

# The NBMS Times

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## President Jack Smith Needs Your Feedback

President Smith will be meeting with the Wellness Committee and the Board.

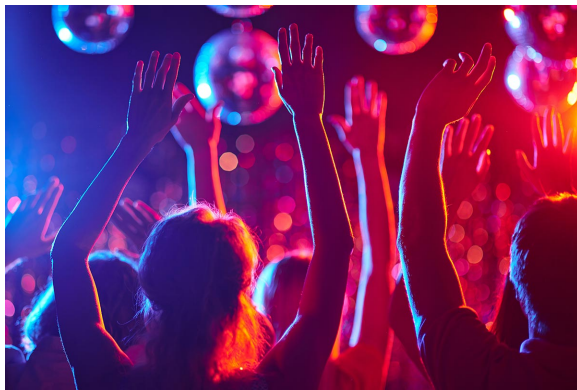
Please provide your feedback on [this form](#) so President Smith has data to deliver. Have your voice heard!

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## Winter Ball

*By Lila Dakkuri*

New Brighton Middle School's Winter Ball was held on February 24, 2023!



The Ball was full of great music and dancing. There was lots of pizza and cookies. There was even a photo booth with many accessories to take pictures with your friends. If you were unable to attend the Winter Ball and

you are in 8th grade there will be an 8th Grade Graduation Dance on May 19.

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## STOP IT BULLYING!

BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

The STOPit bullying app is to report abuse when you see it. NBMS recently implemented the new app to stop bullying and teen suicides. As it was implemented, there was also a survey about vaping and teen use of drugs, alcohol, bad decisions, and choices. I believe that anti-vaping and STOPit anti-bullying campaigns are used for a good cause because too many of these bad decisions can lead to a bad life and a bad experience in school and beyond. I think that the STOPit bullying campaigns are something to help the community and stop bullying for good.

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Caitlyn Curley

## **Snow in Santa Cruz!**

These last few weeks of weather have been crazy! It has been raining, windy, and even snowing in the mountains. The snow level in this previous storm was 500 feet above sea level, which is unusually low. The average snow level in the mountains is around 2,500 or 3,000 feet above sea level. The last time it snowed in the Santa Cruz Mountains was in 2019, a rare occasion like February 2023. Additionally, there was a small snow dusting on Twin lakes beach!!!! Snow on the beach is even more occasional; the last time was in 1988, 35 years ago.

There have been tons of rain, thunderstorms, and rare snow. There have been a few inches of rain over the last few days that are helping to refill dams, groundwater, and bodies of water after our

long drought. Thunder and lightning don't happen often, but when they do, it's exciting and often eventful. There might have even been some trees that fell or power lines down that left people without power. Overall, the weather is fun to remember, especially when it is super rare.

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## **What Do Students Find Fun About School?**

*By Julian Hall*

School is a place for learning and a place full of wonder and enjoyment for many. Yet, what exactly erases the line of forced knowledge and unleashes the world of laughter and bliss? Well, who is better to ask than the folk inhabiting these districts of duality? Teachers and students were asked four critical questions surrounding fun on campus. 7/7 students agreed that the lunch/break periods were their favorite parts of the school, some even going as far as to state that getting released was their favorite part.

Additionally, physical education and the sports taught within it are other favorites among the students, whether soccer or wrestling. On the other hand, plenty of students prefer to stay inside and hang out inside the library while playing games or reading. The students also love the events

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we hold, such as the dances or food-related events where students get to be themselves and eat! Teachers can also observe what their students find fun during school, considering it is their full-time job. They agreed that more independent and hands-on activities are the most fun. For example, an activity like a whole class reading play where everyone gets assigned lines to read, and there is barely any



teacher intervention. Another hot idea that students find fun is group activities where the students can work with their friends. Most importantly, the special events in class are a favorite. Whether it is a class gift exchange or a costume party, the students love it! Considering all this, enjoying school is an integral part of the school. If one cannot have fun during school, staying motivated to get work done is more challenging.

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# NBMS Spirit Week

These are the School Spirit Week dates!

**Monday is Western Day:** wear a cowboy hat, some boots, plaid shirts, a bandana, button-down shirts, or whatever else you have.



**Tuesday is Twin Day!** Dress the same as one of your friends!



**Wednesday is Favorite Decade Day.**



Wear the clothes of your favorite decade. If your favorite decade was the 90s, wear a mini tee/tee shirt with baggy pants or you can wear overalls with a top.

**Thursday is P.J. Day:** wear comfy pajamas.

Lastly, on **Friday** it is **Viking Spirit**, so you can wear our Viking colors (purple and yellow) or any other Viking spirit.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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### **CCAL League Finals at New Brighton Middle School Saturday March 25th**

- Doors will open at 9:00 AM
- JV starts at 10:00 AM
- Varsity starts at 12:00 PM

Good luck with this weekend's Wrestling Tournament!

### ***Congratulations to the 6th Grade Volleyball Team for 1st place in the championship tournament!***

- Star player of the Tournament goes to Brooke Weaver for her powerful serves that won us set 1 and Set 3!
- Top servers for the tournament were Claire Weaver, Paige Winterburn, Katelyn Corlette, Alana Caroselli, and Rowan Hazelton
- Top hitters were Ella Kelly and Kai Mullen,
- Top Passers were Sophie Cartegena, Scarlett Hull, Kyla Holden, London Lorber, and Belen Horn

### ***Congratulations to the 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team for 2nd place in the championship tournament!***

- Congrats to Grace Graessle for getting Star Player of the Tournament!
- Our top servers were Grace Graessle, Kiki Burke, Tamar Mitnick, and Milena DeWitt (who also happened to be our awesome setters)

- Our top hitters with the most kills go to Stella Kitchen, Lana Walding, and Chloe Cartwright
- Congrats to our back-row specialists go to Taylor Glinkowski and Riley Clark and are all around players Savannah Hadreas, Madison Staley, and Bianca Christopher.

## **SPRING BREAK begins April 1! Enjoy the Break!**

### **Yearbook Sales are happening NOW!**

Price is \$35 until March 31, 2023.

Price goes up to \$40 April 1, 2023.

The **last day to purchase a yearbook** is April 15, 2023.