January Weekly Vinal Voice

Week of Monday, January 6 - Friday, January 10.

Principal's Update

Student Pick-Up Reminder

Vinal Preschool dismisses at 3:10 PM, and families follow the same procedures that our K-5 families follow. If you are picking up a child in K-5 and arrive before 3:15 PM, please park in a designated spot before joining the pick-up loop so that our PreK families can access their children.

South Shore VoTech Building Project

A Public Forum will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the Norwell Public Library large meeting room from 6:30pm to 7:30 on the proposed South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School Building Project that will be voted on at the regional election scheduled for January 25, 2025. For more information, please see the Town of Norwell's page
South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School MSBA Building Project Information



Mr. Leonard is Wrapping Up the Gymnastics Units



Officer Teddy Stopped by for A Visit



3rd Grade Presented on Self-Control

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

January Menu

Upcoming Dates

1/15: Student Gov't Meeting

1/15: PTO Meeting, 7PM
1/20: MLK Jr. Day-No School
1/22: Vinal School Council, 3:45PM
1/23-1/24: Crocodile River Performers
1/27: Vinal Outreach Presentation to School Committee, 7PM
1/29: Early Release
2/3: Baking for Good Presentation in 4th Grade

Vinal PTO

Join us Wednesday, January 15, via Zoom for the next PTO meeting from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85376161196?pwd=NJrTAZZaigbHJ4X6YMvuBTiHf0GvNH.1
Be a part of shaping our children's educational experience! Attending Vinal School PTO meetings gives you the opportunity to:

1. **Stay Informed:** Get the latest updates on school events, programs, and initiatives.
2. **Voice Your Opinion:** Share your ideas and feedback to help improve our school community.
3. **Make a Difference:** Collaborate with other parents and school staff to create a supportive and enriching environment for our kids.
4. **Build Connections:** Meet other parents, teachers, and school administrators, and strengthen our school network.
5. **Get Involved:** Discover volunteer opportunities and contribute your unique skills and talents.

Join us and play an active role in enhancing the Vinal School experience for all students!

Norwell SEPAC

Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP
A virtual presentation for Parents and Professionals

Date/Time: 1/22/2025 6:30-8:30 PM
Registration Link: https://fcsn.org/event/norwell-understanding-the-iep/

Featured Presenter from Federation for Children with Special Needs: Jessica Sales Cohen

Contact Norwell SEPAC with any questions at TheNorwellSEPAC@gmail.com

Handouts will be provided to registered attendees on the day of the virtual presentation.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

NORWELL SEPAC

FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP

A Free Virtual Workshop for Parents and Professionals

This presentation will delve into the Individual Education Program (IEP) document, its development, the breakdown of each section and understanding how the document will support a student.

Workshop Topics:

- *Why the IEP is Important*
- *Who is eligible for an IEP*
- *How the IEP is Developed*
- *Strengths and Concerns*
- *Vision Statements*
- *IEP Sections including PLEP A & B, Annual Goals and Service Delivery Grid*
- *Differences between Accommodations and Modifications*
- *Response, Placement and Consent*
- *Procedural Safeguards and more!*



About Your Host:

The Norwell SEPAC is a group of parents who meet regularly to discuss the needs of our students and improve special education in Norwell. We provide a space for families to content and education on topics relavant to our community. Contact us at TheNorwellSEPAC@gmail.com

Handouts will be provided to registered attendees on the day of the virtual presentation.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Date: January 22, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Registration Link: https://fcsn.org/event/norwell-understanding-the-iep/

Registration Link:

For more information about the educational workshops available from The Federation for Children with Special Needs, please visit us at fcsn.org/ptic/workshops or email: workshops@fcsn.org

Community News



Your Year of Adventure

- ✓ Hike to the highest point in your town.
- ✓ Learn a new outdoor skill.
- ✓ Take on challenges with confidence.

Each day as a Girl Scout brings thrills and out-of-this-world experiences. Don't miss your chance to make new friends and be part of a journey you'll never forget! Find your squad and get ready for amazing adventures.

Be a Girl Scout
gsema.org/join

girl scouts of eastern massachusetts

Start your Girl Scout journey at a FREE Try-It event in Norwell! For Girls in Kindergarten.

Monday, January 13
6-7 PM
Norwell Public Library
64 South Street. Norwell

Join us for a fun evening where you can learn all about Girl Scouts and make new friends!
Bring your grown-up(s) along.

Scan code to RSVP or visit www.gsema.org/eventrsvp4

Scituate Animal Shelter

LET'S HELP OUR ANIMAL BUDDIES!

DONATION BOX IN THE VINAL LOBBY 01/06 TO 01/24

3rd Grade Brownie Troop 64662 is organizing a fundraiser to support the Scituate Animal Shelter. Your donation will help us care for the animals in their shelter. Please bring donations to the Vinal lobby!



WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

- Paper Towels
- Garbage Bags
- Wet or Dry Foods
- Cat & Dog Toys
- Cat & Dog Treats
- Warm Blankets

To view the full donation list, visit their Amazon wishlist.
For more information, please email sarah.cordner@gmail.com

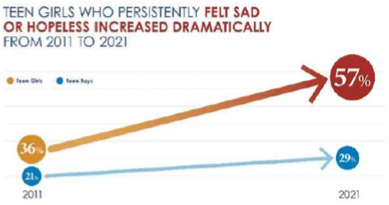
Anxious Generation Parents Forum

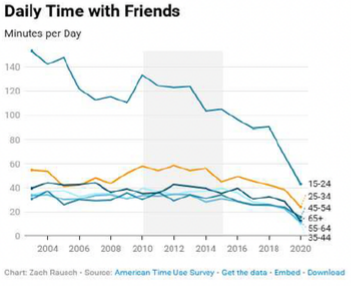
Wednesday, January 15th, Norwell Public Library, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Jonathan Haidt's book The Anxious Generation has alerted the world to the effects of smartphones and social media on a generation. Screen time deprives children of experiences needed to develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

Mental health problems are soaring: in 2021, the CDC reported that 58% of teen girls had a chronic sense of hopelessness or despair.

By so many metrics, our children are suffering from the effects of smartphones and social media.





Can we protect our children from smartphones and social media?

Yes, with your help!

The movement to build alternative community action is here. How can you help?

Please join parents and educators for an open forum to explore community solutions and take back control of our young people's mental development. No reservation needed. Just show up.

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Nathan Thorsteinson
Nathan Thorsteinson is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters