December Weekly Vinal Voice

Week of Monday, December 2 - Friday, December 5, 2024.

Principal's Update

Early Dismissals & Late Arrivals

We understand there are many valid reasons for late arrivals and early dismissals. However, we request that all families consider the potential disruptions such interruptions can cause to the educational experience of all students in a classroom, and limit such disruptions as much as possible. Also, a student that misses more than half of the instructional day is considered absent.

New Website

We are thrilled to announce that the Norwell Public Schools website will undergo 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. More information to follow.

Book Bee

Have you heard of the Vinal Book Bee?!

The Vinal Book Bee is our beloved reading & trivia competition for 5th grade students! These kiddos are given an optional list of 50 books to enjoy throughout the year and then tested on their knowledge of the stories over a period of 3 rounds. It helps foster a love of reading, exposes children to new genres, encourages teamwork, and helps students build upon memory and study skills while enjoying a little friendly competition!

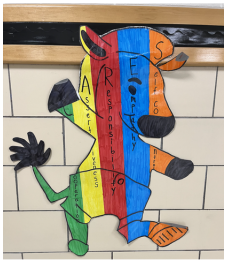
The first round of the Vinal Book Bee took place last week, and volunteers are needed to help time, spot and keep score! Although this competition is only for our 5th graders, parents of students in any grade are encouraged to join the fun!

If you can help during any of the time frames - click the link below, sign up and get ready to cheer on these amazing readers!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA8A929A1F58-53413220-vinal



Morning Meeting in Mrs. Barbour's Class



Inclusive Schools Week



4th Graders Identified their Unique Stripes

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

December Menu

Upcoming Dates

12/11: Early Release
12/11: Winter Concert
12/13: Elementary Report Cards Available in Aspen
12/18: Student Government Meeting
12/20: Spirit Day--Sports Day
12/20: K-2 Community Meeting, 9:15-9:45
12/20: 3-5 Community Meeting, 2:30-3:00
12/23--1/1: No School



Vinal PTO Corner



Last chance to sign your children up to shop at our FREE holiday gift giving event at Vinal on December 14th! We're turning the Vinal cafeteria into a magical shopping wonderland just for kids. Students and siblings get to pick out awesome donated gifts for their family, so they can be a part of special holiday traditions - for FREE! Please be sure to sign up your children today here to be eligible to shop!

We need volunteers - folks with big vehicles to transport on Friday, as well as day of volunteers - please sign Up here!

Upcoming Dates!

- **Dec 14th - New Giving Event**: Free for all! Please RSVP your students today! Learn more here.
- **Dec 24th:** 2 Sets of Patriots Tickets Will be Raffled Off on Christmas Eve as part of the **Vinal vs Cole Dads Hockey fundraiser!** Buy your tickets today for a chance to win one of two sets of Patriots tickets!
- **Jan. 4th. - Vinal vs Cole Dads Hockey Game**: A fun family day with great activities. More info here!

Order your Norwell Ornaments here!

Giving Our Kids the Gift of Giving

VINAL STUDENTS' FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT



SATURDAY, DEC. 14 2-5PM

AT THE VINAL SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Vinal Students and their siblings will be able to 'shop' for free from a collection of donated items for their immediate family, and go home with wrapped presents to give! This is a wonderful and affordable way to give the kids the gift of giving for whichever tradition your family celebrates. Help make this a success by donating new/unopened/like-new items from your home for the event! Drop off your items at the Vinal Cafeteria or other drop off points. See website!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

RSVP TO SHOP!

DONATE GIFTS & WRAPPING PAPER!

WWW.VINALPTO.COM



Norwell Education Foundation

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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

NHS National Honor Society

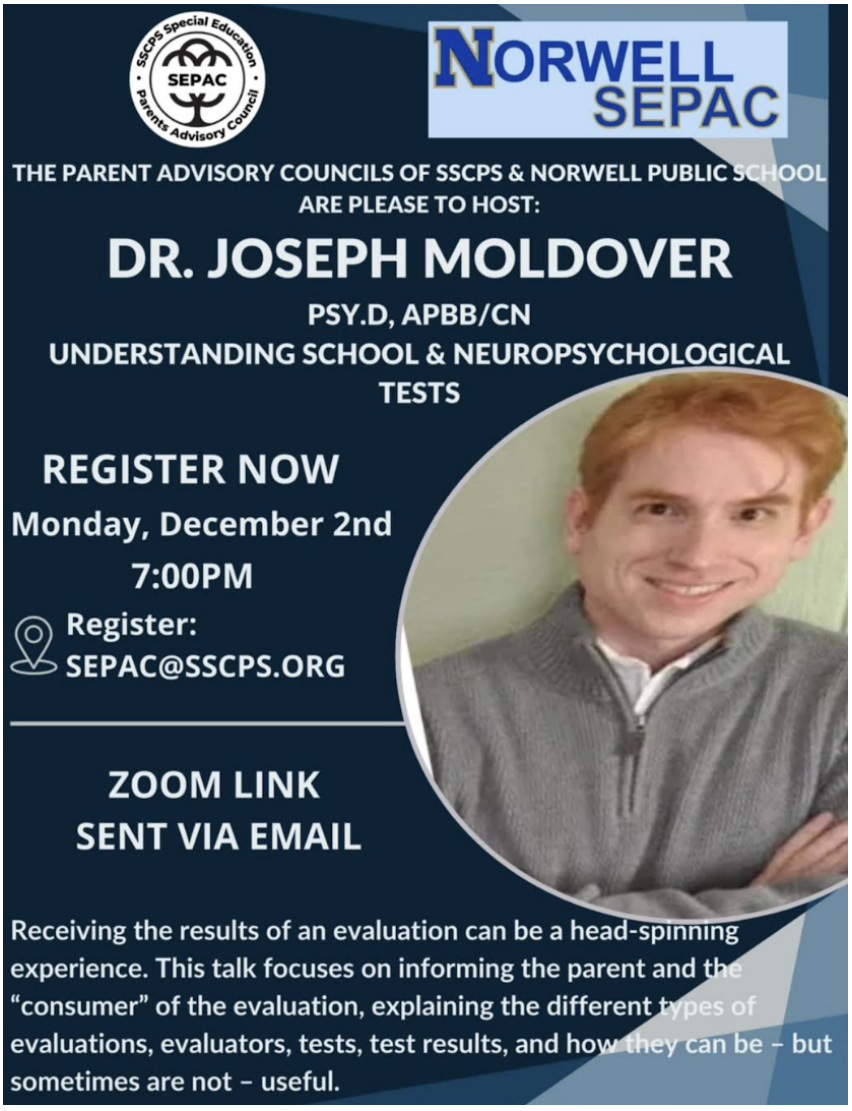
"The Norwell High School National Honor Society will be hosting a FREE Holiday Drop 'n' Shop event on Friday, December 13th from 5pm-8pm at Norwell High School. Students will have the

option of watching a holiday movie or a variety of arts and crafts projects. Please reach out to NHS Co-Advisor Mrs. Leary at jenelle.leary@norwellschools.org with any questions."

Registration link

Norwell SEPAC





Community Information

Holiday Food Drive for Local Food Pantries



Collection dates: December 2 - December 13
Collection locations: All Norwell Public Schools



17.9% of households in Massachusetts and 22.9% of households with children suffer from food insecurity.

The goal for this food drive is to replenish food pantries after Thanksgiving to make sure they are ready for the upcoming holidays. This drive is also one small step closer to ending hunger, so please consider helping out the community. Food is a basic right that everyone should have. Every donation counts.



Wishlist items:



- Canned meat
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Boxed meals
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Breakfast bars
- Other canned goods

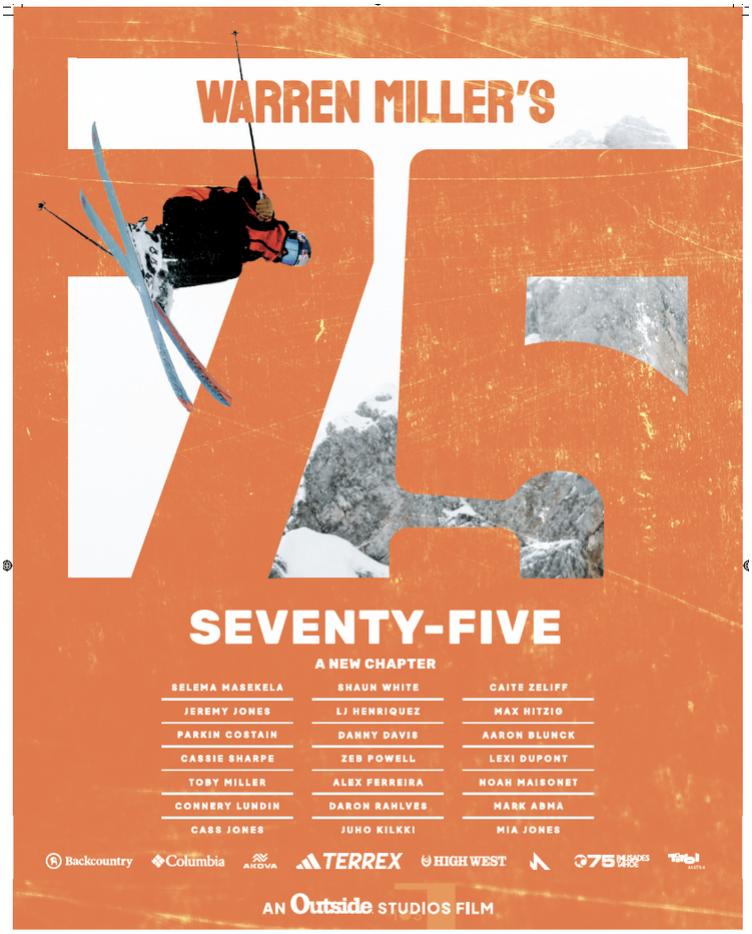
If you have any questions please email
briana.yee@students.norwellschools.org

This food drive is in partnership with local food pantries, Project 351, and Project Bread
Please spread the word to family and friends across the community



Norwell Lacrosse

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%2Fnorwellgirlslacrosse.demosphere-secure.com%2F_registration
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.



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