



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

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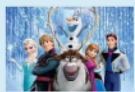
MCAS ELA

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMS Yearbook meetings --
[Yearbook Meeting Dates](#)

NMS SPOTLIGHTERS
Present....



@ Norwell High School Auditorium

Friday, April 4th @ 7:00pm

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Tickets go on sale Monday, 3/31 @ the NMS Office (\$10)

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

- **Term 3 Report Cards Posted (4/4)** -- Just a reminder, Term III report card grades will be posted to Aspen for parents to review today (Friday, April 4th). Parents and students should review the report card together to discuss the student's progress. Grades are a reflection of student achievement in content knowledge and skill development as measured by work accuracy, quality, and timely completion. No matter the grade for the term, students should be reflecting on their strengths and areas for growth.
- **MCAS ELA (4/7 + 4/8)**
- **Early Release (4/10)** -- [Early Release Bell Schedule](#)
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences (4/10)** -- Spring parent-teacher conferences are on Thursday, April 10th (12-2:30pm) and (5-7pm). Conferences will be six minutes in length. Conferences are scheduled to allow parents to review their child's Semester two progress, and how to best support them moving forward. Please be advised, these conferences are not utilized to review upcoming student placement.
- **Glow Dance (4/11)** --

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6:30 - 8:00

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Spotlighters present

The production of



Show dates

April 4, 2025 7:00 PM

April 5, 2025 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Norwell High School Auditorium

18 South Street, Norwell MA 02061



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MCAS ELA 4/8 and 4/9

Students are academically in a great position for this test and we ask that students are well rested, feeling positive and well nourished in order to let their abilities shine.

Students should have the following ready for Tuesday & Wednesday:

- 1. iPad Charged and ready to go*
- 2. Two, number two pencils*
- 3. Water bottle (optional)*
- 4. A book, journal, drawing pad for after the test.*

Students will not be able to use their iPads or other electronic devices until all students have completed testing. (All phones and smart watches will be put away during testing). We recommend that students leave their personal electronic devices at home.

Science Comes Alive in 6th Grade

Hazel Schepman, Hannah Molloy, Catie Smith, and Lilly Lima proudly display their poster of the Human Body in the 6th-grade hallways and share insights about their class learning from Mrs. Coffey's class.



Updates

Cradles to Crayons -- Tommy Wilson will be leading a clothing drive for Cradles To Crayons to help kids 0-12 with clothing insecurity. The drive will be from March 30th to April 11th. (Cradles to Crayons 3/30-4/11 clothing collection)

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, May 9th at 9:15AM.

CALENDAR

April

4-6 No HW Weekend

4 Term III Report Cards Posted

4 Frozen Jr. @ 7PM

5 Frozen Jr. @ 2 + 7PM

8 ELA MCAS Session 1

9 ELA MCAS Session 2

10 Early Release (10:58AM)

10 Parent / Teacher Conferences

11 Glow Dance @ 6:30PM

18 No School

21-25 April Break

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

KINDNESS CORNER

"We all have hearts... If you have a heart, love somebody. If you have enough heart, love everybody."- Stevie Wonder

Thank you to Ella McGuirk for finding a friend's water bottle and thank you to Isabela Inferrera who let her friend wear her necklace. More friends helping friends are Evelyn Miller and Cece Wisdom who give their friends good advice. Teddy Bettencourt, Benjy Djamchebi and Chael Jones are often seen holding the door for students and staff, as well as helping students with the phone or to find their way to classes. Also, thank you to Isobel and John Troupe who both held the door for staff and students during the morning rush. **Calling all students! We need some kindness shout-outs! Fill out the form below to recognize your friend or classmate.**

April Fools Student Newsletter 4/1/25

NMS Acts of Kindness

Spring After-School Activities

We are excited to present our after-school offerings for the SPRING. Students can spend their time before and after school playing D&D, playing PE games, learning to invest, climb the rock wall and more!

To register for one of these exciting programs, simply use the [Link](#) to download and print the registration form. Students should then bring the form and payment to the main office no later than April 11, 2025. Some activities fill up quickly, so return your forms as soon as possible. Activities will begin the week of April 14, 2025. Forms should be turned into the Main Office not the homeroom teacher. If you are having any trouble accessing the form, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Burke in the main office. jennifer.burke@norwellschools.org

After School Activities Spring 2025 Registration Form

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

Check to Register	Activity	Day & Time	Fee
☐	Dungeons & Dragons	Tuesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Rock Wall Challenge	Tuesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Summer Games	Tuesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Beat the Clock	Tuesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Risk	Wednesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Pickleball	Wednesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Game On	Wednesdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	AMDM	Thursday 6:30-7:15 a.m.	\$40
☐	Investment Club	Thursdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Brick by Brick Science	Thursdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Kickball / Dodgeball	Thursdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Walking Club	Thursdays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Dungeons & Dragons	Fridays 2:00-2:45 p.m.	\$40
☐	Check here to request a scholarship.		
TOTAL			\$ _____

All activities will begin on their assigned day the week of April 14, 2025

Registration Form and Payment Due by April 11, 2025.

Checks should be made payable to **Norwell Middle School**.

If activities reach capacity, they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

If there are not enough students signed up for an activity, it may not run and refunds will be issued.

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March Madness Pep Rally

- **March Madness Pep Rally (3/28)** -- Teachers win!! The "Faculty All-Star Team" takes the victory with a 30-29 win! In the final 2 minutes, the staff team erased a 7-point deficit and clinched the game on their last possession. With only seconds remaining, the students had one final chance, trailing by one. They set up for the last shot, with no time left on the clock. As the staff scrambled to block, the students made one last pass for an open look. The shot was released, the buzzer sounded, but the ball bounced off the rim and out. We can't wait for March Madness 2026! Will the Staff All-Stars defend their title?
- 3 on 3 Champions -- "Team cookies" Brandon Ngintoundem, Miles Creedon, and Gabe Presley-Channel won the March Madness tournament. Ty Waller filled in for 3v3 on Friday for Gabe who was absent.



March Madness Pep Rally



Academic Champions

Geography Bee (International)

Leo Bretsch went to New Hampshire and competed in the Regional International Geography Bee Academic Competition. He placed first in the grade 8 Geography Bee, which qualified him to compete in the next International Geography Bee taking place in the summer of 2026 in Thailand!!! Congratulations Leo, incredible achievement! We are very excited for Leo's accomplishment (1st place) and for his upcoming competition in Thailand!! What an amazing experience!



Great History Challenge

The competition was in Marlborough, and two 6th and four 7th grade students qualified for the National Championship for the Great History Challenge, which will be held in Orlando, FL, in May.

We're thrilled to announce our sixth and seventh grade finalists

- 6th -- Adam Crohan and Conor Reagan,
- Caden Rodriguez, Joey Yazbeck, Angelina Hutchinson, and Chase Wolbach

All have qualified to compete at Nationals in Orlando, Florida!

Congratulations to our finalists!

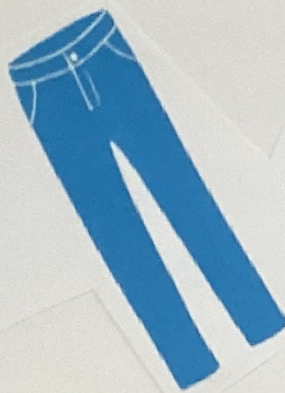


Cradles to Crayons

NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 30 TO APRIL 11

All
sizes
welcome!



CLOTHING DRIVE

New or
Gently
Used

REMEMBER
THIS YEAR
FOREVER
WITH A
YEARBOOK



BUY ONLINE



Girls on the Run Team

NMS will once again have a Girls on the Run Team! Our Spring Heart & Sole Team for girls in grades 6-8 will meet Tuesdays and Thursday after school for 7 weeks to train for the Celebratory 5K in May. Please see Mrs. Dsida in the 8th grade wing for more information or sign up using the QR Code on the flier in this newsletter!



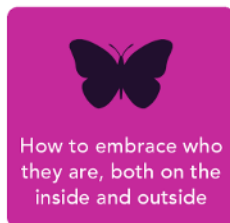
Find FRIENDS and JOY IN MOVEMENT

That's the power of heart & sole

Twice a week for 8 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 6th - 8th grade girls through interactive lessons and movement activities. The season ends with a celebratory 5K event.

Heart & Sole is a unique program just for girls! Get to know yourself and others through interactive lessons, team discussions and fun physical activities.

Each season, Heart & Sole participants learn:



Site/Team Name: Norwell Middle School - Norwell

Program Starts: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Practice Days and Times: Tu/Th 2-3:30 PM

Celebratory 5K: Saturday, 5/31 @ The Boston Common

Program Fee: Sliding scale (\$35 - \$225)

Financial Assistance is always available

Site Contact: Mrs. Dsida, terri.dsida@norwellschools.org

GOTR Contact: Teresa Ferguson, Teresa.ferguson@girlsontherun.org

scan me to register!



Learn more and register today at
<https://www.girlsontherunboston.org/>

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Individual Golfer \$200

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MAY 20TH**

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KINGSTON, MA**

Registration at 10:30
Lunch at 11:00
Shotgun starts 12:00
Dinner to follow

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student athletes**

Donations also excepted
kdassatti@hotmail.com

Register now. space is limited

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GOLF-TOURNAMENT-REGISTRATION/](https://norwellboosters.org/product/golf-tournament-registration/)



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.



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 BOOSTERS PRESENTS

Paint the Town Fundraiser

The N is back!
\$50 donation for a Norwell N on your
driveway or location of your choice.
Painting begins early May. Get your
N before the paint runs out.



Paint the Town "N"

Have your Clipper Pride on display or show support for your graduating 5th, 8th or 12th grader with a Norwell "N" painted on your driveway. Book now...

 Norwell Boosters /



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>.

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



COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT OPEN TO ALL!

CREATING AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE FOR ALL



Learn how **YOU** can foster disability inclusion and belonging within our community. Everyone plays a role and has a responsibility - be part of the solution!



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APRIL 28, 2025
6:00-8:00 PM

Norwell Middle School
328 Main Street
Norwell, MA

Perfect for those in recreation, education, enrichment programs, first responders, coaching, or community leadership. Attendees will gain concrete strategies to welcome, engage, and support individuals with disabilities in their personal and professional lives, ensuring meaningful participation **FOR ALL** in programs, businesses, and community offerings.