N 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Only students registered for the bus are allowed to take the regular and late buses, and those students must ride the bus to which they have been assigned. Please do not send your child in with a note about switching buses. This is only allowed in emergency cases and with prior permission.

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Holiday Food Drive (12/2 to 12/13)--** *Briana Yee and Project 351 are running a food drive for the upcoming holiday season. Please consider donating a canned food item or a box of pasta.*
  - ***A Donations box will be in front of the main office.***

Let's get into the holiday spirit by donating to those less fortunate!

- **Spirit Week (12/16 to 12/20) ----**
- Monday 12/16 : Class Color Day (6-white, 7-green, 8-red)
  - Tuesday 12/17: Twinning Day
  - Wednesday 12/18: Candy Cane Day (Red/White)
  - Thursday 12/19: Ugly Sweater Day
  - Friday 12/20: Comfy/Cozy Day
- **Spelling Bee (12/20) --** The NMS spelling bee will take center stage on Friday morning (12/20) with our students watching and cheering on their classmates. **Spelling Bee (Bell Schedule)**
- **Spelling Bee Paticipants**
  - **8th grade** – Leela Shankland, Teddy Bettencourt, Kalen LeBlanc, CJ Williams, Matthew Adams
  - **7th grade** – Owen Dewberry, Maeve Lawson, Tim Minihane, Daniel Lee, Mya Phan
  - **6th grade** – Elyse Thornton, Riley Bass, John Troupe, Will Clark, Radley Hallman
- **Winter After School Activities --** Before & After School Activity Sign ups will be going home the first week of January.

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Winter Concert

A Wonderful Holiday Performance by the Middle School Band and Chorus

Last night's middle school holiday concert was a heartwarming showcase of talent, teamwork, and holiday spirit! The students of the band and chorus impressed us all with their enthusiasm and dedication.

The band set the tone with a fantastic selection of holiday classics. From the lively rhythms of "Festive Fanfare" to the peaceful harmonies of "Chanukah Festival," the students demonstrated their growing musical skills. Each instrumental section worked together seamlessly, and it was clear that they had put in a lot of practice. The woodwinds and brass brought a bright, festive energy to the room, while the percussion section added a perfect sense of rhythm and excitement.

The chorus was equally impressive, filling the auditorium with rich, beautiful voices. Their renditions of "Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights" and "Christmas Madrigal" were filled with emotion and skill. The students' diction was clear, and their harmonies were spot-on. The choir's ability to bring both energy and tenderness to each piece showed how much they've grown throughout the semester. The students' enthusiasm was infectious, and it was clear that they enjoyed the performance.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Running who has worked tirelessly to guide these young musicians. Her dedication to helping each student shine is evident in every note played and sung.

Overall, the concert was a joyous celebration of the season, and a reminder of the hard work and talent that exists in our school community. We can't wait to see what these young musicians will accomplish next!

CALENDAR

December

16 Spirit Week (Class Color Day)

16 School Council @ 2:15PM

16 School Committee @ 7PM

17 Twinning Day

18 Candy Cane Day

19 Ugly Sweater Day

19 Student Gov. (Faculty Lunch / Pizza)

20 Cozy/Comfy Day

20 Spelling Bee

23 to 1/1 Winter Break

January

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

Updates

Substitutes -- We are always looking for substitutes for teachers, aides, and nurses. Substituting offers flexible scheduling, allowing one to work on available days and at selected levels or schools. We even have half day spots to fill! If you or someone you know is interested, please apply at the Norwell Schools NSD website

PTO -- The next PTO meeting is on Friday, January 10th at 9:15AM. As a parent of a NMS Student, you are automatically part of the NMS PTO. There are many ways to contribute to the PTO including Student Dues ($40 per student suggested), as well as chaperoning PTO events, helping with Teacher Appreciation breakfasts, lunches and fun events, as well as joining one of our fundraising teams throughout the year. The PTO is made up of Parent Volunteers LIKE YOU!

Together, let's make the NMS experience the best it can be!!

KINDNESS CORNER

Kindness: "No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank

Tis the Season, but it's not always an easy one for everyone. Norwell Middle School is able to provide assistance to families in need. Please contact your students' counselor or an administrator to find out more.

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It's the little things that help make a big difference. Thank You!

Winter Concert

Norwell Boosters Fundraiser

DUMP YOUR JUNK

JAN 4, 2025

Clear out all the clutter and make room for a clean 2025!
Stop by NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL and dump your junk. No need to rent a dumpster, we will provide it and you will be donating to a great cause.
Start the year off clean!

BUY NOW OPTION FOR $150
5 spaces only
buy early and don't get spaced out

Car Load- $75
SUV- $85
Pickup- $100
First come first serve till it's full

TROUPE waste & recycling

Restricted Items:

- Consumer electronics, cell/smart phones, DVD/MP# players, pagers, PDAs adn other devices
- Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs)-found in TVs, computers, monitors, flat panel screens
- Freon appliances- refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, and dehumidifiers
- Batteries, Tires, Mattresses, Box Springs, Yard Waste, Paint, and Hazmats
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Non-freon appliances
- Construction/Demolition materials

Noon to 3pm
@Norwell High School

Spirit Week

M	Team color day!!! 12/16 8th-❤️ 7th-💚 6th-🤍
	Twin day🐶🐶 12/17
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W	Candy cane day ❤️🤍 12/18
	Ugly sweater day💚 12/19
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F	Comfy/cozy day🥱 12/20

SAVE THE DATE

NMS WINTER DANCE

HOSTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

JANUARY 24TH

6:30 - 8:00

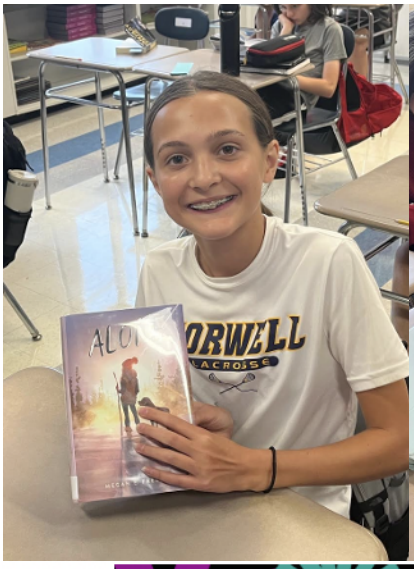
CHESS CLUB

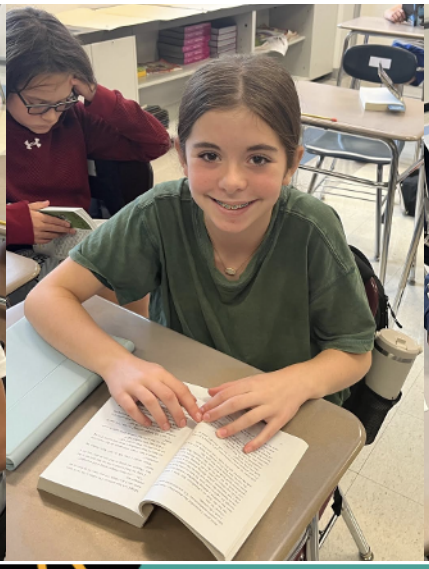
FREE and OPEN to all students
Thursdays in Room #208

New to the game or closing in on Grand Master status?
All are welcome to join the chess club for fun,
to learn how to play or gain new strategies.
Light hearted game play is the norm and so is the constant banter of the group.
From time to time, so legend says, a Backgammon board is broken out for a change of pace.

Before & After School Activities

Winter Before & After School Activity Sign ups will be going home the first week of January.





NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE

We are excited to tell you about a school-wide Reading Challenge.
Throughout the 2024-25 school year, we are encouraging our students to read ***more***!

To help them on their way, we are devoting Friday Flextime to independent reading.
They choose the books or magazines that they want to read.

And we could use your help!

According to research, **"**effective programs include active parent involvement, partnerships among community institutions, and collaboration among significant adults in students' lives**."** Your help and support at home is a crucial factor in supporting reading development. So how can you help?

1. PUT BOOKS IN THEIR HANDS

Get books, magazines, and graphic novels that match your student's interests. Head to the library. Hit a bookstore. Buy Lacrosse or Fortnite magazines—*whatever they'll read!*

2. ENCOURAGE READING IN FLEX TIME

According to the research, reading is positively correlated with a strong vocabulary, higher math scores. higher science and history scores, strong writing skills. higher scores on standardized tests, reduced levels of stress. increased empathy, more brain connectivity, and even a longer life! Please encourage your student to read during Flex Friday.

3. KEEP IT GOING AT HOME

We know life is busy! We get it! But where could you encourage more reading? Before bed? Before screen time? On a long car ride? Read the same book as your child and watch the movie after finishing the book? Gift a grandparent the same book and do a child-grandparent book-club date? Think creatively to get students engaged with reading more at home!

Reminders

Absence Reporting

- Please report student absences to the office as soon as possible.
- You can report absences by
    - calling the absence line: 781-659-8814 x1206 and leaving a message.
    - sending an email to the Main Office at nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org.

Dismissing a Student during the School Day

- Please send a note to the office the morning of the dismissal.
- If there is not a note, parent/guardian will need to enter the building to sign their student out.
- Please provide a written note if somebody other than a parent/guardian is picking up a student during the day for dismissal.

Forgotten Items

- When bringing in a forgotten item for a student, please leave it with a label on the "I Forgot It" table by the front lobby.
- It is a student's responsibility to check the table for the forgotten item.
- If a student does not call home for the item, please do not bring the item to school as they likely do not need it.

Cell Phones

- Students'cell phones should be off and in their locker or bag during the day.
- Parents / guardians should not text or call their students' cell phone during the school day as it disrupts the class. Messages can be left at the office for students.

New website coming soon!

We are thrilled to announce that the Norwell Public Schools website has undergone a complete redesign! Our new look has been carefully crafted to enhance your experience, making it easier than ever to access important information and stay connected with our school community.

WARREN MILLER'S

SEVENTY-FIVE

A NEW CHAPTER

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JEREMY JONES	LJ HENRIQUEZ	MAX HITZIG
PARKIN COSTAIN	DANNY DAVIS	AARON BLUNCK
CASSIE SHARPE	ZEB POWELL	LEXI DUPONT
TOBY MILLER	ALEX FERREIRA	NOAH MAISONET
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CASS JONES	JUHO KILKKI	MIA JONES

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NHS BOOSTERS

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This holiday season, recognize a ROCKSTAR Educator with a personalized certificate and a beautiful poinsettia plant! The certificate and plant 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 our donation page** here 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

Registration for the 2025 Norwell Lacrosse season will be open through December 15th. The registration fee for players in ***grades 3rd—8th is $250,*** and for players in ***grades 1st*** and ***2nd, it is $160.*** The league also imposes a ***$50 late fee*** per player for registrations filed after December 15th.

https://norwellgirlslacrosse.demosphere-secure.com/_registration_login?to=https%3A%2F%2Fnorwellgi

We're still piecing together information regarding the schedule for 2025, updates to be posted on https://norwellgirlslacrosse.com/. The season will commence in March 2025 starting with indoor practices and our first games kicking off on March 30th.

Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot just ended, but we are looking for creative designers out there to submit entries for NEXT YEAR'S Turkey Trot T-shirt (Current 5th Graders-8th Graders are eligible!). This year, the design made it to over 350 T-shirts and hoodies...your design could be next!

- The judges will be looking for unique ideas that incorporate Running, Norwell, NMS, Thanksgiving, Fall, Turkey's, etc!
- We do ask that "Norwell Turkey Trot" and the Year 2025 is somewhere in the design.
- The Race Date has already been confirmed to be: Sunday, November 23rd, 2025. We can't wait!

The Design winner will receive a $25 Gift Card of their Choice and their artwork will be on next year's gear!

The contest is OPEN NOW and the December/Winter Break could be a great time to work on your design! Please submit all questions or entries to: NMSPTO@gmail.com