



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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

6TH GRADE FUN DAY

TEAM DAY

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HERITAGE MONTH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buses (Note)

Please remember, students must take their assigned bus home in the afternoon, they cannot switch afternoon buses. This is in place to ensure the safety of all students.

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

Back-to-School Night

Parents eagerly tuned in to the presentations on Wednesday night, as staff described the instruction, curriculum, online gradebook, Schoology, and more. It was an informative evening that encompassed insights into the supportive



environment at NMS to facilitate the academic and social/emotional growth of our students. The presentations outlined the classroom instruction, team environment, exploratory courses, electives, events and



the spirit of giving at NMS. I want to thank our staff for all of their hard work and preparation to make Back to School Night a success! And, thanks to all the parents for coming out on Wednesday night for the event! I have added a link to my presentation, please feel free to click on the [Back-to-School Night Presentation](#).

6TH GRADE FUN DAY

The fun continued for our 6th grade students!



Student, "I would like to say thank you for setting up this Team day for us 6th graders as a very very warm welcome to this amazing middle school community, as I said thank you so much for this. ... it will be a blast!!!"

TOGETHERWE MAKEA DIFFERENCE

Team Day

We had an exhilarating day outside with our students. Students ran from one activity to another, laughing and enjoying the day with friends and teachers. Some students even earned medals! (football, canjam, volleyball, cornhole, soccer, skeeball, baseball and basketball)



TEAM DAY



CALENDAR

September

27 Norwell Cares Day

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



*"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.co

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2023

Why is it celebrated during these specific dates? That's a common question. It is because Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras all gained their independence on September 15. Every year Hispanic Heritage Month chooses a specific theme to celebrate and this year's theme is "Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America."

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about why we celebrate Hispanic Heritage in America.

Here at NMS we have created a bulletin board, several classes are incorporating relevant curriculum additions and we are hosting a cooking challenge. Families and staff are invited to participate.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the NMS cooking challenge.

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!



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 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 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, BRDP, 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. Horte, Paralegal, at Margolis Bloom & D'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 care givers 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 Yawnick, Early Exploration of Physical & Spiritual Comfort Care for End of Life, Certified Conscious Dying Coach, Educator & Death Doula