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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TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Course Selection (3/14)** -- We will meet with the 5th grade students on Friday, March 14th to discuss the upcoming NMS events for next year, classes, and many offerings at Norwell Middle School as well as become familiar with the transition to MS and the scheduling process.
- **Course selection forms (3/14)** will be sent on to all 5th, 6th, and 7th grade parents on 3/14 and are due on 3/21.
- **Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night (3/19)** -- This evening will allow parents to learn about the culture, classes, and many offerings at the Norwell Middle School as well as become familiar with the transition and scheduling process. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet with the middle school guidance department, 6th Grade Team Leaders, and NMS administration. This evening is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the middle school curriculum and courses your child will be taking during his/her time at Norwell Middle School.
- 6:00 PM - Introduction, Curriculum Overview, & Scheduling Presentation (Cafe)
- 6:45 PM - Building Tour
- **March Madness (3/24)** -- will be running the 3v3 tournament the week of March 24-28. Each grade will have a tournament after school on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, it should run from 2:00- 3:30PM (depending on how many teams sign up from each grade).
- The top three to four 8th-grade teams will make up the student team for our Faculty/Student Basketball game, taking place during the pep rally on Friday, March 28. Will the Student team rise to the challenge and defeat the returning champions, the "Faculty All-Star Team," on the 28th?

Celtics Playbook Initiative (3/6)

The Celtics have partnered Norwell Middle School with Codman Academy Charter Public School to collaborate on a shared mission. Through this partnership, students from each school came together, learned from one another, to foster a more inclusive and supportive school environment.

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Geography / History Bee (3/4)

Students wishing to compete in the national Geography and/or History Bee took a qualifying online test on Tuesday, March 4. The following students received qualifying scores to move onto the Regional competition.

- Maeve Madden (7th), Ava Finn (7th)
- Justin Miner (6th), Owen Sowinski (6th), Jack Mattera (6th)

Celtics Playbook Initiative

CALENDAR

March

10 School Committee @ 7PM NMS Outreach

11 District-wide PTO Meeting @ 9AM

14 Meet w/ 5th grade students

14 Send out Course Selection Form

14 PTO Bus Appreciation Day

17 St. Patrick's Day

19 MCAS Infrastructure trial

19 Incoming 6th Grade Night @ 6PM

20 Fastbridge Testing

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

Updates

PTO -- The PTO would like to thank parents for their donations and contributions for the unsung heroes Day. The gratitude bags will be handed out on Friday, March 14th to our bus drivers, cafeteria staff, and custodial team. PTO is also planning a Staff appreciation event in April.

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

"What you do makes a difference and you need to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goddal

Teddy Bettencourt got a shout out from a student for being helpful with the phone and holding the door open for students and staff! Cameron Robinson was recognized by a teacher for consistently being kind and helpful to all classmates. Ella Sullivan, Antonio Ruggeiri and Isabella Nguyen stood out as being inclusive and kind to our friends from Codman Academy on March 6. Calling all students! We need some kindness shout-outs! Fill out the form below to recognize your friend or classmate.

NMS Acts of Kindness Form

NMS Student Newsletter - 3/7/25

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

Investment Club

Investment Club '24-'25
Date: 2/13/25
Pick of the Week Winner: Maggie Welch & Sophia Fryar

Stock: Hershey Co.

Investment Club '24-'25
Date: 1/16/25
Pick of the Week Winner: Owen Douglas & Radley Hallman

Stock: NETFLIX

Investment Club '24-'25
Date: 2/6/25
Pick of the Week Winner: Chase Wolbach

Stock: duolingo

Investment Club '24-'25
Date: 1/30/25
Pick of the Week Winner: Cole Wolbach

Stock: Reddit

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After School Activities

CHESS CLUB

FREE and OPEN to all students
Thursdays in Room #208

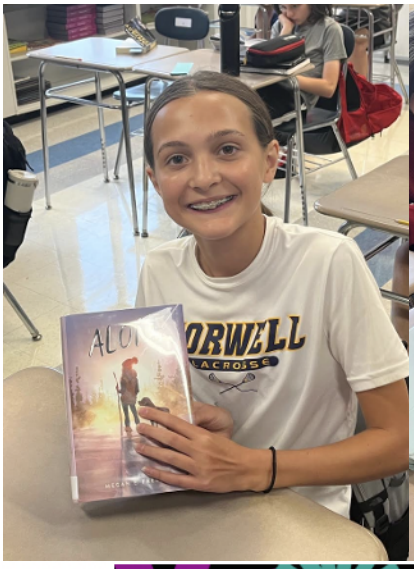
New to the game or closing in on Grand Master status?
All are welcome to join the chess club for fun,
to learn how to play or gain new strategies.
Light hearted game play is the norm and so is the constant banter of the group. From time to time, so legend says, a Backgammon board is broken out for a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

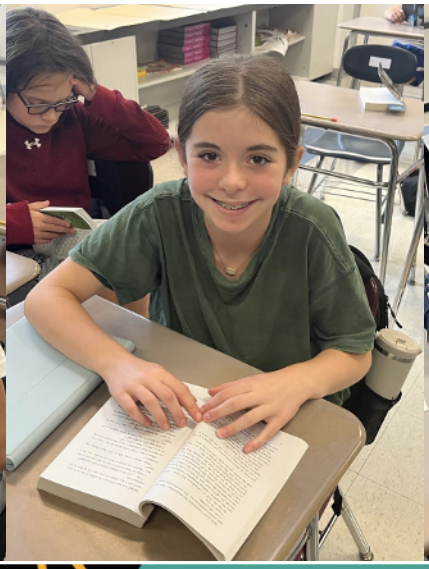
STUDENT GOVERNMENT DATES TO KNOW!!!!

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

Homework Club

Homework Club was created as an opportunity for students of all grades to work in a QUIET SPACE and receive support/guidance as needed. It is expected that you bring something to work on. It is required that you sign up daily by using a QR Code located at the main office and the library. Space is now limited to 15 students per day.





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/catalogand the Spring 2025 Norwell Recreation Program Guide will be available to view, print or download on 2/24/25 athttps://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

NORWELL SEPAC

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.

PAC

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE

You're Invited!
Join the Norwell Garden Club at their March Meeting
Companion
PLANTING
THUR. MARCH 13
Social: 10:15 am
Business: 10:30 am
Program: 10:45 am
IN THE
NPL COMMUNITY ROOM
NORWELL GARDEN CLUB