

The Curriculum Corner

North Brunswick Township Schools Monthly Curricular Update



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Summer Learning for NBT Schools



SUMMER MATTERS

As the school year draws to a close, we begin to prepare for Summer programming. NBT Schools strives to afford students opportunity to grow in their academics, technologies, fine arts, and even hobbies over the Summer months. Summer Academy offers targeted literacy instruction to improve achievement in reading & writing through various differentiated means of instruction. Summer Enrichment is a pay to participate program that offers students a wide range of offerings in a Summer camp-like setting. Extended School Year (ESY) services are designed to support a student with a disability as documented under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). ESY helps maintain the academic, social/behavioral, communication, and other skills students have learned as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Finally, we are quite excited about our new music camp that will afford elementary students the opportunity to get a head start on their music career!

Summer Academy

The Summer Academy program is taught by certified North Brunswick Township teachers and is designed for students who would benefit from

additional practice and support with reading and writing skills. The curriculum mirrors the Readers'/Writers' workshop model in which students participate during the regular school year.

The opportunity to continue to practice strategies and skills over the summer helps to ensure that none of the gains made during the year are lost due to what is often referred to as the "summer slide" (a loss of learning that can occur over break if students do not use skills they acquired during the school year).

Students are invited to attend based upon recommendations from their classroom teacher and/or other support staff within the child's home school. Summer Academy will be held at the high school, Monday through Thursday mornings during the month of July.

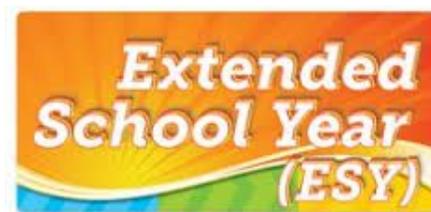


Summer Enrichment

North Brunswick Township Schools are offering Summer Enrichment experiences for children in grades Pre-K - 5. These fun and engaging classes focus on technology, engineering, academics and physical education. Each class is taught by a certified North Brunswick teacher and is planned to fit each child's needs. Students are able to showcase their accomplishments at our annual Summerbration, a night event where families are invited to watch performances and see displays. The program runs from July

5-28 from 8:30- 12:15 at the North Brunswick Township High School. The Department of Parks and Recreation will be offering a lunch program for students who participate in their afternoon recreational program.

Extended School Year



Students with disabilities who are eligible for Extended School Year (ESY) through their Individual Education

Program (IEP) attend classes during the summer. One of the main goals of ESY is to prevent significant regression of skills. This applies to cases where the time it would take to relearn those skills significantly impacts the educational benefit of the school year program. Students are eligible to attend ESY based upon IEP team decisions, determined on an individual basis.

Over the course of the six week program, special educators and related service providers address individualized goals related to academics, communication and social/emotional development. Thematic units and special activities are included to keep summer learning fun!

ESY classes will be held at both the NBTECC and Judd School, Monday through Thursday mornings.

Summer Music Camp

Camp Overview

The North Brunswick Summer Music Camp is open to all elementary school students interested in starting/continuing their instrumental



music experience during the summer. Students will be taught by certified music teachers from North Brunswick as well as student volunteers from the North Brunswick Township High School music program. **This program will run free** for all North Brunswick students.

Dates/Time/Location

Session 1: June 27th-June 30th
Session 2: August 22nd-August 25th
Each day will run from 9am-Noon.
All classes will be held in the Fine Arts wing of North Brunswick Township High School.

Camp Details

Space may be limited, sign up today to reserve your child's spot at <http://www.nbtsummermusic.com/>

Each session will cover a wide range of topics including, but not limited to:

- Instrument assembly and maintenance
- Music Literacy through various playing exercises
- Performing in both small lesson groups and large ensembles
- Developing ensemble protocol and unity through group activities

Students will spend a portion of their day in group lessons alongside students playing the same instrument as them. These lessons will cover topics specific to their respective instrument. The second portion of the day will consist of playing in a large ensemble, either band or orchestra, and developing an ensemble sound and unity through performance and practice. All lessons and classes are taught and supervised by certified staff and volunteer students.

Need an Instrument?

Instruments for the camp may be obtained through any means you wish. However, we highly recommend using The Music Shop (themusicshop.com) for your summer rental. All summer rentals are **free of charge**. Your first payment will not occur until the school year begins in September. Feel free to contact any North Brunswick music teacher or The Music shop directly to inquire about this offer.

More Information

For more information contact your elementary school instrumental music teacher

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**NBT Schools
is recognized
for:**



The Rutgers Graduate School of Education will be honored the North Brunswick Township Board of Education (NBTBOE) on Wednesday, May 4th with its Career Knights of Distinction Award. The NBTBOE is the top "Graduate School Employer" for the 2015-16 school year

North Brunswick Township High School (NBTHS) was one of 118 schools across the nation to receive the Support Music Merit Award by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), which honors schools that have demonstrated strong support for and commitment to music education. In addition, the entire district has been included as one of the 2016 Best Communities for Music Education Districts.

Congratulations to the members and advisors of the North Brunswick Township High School Robotics Team. The team competed in the MAR Regional Championships against teams from Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The North Brunswick Township High School Robotics Team finished third in the regional rankings and was the number one ranked team in New Jersey

Congratulations to Mr. Ray Kuehner and the Transportation Department for finishing as the 2nd "Most Efficient" operation within Middlesex County as ranked by the New Jersey Department of Education

