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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Week at a glance

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 3/30-4/17 clothing collection)

April Break -- 4/21 to 4/25

NMS Yearbook 2025

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Geo and History Bee

Devan Parmar moves on to Nationals! He attended the regional IAC geography and history bees on Sunday at The Sage School in Foxboro and qualified for the Nationals in both the Geography Bee and History Bee. And, he qualified for the international bee for history! Congratulations!

CALENDAR

April
18 No School
21-25 April Break
28 SEPAC Speaker @ 6PM
May
1 Poetry Reception (8th Grade)

The Glow Dance: A Night to Remember!

The Glow Dance was absolutely electric! From the moment the doors opened, the cafe lit up like a galaxy of neon and pure energy. Black lights buzzed, glow sticks waved, and the dance floor was glowing with good vibes. Face paint and glow gear? On point. Everyone looked like walking works of art under the lights.

Until next time, keep glowing!!

Updates

Camino de Santiago

KINDNESS CORNER

"A beautiful heart will bring things into your life that all the money in the world couldn't get you." - unknown

Thank you to Bella Kelleher-Brooks for always stepping up to help her friends when they are having a hard time. Thank you to Alexis Lee for being helpful to her friends in Band Class. Thank you to Charlie and Elle Ugarte who are always holding the doors open for students and staff in the morning. Thank you to Keyon Boone, Hailey Letourneau, Daniel Gallagher, Chloe Connerty and Madeline Davis for being good friends to students that needed a little support before the dance.

Don't forget to fill out the form below to give your friend/classmate a kindness shout-out!
NMS Acts of Kindness

Glow Dance

Camino de Santiago

Fishing Derby

The 2025 Norwell Recreation Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday 5/10/25 at Jacobs Pond. The event is FREE for all participants however, online pre-registration for all attendees (adults and children) is required for one of three "75 Minute" time slots at: https://secure.rec1.com/MA/norwell-ma/catalog or https://tinyurl.com/fishingderby2025.

The Fishing Derby is a "rain or shine" event. Please bring your own rod, tackle, and buckets/live wells. Kayaks and non-motorized boats are allowed on Jacobs Pond!

Family and friends of ALL AGES are invited to participate in the annual Catch & Release Fishing Derby. Participants ages 15 & up must have a valid Massachusetts freshwater fishing license to participate. To obtain a license go online to: http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/ or at Belsan's Bait & Tackle in Scituate.

Check-In at Woodworth Field entrance on Route 123 across from Jacobs Pond. Parking is available at Woodworth Ballfields and Jacobs Lane Parking Lot. Free bait will again be provided by Belsan's Bait & Tackle for as long as it lasts! Prizes and Awards will be announced after the event and winners will be contacted the week of 5/12/25.

***Event Sponsorship Opportunities and Raffle Prize Donations are being sought! Please contact ggrey@townofnorwell.net for more information! or #** 781 659 8046

REMEMBER THIS YEAR FOREVER WITH A YEARBOOK

BUY ONLINE

MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct an Integrated Monitoring Review of Norwell Public Schools during the week of April 28, 2025. Each school district, charter school, vocational school, and virtual school undergoes an Integrated Monitoring Review every three years. The areas addressed during an Integrated Monitoring Review are organized into two groups, known as Group A Universal Standards and Group B Universal Standards.

Norwell Public Schools will be undergoing a **Group A** monitoring review that focuses on special education, student identification, and special education eligibility timelines; Individualized Education Program (IEP) development; programming and support services; procedural requirements for suspensions and equal opportunity.

The process includes interviews with district staff and administrators, a review of student records, policies and procedures, and school building visits. The process may also include parent/caregiver, student and teacher focus group meetings to gather additional information. Interpretation will be provided, if needed.

Norwell Public Schools will host an orientation about the review process in collaboration with the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The Department will also send a parent survey, in multiple languages and formats, as needed, to parents/guardians of special education students to gather key information on the special education processes and procedures.

Parents/guardians and other stakeholders may call Talia Higginbotham, Monitoring Review Chairperson, at talia.n.buonopane@mass.gov or (781) 338-3763 to request a telephone interview. If anyone requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report that includes information on further actions that may be required. The public can access the report at https://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/default.html.

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!

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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Individual Golfer $200

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TUESDAY
MAY 20TH

INDIAN POND COUNTRY CLUB
KINGSTON, MA

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

All proceeds benefit student athletes
Donations also excepted
kdassatti@hotmail.com

Register now. space is limited

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

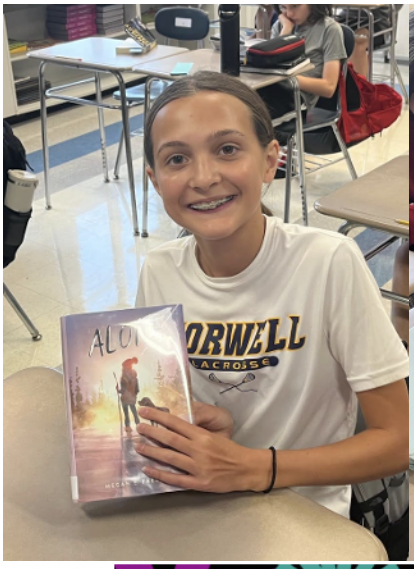
Paint the Town Fundraiser

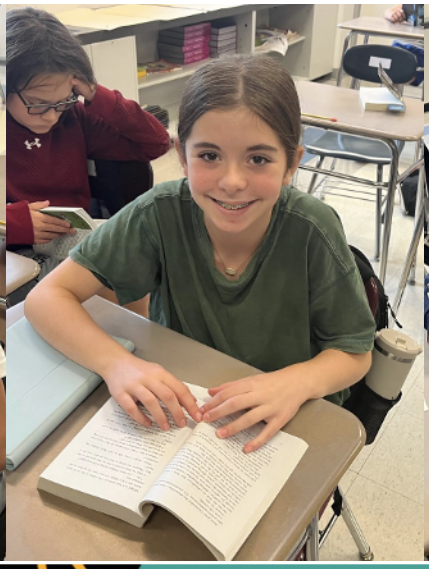
The N is back!
$50 donation for a Norwell N on your driveway or location of your choice. Painting begins early May. Get your N before the paint runs out.

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.

Norwell Youth Football

Are you ready for some football? Registration is now open for Norwell Youth Football, grades 3-8. Visit norwellyouthfootball.com for more information on this fun, team-building game that encourages players of all abilities. We hope to see you on the turf! Register by June 20 to be included in our drawing for $50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificates that are good for anything in the store!

If there are any questions, please contact us at norwellyouthfootball@gmail.com

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

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It may not feel like it, but Spring has officially arrived, and that means that Teacher Appreciation Week is just around the corner. It's the perfect opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of our Norwell Public School teachers and staff, all while supporting the Norwell Education Foundation (NEF).

For those students at the Norwell Middle School and Norwell High School, the NEF wants to help you show our educators how much they are appreciated by offering a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a personalized note for a $30 donation. With your donation, the NEF will hand deliver the bouquet of flowers to the teacher or staff member of your choice at NMS or NHS during Teacher Appreciation Week, which runs from May 5th-9th.

All donations received by the NEF fund teacher-written grants that pilot new technologies and diversified learning environments. Your donation not only contributes to the NEF's mission of encouraging academic excellence for all students in the Norwell public schools, but directly impacts our favorite community members - our students! Click on the link below to get started.

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