must be present to win. Only students participating in commencement will be allowed to attend the post grad celebration. WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO BECOME PART OF THE PROJECT GRADUATION PLANNING COMMITTEE. Interested parents should contact Mr. Cooper at (810) 688-3001 or acooper@nbbrncos.net. A Senior Class meeting will be held after Spring Break to discuss Project Graduation information.

Superintendent's Corner



This edition of *School Talk* is dedicated to the Class of 2016! I am looking forward to honoring the soon to be graduates at the Commencement Ceremony.

This will be my final address at North Branch Area Schools because I am retiring and it is clearly the most significant to me on a very personal level. My son, Simon is graduating as Salutatorian from my alma mater 31 years after me.

I've spent 24 years of my life as a student (Class of 1985), principal and superintendent at North Branch Area Schools. I am grateful for the many opportunities that have been provided to me and my family and have enjoyed working with so many talented and dedicated professionals. As I reflect on my years as a Bronco and especially the last

six as the superintendent, I am pleased with the condition of the district and proud of the many excellent opportunities that are available for our students. Students are now able to graduate with an Associates' Degree for free by enrolling in our STEMM Early College or earn free college credit in a dual enrollment class. Some students even earn college credit through our rigorous Advanced Placement courses.

Every elementary student in the multiage classrooms has a chrome book while personal computing devices are used throughout the elementary. The Ruth Fox Elementary was named a "Reward School" by the Michigan Department of Education and iPads have been integrated into the fifth through eighth grade math classes. This summer, the district will install 211 new computers (one in every classroom).

Finally, the Bronco Marching Band, will soon be performing in new uniforms, six new busses will be delivered this summer and thankfully, all buildings have never looked better. I'm so proud to be a Bronco and have enjoyed serving this community with so many wonderful and dedicated people of the North Branch Area Schools. As I embark on the next exciting chapter of my life's journey, I will carry a piece of North Branch everywhere I travel. Remember, once a Bronco, always a Bronco! Go Blue!

Microsoft comes to North Branch

Who has heard of Microsoft Certification? Who knows it is available at North Branch High School? Yes, Microsoft has partnered with North Branch High School's Business Department to certify high school students as Specialists in Microsoft Excel, Powerpoint, Word, and Access. This certification program became available to high school students through CTE (Career Technical Education) in March of 2015. For the last year North Branch's Business Department has been running hard after this opportunity to certify high school students. Currently, 108 students have become a Microsoft Certified Specialist in one or more of Microsoft's applications.



Once students have learned the skills and are prepared to test, they schedule a testing time and begin the 1-hour exam. The high school has become a Microsoft Testing Center to provide high school students the benefit of testing on site. At the completion of the exam, students immediately receive their pass/fail score at their work station. A score of 700 or more is required to become certified.

Congratulations to this year's Microsoft Certified Specialists!

Florian D'heer	Amber Amos
Madison Miner	Bethany Mruzek
Emily Ruhlman	Chad Redick
Jack Millerschinn	Emerald Leigh
Branden Hillaker	Lucas O'Rourke
Joshua Pasek	Cody Chapin
Justin Lucik	*Reece Dorner
Allison Hofert	*Kevin Kleinknecht
Brenden Schulz	Ashley Kollman-
Dannielle Truax	Thrasher
Gabriel Rose	*Katie Newton
Kaylee McNary	*Hayley Burgess
Makayla Williams	*Rebecca DeMeyers
Jordan Hodgkinson	*Christopher Duty
Reece Jolicoeur	Maddy Hart
Mitchell Miller	Emily Sutton
Jacob Schlaud	*Christopher Duty
Keenan Lane	Maddy Hart
Mikala McMullen	**Alyssa Miner

*Students who have become certified in more than one area

**Students who have become Expert Certified

The year is not over! This list is growing! Hats off to all students achieving this certification before graduation! It certainly positions them for success in the job market and college. North Branch High School continues to prepare students to be career and college ready.

Food Service News

North Branch Area Schools continues to operate under USDA National Lunch & Breakfast Programs. Food Service promises to continue to deliver healthy, good, quality food and services to you and your children.

Breakfast is offered daily in all schools. Students who eat breakfast perform better in school. Research shows that students who eat a healthy breakfast display increased attention at school, visit the nurse less often and have lower rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

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. These forms are available through the food service office and need to be filled out by a licensed physician. This provision is State mandated.

Applications for Free and Reduced Price School Meals may be submitted to the food service department at any time of the year when there is a change in income. (PLEASE SEE THE CHART BELOW FOR THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR.)

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2015-2016

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419
2	\$29,471	\$2,456	\$567
3	\$37,167	\$3,098	\$715
4	\$44,863	\$3,739	\$863
5	\$52,559	\$4,380	\$1,011
6	\$60,255	\$5,022	\$1,159
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
*Each additional household member add:	\$7,696	\$642	\$148

Applications MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. Those families qualifying at the end of the 2015-2016 school year will receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch for the first 30 days of school. After the first 30 days of school, if the school does not receive a new application for the 2016-2017 school year, the family's Food Service Account will be adjusted to a paid/normal lunch and breakfast. Please be advised that the Eligibility Chart for the 2016-2017 school year will be issued after July 1, 2016 by the Michigan Department of Education.

Policy Regarding Food Service Accounts

It is the school's policy that once an account is negative \$5.00, or more, the student will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with white milk for their lunch until payment (or payment arrangements) is made.

Payment for meals is due at the time of purchase. **No charging is allowed.** Meals are deducted at the time of purchase and are on a debit system. Meals may be paid for with cash/check or online through PaySchools.

Payments can be mailed to: **North Branch Area Schools, ATTN: Food Service, PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461.** If you would like more information on how to pay for school meals, please visit Family Access at www.nbbrancos.net.

ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID BY JUNE, 17, 2016!!

School meals follow the USDA guidelines:

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



Menu items are offered from all 5 components seen above. In order to be compliant with the National School Lunch Program, your child must select at least 3 of the 5 components (for all grades) for their choices to be considered a meal, which is priced as a unit. If they choose less than the minimum required, their account will be charged separately for each item.

Meal pricing has not changed from last year.

2015-2016 Meal Pricing

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary (Pre-K – 4):	\$1.45	\$2.35
Ruth Fox Elementary (5-6):	\$1.45	\$2.35
Middle & High School (7-12):	\$1.65	\$2.75
Adult Meals:	\$2.75	\$3.75
Free Meals:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reduced Meals:	\$0.30	\$0.40

• Milk is included with all meals; however, if purchased without a meal it is considered ala carte and is charged \$0.50.

What is Ala Carte?

Ala carte items are "Cash Only" unless there is money on the child's food service account. These items are not part of the breakfast or lunch reimbursable meal program. Some examples of ala carte items include – a single purchase OR extra milk or juice, cookies, chips, an additional entrée, ice cream and other non-menu items. If a parent or guardian wishes their child to only purchase a breakfast and/or lunch, they may contact the Food Service office and controls may be placed on the account to block or limit ala carte purchases.

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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE COOKS AND CASHIERS. PLEASE CONTACT (810) 688-2226.

Ed-Tech Regional Competition Award Winners and State Qualifiers

Each year, students attending the Lapeer County Education and Technology Center have the opportunity to compete at regional competitions against students from other Vocational Schools. NBHS has had a very successful SkillsUSA Regional Competition level. Our qualifiers represent a wider range of programs. The state competition was April 7-10 in Grand Rapids.

Students went to Traverse City for their HOSA State Leadership Conference. A total of 2,525 students were in attendance, the biggest conference to date! Out of the 18 students that competed from Mrs. Cowhy's class, two students were awarded medals. The gold medal went to Megan Schank (North Branch) for Clinical Nursing. There was a written test, and two skills that needed to be performed.

The State qualifying students are listed below for both HOSA and Skills.

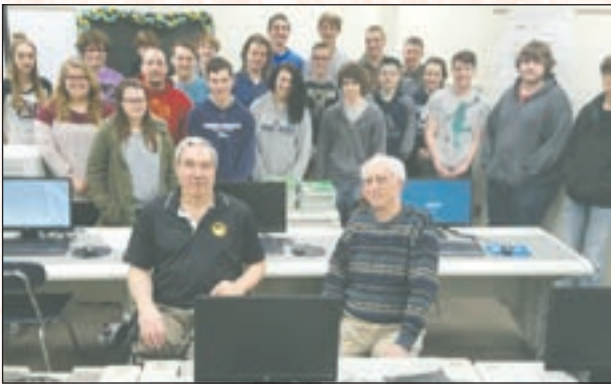
Also included, our students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society last month. Recently the FFA members earned awards at the State Conference.

The students will now move on the International HOSA Leadership Conference held June 22-25th in Nashville, TN.

Student	School	Competition	Place	Division	Prgm	Level
HOSA State Competition in Traverse City - April 14 & 15, 2016						
Elijah LaLonde (Sr)	North Branch	Extemporaneous Writing	Top 10 of 10	HOSA	HSP	Regional
Haley Cary (SR)		HOSA Bowl Team	Top 10 of 18	HOSA	HO	Regional
Keegan Bonesteel (SR)		Healthy Life Style	Top 10 of 11	HOSA	HO	Regional
Kimberly Brodt (Sr)		Career Health Display	3 rd (Bronze)	HOSA	HSP	Regional
Megan Schank (Sr)		Home Health Aide	2 nd (Silver)	HOSA	HSP	Regional
Angel Kendrick (SR)		HOSA Bowl Team	Top 10 of 18	HOSA	HO	Regional
SkillsUSA State Competition in Grand Rapids - April 8-11, 2016						
Marc Tallieu	North Branch	Overall Welding	1st Place	Skills	WM	Regional
McCoy Desjardins		HVAC	2nd Place	Skills	MC	Regional
Ashley Kollman-Thash		Commercial Baking	3rd Place	Skills	CA	Regional
Dakota Steele		Gas Tungsten Arc Weld	3rd Place	Skills	WM	Regional
Hannah Thomas		Pres-school Teaching	5th Place	Skills	CE	Regional
Autumn Kirby		Digital Cinema	Direct to State	Skills	DMA	Regional
Blake Hoeksema		Welding Team	Direct to State	Skills	WM	Regional
National Technical Honor Society Inductee						
Kailli Batchelor	North Branch	National Technical Honor Society			AS	
Candy Deaton		National Technical Honor Society			PS	
Sydney Fifield		National Technical Honor Society			CE	
Kara Gregor		National Technical Honor Society			AS	
Wyatt Ostrum		National Technical Honor Society			MC	
Alicia Palmer		National Technical Honor Society			AS	
Alexis Schlaud		National Technical Honor Society			CE	
FFA State Competition in East Lansing - March 9-11, 2016						
Student	School	Competition	Place	Division	Prgm	Level
James Parker	North Branch	State FFA Degree Gold Award			FFA	State
		Diversified Livestock Proficiency Silver				
		FFA Academic Excellence Award				
Katie Newton		State Greenhand Public Speaking Silver Award			FFA	State
Mackenzie DeLong		Outstanding Junior Award – Highest award a Junior FFA member can receive			FFA	State
Claudia Albrecht		Outstanding Junior Award – Highest award a Junior FFA member can receive			FFA	State
Lauren Scott		FFA Academic Excellence Award			FFA	State

Web design students raising the standard of work

It's bringing the past with the present, the former with the now, and the yesterday with today! Mrs. Anderson's web design class is taking on a community/school project for the North Branch class of 1966. As the Class of '66 approach their 50th class reunion, they have decided a web-site would contribute to the success of their class reunion.



Pictured: Gene Peplinski and Dan McLaughlin and Mrs. Anderson's Web Design class

Spokesmen's Gene Peplinski and Don McLaughlin are trying to bridge the time between their high school memories and their 50th reunion and have called on North Branch High School's web design class to help them accomplish it.

Mr. Peplinski and Mr. McLaughlin met with the web design class on March 31st to explain their goals and objectives for this adventure. Web design students were very attentive and sincerely enjoyed the process of input to the project.

High school students are off and running with this project. Senior Jack Miglio is heading it up and will pass it on to the entire web design class after May 20th. North Branch High School students are feeling the inspiration and satisfaction that comes from knowing the skills you are learning in a classroom are valuable to others. North Branch web design students have just raised the standard of work in their classroom!

Summer school at NBHS

North Branch Area Schools will once again be offering a summer school program for students in grades 7th-12th that need to recover lost credit. The online program, Edgenuity (Education2020), will be used for the credit recovery and the program offers over 50 courses. Orientation is required and open orientation will be held on Monday, June 27th 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Tuesday, June 28th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Orientation will begin on the hour during these times and will last approximately an hour. All sessions are on a first come, first served basis.

Summer school classes will tentatively begin Wednesday, June 29th and end in early August. Three hour sessions will be offered from Monday through Friday (8am-11am or 11am-2pm). The fee per course is \$80.00. For more information please see your student's counselor or for specific questions, please contact the Summer School Coordinator, Corey Rosser at crosser@nbbronzcos.net or by calling (810) 688-7581, ext. 2820.

Senior Scholars

Each year, the top 25 students in the senior class, based on a combination of Grade Point Average and ACT test scores receive the title of Senior Scholar. During Class Night, these students will be awarded a gold cord to wear with their graduation gowns on the night of commencement.

This year's Senior Scholars are: Kirk Donaldson, Julia Kropp, Jenna Youngert, Jacob Bader, Kaitlin Walker, Tara Ash, Simon English, Mackenzie McGough, Erin Andersen, Loree Mabery, Julia VanWagoner, Lauren Haight, Elizabeth Anne Shiflett, Stephanie Knudsen, Kaylee Martin, Haley Cary, Jacob Peralta, Samantha Gowan, Alyssa Ventura, Jack Miglio, Maria Kaluk, Amber Hardwick, Samantha Galpin, Alexis Caringi, Brandon Walker.

Quiz Bowl team



The North Branch Quiz Bowl team qualified for State Competition last week through the Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League. Quiz Bowl is an academic competition where team members answer trivia questions in science, math, English, world language, social studies and other subjects. Four team members compete in each match. Pictured are: (left to right) (Michael) Dennis Jones, Kyle Beatley, Erin Andersen, Jacob Peralta, Kevin Zender, Brenden Schulz and team supporter Tim Ratliff. Other winter team members include Britany Peralta, Stephanie Knudsen, Cole Martin, Alyssa Ventura, Elija LaLonde and Kim Brodt. Coaches are Mrs. Katie Wagner and Ms. Ruth Stover-Lange.

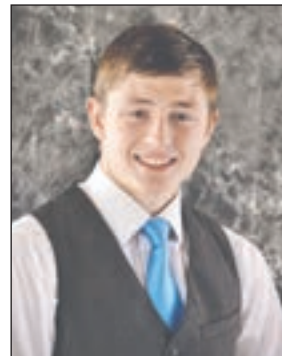
Academic All Conference



Each year, the 24 schools in the Tri-Valley Conference nominate the top three students to be named to the TVC All Academic Team. The students are nominated based upon a combination of their GPA and ACT scores.

On April 26th, the top three students, based on these scores were treated to a banquet in Curtis hall on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, where they were recognized for their academic accomplishments and received a TVC All Conference medal.

The students earning the right to represent NBHS on this year's TVC All Academic Team are Kirk Donaldson, Julia Kropp and Jenna Youngert.



Kirk Donaldson



Julia Kropp



Jenna Youngert

Baker Scholarship Winners

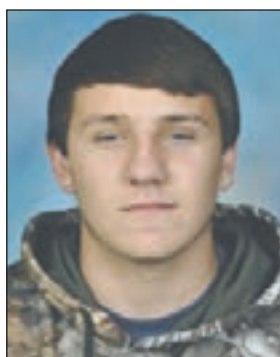
This year 5 Quest graduates were awarded \$3,500 scholarships through Baker College of Flint. Those recipients are: Marissa Ortiz, Shaina Rowden, Robert Gravat, Phil Henning and Makenna Hart



Marissa Ortiz



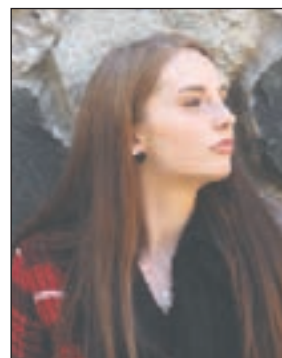
Shaina Rowden



Robert Gravat



Phil Henning



Makenna Hart.



Quest Graduation Date Set

Quest High School will welcome approximately 30 graduates for the class of 2016 as its twelfth graduating class on Thursday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Quest gymnasium. We invite all family, community members and former graduates to attend! There is no limit to the number of guests each graduate can have.

Quest visits the Holocaust Memorial Center

Quest students and staff took a field trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills on Wednesday, January 27th. A guided tour was provided by a knowledgeable staff member including a presentation by a Holocaust Survivor. Some of the exhibits the students and staff saw included an introduction to the Jewish heritage, causes and outcomes of World War II and the devastating effects of the Holocaust. This educational field trip is planned to go along with what the students are studying in US History. Continuing with the study of this time period, Quest had a visit from published author Helen Bigelow. Mrs. Bigelow has written and published a book titled "Coffee Grounds and Potato Peeling Pancakes". The book includes personal experiences, interviews and many hours of research on how the war affected people



from all over the globe. Quest students then had the opportunity to compose and mail letters to many of the individuals who were interviewed for the book.

Quest Merit Scholarship awarded!

This year's Quest Merit Scholarship Winner is Shaina Rowden. The Quest Merit Scholarship is funded by Carolyn and Ron Bower, who have pledged over \$20,000 in award money over the past eleven years for Quest graduates.



Shaina Rowden



Quest Boys' again reign as champions

Quest High School celebrated Snowcoming by hosting the 4th annual Michigan Alternative Education dodgeball tournament. Quest fielded two boys' teams and a girls' team in a field that included teams from seven other alternative high schools.

The Quest Red team proved to be too much for the other teams in the tournament. The Red team easily advanced with victories over Birch Run and the Bad Axe Red team. In the semifinals they defeated Bad Axe Black to advance to the championship. As Bad Axe Black advanced out of the loser's bracket, Quest again came out victorious to avenge their loss last year to Bad Axe and claim their 2nd championship in four years. The Quest Black team played a respectable tournament with wins over Mayville and Croswell-Lexington to finish in 4th place. The Quest Girls' team began their play with a closely matched loss to Bad Axe Ascent. They rebounded with dominating performances in their next two games to advance to the championship game, where they again fell to Bad Axe Ascent, leaving them with a runner-up finish.

Quest would like to thank Tim Gormley, Robert Frye, Jeremy Howe, Jack Myles and Curtis Garza for serving



as the officials for the event. Official Jeremy Howe was quoted as saying, "I've never seen better sportsmanship in a situation as competitive as this. The kids were great, very respectful."

Quest success at Ed-Tech

Quest High School Senior Angel Kendrick traveled to SVSU to compete in the Health Science Students of America Bowl. Angel placed 6th of 44 competitors in the Jeopardy style competition, qualifying her for the state competition at the Grand Traverse Resort in late spring.



March is Reading Month

In celebration of reading month Quest students visited all 3 Head Start preschool classes located in the Jefferson building. Junior Julia Sloan said, "I just love reading to little kids, it feels good to see their smiles while reading to them". We would like to extend a thank you to the Head Start program for affording our students the opportunity to serve.



ENROLL AT AWARD WINNING QUEST HIGH SCHOOL TODAY!!!

Students interested in enrolling at Quest High School for the 2016-17 school year or obtaining more information about the programs offered at Quest can contact Quest program Coordinator Corey Rosser at crosser@nbbronsos.net. You can also contact Quest by phone at (810) 688-7581.

The High School Bands had another exciting and prosperous year

The *Marching Broncos* began their season with the week-long Marching Band Camp during the first week of August. The week resounded with success with the performance for parents, friends, and alumni on Friday afternoon. The Broncos performed at all of the home football games, including their famous "LIGHTS OUT SHOW." The Band also competed at the Alma College Scholastic Marching Festival in October. The band placed 3rd with a point spread between the top three groups of 1 and ½ points! The band concluded their season with a performance at CMU with the Marching Chippewa Band and well over 200 "All Star Band Members" from around the state. The day began at 4:45 am and ended at 7:00 pm. Congratulations to the Marching Broncos, Drum Majors Erin Andersen & Kevin Zender, and Mr. Ehardt on their great season.

Symphony Band opened their season with their thrilling annual Christmas Concert in December. Their music was well-received by the audience with a standing ovation.

At the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 3 Band and Orchestra Festival



Honors Band Members

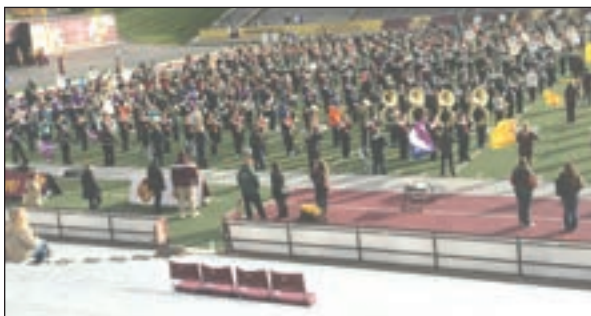
March 4th, which was hosted by the North Branch Music Department, the band received an overall 2 in concert and a 1 in sight reading. The band missed straight 1's by a half a letter (B+) grade from two adjudicators. Congrats Symphony Band and their conductor.

On May 12th 2016 the Symphony Band culminates their exciting year with the Collage Concert entitled, "In Remembrance of Our Heroes" at 7:00 p.m.

The Symphony Band had five band members in the *Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 3 Honors Band*, which is comprised of about twenty-five different area schools' instrumental music programs.

District Solo and Ensemble was hosted by the Music Department of Imlay City in February. North Branch had twenty-two students in nineteen events. There were a total of forty medals awarded with twenty - first division medals and three second division medals. Congratulations to all students who participated! The band and Mr. Ehardt would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Smith for her efforts in accompanying the soloist.

State Solo and Ensemble was hosted by the Lapeer High School Music Department Saturday March 20th. There were ten events that performed and eight events received first divisions and two received second divisions.



CMU Band Day



Homecoming 2015

Bronco Sports News



Bowling-All Conference

Front Row: Marisol Clemens, 2nd Team; Shelby Honicutt, 2nd Team
Back Row: Brennan Bower, Honorable Mention; Cole Fike, Honorable Mention; Morgan Fike, Honorable Mention
Not Pictured: Ben Brace, Honorable Mention



Boys' Basketball-All Conference
Chance Calvert & Kaleb Bickel-Honorable Mention



A very special and talented Ruth Fox Elementary 6th Grade Soloist, Azyiah Cole, has been asked and will be singing the National Anthem at the Thumb Meet of Champs Track & Field Event on May 31. This track meet will feature the best Track & Field Athletes in the thumb region and will be held at Caro High School.