



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

POETRY NIGHT

YEARBOOK

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NMS Student government invites all 8th graders to the

8th grade semi-formal

June 6th

7:00 - 9:00

Norwell Middle School

\$10

Admission will be sold the week of the event.

*Cash on check made out to Norwell Public Schools

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



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a glance

Interim/Progress Reports (5/9) -- Progress reports will be published through the Aspen Portal on Friday, May 9th. 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.

Poetry Night

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Dsida, Mrs. Higgins, and Mrs. Finn who helped make last night's Poetry Night such a moving and memorable experience.

The evening was nothing short of remarkable. The stairwell was alive with emotion, filled wall-to-wall with parents and students, standing shoulder to shoulder, as heartfelt poems echoed through the space. It was more than just a showcase of writing — it was a window into the minds and hearts of our students, each piece deeply inspired by personal experiences and reflections.

Watching parents read their child's poem together, often hand in hand or with an arm around a shoulder, reminded us of the powerful role that creativity and expression play in building connections. Many of the poems dealt with themes of identity, family, resilience, and hope — themes that resonated beyond the classroom and into the lives of everyone present.

The warmth, sincerity, and courage shown by our students in sharing their words was matched by the genuine engagement and pride seen in their families. It was a testament not only to their talent, but also to the culture of support and growth fostered here every day.

Thank you again to all who helped organize and support this event — from the teachers who guided students through the writing process, to those who ensured the space was welcoming and reflective of the evening's spirit.

Let's carry this inspiration forward as we continue to celebrate our students' voices and stories.

Thanks to the PTO for their support!



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

REMEMBER
THIS YEAR
FOREVER
WITH A
YEARBOOK

 BUY ONLINE

NMS Yearbook 2025



CALENDAR

May

1 Poetry Reception (8th Grade)

6 Math MCAS

7 Math MCAS

9 Interim/Progress Reports

11 Mother's Day

13 Science MCAS

14 Science MCAS

16 Early Release / Professional Day

Poetry Night



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

Updates

Math MCAS -- The math MCAS assessments are on Tuesday (5/6) and Wednesday (5/7).

PTO -- 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.



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 Leyland Benoit for supporting a friend in class and for Finn Wrightington helping his friends out and cleaning the lunch table on a regular basis. Alivia Chesnos and Adella McGinnis each got a shout out from their teacher for being kind and inclusive towards a classmate with a unique learning style. Thank you!

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

NMS Acts of Kindness

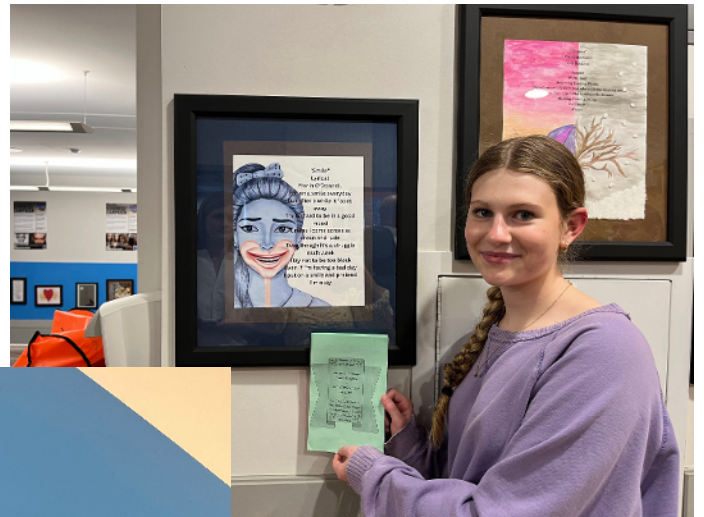
Check out this week's edition of the student newsletter:

[NMS Student Newsletter 5/2/25](#)

Poetry Night



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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.



Fishing Derby

**SATURDAY,
MAY 10, 2025
6:30-10:30am**

*Event Sponsorship

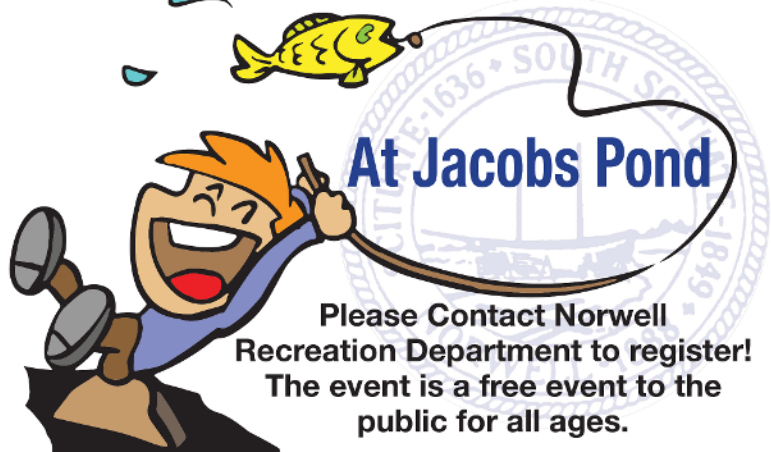
Opportunities and Raffle

Prize Donations are being sought! Please contact

ggrey@townofnorwell.net

for more information! or #

781 659 8046



**Please Contact Norwell
Recreation Department to register!
The event is a free event to the
public for all ages.**



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.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/norwell-education-foundation/norwell-teacher-appreciation-week>

Best Buddies



NORWELL BOOSTERS 31ST



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Foursome \$800
Individual Golfer \$200

| Clipper Gold Sponsor-
SOLD
Clipper Silver Sponsor
\$1,000
Hole Sponsor \$225

**TUESDAY
MAY 20TH**

**INDIAN POND COUNTRY CLUB
KINGSTON, MA**

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

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**All proceeds benefit
student athletes**

Donations also excepted
kdassatti@hotmail.com

Register now. space is limited

[HTTPS://NORWELLBOOSTERS.ORG/PRODUCT/
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.

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



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!



Presented by

LISA DRENNAN

**Founder of MERGE
Inclusion Consulting**

www.mergeconsulting.org



**HOSTED BY NORWELL
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**

Thank You To Our Co-Sponsors



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bit.ly/InclusionNorwell

Contact Julie Quill with questions or to request accommodations: bit.ly/InfoNorwell
CART Services Available



**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.