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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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

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Geography Bee (2/14) --** The NMS Geography Bee tryouts were on Tuesday, February 4th during each grade's Flex Time. The Geography Bee will be held on Friday, Feb. 14th. Student participants from 6th, 7th and 8th grade will compete to be crowned the 2025 NMS Geo Bee champion. Last year's champion, Devan Parmar, will be defending his championship next Friday.
- The following students will be competing in the Geo Bee: Leo Bretsch, John O'Neill, Cortland Washburn, Michael McEvoy, Dylan Russo, Tyler Gotta, Daniel Schmitt, Kalen LeBlanc, Kameren Leary, Garrett Rosenzweig, Justin Miner, Wesley Guman, Adam Crohan, Ryan Mahoney, Chase Emami, Daniel Hanlon, James Hanlon, Anthony Ruggeri, Devan Parmar, Theodore Griffin, Nathan Bateman, Brendan Flynn, Angelina Hutchison, Amelia Curtis, Teah Bain.

Geo Bee Bell Schedule 2/14



- 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.



NMS Finishes 1st at Math Counts

NMS finishes first at an exciting Math Counts competition on February 4th. There were 9 schools and over 100 students competing in the competition. The team of Nola Carney, Prajala Gowdru, Chase Wolbach, and Joey Yazbeck came in 1st place. Joey Yazbeck also came in 1st place for individuals, Nola Carney in 4th, ChaseWolbach in 5th, and Pranjala Gowdru in 14th. They will all be going onto states as a team. We also had 2 other students who will be moving on to states, Daniel Lee who placed 6th, and Noah Lendler who placed 8th. Kellen Blair placed 10th and is a wild card for the states. Congratulations!! Their commitment to excellence and teamwork is inspiring!

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National Latin Exam (NLE)

We are pleased to announce: All Norwell Middle School Latin scholars will be taking the National Latin Exam on Friday February 28th (8th-Pd 2)(7th-Pd 3).

It is important for our Latin Scholars to be in school as the NLE does not allow for any individual make ups and requires everyone taking the same exam level to take the exam together. In case of a snow cancellation, the exam would be given on Monday, March 10th.

The National Latin Exam is taken by over 95,000 Latin students across the 50 states and over twelve foreign countries. Students are able to receive recognition for their achievements in Classical Studies. Norwell Latin Scholars have had great success on this exam, and have been awarded multiple individual medals & certificates for their achievements.

Stay Happy, Healthy, and Well!

Magister Davenport, Rhetor Latinae

Best Buddies





CALENDAR

February

10 School Committee @ 7PM

11 Safety Drill

14 Geography Bee

14 Valentine's Day

17-21 February Vacation

25 8th Grade Information Night

28 Interim/Progress Reports

28 Latin Exams

"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, March 14th at 9:15AM.

KINDNESS CORNER

"The desire to reach for the stars is ambitious. The desire to reach hearts is wise." - Maya Angelou

Thank you to Teddy Bettencourt for being very helpful to a younger student after school this week. Thank you to Jaydan and Jordan Li for encouraging a new friend to check out chess club. Sydney Forbes also gets a shout out from a friend who is grateful for how nice Sydney is and that she stands up for her friends when they need support. Elle Ugarte also gets a shout out for reading a quote on the morning announcements - thank you for spreading those kind words.

NMS Acts of Kindness Form

NMS Student Newsletter 1/31/25

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

Best Buddies









After School Activities

CHESS CLUB

FREE and OPEN to all students
Thursdays in Room #208

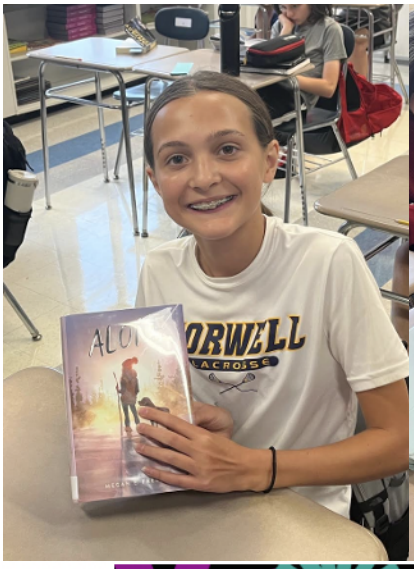
New to the game or closing in on Grand Master status?
All are welcome to join the chess club for fun,
to learn how to play or gain new strategies.
Light hearted game play is the norm and so is the constant banter of the group. From time to time, so legend says, a Backgammon board is broken out for a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

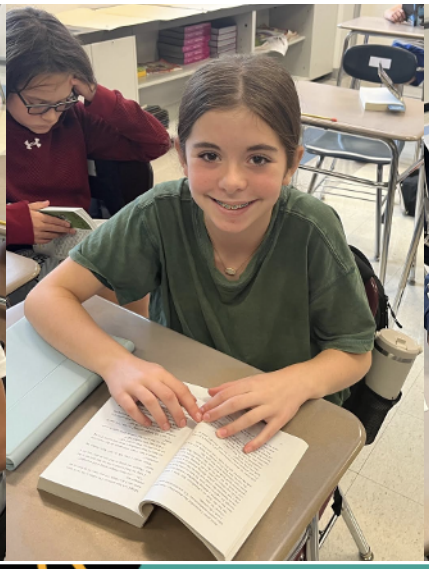


STUDENT GOVERNMENT DATES TO KNOW!!!!



SCHOOL WIDE GLOW DANCE APRIL 11th 6:30-8:00	8th GRADE SEMI-FORMAL JUNE 6th 7:00-9:00






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

