



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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HEADLINES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMUNITY BUILDING

DISNEY

BEST BUDDIES

8TH GRADE ART

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OPEN CHESS

Starting Thursday, November 30th, Open Chess will be in room 208. Free for all students, every Thursday throughout the school year.

The late buses are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and arrive at 2:45pm.

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **JR/SE 12/2** -- On Saturday December 2, the 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus students auditioned for the Southeast District Honor Bands and Choirs. Students who score high enough will be invited to perform in the festival held March 8th and 9th, 2024.
- **Holiday on the Common 12/3** -- Photos with Santa, Holiday Treats, Gingerbread House Decorating, and Tree lighting (2 to 5pm)
- **Winter Concert 12/6** -- The Seventh and Eighth Grade Band and Chorus have been working hard in preparation for our Winter Concert on Dec. 6 at 7pm at the HS Auditorium. We hope to see you there!
- **Student Government 12/7** -- Student leaders will be organizing the holiday spirit week (12/18 to 12/23) (12/18 - Candy Cane day (Dress red and white), 12/20 - Flannel day, 12/22 - Comfy/Cozy day!), staff holiday appreciation on 12/22, and an all school dance theme for March 15th.
- **Parents Night Out 12/7** -- SEPAC invites all parents to the Fours in Norwell on December 7th @ 7PM for a night out (see additional information on page 13)
- **Disney (Spotlighters) 12/8** -- Spotlighters will perform scenes from "Seussical" in Disney at the Disney Springs Marketplace Waterside Stage on Saturday, December 9th. On Sunday, Spotlighters will take the stage again in a workshop performance @ Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort Performance Hall, working on scenes from "Frozen."
- **Interim Reports 12/8** -- Interim / Progress Reports are being published through the Aspen Portal on Friday, December 8, 2023.
- **Computer Science Week (12/4-12/8)** -- During Computer Science Week we will be hosting an Hour of Code for students in the STEM Lab on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (12/5, 12/6, 12/7) from 2:00 - 2:45. If you are interested in participating, please sign up by clicking on the following link: [Google form sign up link](#).

After School Activities

Fall 23-24 Before and After School Activities (Six Week Activities) are wrapping up. The Winter Activities will be coming out in January, keep any eye open for emails about sign ups. Full year activities will continue on, as well as the Service Clubs listed on the website. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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Disney (Spotlighters) (Dress Rehearsal)

Spotlighters were working hard during dress rehearsal last week to prepare for their performance in Disney! Our students are ready for Disney, and I can't wait to see them on stage!



Best Buddies (11/29)



CALENDAR

December

2 Jr/SE (Music)

6 Winter Concert (7th+8th Grade) at 7PM @ NHS

8 Disney (Spotlighters)

8 Interim Reports

11 School Committee @ 7pm

14 Parent Coffee House @ 9am

15 PTO Mtg @ 9 am

18 Candy Cane Day

19 6th Grade Field Trip (Plays)

20 Flannel Day

21 7th Grade Field Trip (Plays)

21 Jolabokafloð

22 Comfy Clothes / PJ Day

23 Holiday Break

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

READING NOOK

Students were eager to show off their books in ELA class on Friday. They were reviewing different books to gauge their interest. At the end, students will choose their book and begin reading.



EIGHTH GRADE ART BLOCK PRINTING





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!



“SHINE THE LIGHT” LUMINARY EVENT: HONORING OUR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
NORWELL TOWN HALL, CIRCULAR ENTRANCE
4:30 - 6:00 P.M.



Shining our lights together to diminish the darkness
and illuminate a path towards a world without
dementia.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Each \$5 donation provides a luminary bag with your
personalized message displayed honoring a loved one with
dementia. Please include your name, phone number, the
name(s) of you loved one(s) and luminary message.

Checks can be made payable and sent to:

Norwell Council on Aging

P.O. Box 699

Norwell, MA 02061

or dropped off at the Norwell Senior Center at 293 Pine St, by December 18.

For more information, call the Norwell Council on Aging at 781-659-7878

*Proceeds support the Forget Me Not Cafe social program
for those living with dementia and their care-partner*

**NORWELL
SEPAC**



Please join Norwell SEPAC for a

Parent Night Out

You're invited to The Fours-Norwell

Do you want to connect with other parents in our town? Do you need
a night out before the craziness of the holidays? We would love to see
some new and old faces! Bring a friend too! The more the merrier!

Date: Thursday, December 7th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The Fours-Norwell 285 Washington Street,
Norwell

All are welcome! We hope you can join us!



3rd Annual Teddy Bear Drive

This fall, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Teddy Bear Drive from
November 6th - December 1st. All teddy bears will be donated to
the [Wonderfund of Massachusetts](#), which works on behalf of
53,000 children engaged with the department of children and
families who have been impacted by abuse and neglect. Please
help us to provide comfort to these children by donating NEW
teddy bears. There are boxes in each school lobby.

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Norwell Education Foundation

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This holiday season, recognize a ROCKSTAR educator with a personalized certificate and a beautiful poinsettia flower! The certificate and flower will be hand delivered to your ROCKSTAR educator. **To submit your ROCKSTAR recognition request, fill out the form below and donate a suggested minimum of \$50 to the Norwell Education Foundation by visiting <http://www.norwelledfound.org> and clicking on the Donate button at the top of the page.** Each recognition not only uplifts your ROCKSTAR Educator's spirits but donates to the Norwell Education Foundation. Each donation directly impacts the students in the Norwell Public Schools by funding teacher-written grants.

Click here: [Rockstar Recognition Form](#)

Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse

It is hard to believe, but it is time to sign up for Girls Spring lacrosse! See details below:

Registration: Opens Friday October 27th and closes December 15th– click on this link to register [Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse | Home \(norwellgirlslacrosse.com\)](http://norwellgirlslacrosse.com)

Grades: 1-2 (Practices on Monday nights); 3-4 (Practices on Tuesday nights); 5-8 (Practices on Thursday nights)

Fee: \$240 for 3rd– 8th and \$155 for 1st/2nd (no refunds)

Absences

Let the office know of the absence as soon as possible. The office handles all reporting of absences (students can be in contact with their teacher for work and let teachers know about an absence, **but absences should be reported to the office, not each individual teacher**).

We have 3 different ways to report absences, use the platform you prefer.

1. You can call the absence line @ 781-659-8814 ext. 1206 and leave a message.
2. Send an email to the main office nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org
3. You can send in an email via the [website Absence / Dismissal link](#) to NMS Office email, (see below)

ABSENCES / DISMISSALS

Click to report an absence or dismissal. Please put ABSENCE or DISMISSAL in the subject line.

Dismissals

We would appreciate knowing about any dismissals prior to the time of dismissal in written form.

- You can send in a note with your student and have them drop it at the office first thing in the morning
 - Upon arrival to dismiss your student, please come to the door or call and we will send your student out to you if you have provided a note beforehand. If we do not have a note, we will need you to come into the office to sign out your student. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- Students CANNOT be dismissed early from school to another family or sibling without written permission from the parents.

Nowell Ski Team

The Norwell High School Ski Team can't wait to get back on the slopes for the 23'-24' season! We plan to build upon our very successful season last year! Our 35 student-athletes bring tremendous grit and grace to the mountain, proudly representing our school and our community.

This year, the team takes on an additional challenge: fundraising to offset the tremendous increases in transportation to our race mountain, Ragged Mountain in NH. We've partnered with the NHS Boosters to reach our goal of \$14,000 to defray our costs through sale of merchandise, ski tuning, and finding sponsors for our program. See Mrs. Rodgers for any questions..



Get ready to hit the slopes with
NHS Ski Team Gear!

All items will be embroidered with
N or Norwell Ski Team logo
Adult: XS S M L XL XXL
Sweats available in Youth sizes
(\$5 extra per item for XXL)

Item	Size	Price	#	Total
Stio Vest (M/W)		\$175		
Lined hat	o/s	\$25		
Sweatpants		\$50		
Hoodie		\$60		
Women's Sherpa Shirt		\$100		
Men's Sherpa Shirt		\$115		

Total Due _____

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Orders received by 11/22/23 have target
delivery by 12/20/23

Cash, check, Venmo to NHS-Boosters (add SKI
TEAM in memo)
and credit card through
<https://norwellboosters.org/ski-team-fundraiser/>

Item details



Stio Aurora
Insulated vest navy
with "N"



New Era Flannel
lined hat with "N"



Champion reverse
weave sweatpants,
navy with Norwell Ski
Team "N"



Champion reverse
weave hoodie,
navy with Norwell
Ski Team "N"



LL Bean Sherpa shirt
Black Watch Plaid, with
Norwell Ski Team "N"

Email completed form and
questions to:
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jordan@gsd.com
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ktstam@searport.com