

Superintendent Update

July 10, 2025



At the forefront of educational excellence



WHAT WE INTEND TO CREATE

*Inspire dreams, build integrity and instill hope
in our students, our staff, our families and our communities.*

OUR PURPOSE

Partner with students, staff, families and communities to challenge all
students to achieve their greatest potential and become informed and
engaged citizens.

New Coaches, Lasting Impact



Beyond the Classroom: Middle School Students Walk Through History in Washington, D.C.



NBAMS students visited Washington DC in mid-June!

Day one included visits to the Capitol, Iwo Jima Memorial, the Pentagon, and the 9/11 Memorial with many stops along the way.

Day two saw NBAMS students selected to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier! Students also experienced the National Mall, including the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and WWII Memorial, among many others.

Day three included a visit to the International Spy Museum, Smithsonian, and Ford's Theater.



Beyond the Classroom: Spanish Comes to Life in Spain



High school Spanish students just got home from an amazing 8-day trip to Spain! They had a great time exploring the cities of Barcelona, Zaragoza, Madrid, and Toledo, and immersing themselves in the language and culture.

Highlights included touring the famous Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona, trying new foods such as "paella" and "tortilla española," and browsing the jewelry and swords in the famous Toledo sword shop!

A Viking Kind of Summer: Learning, Fun & Community



Summer School Highlights

- 130+ K–8 students engaged in academic support
- Project SEEK for accelerated learners (grades 1–7)
- 100 HS students earning credits & graduating
- Focus on growth, confidence & personalized support

Youth Programs

- Dungeons & Dragons Quest (grades 6–12)
- Battlebot Olympics (grades 3–7)
- Art, slime & creativity with Kidcreate Studio
- Theatre Camps: Rainbow Fish & Alice in Wonderland

Sports & Family Fun

- Camps: basketball, flag football, volleyball, dance
- Pickleball (8–14 yrs) & clogging (3–8 yrs)
- Free: Concerts in the Park, Move & Learn Room, Baby Cafe
- Adult class: Unlock Long-Term Success



Still Rockin' This Summer: Free Concert Series Continues



Each event included food trucks and fun at 6 p.m., Story time at 6:45 p.m., and a concert starting at 7 p.m.



NORTH BRANCH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Tuesday evenings
Food trucks & fun begins at 6 PM
Story Time at 6:45 PM
Concerts start at 7 PM



This concert series is brought to you by:

JUNE 17
Viking Plaza
NBHS

Minnesota State Band
Official Band of Minnesota

JUNE 24
NB Central
Park

Native American Dance & Drum Exhibition
Keith Secola - Musician

JULY 8
NB Central
Park

Church of Cash
Johnny Cash Tribute Band

JULY 15
NB Central
Park

The Whitesidewalls
Doo-wop, Rockabilly,
Rock & Roll

JULY 22
NB Central
Park

On Tap
Country and Rock Band

JULY 29
NB Central
Park

Monroe Crossing
Bluegrass Band

AUGUST 5
NB Central
Park

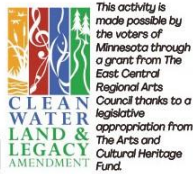
Night 2 Unite - No Band
Community Night Out

AUGUST 12
NB Central
Park

Hard Days Night
Beatles Tribute Band

AUGUST 19
NB Central
Park

AJ Spoff
Andy Spofford
Variety of Hits



June 17-July 15, July 29, and August 12
funded by ECRAC Funding

August 19 funded by
The North Branch Area
Education Foundation

Chisago County Fair this weekend



Chisago County hosting Fix-It Clinic July 15



CHISAGO COUNTY FIX-IT CLINIC

Mend, fix, and save!



Something broken? Bring it to a Fix-It Clinic! Whether it's small appliances, clothing, electronics, toys, or other household items, volunteers will help you fix or mend your things for free.

- No pre-registration required.
- Items should be carry-in size for hands-on repair.
- First-come, first-served. Limit 2 items per household.
- Items accepted until 30 minutes before the event ends.

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025
4 - 7 pm**

North Branch Library
6355 379th Street
North Branch, MN



Co-hosted with



chisagocountymn.gov/1453/Fix-It-Clinics

Funding for this event is provided by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Statewide Waste Reduction and Reuse grant.

Chisago County is hosting a Fix-It Clinic at the North Branch Library on Tuesday, July 15, 4 - 7 p.m.

- Handy people will be available to fix small appliances, clothing, electronics, toys, and other household items.
- The clinics are also looking for volunteers and are accepting donations of hand tools and parts for a wide variety of fixes.

Welcome to North Branch: August 12 Realtor Breakfast

Who: Local Realtors

When: August 12, 9:00 am

Where: North Branch Area High School

Why: North Branch Area Public Schools is proud to host a Realtor Breakfast to build strong partnerships with local real estate professionals. This event provides an opportunity to share the district's vision, academic offerings, and community strengths, ensuring realtors are well-informed ambassadors for families considering a move to our area. By fostering collaboration, we aim to highlight how NBAPS supports student success, promotes vibrant community connections, and helps make North Branch a destination for quality living and learning.

Realtor Resources

Inspiring dreams, building integrity, and instilling hope every day!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about North Branch Area Public Schools! Making a home purchase is a major decision, and we are here to provide you with information about our programs and we welcome the opportunity for you and prospective home buyers to come for a visit!

Viking Pride is evident across our community. If you would like to have a conversation about North Branch Area Public Schools, please feel free to contact Superintendent Sara Paul at 651-338-1302. She can connect you with staff across the district that can answer questions and make an in person connection.

SKOL! Vikings!



Advancing Teacher Apprenticeships



Statewide Transition

NBAPS will join the MN Teacher JATC and no longer serve as a standalone sponsor. Sara Paul and David Gryte will represent NBAPS on the JATC governing board.

Funding Access

Transition creates a clearer path to newly allocated state apprenticeship funds.

Program Updates

- Special Education apprenticeships will shift under JATC
- Early Learning program remains unchanged with MN Child Care Aware
- STEM-focused apprenticeship launching Fall 2026 with Concordia St. Paul University

