



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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[Yearbook Meeting Dates](#)



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Geography / History Bee (3/4)** -- Students wishing to compete in the national Geography and/or History Bee will take a qualifying online test on Tuesday, March 4 @ 2pm in room 217. Any student interested in competing nationally, please see Mr. Gray.
- **Early Release 3/5** -- Norwell has an early release day on March 5th. NMS will dismiss at 10:58 am.
- **Interim/Progress Reports (2/28)** will be published through the Aspen Portal on Friday, February 28th. Please take time to review this information with your child to review how your child is progressing in their classes and to identify areas of strength and growth.
- **Celtics Playbook Initiative (3/6)** -- The Celtics have partnered Norwell Middle School with Codman Academy Charter Public School to collaborate on a shared mission: expanding the Playbook Initiative within our school communities. Through this partnership, each school will host a workshop, providing students with the opportunity to come together, learn from one another, and foster more inclusive and supportive school environments. We are excited to host the first workshop at NMS with Codman Academy on Thursday, March 6th.

Poetry Comes Alive in 6th grade

In Mrs. Marani's class, I had the privilege of hearing original poems written by our 6th grade students. One particular poem stood out—it was deeply moving, full of emotion and insight. The poem reflected the student's thoughts on a reading that inspired her writing.



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NMS School Nurse

To NMS Community,

Please join me in welcoming Jill Young, our new school nurse, who comes to us from the South Shore Medical Center, Family Medicine. Jill also served as one of the nurses on last year's 8th-grade DC trip. She is a Norwell resident and is excited to be a part of the Norwell Middle School.

Mr. Dupille



Best Buddies



Updates

PTO --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.

CALENDAR

February

28 Interim/Progress Reports

28 Latin Exams

March

3 Strategic Planning Mtg @ 5:30PM

5 Early Release / Professional Dev.

6 Celtics Playbook Initiative

10 School Committee @ 7PM
NMS Outreach

11 District-wide PTO Meeting @ 9AM

12 MCAS Infrastructure trial

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

KINDNESS CORNER

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

Thank you to Letiana Singleton for her assistance in helping us configure iPads for MCAS. Thank you also to Caroline Alabiso for holding the door for friends. Andrew Eagan was recognized by classmates for being a student who is always kind and inclusive to everyone and puts smiles on teachers and classmates faces everyday. And Sydney Forbes always asks her friends if they are okay and stands up for them if they are getting made fun of.

[NMS Acts of Kindness Form](#)

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

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.

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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