



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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Congratulations!!

Joseph Yazbeck 1st

Felix Kue 6th

Nathan Hu 8th



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 Geography Bee sign-up was on Tuesday, February 6th and the competition will be on Friday, February 16th. There are a number of students from each grade, ready to compete. It will be an exciting morning!
- **Comfy Cozy Day** -- On February 16th, join us for the coziest day of the year! Wear your most comfortable clothes of the year! (Student Gov.)
- **Candy Guess Competition** -- From Feb. 12th to Feb 16th, student government will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 per guess to win a \$25 amazon card. Winner announced on Friday (2/16). (Student Gov.)



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.



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Math Counts (2/6)

On Tuesday, February 6th, NMS students competed in the Southeast Regional MathCounts competition in New Bedford. We have three finalists that may move onto the state competition. Joseph Yazbeck came in 1st place for individuals and will move onto State's. Felix Kue came in 6th for individuals and will move onto State's. And, Nathan Hu came in 8th for individuals and is a wild card for State's. NMS team (Ari Davis, Nathan Hu, Felix Kue, and Andrew Park) came in 4th and is a wild card for State's. Congratulations to Joseph, Felix, Nathan, Andrew, and Ari, and to all of our students in the competition!



Teachers making connections across disciplines

In 7th grade social studies class, students were introduced to the topic, plague 1500s, and science talked about the difference between viruses and bacteria and also discussed how treatments now compare to the 1500-1600s. In math, students did an activity on the probability of spreading a disease, and had a simulation on spreading it, while ELA capped it off with a poetry activity.



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

CALENDAR

February

12 School Committee @ 7PM

14 Valentine's Day

16 Comfy Cozy Day

16 Trailblazer's (Team Breakfast)

16 Geography Bee

17-24 Winter Break



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

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

We recently had tryouts for the Geography Bee and one student was particularly upset that he didn't make it to the next round. Thank you to Spencer Egan for taking a moment to reassure and comfort this student - it made a difference. Also, Tavin Hallman is regularly seen holding the door for students and staff in the morning, Francesca Miele always has a kind smile to share with friends, classmates and staff and Ethan Horowitz found and returned a classmates lost iPad.

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



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!

LET'S GLOW!!!

ALL NMS STUDENTS ARE INVITED

MARCH 15TH 6:30 - 8 NMS CAFE

\$5 -ADMISSION AND \$5 GLOW BAGS WILL BE SOLD DURING FLEX THE WEEK OF THE DANCE.

BREAK OUT YOUR BEST NEON AND GET READY FOR A FUN NIGHT OF DANCING!

HOSTED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT



NMS- All Grade Dance:
6th, 7th & 8th

Friday March 15 @ 6:30

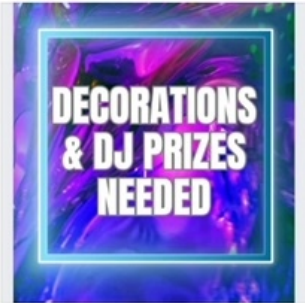
Neon DANCE
LET's GLOW!!

6:30pm - 8:00pm

CASUAL- FUN- NEON- GLOW

WATER WILL BE PROVIDED

DECORATIONS & DJ PRIZES NEEDED





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

NORWELL WOMEN'S CLUB



SWEETHEART DANCE

A **free** event for the community

FEB 10 | 5-7PM

**NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL
GYM**

Corsages | Boutennieres |
Candygrams | Teddy Bears

purchase here

