The NMS Summer Minute

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“Unity is strength… when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”
Mattie Stepanek

Staff Update:

Hello Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year!

Over the past few days, our dedicated faculty and staff have been preparing for September 2nd, the start of an exciting and successful new year. The beginning of a new school year brings a unique energy and sense of anticipation—especially for our students. We’re especially excited to welcome the Class of 2032 into the Norwell Middle School community, and embrace the many opportunities and traditions that make our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

As we settle into our routines, you'll find all the important information below to help ensure a smooth and successful transition back to school.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend—we can't wait to see everyone on Tuesday morning, ready to begin another fantastic year together.

Sincerely,
James Dupille
Principal, Norwell Middle School

Student Opening Day: Tuesday, September 2nd will be the students first day of school. There will be an extended homeroom to assist students on their first day. During the extended homeroom, we will break the time into three 30 minute rotations (Class Meeting w/ admin. in the cafe, Team Meeting, Homeroom/Student Orientation).

- First Day (EXTENDED HOMEROOM BELL SCHEDULE) -- Link

OPENING DAY EXTENDED HOMEROOM SCHEDULE

7:25 - 8:58 Extended Homeroom, Team Time & Class Meetings

TIME	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
7:25 - 7:55	Homeroom (Student Orientation, Lockers)	Homeroom (Student Orientation, Lockers)	Class Meeting (Cafe)
7:55 - 8:25	Team Time	Class Meeting (Cafe)	Homeroom (Student Orientation, Lockers)
8:25 - 8:58	Class Meeting (Cafe)	Team Time	Team Time

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH !

TEAM DAY

ALL GRADES

Parent Volunteers NEEDED!

Students wear their team color to School!

Baseball, Basketball & Skeeball Inflatables.
Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Yard Games, etc.
Chess, Jenga, Italian Ices, Water, etc.

AFTER SCHOOL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH !

(2:00-3:30PM)

6TH GRADE

FUN FEST

Parent Volunteers NEEDED!

6TH GRADE MIXER EVENT

6th Grade Students ONLY

***Paid for and put on the by the NMS PTO**

Obstacle Course Bouncy, Cotton Candy, Water Balloons,
Baseball, Basketball, Skeeball Inflatables and more!
Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Yard Games, etc.
Chess, Jenga, Italian Ices, Water, etc.

Student Schedules: Student schedules are available in your Aspen account. Before accessing your schedule, families must update the necessary information regarding handbook acknowledgments, parental permissions, updated health history, etc, for each student. This is required at the beginning of each school year for every student.
Detailed instructions on completing this task can be found here.

Middle School Points of Contact: Please be familiar with the following points of contact so you know who to reach out to if you have any questions or require support for your student:

Assistant Principal:
Grades 6, 7, & 8, please contact Ms. Murray at ellen.murray@norwellschools.org

Guidance Counselors:
Alexis Rush (A-J) alexis.rush@norwellschools.org
Lisa Sailer (K-Z) lisa.sailer@norwellschools.org

Picture Day, Wed. Sept. 10th: Please plan accordingly. Orders must be placed online with Coffepond.

Free Breakfast & Lunch: School breakfasts and lunches will remain free throughout the school year. Additional à la carte items will be available for purchase. The cafeteria will be open for service each morning and during lunch.

Agendas: All 6th-grade students will receive an agenda booklet to help organize their class assignments. All other students can pick up school agendas at the main office upon request.

iPad Distribution: iPad distribution will occur during homeroom on the first day of school for 7th and 8th grade. Sixth grade iPads distribution will occur after students had the opportunity to transition to NMS.

Back-to-School Night: Wednesday, September 17th @ 6:00 P.M. This important program will provide parents with information about grade level courses, teams, middle school programs, extracurricular activities, and many other important aspects of Norwell Middle School. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet with the middle school counselors and NMS administration. This evening is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about Norwell Middle School.

Additional Information

- Waterfall Daily Bell Schedule This link provides the times and periods for the waterfall schedule. Click on the tabs at the bottom to see the schedule following each of the three lunches, 6th, 7th & 8th.

- Team Day Bell Schedule On Friday, September 5th, we have an abbreviated schedule to allow teachers and students to come together and participate in team building activities at the end of the day.

PTO: Our PTO is very supportive of our efforts every year and this year is no exception. The first PTO meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 9:15 AM and anyone that is available is welcome to attend.

Enjoy the rest of summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you on September 2nd.

Sincerely,

James and Ellen

Upcoming Events:

September

1	Labor Day - No School
2	First Day of School for Students (Extended Homeroom)
5	Team Day - (Modified schedule)
5	6th Grade Field Day (After School @ 2PM)
10	Picture Day
12	PTO Meeting 9:15 AM
15	School Committee Mtg 7PM
17	Back-to-School Night 6 - 8PM
25	Norwell Cares Day (Elementary only)
29	School Council 2PM

October

6	Faculty Meeting; 2:15 - 3:00PM
3	Term I Interim Reports
8	District-wide PTO Meeting; Sparrell Building 9AM
10 - 13	No Homework Weekend
13	Holiday - No School
17	PTO Meeting 9:15 AM
20	School Committee Mtg 7PM
21	School Council - Congress of Councils
31	Costume Day