



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER**

Having a newsletter has been something that I have been thinking about doing ever since I got the job last May, so I am excited to be able to get this out to everyone. I will be using this as a way to get information out about our youth programs, senior high teams, and individual players and their milestones.

**BOYS BASKETBALL WEBSITE**

Along with the newsletter, the boys' basketball team also has our own website which we are constantly trying to add to and make better. You will be able to find our calendar, game schedule, updates, school records, and much more. Please take some time to visit the site at:

**[www.northbranchboysbasketball.com](http://www.northbranchboysbasketball.com)**

**ADD ME TO THE EMAIL LIST**

If you didn't receive this newsletter in your email and you would like to receive future ones, contact Coach Kuhlman at:  
**[kuhlmanalex@yahoo.com](mailto:kuhlmanalex@yahoo.com)**

**2017-18 VARSITY SCHEDULE**

December 2	Cloquet	HOME
December 5	Anoka	away
December 8	Tartan	HOME
December 12	White Bear Lake	away
December 16	Grand Rapids	away
December 21	Hermantown	away
December 28	Little Falls Tourney	away
December 29	Little Falls Tourney	away
January 5	Pine City	HOME
January 6	Hibbing	away
January 9	Princeton	HOME
January 12	Buffalo	HOME
January 16	Braham	HOME
January 18	Chisago Lakes	away
January 20	Duluth Denfeld	HOME
January 23	Cambridge-Isanti	HOME
January 26	St. Francis	away
January 30	Big Lake	away
February 2	Monticello	away
February 6	St Michael-Alb.	HOME
February 9	Rogers	away
February 13	St. Francis	HOME
February 15	Princeton	away
February 22	Hermantown	HOME
February 27	Cambridge-Isanti	away
March 2	Chisago Lakes	HOME

Shine Kody Shine 5K Run/Walk Saturday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> registration at 9am starts at 10am

Proceeds go to benefit kids with traumatic brain injuries and the Kody Roettjer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Register at: **<https://shinekodyshine.redpodium.com/shinekodyshine5k>**

We have set up a North Branch Boys Basketball team which you can join when you register.

**NORTH BRANCH BOYS BASKETBALL TAILGATE PARTY!  
COME SUPPORT OUR FOOTBALL TEAM!**

**WHO: ALL NORTH BRANCH BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS K-12 AND PARENTS**

**WHERE: SOFTBALL FIELD PARKING LOT NEAR THE TENNIS COURTS**

**WHAT: FREE TAILGATE! FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE NORTH BRANCH COURT CLUB**

**WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00. GAME IS AT 7:00**

**\*\*Please note, players and parents will be required to pay to enter the football game (excluding 9-12<sup>th</sup> players who get in free for being a student)\*\***

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- **AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> 4:00-6:00PM**  
Middle School Open House
- **AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> 4:00-6:00PM**  
Elementary School Open House
- **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 6:00-7:30PM**  
Traveling sign up/informational night:  
6:00-6:45 Boys Informational Meeting  
6:45-7:30 Boys Skills and Drills Practice  
All players/parents interested in traveling should attend this day.
- **SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 5:00-7:00**  
North Branch Boys Basketball Tailgate Party before the football game.
- **SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
Shine Kody Shine 5K Run/Walk
- **OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
Red Tie Dinner. Basketballs biggest fundraiser, find more information at: [Northbranchboysbasketball.com](http://Northbranchboysbasketball.com)
- **NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**  
First day of varsity practice...
- **DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
First varsity game, versus Cloquet
- **DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
Youth Day in the gym. Varsity and traveling teams come together.  
Traveling teams practice with the varsity and then scrimmage. It's a great day!
- **JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Basketball Day in North Branch. Basketball, yard games, BBQ, etc...Open to everyone within North Branch interested in basketball. More info as we get closer.

**PUTTING IN THE WORK...**

As a coach for a program that is rebuilding and trying to change a culture, all you can hope for is a group of guys that are willing to work hard. Below you will find what our players did this offseason (and are continuing to do...) All of this was optional but our players showed up with very good numbers:

- 15 Spring Skill Sessions
- 3 Days of Noah Dahlman Camp
- 2 Days of NB Boys Basketball Camp
- 2 Scrimmages VS Rush City
- 21 Summer Skill Sessions
- 23 Summer Games in Tournaments
- 10 Pure Intensity Basketball Training Sessions with Daniel Makepeace
- 10-15 Fall Ball Games
- 10 Xplode Sessions
- 15 Fall Ball Practices
- This doesn't include the time they have spent in the weight room, at the YMCA, their AAU seasons, going to Xplode on their own, etc....
- The youth also had the gym open for about 18 open gym sessions throughout the summer and we had a number of youth teams participate in 3-on-3 tournaments, fall ball seasons, etc...

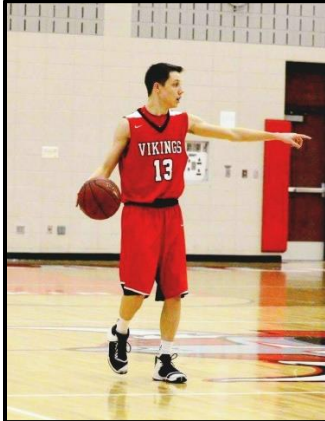
**Special thanks to all of the volunteer parents/coaches that have put in a ton of time to help build this program.**

**“There is a lot of basketball beyond our control, but a player should never let anyone try harder than he does”**

**- Dean Smith**

**GET TO KNOW YOUR VIKINGS**

**Dylan Ramberg...SR...#13**



**Favorite Basketball Memory?**

Making his first dunk in practice so the team didn't have to run...

**Favorite NBA Team?** Timberwolves

**Favorite TV Show:** Friends

**Other Sports Played:** Baseball

**One sporting event he would like to attend in person:** NBA All-Star Weekend

**Favorite Movie Series:** Fast and Furious

**Chocolate or Vanilla?** Vanilla

**Role Model:** Great Grandpa Emanuel 'Money' Linkert

**Favorite Teacher:** Mrs. Vandyke

**Burger King or McDonalds:** McDonalds

**One celebrity he would like to meet in person:** Michael Jordan

**Coaches Thoughts:** Dylan had a very good season for us last year as a junior and captain averaging: 9.9 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 1.3 deflections, 1.0 steals, and 0.5 blocks. He was in our top 3 in all six of those categories. We expect a huge season out of him and are looking forward to doing some things to take advantage of his versatility.

Dylan is also a very good student and is always one of the first players to sign up for any volunteering opportunities that we have.

**WRAP UP AND REMINDERS**

I hope that you enjoyed our first newsletter and that you will take a moment to go to our website and look at some of the information that we have there. Below are some of the key points from this month. Thanks and **GO VIKINGS!** -Coach Kuhlman

**SATURDAY SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**SHINE KODY SHINE 5K RUN/WALK**  
**REGISTRATION AT 9:00AM**  
**WALK BEGINS AT 10:00AM**  
**\*Join the NB Boys Basketball 5K Team\***

**RED TIE EVENT**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Tie Event will be Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Lent Town Hall. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes dinner. We would love for you to attend or to volunteer to help. We are also always looking for live/silent auctions. If you are able to attend or help in any way, please contact Coach Kuhlman at kuhlmanalex@yahoo.com or Paul Ramberg at pjramberg@yahoo.com

**TAILGATE**

**PARTY**

SEPTEMBER 15

5:00-7:00

ALL AGES

FREE FOOD/DRINK

**TRAVELING BASKETBALL INFORMATIONAL MEETING SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup> @ THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**6:00-6:45 information meeting...6:45-7:30 On-court skill training**

**If you are interested in traveling basketball, it is highly recommended you attend this day.**