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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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buses

Just a reminder, students will need to ride their designated bus home in the afternoon (see bus policy).

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

NMS Back-to-School Night Link

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

The format for the night is for parent(s)/guardian(s) to move through three sessions (Exploratory, Team, World Language) to meet all of your child's teachers over the course of the evening (the session rotations are individualized by grade level). The schedule for the evening is below.

Welcome to the Norwell Middle School Back-to-School Night

Grade Level	Session			
	6:00-6:25	6:30-7:00	7:05-7:35	7:40-7:55
6th	Principal's Welcome Cafe	World Language Classes (6:30-6:45) Exploratory Classes (6:45-7:00)	Team Presentations	Technology Support (Schoology/Aspen) Library
7th	Principal's Welcome Cafe	Team Presentations	World Language Classes (7:05-7:20) Exploratory Classes (7:20-7:35)	
8th	Principal's Welcome Cafe	Exploratory Classes (6:30-6:45) World Language Classes (6:45-7:00)	Team Presentations	

Car Wash (Spotlighters) 9/9

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Team Day and 6th Grade Event (Scheduled on Friday (9/22)

We will have music, popcorn, and frozen slushies, and will have a number of exciting activities for students to enjoy. Students will be able to try their hand at a variety of "inflatable" games and field games for fun and to compete with one another or even a teacher of their choice. These include: Skee Ball, 2 Obstacle Courses (40'+30'), Field Goal Kicking Contest, Homerun Challenge, Soccer Challenge, Basketball (Shooting Stars), Quarterback Accuracy Challenge, Hula Hoop Toss, 4 Bouncy Houses, Can Jam, Spike Ball, Corn Hole, Volleyball, Capture the Flag, Parachute, Chess, Giant Jenga, Sidewalk Chalk and more--all FREE to students. We will also be offering the library, equipped with various games as a quiet space for any student.

Students and staff are invited to wear their team shirts on this day.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us at james.dupille@norwellschools.org(Mr. Dupille) or ellen.murray@norwellschools.org(Mrs. Murray).

If you would prefer to have your child not participate in any of the events, please let us know. Also, please reach out if you have any concerns about the food items listed above(all food items are provided by food services for NMS).

6th Grade Fun Day - Friday (9/22). The fun continues for our 6th grade students. We will have all the events listed above, plus a few more!! We would like to thank our PTO for all their support and hard work!

CALENDAR

September

18 School Committee Mtg

20 Early Release (1/2 Day PD Day

20 Back-to-School Night 6PM

22 PTO Mtg

22 Team Day

22 6th Grade Fun Day

26 Faculty Council

27 Norwell Cares Day

October

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."

1. PLEASE join our Facebook page - to share information on events+opportunities to volunteer https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677683842302185/?ref=share

2. **Spotlighter's Silent Auction Link**

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

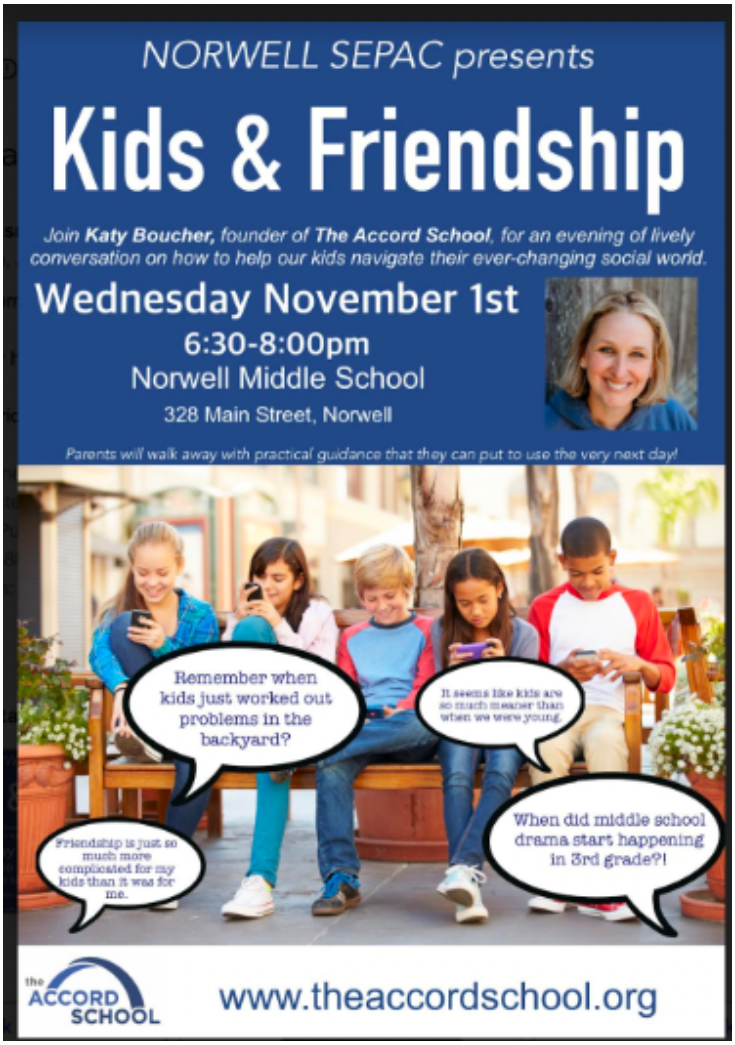
ATTENDANCE

We are starting the school year off strong! We have 94% of our students meeting the State's "College Readiness" requirement for attendance. Keep in mind, to meet this requirement a student must attend 90% of the school days. For example, every student that has attended every day, except for one, has reached this standard at this point in the year. By the end of the year, every student that has not missed more than 18 days will meet this requirement. 18 days sounds like a lot but it creeps up. That is why we send notices home after 5 absences in a term, because 5 X 4 = 20 and if a student misses 5 days each term they won't meet the State's requirement. We want to support every student in reaching this goal.

To report a student absent, please call (781)659-8814 or email nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org

Technology Repairs
($40 protect your iPad for the year)

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 and 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.



The Norwell Commission on Disabilities

would be honored by your attendance at an unveiling ceremony

for two of Norwell's newest public tools for communication!

In partnership with The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, the Norwell Commission on Disabilities has brought communication boards to both of Norwell's public playgrounds, Gaffield Park and Reynolds Playground. These weather-resistant boards will support both minimally verbal and verbal children and adults in communicating effectively with others, including initiating conversations, self-advocacy, and navigating social situations. The Commission on Disabilities is committed to helping make the public spaces in Norwell as accessible as possible for everyone.

Please join us for a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Saturday September 16th at 1pm** starting at Gaffield Park (69 River St) and then moving to Reynolds Playground (Prouty Ave) and ending at approximately 2pm. Feel free to share with friends and family, we would love to see you all there!

Norwell Commission on Disabilities
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