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
GEO/HISTORY BEE
JUNIOR FESTIVAL
KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMS Yearbook meetings -- Yearbook Meeting Dates

NMS Outreach

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Course selection forms (3/14)** was emailed home 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 Tuesday 3/25 (8th grade), Wednesday 3/26 (7th) or Thursday 3/27 (6th), it should run from 2:00- 3:30PM (depending on how many teams sign up).
- 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?

THE NMS STUDENT GOVERNMENT INVITES EVERYONE TO DRESS IN GREEN ON 3/17

SPIRIT AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO ONE 6TH, ONE 7TH, AND ONE 8TH GRADER

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Geography / History Bee (3/4)

Teddy Griffin qualified for the National Geography Bee for the 2nd year in a row!!! Congratulations Teddy!! Nationals will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando on May 22, 2025.

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)

District's Junior Festival

CALENDAR

March

17 St. Patrick's Day

17 School Council

19 MCAS Infrastructure trial

19 Incoming 6th Grade Night @ 6PM

25 B-ball 3v3 8th grade

26 B-ball 3v3 7th grade

27 B-ball 3v3 6th grade

27 Playbook Initiative (@Codman Academy)

28 Quarter 3 Ends

28 March Madness Pep Rally

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

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!

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

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!

GLOW
DANCE
save the date
4/11/2025
$5/ticket
GLOW BAGS=$5
6:30-8pm

District's Junior Festival

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.

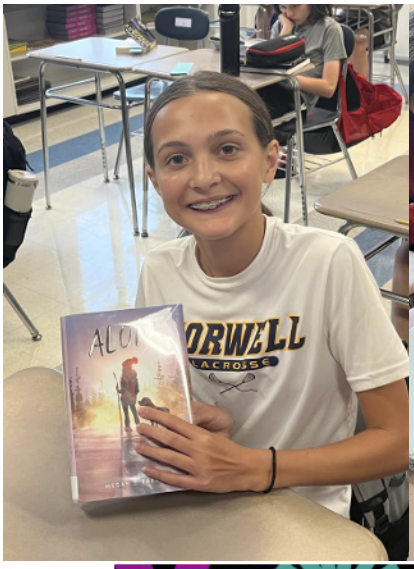
STUDENT GOVERNMENT DATES TO KNOW!!!!

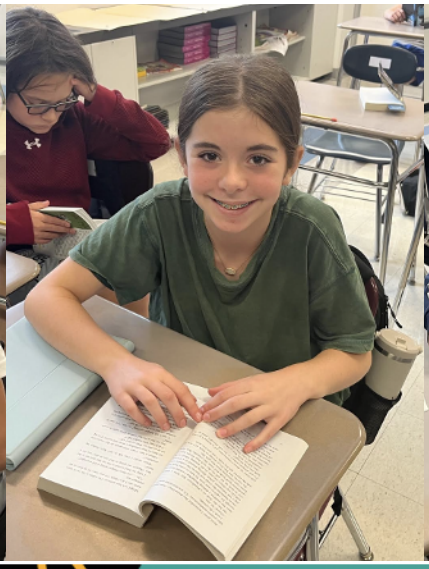
SCHOOL WIDE GLOW DANCE	8th GRADE SEMI-FORMAL
APRIL 11th 6:30-8:00	JUNE 6th 7:00-9:00

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.

NMS Outreach





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

Only a few more weeks to enter!!
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
DEADLINE:
MARCH 31ST!!

HAVE USED OR UNWANTED MARKERS, PENS WOODEN OR MECHANICAL PENCILS?

Last year the Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee successfully initiated a project to recycle crayons and continues to collect used or unwanted crayons. We are now adding markers, pens and wooden and mechanical pencils to our collections for recycling. We are working in partnership with Staples, which has recently added them to their list of materials that can be recycled.

Just wanted to update you on the recent collection of writing tools and crayons for recycling…25 pounds kept out of landfills and 9 pounds of pencils, crayons and colored pencils for reuse. Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts.

The Norwell Sustainability & Recycling Committee