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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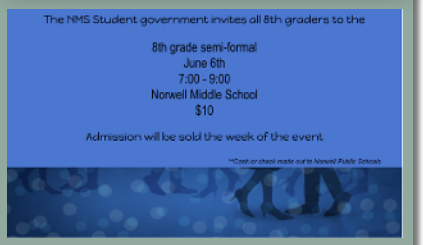
HEADLINES

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
WEEK AT A GLANCE
YEARBOOK

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NMS Yearbook meetings -- Yearbook Meeting Dates

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Happy Mother's Day!

A Poem for Mother's Day

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.

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

NMS Yearbook 2025

Author, Lauren Wolk, visits NMS 6th Grade Students

Sixth grade students will meet award-winning author, Lauren Wolk, author of Beyond the Bright Sea—the very novel our 6th grade students have been reading this month!

On Friday, Lauren Wolk, will be visiting NMS 6th graders to share insights into her writing process and introduce her newest book, Candle Island. She will also take time to answer student questions about the book they've been exploring in class.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with a celebrated author and deepen students' engagement with literature!

CALENDAR

May

9 Interim/Progress Reports

11 Mother's Day

13 Science MCAS

14 Science

15 Spring Music Concert @ NHS

16 Early Release / Professional Day

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

Updates

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 23rd at 9:15AM.

SEMSBA

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 Keyon Boone and Joe Forti for helping the office staff and interns with organizing the keyboards after MCAS. Shout out to Chael Jones as well who continues to hold the door open to the busses at the end of the day with a smile. Friends would like to thank Sophia Waters because helps people understand their homework if they don't know what to do. And Caeli McLean makes people's days brighter because she always has a smile on her face and something nice to say. Thank you!

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

NMS Acts of Kindness

Best Buddies

Junior SEMSBA

Congratulations to Katherine Gavin and Sabrina Niblack (Mixed Chorus), Izzy Bugaoan and James Mikus (Concert Band), and Rouyuan Li (Orchestra) on their successful performances at the Junior SEMSBA Festival on May 3rd!!

Norwell Boosters

Upcoming Events 2025

MAY 4	**Senior Signs Go Up!** Still time to donate and make a senior feel loved
MAY 10	**Car Wash @NMS/ Merch Sale 9-1PM** Swing on by and wash the pollen off while supporting sports.
MAY 13	**Booster Meeting!** Don't miss out on this one! Lots to talk about and look aheads for 25-26
MAY 17	**Marshfield ½ Marathon** Underclassman will be volunteering to help raise funds
MAY 20	**Golf Tournament @Indian Pond** Join us on the course for a fun time and lots of laughs. Luncheon to follow as well as raffle baskets and prizes.
MAY 27	**Senior BBQ hosted by Boosters**
MAY 29	**Booster Scholarship Awards** Scholarships awarded to NHS students
MAY 30	**Boston Sports/Concert Raffle Drawing** Buy your tickets now for some awesome games, concerts and merch! Buy an extra ticket for a gift:)
JUNE 6	**Last Call for Norwell N** Paint the town in honor of all our graduates and town pride

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MERCHANDISE

Pop-Up

SATURDAY MAY 10TH

Norwell Middle School

@the car wash

T-SHIRTS, SWEATS, HOODIES, HATS, PJS, FLAGS , UMBRELLAS AND MORE!

NORWELL BOOSTERS

MAY 10

CAR WASH

NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

SEDAN **$10**

SUV/Truck **$20**

Swing by and have Norwell's baseball and softball teams make your car shine!

May 10th from 9-1pm
Norwell Middle School Bus Loop

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

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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

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

Art Club will be on a short break while Mrs. Finn gets ready for the BIG ART SHOW!

In the meantime, if you'd like to be part of the behind-the-scenes magic—organizing, matting, and hanging all the incredible artwork—consider joining the Curator Club!

Scan the QR code outside the art room and fill out the form to sign up.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th at 2:00 PM. See you there!

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...

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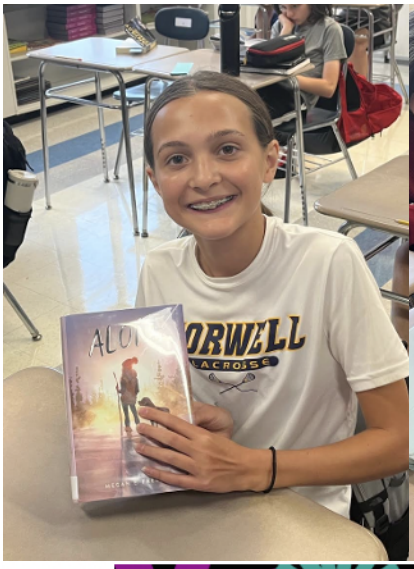

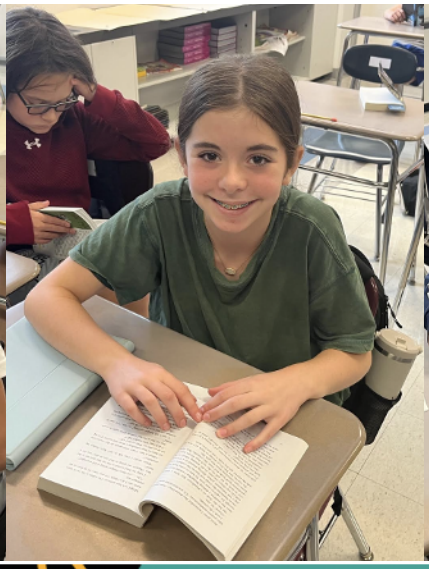

NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL READING CHALLENGE

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*

MERGE

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

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

Norwell Middle School
328 Main Street
Norwell, MA

RSVP TO THIS FREE EVENT

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