



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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Late Buses -- The last Day for Late Buses was 6/12.



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

Dear Students and Families,

As the 2024–2025 school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together. It has been an eventful year, with student learning and growth at the heart of everything we've done. I extend my sincere thanks to our students, faculty, parents, families, and the entire Norwell community for your continued support, collaboration, and respect.

To our eighth-grade class — congratulations! It feels like just yesterday many of you were stepping into Norwell Middle School for the first time. Over the past three years, you've grown as individuals and as a community. I encourage you to reflect on your journey, recognize how far you've come, and think about how your experiences here can shape your future. You hold incredible potential, and I am confident you will find success by staying focused and staying true to yourself. I look forward to seeing all you will accomplish as you grow into mature, independent, and responsible young adults.

To our sixth and seventh graders, I'm excited to welcome you back next year. We're already hard at work planning for a fantastic year ahead, and we look forward to continuing to make Norwell Middle School a place where you can thrive academically, socially, and personally. For those of you who will be moving on to new schools, know that you will be missed, and we wish you all the best in your next chapter.

Step-up Day (6/16) -- Step-up Day is a fun and exciting tradition where students in 5th through 8th grade get to experience a preview of the next school year. They meet their future teachers, explore new classrooms, learn about their upcoming classes, and get to know the peers who will be on their new team. It helps students feel more confident and prepared as they look ahead to the next step in their school journey.

Term 4 Report Card (6/17) - Please take time to check in with your child to review their Term 4 report card, which will be available at the end of the day on Tuesday (6/17).

Last Day (6/17) -- The last day of school is an early release day, and students will be dismissed at 10:58 AM. It's a short but meaningful day to celebrate the end of the year and say goodbye before summer break begins.

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8th Grade Semi-formal



Washington DC



CALENDAR

June

15 Father's Day

16 7th Grade Locker Clean out

16 6th Grade iPad Collection

16 Step-up Day

17 Last Day (Early Release)

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

PTO

The PTO is made up of Parents like YOU supporting the Teachers and Students of NMS. Thanks to the 2024 Turkey Trot and PTO Student Dues, we were able to fund more field trips, bus transportation, classroom reading materials, guest speakers, 172 8th grade swag bags, and many other teacher requests for supplies and equipment throughout this school. So Thank YOU!! If you (or a business you know) would like to sponsor the 2025 Turkey Trot (Nov. 23, 2025), or be part of the planning process please email: nmspto@gmail.com. We hope to make the 2025 Turkey Trot even bigger than last year! Join us!

KINDNESS CORNER

Work Hard. Be Kind. Help Others.

- NMS Motto

Congratulations to all of the 8th grade award recipients! Shout out to Elyse Thornton for helping a friend in music class who was having trouble with her music stand. Thank you to Tommy Wilson for being helpful and responsible at 4:40 am while leaving for D.C.. A job well done to Lucas Ricciarelli who helped a friend in need without being asked. Will Clark and Currie Delaney went the extra mile when helping their teacher clean their classroom. Charles Tuttle and Eli Eliodor were a great help in art class when Max Stimpson had a creative idea and these two boys helped create it without being asked.

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

[NMS Acts of Kindness](#)

Also, click [HERE](#) to see the latest edition of the Student Newsletter

Reminders

Some quick notes and reminders:

- **Summer reading** requirements are available on the [Library Page](#), on the middle school website. While it is summer vacation, it is important to stay actively reading. The site shows you the *required* reading, but I encourage you to read as much as you can.
- Students should take time to **practice math** so that they keep their learning current and are prepared for next year. Students should continue to engage in mathematical thinking through [Mathematical Practice](#) over the summer. We believe that regular practice over the summer will help students maintain or strengthen their mathematical skills that were further developed this past school year. Our hope is that students continue to engage in mathematical thinking. While the suggested activities are NOT mandatory, we hope that students and families will find time to engage in these opportunities.
- **Schedules** will be available through Aspen accounts in the second week of August. If you have any questions or would like to review core classes, exploratory classes or support classes, please feel free to contact me. Students in grades 7 - 12 need to register to take the bus and pay the **bus fee**. Information about how to register for the bus will be emailed and available on the website.

Please see my email for additional information

8th Grade Semi-formal



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Art Runway



THIS WEEK IN ART: NMS RUNWAY

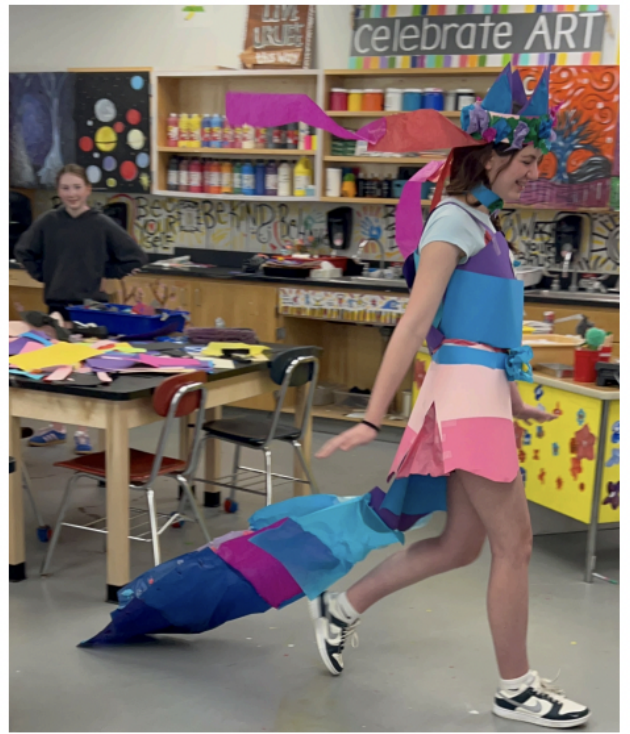
Seventh graders teamed up for a fast-paced, 20-minute **Wearable Art Challenge** using only construction paper, art tissue, tape, scissors, and staplers. One team member modeled while another presented their creation! Teams focused on **creativity, craftsmanship, teamwork, cleanup, and presentation**. With limited time and materials, they delivered incredible results.



The Studio



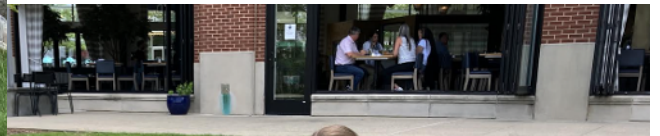
Art Runway



6th Grade Picnic



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Investment Club

Investment Club '24-'25

Date: 6/5/25

Pick of the Week Winner: Eric Santoro



Stock: Carvana

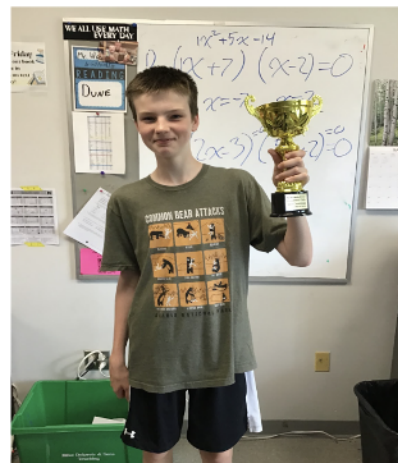
First Annual Investment Club Champion

And the winner is...

Chase Wolbach!

Congratulations to Chase, who finished first among his peers in Norwell as of our last club meeting, and 2nd overall in the region.

RANK	Team ID	Nickname	% Return Above/Below S&P 500 Growth	Total Equity	School / Organization
1	MA_21_ZZ309	BEACH BOYS	10.84	\$121,481.91	Overlook Middle School
2	MA_21_ZZ339	MA_21_ZZ339	4.54	\$112,602.97	Norwell Middle School
3	MA_21_ZZ330	MA_21_ZZ330	3.5	\$111,567.54	Norwell Middle School
4	MA_21_ZZ608	MA_21_ZZ608	4.03	\$109,696.56	Athol-Royalston Middle School
5	MA_21_ZZ133	MA_21_ZZ133	-2.26	\$108,383.21	Carlisle School
6	MA_21_ZZ135	MA_21_ZZ135	-2.93	\$107,711.38	Carlisle School
7	MA_21_ZZ60	CHICKEN SOCKS	2.28	\$107,632.70	Hilltown Co-op Public Charter School
8	MA_21_ZZ37	MA_21_ZZ37	2.07	\$107,421.78	Stoneham Central Middle School
9	MA_21_ZZ63	NAH , ITD WIN	2.02	\$107,374.86	Hilltown Co-op Public Charter School
10	MA_21_ZZ598	MA_21_ZZ598	0.57	\$106,241.08	Athol-Royalston Middle School



Honorable mention: **Justin Miner** - second place in NMS Investment Club; 3rd in the region, as of 6/5/2025.

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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

Food Services

From the Food Service Department:

If your child has a negative balance please send them in with cash, check or pay online at www.myschoolbucks.com

As you know lunches are Free but ala carte items like a 2nd slice of pizza, 2nd milk or snack are not part of the free lunch and there is a charge. We ask parents' cooperation in checking to see if they received an email from us with a negative student balance or you log into myschoolbucks.com to check your child's balance.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated the department of Food Services

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.

PERFECT TIME OF YEAR TO MAKE A DONATION

**Instead of throwing away, please recycle in the box
by the main office**

The Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee continues to sponsor a project to recycle crayons, markers, pens and wooden and mechanical pencils.

We are working in partnership with Staples, who sends the crayons to the Crayon Initiative where they are melted down and remanufactured into new crayons which are delivered to children hospitals for patient use. Staples also partners with TerraCycle which recycles writing tools to raw formats that manufacturers use to make new products. These programs work to reduce environmental waste.

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 YOUTH SOCCER
FALL 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

**REGISTER BY END OF JUNE
FOR THE FALL SEASON!**

FOR BOYS OR GIRLS GRADES K - 8

WWW.NORWELLSOCCER.COM