N MINUTE

A MINUTE TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING @ NMS

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

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TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **NMS Yearbook** -- Yearbooks: The last day to order a NMS yearbook will be February 29th. The cost of the yearbook is $40 and can be ordered by visiting Josten's Website. Please contact Mrs. Kinsman if you have questions.
- **Geography Bee** -- The NMS geograpahy bee took center stage this morning as all students watched to see Devan Parmar crowned NMS champion. The Bee contestants came ready to compete, and Devan outlasted all participants! Congratulations to Devan and all the participants this morning. Bee participants (Freddy Anderson, Jimmy Doherty, Brendan Seneschal, Cortland Washburn, CJ Williams, Charles Tuttle, Devan Parmar, Eli Eliador, Brendan Flynn, Daniel Hanlon, James Hanlon, Leo Bretsh, Evren Hasan, Nick Nentwig, Jack Rohrbach, Luke Bjorlin, Eileen Greene, Sophia Mousseau, Molly Stevens, Thomas Donovan)
- National Geo/History Bee -- Students will take a qualifying online test in March for the National Geo and/or History Bee. Students will find out in March if they qualified for the Regional Competition. Additional information will be sent out after February break.

Comfy/Cozy Day

Students were busy reading in the library on Comfy/Cozy Day. Students enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere with their favorite book!

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(Incoming) 9th Grade Curriculum Night (2/27)

On Tuesday, February 27th we are excited to welcome the Class of 2028 to Norwell High School at our Incoming 9th-Grade Curriculum & Scheduling Information Night. This event is designed to allow students and parents to learn about the culture, classes, and many offerings at Norwell High School as well as to become familiar with the transition and scheduling process.

Once again, welcome to Norwell High School and we look forward to seeing you on February 27th! If you have any questions regarding this upcoming event, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at marc.bender@norwellschools.org or by calling me (Marc Bender) at (781) 659-8808.

Please click on the link below for additional information.
(Incoming) 9th Grade Curriculum Night

CALENDAR

February

17-24 Winter Break

27 National Latin Exam

27 (Incoming) 9th Grade Currriculum Night 7PM @ NHS

28 Playbook Initiative

March

1 Flextime Reading

"Identify your problems but give your power and energy to solutions."

6th Grade STEM making connections across disciplines

Student Government (Candy Guess Contest)

There were 606 Hershey Kisses in the jar and 7th grade TRAILBLAZER, Ariana Cartwright, was the closest with a guess of 598. Congratulations to Ariana!

PTO

- PLEASE join our Facebook page - to share information on events + opportunities to volunteer PTO Facebook
- Any questions or interest in joining, email us at nmspto@gmail.com

KINDNESS CORNER

"The longer I live, the more deeply I learn that love - whether we call it friendship or family or romance - is the work of mirroring and magnifying each other's light." - J. Baldwin

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Thank you to Angelina Hutchinson, Teddy Griffin, Devan Parmar, Justice Boone, Ava Finn, Jackson Hall-Evans, Daniel Hanlon and David Begley for volunteering to help put all of the chairs away after today's Geo Bee. This was a huge help to Mr. Hall, our custodian, who had to get the cafeteria ready for lunch.

Every day there are small acts like these that add up to make a big difference. THANK YOU!

Geo Bee

I Believe in you
Eileen
YIPPEE
Stand on buisness!!

LONDON
ENGLAND

A Geographic Rainbow
Each a er is a geographic feature related to a color

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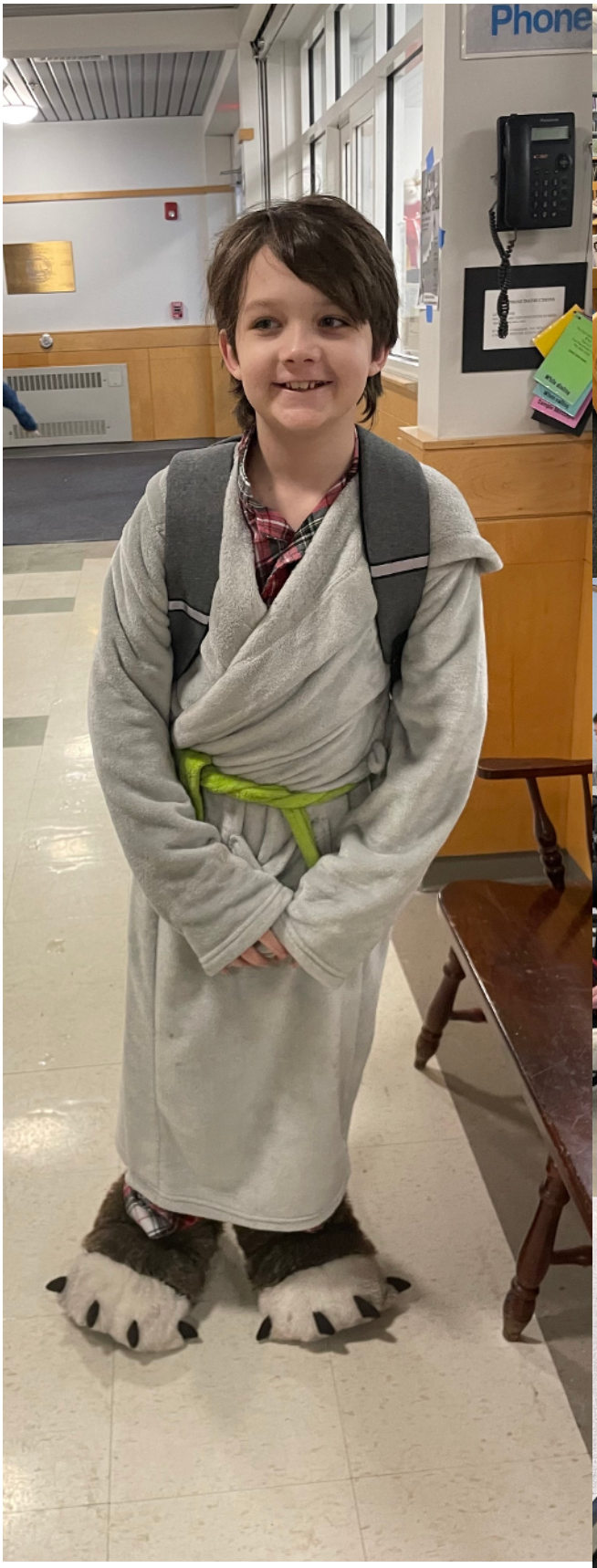
Comfy/Cozy Day



Reading Initiative

We are excited to tell you about a school-wide Reading Challenge starting Term 3.
For terms 3 and 4, we are encouraging your students to read ***more***!

To help them on their way, we are devoting Friday Flextime to independent reading.
They choose the books or magazines that they want to read.

And we could use your help!

According to research, **"**effective programs include active parent involvement, partnerships among community institutions, and collaboration among significant adults in students' lives**."** Your help and support at home is a crucial factor in supporting reading development. So how can you help?

1. PUT BOOKS IN THEIR HANDS

Get books, magazines, and graphic novels that match your student's interests. Head to the library. Hit a bookstore. Buy Lacrosse or Fortnite magazines—*whatever they'll read!*

2. ENCOURAGE READING IN FLEX TIME

According to the research, reading is positively correlated with a strong vocabulary, higher math scores. higher science and history scores, strong writing skills. higher scores on standardized tests, reduced levels of stress. increased empathy, more brain connectivity, and even a longer life! Please encourage your student to read during Flex Friday.

3. KEEP IT GOING AT HOME

We know life is busy! We get it! But where could you encourage more reading? Before bed? Before screen time? On a long car ride? Read the same book as your child and watch the movie after finishing the book? Gift a grandparent the same book and do a child-grandparent book-club date? Think creatively to get students engaged with reading more at home!

4. DONATE BOOKS

If you have upper elementary school and/or middle school books and magazines that you are no longer using, we'll take them! Drop donations in the READING PROGRAM BOX at drop off; we will shelf them around the school for students to use during Flex Friday!

Glow Dance

The ALL SCHOOL Neon Dance is only SIX WEEKS away!!!!

Teachers are starting to plan the decor and would gratefully appreciate any Neon /80's / Blacklight decor you might have lying around the house and are willing to part with!!!

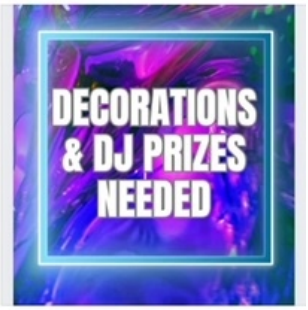
Please just drop it off at the front office as soon as possible, so they know what they have to work with!!

The Dance committee is also collecting $5 gift cards to use as Dance Game Prizes During the Dance!

Gift cards can be to any local place that Middle Schoolers like to Frequent (Ryan's amusement, Lil Dukes, Crumbl, Showcase, Cinemas, Cumberland Farms, Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, Sephora, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, The Well... Anything you can think of!). Please drop these off at the front office and label them as "Dj prizes."

The hope is that this dance will become an annual tradition, so any blacklights that you would like to donate to the school would gladly be accepted! We are hesitant to borrow black lights just because we cannot ensure their safe return!

Please reach out to vmaecarney@yahoo.com with any questions!



THURSDAYS IN THE ART ROOM

2:00 TO 2:45 PM

Are you looking for a place where you will be accepted no matter what…
a place where you can safely express your individuality?
If you answered yes, **SAGA** could be the right place for you!
SAGA is a welcoming group, run by students and overseen by teacher mentors, creating a safe space for discussing similarities, differences, and personal well being. **SAGA** is a place that creates a peaceful environment for everybody no matter their identity. **SAGA** is open to all middle school students who are on a journey of self discovery and acceptance.
If you're interested, meet us in the Art Room on Thursdays after school.
Feel free to show up with any questions, no sign up is necessary.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Clothing Drive (Cradles to Crayons)

Briana Yee, this year's Project 351 ambassador, will be leading a clothing drive for Cradles To Crayons to help kids 0-12 with clothing insecurity. The drive will be from March 18th to the 28th. On MLK weekend, Brianna went to Boston with 350 other representatives across the state to engage in a day of service to help and support families in need. Brianna said, "The day brought everyone joy!""People needed help, and we were helping, making a difference in their lives." Brianna worked with Cradles to Crayons. Please help Brianna continue on her path to support families in need, by bringing in clothing, starting on March 18th.

Reminders

Absence Reporting

- Please report student absences to the office as soon as possible.
- You can report absences by
  - calling the absence line: 781-659-8814 x1206 and leaving a message.
  - sending an email to the Main Office at nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org.

Dismissing a Student during the School Day

- Please send a note to the office the morning of the dismissal.
- If there is not a note, parent/guardian will need to enter the building to sign their student out.
- Please provide a written note if somebody other than a parent/guardian is picking up a student during the day for dismissal.

Forgotten Items

- When bringing in a forgotten item for a student, please leave it with a label on the "I Forgot It" table by the front lobby.
- It is a student's responsibility to check the table for the forgotten item.
- If a student does not call home for the item, please do not bring the item to school as they likely do not need it.

Cell Phones

- Students'cell phones should be off and in their locker or bag during the day.
- Parents / guardians should not text or call their students' cell phone during the school day as it disrupts the class. Messages can be left at the office for students.

The NORWELL SOFTBALL SEASON is here!

Please visit the website at www.norwellgirlssoftball.com and follow the link to our registration page. The season runs from early April through mid-June, with girls second grade and older playing 2 games during the week. Divisions are based on the 2023-24 school grade.

For the upcoming 2024 season we will follow the same format as last year. We will be offering a K-1 Program, a Grade 2-3 (Division 1) coach pitch program and a traditional program for grades 4-8 (Grades 4-5 Division 2 & Grades 6-8 Division 3).

K1 Program: (Kindergarten – 1st Grade) - $95

- Plays Friday evening – starting after April School Vacation
- All games are played in Norwell
- Tee Ball format

Division 1 (2nd Grade - 3rd Grade) - $165

- Plays Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 PM
- Games are played in Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, or Hull
- Practice likely to be 1X/week
- Coach Pitch format.

Division 2 (4th Grade - 5th Grade) - $215

- Plays Monday and Wednesday from 6-8 PM
- Practices are typically held 1-2 day/week and scheduled by coaches
- Games are played in Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, or Hull

Division 3 (6th Grade - 8th Grade) - $215

- Plays Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 PM
- Practices are typically held 1-2 days/week and scheduled by coaches
- Games are played in Norwell, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, or Hull

Additionally, a $50 discount will be automatically applied for the third or fourth child registered in the D1-D3 divisions. Please consider registering early so we can get an early read on how many teams we will have for the year to ensure we have enough coaches in place and get our uniform order in.

Thank you!

Norwell Girls Softball

WINTER FESTIVAL 2024

RADIUM GIRLS

BY D.W. GREGORY

FEBRUARY 29 7:00 PM
MARCH 1 7:00 PM

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL
auditorium

Tickets: Available at the door or online.
Faculty - Free | Students - $5 | General Public $10

Scan to reserve your tickets now!

NHS
FOURTH WALL PLAYERS

STARRING
COLLEEN TOLAND
COLE HUNTER
ANNA MENDES
DOM DITOMASO
MAGGIE BRODSKY
LUCA MORETTI-FULLI
LENA FOURNEY
GABE MOTT
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The Norwell
Garden Club
Presents
6 Steps for
Growing
Successful Roses
Learn the simple steps for
planting & growing beautiful
roses that will thrive for
years to come.
Norwell Public Library
Thursday March 14th
10:15 AM
NORWELL
GARDEN CLUB

HAVE USED OR UNWANTED MARKERS, PENS

WOODEN OR MECHANICAL PENCILS?

Last year the Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee successfully initiated a project to recycle crayons and continues to collect used or unwanted crayons. We are now adding markers, pens and wooden and mechanical pencils to our collections for recycling. We are working in partnership with Staples, which has recently added them to their list of materials that can be recycled.

Collection boxes are located at-

Grace Farrar Cole School

William G. Vinal School

Norwell Middle School

Norwell High School

New Nursery School

First Parish PreSchool

Ridge Hill School

Nature Center PreSchool at the South Shore Science Center

Bright Horizons

Norwell Public Library

Norwell Recycling Center

Chess

Open Chess in room 208. Free for all students, every Thursday throughout the school year.

Please see Mr. Fraser if you have any questions.