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2018 Key Club Carnival

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This year the Key Club Carnival at NBTHS included the baseball throw, bean bag toss, catch a ball, fishing game, face painting food, ring toss, raffles, prizes and so much more. It turned out to be a big success, especially with the help of the sponsors. Throughout the evening, kids were going from booth to booth and were pleased by the bright and colorful carnival, taking pictures with Batman and enjoying the dance floor along the way. Without a doubt, NBTHS and the community looks forward to the Key Club Carnival of 2019.



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School Shooting

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There have already been 23 school shootings in 2018, according to CNN. The deadliest and most talked about school shooting that occurred this year was in Parkland,

Florida on February 14. A young man entered the high school and opened fired. That resulted in the deaths of 17 people. The deaths included both adults and students

that were inside and outside of the school. The young man was identified as Nikolas Cruz, a 19 year old who was expelled from the school due to disciplinary problems,

as reported by officials. It took an hour before, he was arrested in Coral Springs. This shooting brings back a long-debated topic in the United States: gun control.

Student Faculty game

Alisha Akins, Staff Writer

The most intense game of the season was not North Brunswick v. another school, but between our own students and faculty.

The crowd was big and filled with students, teachers, and many parents. This game was right after school and lasted until the late bus came, which was fortunate for the students since they didn't have to stress about a ride.

The two student commentators had the crowd laughing so much with all of their funny and light-hearted commentary. Toward the beginning of the game many people quickly made the assumption that the lively students would easily win, but they

didn't realize the immense skill that many of the teachers possessed. The crowd seemed to never make a decision upon who they wanted to win. There was about an equal amount of support for each team.

Towards the end, the faculty was winning by two points. However, there was still one minute left! The faculty stalled by passing the ball in a circle and by the time the students realized it, time was nearly up. The students tried to make a comeback, but failed. The faculty won the game.

Even though the students lost, the event was packed with fun.



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NEWS

Raider Robotix 2018 FIRST World Championship in Detroit

Robotix Press Release

FIRST Robotics Team 25 – Raider Robotix capped off a highly successful season last weekend with an appearance at the Science Symposium held at North Brunswick High School on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Raider Robotix team members and mentors gave an impromptu presentation on what it's like to be on a competitive FIRST robotics team and provided short tours of their robot workshop.

During the 2018 FIRST Robotics competition season, FRC 25 won three MAR (Mid-Atlantic Robotics) district events, placed as a Finalist at Mid-Atlantic Robotics District Championships and was in #1

Alliance in Carson Subdivision at FIRST World Championship held April 26 - 28 in Detroit, MI. At the competition,

Raider Robotix was the 19th ranked team, and were the first team selected by the #1 seeded team, FRC 225 – TechFire from York, PA to form a four team alliance along with FRC Team 3015 – Ranger Robotics (Spencerport, NY) and FRC Team 88 – TJ (Squared) (Bridgewater, MA).

Team 25 and their alliance partners were eliminated in the semi-finals at the World Championship. FIRST is headquartered in the United States in New Hampshire, and its name stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

Earlier this robotics season, FRC Team 25 - Raider Robotix won three Winner's blue banners at the FIRST Mid-Atlantic Regional District events held at Mount Olive High School (Flanders,

NJ), Montgomery High School (Skillman, NJ) and Hatboro-Horsham (Hatboro-Horsham Senior High School, Horsham, PA) and were Finalists at the Mid-Atlantic Robotics District Championship, held at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. In addition to these accomplishments, Team 25 was also awarded an Engineering Award and a Creativity Award for their robot's design.

FIRST POWER UPSM was the 2018 FIRST Robotics Competition game, which echoed back to the days of vintage arcade video games. In the game, two alliances made up of three teams each competed by having their robots place "power cubes" to turn on switches, store cubes in off-field vaults to activate special bonuses and balance a scale in the alliance's

favor on the game field. In the last thirty seconds, robots also tried to climb a foot off the ground to score additional points.

This coming fall, the FRC 25 - Raider Robotix team anticipates hosting another successful Brunswick Eruption, the country's largest single-day off-season robotics competition, slated to be held at North Brunswick High School on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Over 40 high school-aged teams attend this event, which is free and open to the public for viewing.

The 2019 FIRST Robotics Competition season will begin in January 2019 when the new FRC game will be revealed. The game, Destination: Deep Space, will commemorate the 1969 flight of Apollo 11 to the Moon, and the landing of the lunar module Eagle on the Moon.

Comic Con

Jonathan Williams, Staff Writer

On Friday, Comic-con was held in the Small Cafeteria. In front of the cafeteria the Trivia game discuss anime topics such as Dragon Ball Z, Pokemon, and Teen Titans. At some point, the Minicon had a Sing Along. Meanwhile, back in the cafeteria we had games, food, and drinks. How the food/drink stands worked was 1, 2, or 3 people stand behind a cart

and waited for customers to order. There was also a movie display that a few people watched. The Minicon lasted for 2 or 3 hours long. In total, the amount of money we raised was \$400. Mrs. McCarthy the club advisor quoted "You call it chaos we call it a club". Even though the Minicon was more exciting last year, this year it did not dissappoint.

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About The Banner

As a news publication of North Brunswick Township High School, *The Banner* serves to provide students with interesting, timely and important information about the school and community. Its staff covers events and stories that are pertinent to the student body at NBTHS.

While honoring the provisions the school has established to maintain a safe environment for its students, the staff upholds freedom of speech as ruled in *Tinker vs. Des Moines*.

The Banner runs online; throughout the year, the staff maintains a circulation of an electronic publication among NBTHS, the Board of Education and other areas in the community.

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OPINIONS

Fresh Juice Fountain

Jonathan Williams, Staff Writer

Schools should have a juice fountain instead of water fountains. This is because more people would be able to enjoy juice fountains than water fountains. It is a known fact that water is healthy for you, but the supply of water might be dirty at a

water fountain and wouldn't you want to drink water at home or have a fresh juice fountain. Imagine if you could get fruit punch, lemonade, pink lemonade, Gatorade, or even Sprite.



Olaedo Ukanwoke, Photo Courtesy

FEATURES

EXO at Olympic Games

Yarely Galindo, Staff Writer

The Winter Olympic games that began on February 9th in Pyeongchang South Korea, unfortunately has ended on February 25th, it ended with an extraordinary and massive closing ceremony that presented many surprises to the audience and also where the Olympics would be held in 2022. Speaking of surprises, artists that perform in the Olympics well known KPOP stars such as CL leader of former famous popular girl group 2ne1 and Nation's KPOP boy group EXO.

EXO is a famous Kpop boy group that debuted in 2012 with their single "History". Their group consists of twelve original members, eight Korean and four Chinese members. However due to conflicts, three Chinese members

left the group late 2014/2015, making EXO a nine member group. But despite the difficulties the group went through they managed to be a record breaking artists earning them a title of "Quadruple Million Seller" and having the honor to perform at the Olympics.

"It's unreal inspiration and it really improved my mood," Russian Silver medalist Evgenia Medvedeva commented, revealing she's an EXO fan herself and the effect their music has on her.

At the Olympics they performed their hit song that rose them to fame in Korea, "Growl," the remix version and their 2017 upbeat electronic song called "Power" which was also chosen as the first Korean song to be played at the Dubai Fountain Repertoire.

Walkout

Alisha Akins, Staff Writer

On March 14, 2018 students around the nation protested against the numerous school shootings that have occurred over the course of American history.

In the days before the school walkout, teachers received an email that was supposed to remind teachers of the students' rights to protests on school property, which would include walking out of class. The school supervisors also organized an assembly that would take place in the auditorium, featuring Mayor Womack. Many students as well as teachers felt that this action undermined the point of a protest and was an attempt to

silence the worries of the people of North Brunswick.

Even with the disorganization of it all when the clock struck 10 much of the students and faculty rushed into the auditorium. The students asked questions for around 2 hours that the people of higher authority were forced to answer. Some thought that they were passive and were not showing enough respect toward them.

Overall, the walkout was hijacked by administration, but at least students were able to voice their opinions to the people who can help make change in this school.

Patio C Argument

Olaedo Ukanwoke, Staff Writer

School shootings have been a tragic part of American history for many years. Over the course of the past decade they have become more prevalent. According to the website www.everytownresearch.org, "Since 2013, there have been more than 300 school shootings in America — an average of about one a week."

In an attempt to prevent a shooting here at NBTHS, administrators have taken different measures to increase the safety of the school. One of these measures is the prohibition of the use of patio C during passing time. For many

students, this was a convenient way to get to class on time by shortening the walking distance and avoiding some of the traffic in crowded hallways.

This provokes the question of whether or not banning the use of patio C truly increases the safety of the school. When asked this question, Namira Rahmani, a student here at NBTHS, said, "It helps us feel more secure that the chances of a shooter entering our school is somewhat decreased". On the other hand, Dalmacio De La Cruz said, "The only thing it helps with is making me late to class."



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