



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

HAUNTED HALLOWS

AFTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

SOLAR ECLIPSE

FOOD TRUCK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Late Bus (currently operating)

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

Clubs / Activities

Clubs and activities will begin on the second week of October. We will send out the Clubs/Activities list the first week of October.



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Haunted Hallows (10/20)

The Student Government is so excited to host the second annual haunted hallows event! The event will take place on Friday, October 20th from 6-8 pm. Last year we had 250 of our NMS students attend the event. We had staff, high school students, and parents volunteer their time to bring the event to reality. The parent support was amazing and we need your help again this year! Whether donating your time or items in your attic, we appreciate all you do to make NMS a place where students and staff want to be. Please reach out to PTO (nmspto@gmail.com), if you would like to help with the Haunted Hallows. As always, we appreciate all of your support!



Ms. Zych and Ms. Siffard, Student Government advisors

Get Involved at NMS

Parents -- Participate at Pickles (10/1), Haunted Hallows (10/20), Solar Eclipse (10/14), or Turkey Trot and more.

Students -- We are excited to begin our after-school offerings for this fall. Students can spend their time after school playing Jazz, learning about wellness and self-care, creating code, playing chess, kickball, participating in student government and more! To register for one of the exciting after school programs, simply click on the link below and that will bring you to our [Activities Page](#) on the NMS Website. Use the link to download and print the registration form. Students should then bring the form and payment to the main office no later than October 6, 2023.

School Council

Anyone wishing to run for this seat should complete a nomination form by Friday, September 29, 2023. If there is more than one parent/guardian running for the opening, an election will be held by the NMS PTO. (See page 3 for additional information)

Click [HERE](#) for Nomination form

For additional information please contact Principal James Dupille at james.dupille@norwellschools.org.



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Solar Eclipse Double Header

On **Saturday October 14th, 2023** there will be an annular eclipse of the Sun. Although Boston will not be in the direct path of the eclipse we will see a partial eclipse occur with approximately 30% of the Sun being covered by the Moon. This is the lead up to the **BIG** event on **April 8th, 2024** which will be the last Total Solar Eclipse in North America **until 2045!** The path of totality will be just North of Boston, with approximately 80% of the Sun covered in our viewing area.

The 8th Grade science teachers and HS Astronomy teacher would like to welcome any students and families in the Norwell Community to join us at the Middle School to watch the eclipse. We will have eclipse glasses which can be loaned/ shared for safe viewing.

If you have eclipse glasses please bring your own!

WEATHER PERMITTING

When: Saturday October 14th, 2023

Where: NMS Back Field

Time: Eclipse starts at 12:20 PM
Eclipse ends at 2:35 PM

For Further information on the eclipse please read the **LINKED** information from the *National Science Teachers Association*.

CALENDAR

October

1 Pickles @ 6PM

6 Term I Interim Reports

7-9 No HW Weekend

9 Holiday / No School

11 District-wide PTO Meeting;
Sparrell Building 9AM

13 Blue and Gold Day

16 School Committee

20 PTO Meeting @ 9am

20 Haunted Hallows @ 6pm

24 Congress of Councils @7pm

FOOD TRUCK

The Sarcastic Swine food truck came to NMS this week for Mrs. Borchert's 8th grade Consumer Science classes. Students were given a tour of the food truck and learned about the business, foods, and promotion involved with



running your own food truck. It was a great opportunity for our 8th graders to see a real-life food truck, and learn about what it takes to run your own business. The students' insights should assist them on how to approach creating their own fictional food trucks later this quarter. We can't wait to see what they come up with!

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

PARENT/ STAFF PICKLEBALL FUNDRAISER!!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 10/1

@ PICKLES: 6-8 pm

1. PLEASE join our Facebook page - to share information on events+opportunities to volunteer <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677683842302185/?ref=share>
3. Parent / Faculty pickleball night - 10/1 @ Pickles 6-8 pm. Save the date!
4. Any questions or interest in joining email us at nmspto@gmail.com

TECHNOLOGY

While all students currently have their iPads, there have been continual issues in grade 6 with accessing certain apps, and in some cases email as well. Each grade 6 team has done well adapting to these challenges and we continue to work with the district to resolve these issues.

IMPORTANT (SEE BELOW) DEADLINE FOR TECH FEE 9/29

Norwell Schools will continue offering an optional Technology Fee Program of iPad repairs and replacements. This program is geared toward quick and efficient student iPad replacement by swapping out the iPad within a 24 hour period. The fee is \$40.00. The initial technology fee can be paid online [HERE](#) or by check made out to the Town of Norwell with "tech fee" in the memo line.

The deadline for the 2023-2024 school year is **September 29, 2023**. The option to pay will not be available after this date.

This fee covers an iPad replacement for up to two devices) without the tech fee, repair costs begin at \$150.00.

NORWELL SEPAC presents

Kids & Friendship

Join **Katy Boucher**, founder of **The Accord School**, for an evening of lively conversation on how to help our kids navigate their ever-changing social world.

Wednesday November 1st
6:30-8:00pm
Norwell Middle School
328 Main Street, Norwell



Parents will walk away with practical guidance that they can put to use the very next day!



Remember when kids just worked out problems in the backyard?

It seems like kids are so much more complicated for my kids than it was for me.

When did middle school drama start happening in 3rd grade?!

Friendship is just so much more complicated for my kids than it was for me.

the ACCORD SCHOOL

www.theaccordschool.org



NORWELL YOUTH TRAVEL BASKETBALL
 Tryouts 2023-24 @ Norwell High School

Boys
Grade 3: 10/12 (6:00-7:00pm) – 1ST YEAR BEING OFFERED BY PROGRAM
Grade 4: 10/10 (6:00-7:00pm)
Grade 5: 10/10 (7:00-8:00pm)
Grade 6: 10/12 (7:00-8:00pm)
Grade 7: 10/12 (8:00-9:00pm)
Grade 8: 10/10 (8:00-9:00pm)

Register:

*must be a Norwell Resident
 **Tryouts being held at Norwell High School
 ***Anyone who cannot attend one of the tryouts above is free to attend another session, please just notify the league of this via the email address below
 ****Any parents interested in coaching should notify the league

Questions?

Email: norwelltravelball@gmail.com

Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse

We will be running Fall Ball again for the middle school girls (grades 6-8th) in October. The girls will bring their sticks and gear to school and practice will be held from 2-3pm on October 3, 10, 17 & 24. Please register at www.norwellgirlslacrosse.com

If your child has an interest in joining us and has never played, please contact Dawn Horlbeck @Horlbeck@verizon.net.

School Council

The Norwell Middle School – School Council is in need of ONE parent/guardian representative. The position is for a one term position for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years. Openings are filled through a nomination / electoral process.

School Council is composed of three parent/guardian representatives, two teacher representatives, a community representative, and the principal. The council has an open meeting once a month after school, participates in the district's Congress of Councils, and attends Norwell School Committee meetings when necessary. Its role is to address the needs of the school with the goal toward improving student performance. Parent/guardian representatives play a very important role in ensuring the educational needs and interests of families and students are being met. Last year's school council was integral in supporting the principal in setting budgetary priorities and initiating work on last year's school improvement. The School Council plays an important role in setting an appropriate course for the future of Norwell Middle School.

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Norwell Council on Aging Presents:

NAVIGATING DEMENTIA PROGRAMMING SERIES

293 Pine Street
 Norwell, MA 02061
 For Adults of All Ages
CALL THE COA TO REGISTER: 781-659-7878

Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA
 Learn basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research & FDA-approved treatments.
 Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, Sept 27 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
DEMENTIA DIAGNOSIS AND RESEARCH PARTICIPATION
 Are you or someone you know experiencing changes in memory or thinking? Join us for this discussion on the dementia diagnosis process and participation in research.
 Presented by Dr. Mary-Ellen Meadows, PhD, Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
THE EFFECTS OF DEMENTIA ON FAMILIES
 Your loved one has received a dementia diagnosis, so now what? Join us for the discussion on how to educate yourself and your family about dementia, the effects on a family and how to plan for the future.
 Presented by Grace Doherty, CDP, IBRD, Area Community Liaison, Epoch Senior Living

Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
MONEY MANAGEMENT: A GUIDE FOR CAREGIVERS
 If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia or another chronic illness it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join us to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning.
 Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
CREATING A CARE TEAM
 Join us for a panel discussion with industry experts to understand what resources may be available to help create your caregiving support team.

Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENTS & MASSHEALTH: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!
 Estate planning is important for everyone, but especially after a dementia diagnosis. This is the time for you and your loved ones to be sure that current and future needs are addressed. Join us for this presentation on important legal documents to consider in your plan and a general overview of navigating MassHealth.
 Presented by Laura Goodman, Esq. and Julie B. Harte, Paralegal, at Margolis Bloom & O'Agostino

Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:00 p.m., Norwell Council on Aging
WHAT MATTERS MOST
 Join us for an interactive conversation about the importance of early exploration into what matters most to a dementia patient as it relates to their physical body, physical environment and spiritual needs at end of life. This will help to inform loved ones and caregivers how to best provide comfort care and peace of mind and spirit. This 90 minute session includes grounding meditations, journaling exercises and guided visualization exercises.
 Presented by Almée Yawick, Early Exploration of Physical & Spiritual Comfort Care for End of Life, Certified Conscious Dying Coach, Educator & Death Doula