

Hello New Brighton Families,

The last week of school is upon us! This is the busiest time of the year at school, and there are many special activities happening, and much to do between now and June 9th. It will all get done, the approaching deadline adds a finality factor that can create feelings of stress...reminds me of the winter holidays! It's hard to believe that another year has passed, but it has and I'm thankful to have spent the year at NBMS with your students and our staff. We have so many outstanding students and a wonderful staff, that all help to create a unique atmosphere, and I'm proud to be a part of that. I'd like to thank you for all of your support that you give to your child (ren), and the school throughout this year. If this is the end of your contact with NBMS, I wish a successful future for you and your student. For those of you who will be back next year and in future years, I look forward to working with you again. Wherever your student will be next year, I would recommend that they spend some time reading during this summer break. This will help them to build on the growth they have made this year. Studies have shown that students who are not engaged in reading during the break lose ground in comparison to those who have been reading. We want our students to come back and hit the ground running in August.

At this time of the year, among other things, I am working on the master schedule for next year's classes. In order to get the correct amount of classes and course offerings, it is important that I know how many students we will have at each grade level. With this in mind, if you know that your 6th or 7th grade student will not be attending NBMS next year, please let the office know.

Here are other items of interest:

8TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on Friday, June 9th, from 3:00-4:30 PM here at NBMS. This rite of passage ceremony is a wonderful culmination of up to three years of work, fun and memories. It is a family celebration, where students get dressed up, speeches are made, certificates are received, awards are handed out, and it is followed by a cake and juice reception in the PAC. Students have earned this certificate, and look forward to the day. To participate in the promotion ceremony, students must have a GPA of 2.0 or above. Recently I have been talking to students who do not currently have a GPA of 2.0 or above, to remind them of this requirement. I will be sending a letter out to parents whose child is in this category outlining what can be done to make sure that all students qualify to participate in this rite of passage.

8th GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY SEATING/PARKING

There will be approximately 1,000 people attending the Promotion Ceremony for our 8th grade students! With regard to seating, chairs will be set up during the day. **Seating will be open at 2:00 PM. Any items placed on seats in order to 'reserve' them prior to 2:00 PM will be removed and stored in the office.** Also, parking spaces will be at a premium, and I would like to remind you to park legally if you leave your car in the surrounding neighborhood (a few years ago I did have to interrupt the ceremony to announce that a car was about to be towed). We will have the parking lots around the school available as well.

HOST FAMILY

Are you interested in hosting a high school student from Germany? Ben Zitek was an 8th grade student at NBMS for a few months in the 2015-16 school year, and his family is coming back to the area. Ben would like to attend Soquel High School from August to December, and his family is looking for a friendly and reliable family. Please contact Mr. Broadhurst if you are interested.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, June 9th is the last day of this school year. Students in 6th and 7th grades will be on a minimum day schedule, and they will leave at 11:22 AM. Students in 8th grade will come to school at 2:30 PM for the Promotion Ceremony, which starts at 3:00 PM.

MESSAGE FROM NBMS FOUNDATION CHAIR SAM FOSTER

Hi NBMS Parents,

I'm honored to introduce myself as the new President of the NBMS Foundation. I'm the mom of a current 7th grader, Zoe Foster, who attended Soquel for elementary school, and my husband, Patrick Foster, teaches at Soquel Elementary. I currently work at UCSC leading a research center that focuses on student success. In that role, I regularly facilitate meetings, lead teams and large projects, fundraise, and oversee personnel matters and a sizable budget. I've been in such positions in higher education for the past 15 years, and previous to that, I was an elementary school teacher, and I hold a PhD in Education. I have a strong understanding of and commitment to public education, to our community, and to our children. I'm very happy to put my leadership, organizational, and facilitation skills to use in the service of NBMS.

I encourage all of you to get involved with the NBMS Foundation in the next school year. We have ample volunteer opportunities in a variety of activities and could use any and all help. Most pressing, we have an immediate need to fill the Treasurer position and would love to hear from you right away if you can step up for the remainder of this academic year into the next year.

I look forward to meeting you in the months to come and hope to have the opportunity to work with many of you. Again, I'm excited to serve the students, staff, and parents of NBMS.

Best,
Sam Foster

NBMS FOUNDATION MEETINGS

The time of the NBMS Foundation meetings may be changed next year. In an effort to have more families in attendance we may start the meetings (typically on the second Tuesday of the month) at a different time. Please visit the following link and indicate which time works best for you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjQbPJbU63P5YLrXC6obT6i0V1A5kavpbL-TRR8TzejRqALg/viewform?usp=sf_link

IMPORTANT DATES

6/8/17

Grade Level End of Year Trips

6/9/17

Last day of school, minimum day for 6/7th grade, 8:00-11:22 AM

6/9/17

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, NBMS, 3:00-5:00 PM

Sincerely,

Craig Broadhurst