October Weekly Vinal Voice

Week of Monday, September 30 - Friday, October 4, 2024.

Principal's Update

Strategic Planning Survey

Norwell Public Schools (NPS) is in the process of developing a new five-year strategic plan. NPS has a long tradition of strategic planning. Participation from the whole community is most important to this process. The Teaching and Learning Alliance is running focus groups, gathering school data, processing survey results, and facilitating the Strategic Planning Committee. We want to hear from you! Please respond to the survey HERE, or in the letter below.

Library Volunteers

Mrs. Cavanagh is looking for library volunteers. Be on the lookout for an opportunity to sign up to volunteer during your child(ren)'s library time. Class specific sign-ups are/will be included in their teacher's weekly newsletter/email.

Bus Expectations

Over the last week and a half we met with students on every bus to review expected bus behaviors. Below, is a snapshot of expected behaviors based on our CARES model:

Cooperation: I listen to the bus driver.
Assertiveness: I speak up for myself and others.
Responsibility: I have my belongings when I get on and off the bus.
Empathy: I make space for others.
Self-Control: I sit in my seat and speak quietly to the people near me.

Cyber Sense Presentation

Parents and caregivers are often unaware of current trends and dangers online. The Office of Plymouth County District Attorney Tim Cruz's Cyber Sense program covers the importance of building and protecting one's online reputation and addresses issues faced by students while utilizing the internet. Parents and Caregivers are invited to a presentation at Norwell Middle School on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00PM. More information can be found on the

attached flyer below. (Virtual Presentation Registration HERE)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be happening October 23rd and 24th. Parent/Guardian sign-ups will go out to families on Friday, October 11th.

2025-2026 PreK Lottery

It's time for our 2025-26 preschool lottery! We are opening the preschool lottery on Tuesday, 10/1. All submissions must be in by Friday, January 17, 2025. The lottery will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Families will have until February 14th to secure their preschool spot.

Here is the link to the form on our website: NPS Preschool Lottery. It's not live now but it will be Tuesday., 10/1.

PDF **Norwell Public Schools Strategic Plan Survey (1).pdf** Download 166.2 KB

PDF **Cyber Sense Flyer Norwell Middle School 2024.pdf** Download 150.5 KB



Puzzle Challenge in Mrs. Hayes's Class!



New Paint Job!



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Breakfast & Lunch Menus

October Menus

Upcoming Dates

10/9: District-Wide PTO Meeting
10/10: Wear Orange for World Inclusion Day
10/11: Grade 5 Field Trip
10/14: No School
10/16: School Improvement Council, 3:30 PM
10/16: Vinal PTO Mtg., 7:00PM
10/19: Clipper Fun Night, 6-8 PM
10/22: Picture Retake Day

10/22: Congress of Councils, 7 PM
10/23: Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/23: PTO Book Fair
10/24: Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/24: PTO Book Fair

Vinal PTO Corner

Thank you to all that helped us rally last week and achieve over 75% participation in Annual Dues! Reminder: The PTO is shifting from an annual appeal to an annual dues system for fundraising, similar to other Norwell schools. The new system aims to be more straightforward and efficient for families and the administration. With these funds, the PTO will cover the cost of at least one field trip per grade, including the transportation fees! You can pay your dues online - thank you for your support!

A few upcoming dates:

- **Wed Oct 16th** - Be a part of shaping our children's educational experience! Attend the Vinal School PTO meeting - 7 pm via Zoom!
- **Oct 23rd- Oct 25th** - During Parent Conferences, we will be hosting the **Annual Book Fair!** This year we are thrilled to share that we are partnering with Buttonwood Books to facilitate the fair. We're looking for volunteers to help with setup / cleanup and cashiers for the event. Sign up here!
- **Thurs Oct 24th** - Join us at EuroMart on Whiting Street in Hingham on October 24th (Half Day at Vinal!) where they will graciously be donating a portion of proceeds to the Vinal PTO 11 - 8! Be sure to mention the Vinal PTO when you order! Note: Proceeds from the sale of beer, wine and liquor is not included.
- **Sat Oct 26th - 4 pm - 7pm:** Get out your Halloween costumes for our Vinal Family Trunk-or-Treat followed by DJ/ Pizza in the cafeteria! If you'd like to provide a decorated vehicle for the event, now is the time to start prepping your theme - sign up to provide a car here! Sign up to help hand out pizza, work concessions or help with the raffles at the after party here!





Trunk or Treat



Book Fair

Community Information

SAVE THE DATE!
CLIPPER FUN NIGHT @ VINAL

Saturday, Oct. 19
6pm - 8pm
Drop off event for 4th & 5th Graders
Hosted by the NHS Boosters



Pizza, Snacks, Drinks
Dodgeball & Crafts
$25 Per Student
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
VENMO: @NHS-Boosters

NORWELL BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

REGISTER AT Norwelltravelbball.com or by using the following link:

https://norwelltravelbball.sportngin.com/register/form/468956637

Tryouts will take place at the following times/places. Please register **prior** to tryouts by **October 17, 2024.**

Grade 3: 10/21 (6:00-7:00pm) at Norwell High School
Grade 4: 10/21 (7:00-8:00pm) at Norwell High School
Grade 5: 10/23 (7:00-8:00pm) at Norwell Middle School
Grade 6: 10/23 (8:00-9:00pm) at Norwell Middle School
Grade 7: 10/23 (6:00-7:00pm) at Norwell Middle School
Grade 8: 10/21 (8:00-9:00pm) at Norwell High School

If you cannot attend a tryout, please notify the league in regards setting up another time or attending a different tryout.

The registration fee will be $350.00 until October 17, 2024. There will be a $20.00 late fee assessed after October 17, 2024. A family discount is available at $50.00 per additional player. Scholarships are available to those in need.

Separate from registration, players will be required to order uniforms using the following link:
https://stollersports.com/store/index.php?productCateg=229

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Norwell Women's Club
HALLOWEEN
ON THE COMMON
26 OCTOBER
1-4 PM
NORWELL TOWN COMMON
FREE FAMILY EVENT
TRICK OR TREATING
CARNIVAL GAMES
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
SELFIE STATION
COSTUME PARADE
CANDY CHUTE
WWW.NORWELLWOMENSCLUB.ORG


THE NHS FOURTH WALL PLAYERS PRESENT
GUYS AND DOLLS
A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAY
BASED ON A STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON
Music and Lyrics by: FRANK LOESSER Book by: JO SWERLING & ABE BURROWS
NHS AUDITORIUM
Thursday & Friday
NOVEMBER 7 & 8
6:30PM
Saturday
NOVEMBER 9
2:00PM
STARRING
DOMENIC DITOMASO ABBY MARTIN LUCA MORETTI-FULLI ANNA MENDES
JJ CARROLL LIAM COSTELLO LORA MAHONEY JULIAN DAVIS COLLEEN TOLAND
THOMAS DONOVAN DANNY BRITTON SOPHIE D'ENTREMONT LENA FOURNEY
SEAN BOYD SOPHIA MOUSSEAU TICKET MOTT SOPHIA YAHNER
VERONICA CALLAHAN AMALIA NIBLACK JACKSON DITOMASO
DIRECTED BY KATHY MEDAIROS & SAMANTHA KELLY
Tickets:
$15
per person
AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT
NORWELLARTS.ORG
Guys and Dolls is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). All Authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

NORWELL GARDEN CLUB

2024-2025 Meeting Schedule
Open to the public
Meetings in Library Community Room

Socializing & refreshments: 10:15 - 10:30am
Club business: 10:30am
Program: Promptly at 10:45am

September 12
Backyard Arrangements

October 10
Bulb Gardening

November 21 @ The Cushing Center 6pm
Unique & Innovative Seasonal Arrangements

January 9
Drought Tolerant Gardening & Landscaping

February 13
Stop & Smell the Lilacs

March 13
Companion Planting

April 10
Aggressive & Invasive Plants

May 8
The Magic of Butterflies

For more information: www.gcfm.org/norwell-garden-club

Public Safety Open House



Including Norwell Fire, Police, DPW and CERT

Join us for: pizza, popcorn, an auto extrication demonstration, the smoke trailer and NFD T-Shirts!







Fun for everyone!

October 27th 2024 11am-2pm

Norwell Fire Headquarters 300 Washington St

Nathan Thorsteinson

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