



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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HEADLINES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MIDDLE OF THE MIDDLE

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acts of Kindness

Thank you **Molly MacNamara** for leaving ducks in the 7th grade for students to find. Ducks symbolize happiness and purity!

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](#)

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Geography Bee (2/14)** -- Congratulations to the 2025 NMS Geo Bee champion, Devan Parmar!!! The Geography Bee began at 7:40 am with 26 contestants, and after 90 minutes of fierce competition, Devan defended his crown and once again was the Geo Bee champion. I would like to congratulate Leo Bretsch on a hard fought second place, Theodore Griffin (3rd), and the rest of our competitors on a great event and showing (John O'Neill, Cortland Washburn, Michael McEvoy, Dylan Russo, Tyler Gotta, Daniel Schmitt, Kalen LeBlanc, Kameron Leary, Garrett Rosenzweig, Justin Miner, Wesley Guman, Adam Crohan, Ryan Mahoney, Chase Emami, Daniel Hanlon, James Hanlon, Anthony Ruggeri, Nathan Bateman, Brendan Flynn, Angelina Hutchison, Amelia Curtis, Teah Bain)

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.

- Cereal Box Challenge -- The cereal boxes piled up and fell like dominos down the exploratory wing hallway!
[Cereal Box Challenge Video \(2/13\)](#)



Middle of the Middle (7th Grade)



Congratulations!!!!



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

CALENDAR

February

17-21 February Vacation

25 8th Grade Information Night

28 Interim/Progress Reports

28 Latin Exams

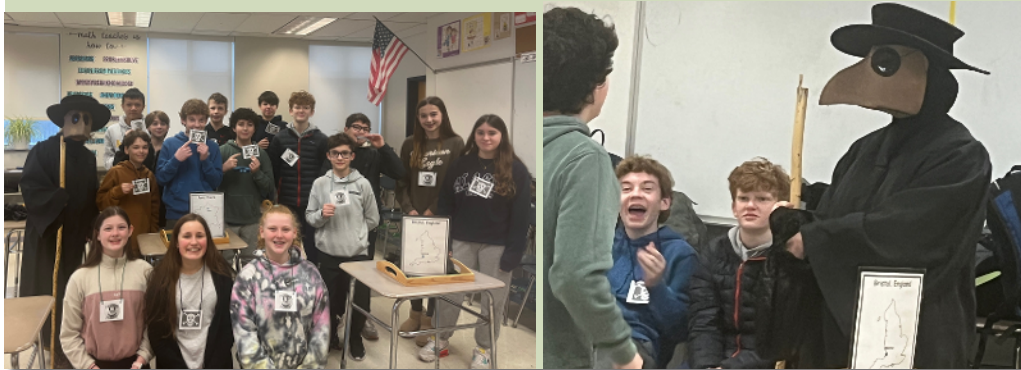
March

3 Strategic Planning Mtg @ 5:30PM

5 Early Release / Professional Dev.

6 Playbook Initiative

Plague Week (7th Grade)



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

Updates

PTO -- The PTO wanted to thank parents for making the ALBA Parent Social so much fun in January! It's always great to meet and mingle with other NMS parents. There is a plan in the works to do a 2nd parent social to coincide with the GLOW DANCE on April 11th...stay tuned! And lastly, keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming "Unsung Hero's Day" on Friday, March 14th. We are planning a day to honor our School Bus Drivers, our Custodial Team and Our Cafeteria Staff. Details to come soon!

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 Spencer Eagan for always being kind, especially at lunch and thank you to Eric Santoro for sticking up for his friend when someone was saying unkind things. Thank you also to all of the students that helped pack up the chairs today after the Geo Bee!

[NMS Acts of Kindness Form](#)

[NMS Student Newsletter - Valentine's Edition](#)



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

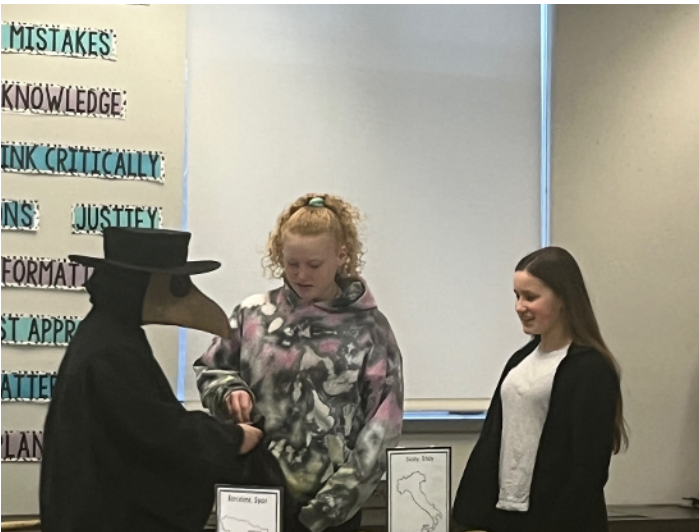
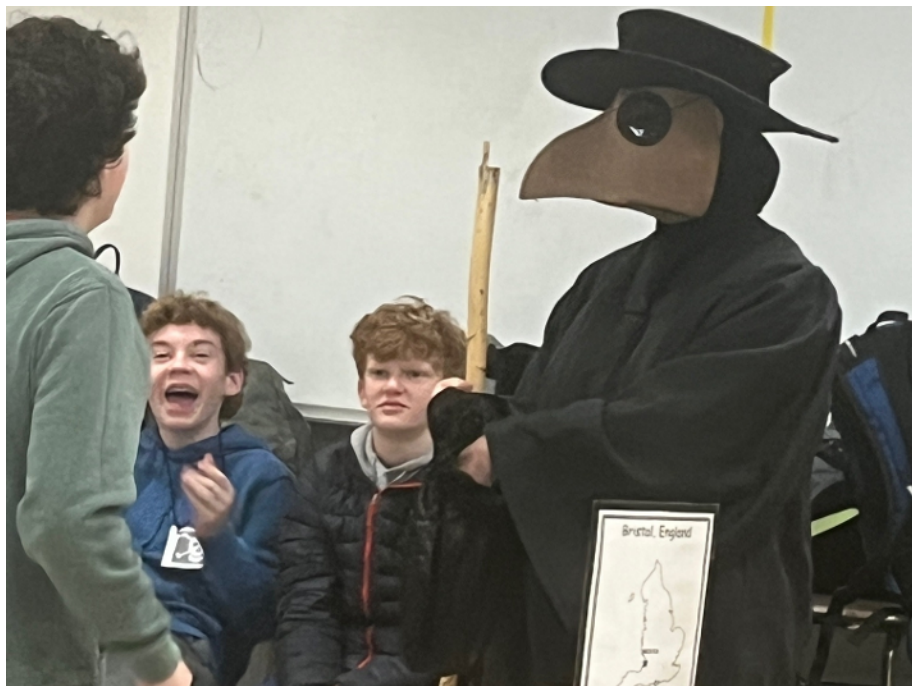
Geography Bee



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Middle of the Middle (7th) & Plague Week (7th)



Winter Festival

In Oscar Wilde's comedic masterpiece, **"The Importance of Being Earnest,"** two charming bachelors, Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff, make a habit of using fictitious names to escape their social obligations.

Come join the NHS Fourth Wall Players for a night of laughter and clever repartees—because in the world of Wilde, being earnest has never been so entertaining!

The show's run time is 40 mins and the whole performance will likely be a one hour experience.

February 27th & 28th

7pm NHS Auditorium

\$5 Students / \$10 Adult

WINTER FESTIVAL 2025

NHS FOURTH WALL PLAYERS PRESENT OSCAR WILDE'S

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

DIRECTED BY SAMANTHA KELLY

FEBRUARY 27TH
& 28TH AT 7PM
NHS AUDITORIUM

TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
OR NORWELLARTS.ORG

\$5 STUDENT
\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

STARRING:

DOMENIC DiTOMASO, JJ CARROLL, LUCA MORETTI-FULLI, ABBY NICKERSON
ANNA MENDES, SOPHIA MOUSSEAU, COLLEEN TOLAND, LIAM COSTELLO, DANIEL BRITTON

CREW:

VERONICA CALLAHAN, CARINA CURTIS, THOMAS DONOVAN, NATHAN GARGULY, EILEEN GREENE,
JULIA HENNESSEY, EMMA JOHNSON, LOU MORALES-LANDA, EMMA RAMKISSOON

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.

ART CLUB

ART CLUB IS NOW FREE

AND OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

JUST DROP BY THE ART ROOM
ANY WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL
FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

MAKE SOME ART
HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS
GET SOME GUIDANCE FROM MRS. FINN
HELP WITH CREATIVE PROJECTS
BREATH. CHILL. CREATE. REPEAT

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.

Spring 2025 Norwell Recreation Program Guides will be delivered to all resident households and PO Boxes between 3/5/25-3/7/25. Online Registration for Spring 2025 programs begins at 10:00am on Wednesday 3/19/25 for Norwell Residents only! Mail-In, Walk-In and Non-Resident Registration begins on Wednesday 3/26/25 at 10:00 am.

Spring 2025 Program Information will be available to view online at: <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/norwell-ma/catalog> and the Spring 2025 Norwell Recreation Program Guide will be available to view, print or download on 2/24/25 at <https://www.townofnorwell.net/recreation-department>.

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**



Do you know or have a child with challenging behavior?

Join us!

Tuesday, March 11th 6:30pm

Norwell Middle School Community Room

Meeting the Challenge: Understanding, Preventing,
and Responding Effectively to Challenging Behavior

RSVP to thenorwellsepac@gmail.com

Having a child with challenging behavior can affect the entire family. This interactive workshop will provide parents and caregivers with a basis for understanding the causes and functions of their child's challenging behaviors.

Practical strategies and pro-active interventions will be discussed as participants learn new ways to prevent and respond to challenging behaviors more effectively.

Presented by the Pilgrim Area Collaborative.



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