



Norwell Middle School

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It is our vision that students will....experience their classrooms as stimulating, even inspiring environments – places they look forward to going to and places they hate to leave.

SUMMER

NEWSLETTER

2023

A Message from the Principal Mr. Dupille

Welcome classes of 2028, 2029, and 2030! As we embark on a new school year, we are very excited about the opportunities for the upcoming year. We are planning excellent after-school activities, and are thrilled to have our students coming back to the classrooms. Highlights of upcoming activities include: Welcome Back Team Day Event on Friday (9/8), 6th grade Fun Day, 7th grade cornhole tournament, Haunted Hallows, Turkey Trot, Turkey Bowl, NMS Talent Show, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Production by the Drama Club, Winter Concerts, over 25 clubs, and more! It is an exhilarating time to be at NMS.

Most importantly, we have put together a challenging and engaging curriculum for our students. It is our primary goal to ensure that each child has success throughout his/her educational experience at NMS. To achieve this, we ask for your support and assistance. Whether it be monitoring your child's work or communicating with your child's teacher, actively participating in your child's studies will have positive results. It is through our common commitments as a community that we can ensure success for all learners. I urge everyone in our school family to become an active member of the Norwell Middle School Community. It is the unifying strength of all the members of the community that helps to create a school of excellence. We strive to reach this goal collectively. NMS is committed to fostering open lines of communication with our students and their families. To that end, we offer the following vehicles for communication: [NMS Website](#), Aspen (community emails and voicemails from NMS), weekly Parent Newsletter, staff email and voicemail accounts. Homework is posted on each teacher's Schoology site, and our teachers routinely post grades on Schoology for parents and students to review.

I would also ask everyone to consider becoming involved with our [PTO](#), a very important organization within our school. Their fundraising efforts throughout the school year support numerous programs, including team experiential learning trips, the Welcome Back Team Day Event, and additional events throughout the year. The PTO's programs and activities enrich each child's experience here at NMS. They are currently looking for parent volunteers; please look to sign-up for one of the committees and help keep the organization strong nmspto@gmail.com

NMS is ready for the classes of 2028, 2029, and 2030! Thanks to the exceptional work of our custodial staff, office staff, support staff, administration and faculty, we have a pristine building, excellent academic program, and we are ready to educate our students. I look forward to working with our dedicated staff to provide our students with the opportunities to reach the heights of their potential. We pride ourselves on fostering an educational environment that is both engaging and challenging.

TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD START THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG

- Embrace routines
- Enforce bedtime
- Outline expectation

*Let's have a **GREAT 2023-2024** school year!*

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

Parents have received information and forms on Aspen.
Parents, please fill these out completely with accurate and current information.
This information is very important for the safe operation of our school.
Thank you.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 5

SCHOOL OPENING AND BUS INFORMATION



School will open for all students on **Tuesday, September 5**. This will be a full day of school, and the cafeteria will be open. Student drop off at the middle school begins at 7:00 A.M. All bus routes and times for pick up are posted on our website shortly before the opening of school. Please review the [**Morning and Afternoon Drop-off Procedures.**](#)



[**Waterfall Daily Bell Schedule**](#) This link provides the times and periods for the waterfall schedule. Click on the tabs at the bottom to see the schedule for each of the grades, 6th, 7th & 8th.



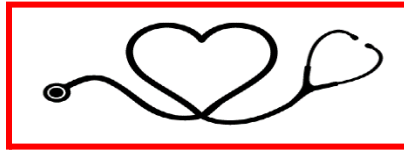
BACK TO SCHOOL/CURRICULUM NIGHT

On Wednesday, September 20th, the middle school will host its annual **Back to School/Curriculum Night** at 6:00 P.M. This is a night for parents to meet with their child's teachers and become familiar with the school's various programs. The evening's activities are designed to provide overviews of course descriptions, team and classroom expectations, homework policies, and grading procedures. Always a favorite event, we look forward to your participation.



LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

The [**Parent Teacher Organization \(PTO\)**](#) is a working group of volunteers for the school. They help to plan and run school activities such as student recognition programs, field trips, fundraisers, special programs for parents, and community service initiatives. [**Meetings**](#) are usually held monthly at the Middle School (see their webpage for days and times)



A Note From The Nurse

My name is Kelly Roche and I am the school nurse at Norwell Middle School. I hope you and your family had a safe and an enjoyable summer. In planning for a smooth transition into the 2023-2024 school year please review the important health services and procedures in the Norwell Middle School Handbook regarding:

- Emergency Contact Information Updates
- Guidelines for attendance when ill
- Prescription and Non- Prescription Medication in School
- Physical Examination and Immunization Requirements
- Health Screenings

~A reminder to parents/guardians of incoming 7th grade students~

Please submit an updated immunization history and physical examination to NMS before September 5th, 2023.

In the event of severe allergies, surgeries, accidents, and/or new health issues or concerns that occurred during the summer months please contact Kelly Roche via telephone 781-659-8814 prompt 3 or by email kelly.roche@norwellschools.org

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please call the School Absent Line x 1206 to report the absence or email the main office at nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org. When a student is absent from school a note from a parent is required for the classroom teacher upon the student's return to school. A doctor's note is required in cases of absence from school due to an injury, communicable disease or an extended absence due to illness. We ask that the health care providers specify any restrictions. This information is necessary for us to provide accommodations in school. Additionally, we will request documentation as to when full participation in the physical education program may resume.

We will be sending out additional information regarding our Attendance Policy and practices as we get closer to the start of the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept	5	<i>First Day of School</i>
	12	School Picture Day
	22	PTO Meeting – 9:00 am
	20	½ Day
	20	Back to School/Curriculum Night

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct	6	Term I Interim Reports
	11	PTO District-Wide – 9:00 am
	6-8	No Homework Weekend
	9	Holiday - No School
	20	PTO Meeting 9AM

Reminders

1) Aspen Parent Sign-offs: As you may recall from last year, we will once again be using a “Workflow” in the Aspen Parent Portal to collect the necessary information regarding handbook acknowledgements, parental permissions, updated health history, etc. This is required at the beginning of each school year for every student. Detailed instructions on completing this can be found [here](#).

Student's whose parents do not complete the sign off will not be able to pick up their lpad (grades 6-8) and will not be included in any PTO sponsored school directories as both of these require acknowledgement from families.

[Bus route information](#) for your student can also be found when you log into Aspen.

2) Reminder about iPad distribution: This year we will be distributing the iPads during the first week of school for all students, grades 6, 7 & 8. **It is important to note that in order for a student to get the school-issued iPad the appropriate sign-offs will have to be completed in Aspen.** The school handbook is available on the NMS website.

3) Waterfall Schedule: NMS has a six day waterfall schedule, starting with period A on day 1, period B on day 2...and so on...The class rotation does not change, just the hour of the day that the period meets. Period A is always period A, and will come before period B. Click [HERE](#) to see the Waterfall Schedule. There are tabs on the bottom of the spreadsheet for each grade.

4) Map of the School: Please click [HERE](#) for a map of the school, which will help students locate their classes prior to the start of school.

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS: The class supply lists are posted on the [middle school website](#). Please remember to complete the [summer reading](#) and the [math packet](#) before the start of school.

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Staffing 2022 - 2023

	Team 6-A	Orange		Main Office			Team 6-A	Purple
101	Andrew Gilmore	ELA/SS		James Dupille	Principal	117	Mary Flanagan	ELA/SS
102	Jeanine Ferris	Math/Sci		Ellen Murray	Asst. Principal	116	Abigail Alexiades	Math/Sci
	Team 6-B	Orange		Jennifer Burke	Admin Asst		Team 6-B	Purple
111	Jason Amato	ELA/SS		Lauren Hess	Admin Asst	109	Cori MacDonald	ELA/SS
112	Denise Ryan	Math/Sci				108	Tara Coffey	Math/Sci
113	Mark Brust	Special Education		Officer Rick Phelps	SRO	113	Kristen Walsh-Ford	Special Education
	Team 7	Green		Guidance			Team 7	Gold
				Siffard, Nancy	Guidance (A-K)			
201	Cindy DeBendicitis	Math		Sailer, Lisa	Guidance (L-Z)	216	Julie Needle	ELA
202	Alicia Johnston	Science		Elizabeth, Lane	Psychologist	208	Jason Fraser	Science
211	Veronica Browning	ELA		Nurse		217	Christopher Gray	Soc Studies
212	Paula Rouselle	Soc Studies		Kelly Roche	Nurse	209	Laura Dalton	Math
213	Andrew Currie	Special Education		Theresa Festa	Clerical Aide	213	Kacey Zych	Special Education
	Team 8	Blue		Special Education			Team 8	Red
				Ellen Barnard	Aide			
237	Christine Bailey	Science		Judi Benzaquin	Aide	246	Terri Dsida	ELA
242	Gwenn Higgins	ELA		Joanne Franzosa	Aide	232	Marisa O'Connell	Math
238	Rick Wolbach	Math		Brianna Mahoney	Aide	231	Ronald Ricciarelli	Science
241	Rob Doran	Soc Studies		Susan Scheller	Aide	247	Matt Luccarelli	Soc Studies
243	Cheryl Tobin	Special Education		Beth Wilkinson	Aide	243	Jennifer Schad	Special Education
	Exploratory			Fine Arts			Bldg. & Grounds	
103	Chris O'Neil	Health/PE	123	Mary Jo Running	Music			
149	Jennifer Marani	Technology	147	Tabitha Finn	Art	CO	Dan Demauro	Head Cust.
150	James Morse	STEM				CO	John Maurice	Maintenance
	Jessica Kinsman	Library		Wellness		Day	Donald Hall	Custodian
	Brittany Borchert	FCNE	Gym	Carolyn Petrell	PE			
	W. Language		Gym	Tim Trenger	PE			
224	Laura Callahan	Spanish		Supports				
203	Lisa Rodgers	Spanish	225	Celia Downey	Math			
233	Alison Kelly	French	144	Jennifer Whitt	Reading	Dist	Charlotte Sturdy	ELL
248	Joseph Davenport	Latin				Dist	Dina O'Neil	Speech
	Micheal Asnes	Bld Sub						
	Terri Smolinsky	Café Mngr		Susan Hardiman	Café		Judy Crooks	Director FS

	Amal Jamal	Café		Coreen Samya	Café		Maria Fanning	Asst.
	Maureen Rota	Café						