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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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HEADLINES

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KINDNESS CORNER

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Just a reminder, students will need to ride their designated bus home in the afternoon (see bus policy).

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

NMS Yearbook meetings --
[Yearbook Meeting Dates](#)

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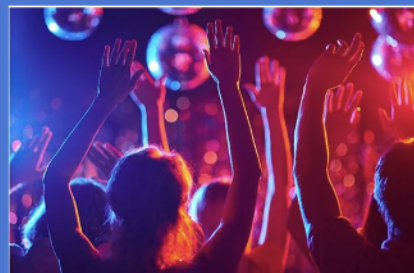
Week at a glance

- **Geography Bee** -- The NMS Geography Bee tryouts are on Tuesday, February 4th during each grade's Flex Time. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please see Mr. Gray in room 217. The Geography Bee will be held on Friday, Feb. 14th. Student participants from 6th, 7th and 8th grade will compete to be crowned the NMS Geo Bee champion. Also, students wishing to compete in the national Geography and/or History Bee will take a qualifying online test in March (TBD) @ 2pm in the world language lab. Any student interested in competing nationally, please see Mr. Gray.

[Geo Bee Bell Schedule 2/14](#)

- **Reading** -- It opens doors to new adventures, sparks imagination, and builds lifelong learning skills. Encouraging your child to read every day helps them grow as a learner and explorer of the world. As a quick reminder, please have your children check their backpack for any overdue library books. Returning books on time ensures that all students have the opportunity to enjoy them.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DATES TO KNOW!!!!



SCHOOL WIDE GLOW DANCE
APRIL 11th 6:30-8:00

8th GRADE SEMI-FORMAL
JUNE 6th 7:00-9:00



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CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE

The cereal boxes are piling up - thank you!! We're on our way to our goal of 500 and there's still time. We're extending the deadline - let's gooooo!!! Click on the link below for the flier and video example:

NMS Cereal Box Challenge 2025



NMS Winter Dance



CALENDAR

February

1 SEMSBA Auditions

3 Algebra Readiness Assessment (8th Grade)

3 Strategic Planning Committee

6 Science Readiness Assessment (8th Grade)

10 School Committee @ 7PM

14 Geography Bee

14 Valentine's Day

17-21 February Vacation

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

Updates

PTO -- 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!!

The next PTO meeting is on Friday, February 7th at 9:15AM.

KINDNESS CORNER

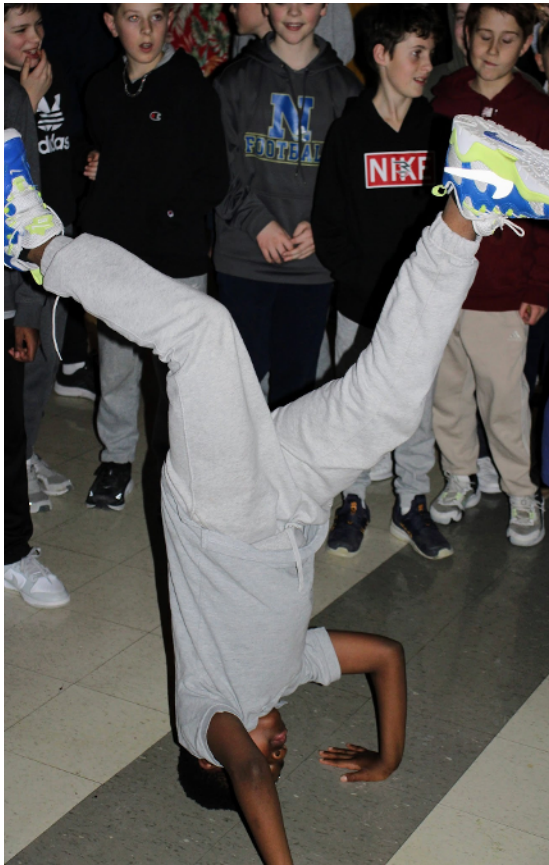
"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. - Mother Theresa

Thank you to Keyon Boone, Hailey Letourneau and Evangeline Lydon for supporting some of our 6th and 7th grade students at the dance. Thank you also to Kristina Crain, Oliver Perniola and Lucas Ricciarelli who were great examples of how to get the most out of a middle school dance. Shout out to Vincent Allen for choosing the eco-friendly mode of transportation each morning by walking or riding his bike to school. Impressive especially in this cold weather. Brendan McQuaid stayed and cleaned up his friend's table after breakfast without being asked - thank you!

NMS Student Newsletter 1/17/25

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

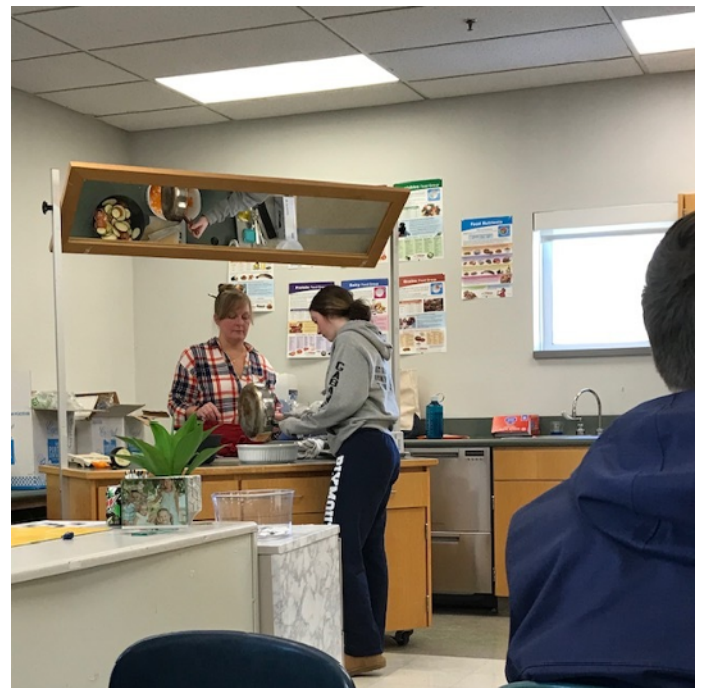
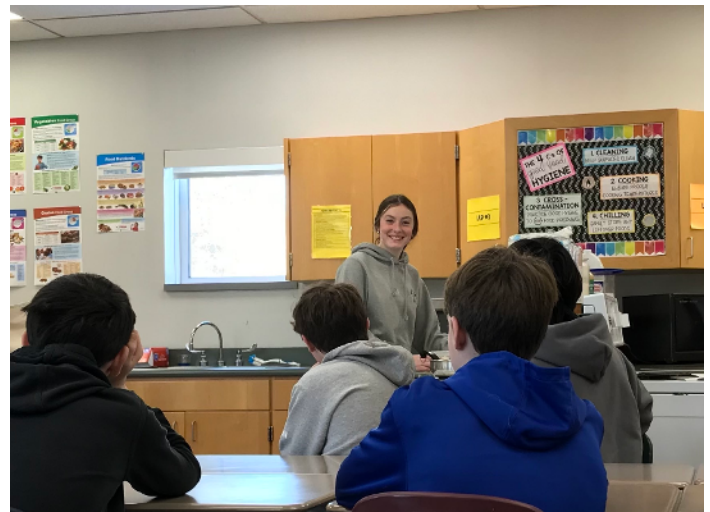
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French class takes to the Kitchen



After School Activities



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.





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

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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.

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

Current 5th Graders- 8th Graders May Enter

NORWELL TURKEY TROT

2025

T-SHIRT DESIGN

CONTEST

OPEN NOW!!



Must include:

**Norwell Turkey Trot
&
2025**

**Winner
Receives
\$25
Gift Card
Your Choice!**

**Email questions or entries to:
NMSPTO@gmail.com**