



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

LITERACY PEP RALLY

UPDATES

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY
will be on Wednesday,
October 29th

Late buses started the
week of September 15th.
Late nights are Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday.
For more information about
late buses see our [website](#)



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

SST Technical HS (10/8)(8th Grade)

- Wednesday, October 8th: Amy Dow, Director of Guidance and Admissions at South Shore Tech, will be giving a presentation to all 8th grade students at NMS during first block.
- Friday, October 24th: There will be an optional field trip during school hours for 8th grade students who are interested in applying.

If your student is interested in attending South Shore Technical High School (SST), please note the following information regarding their open house: Saturday, October 25th: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: South Shore Technical Open House for Families.

Interim/Progress Reports will be published through the Aspen Portal on Friday, October 3rd. Please take some time to review this information with your child and have a discussion about how they are progressing in each of their classes.

After School Activities -- We are excited to begin our after-school offerings for this fall. Students can spend their time after school playing jazz, Dungeons and Dragons, strategic games, kickball, or participating in student government, community service, Investment Club, and more! After school activities will begin on October 7th. Activities can fill quickly; please submit your form as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to Norwell Middle School.

Boo Bash 10/17

NMS will be having a Halloween Costume Dance on 10/17 @ 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold the week of the dance.



OCTOBER 17TH
NMS CAFETERIA 6:30 - 8:00
DJ AND PRIZES
\$5 CASH/CHECK

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THE WEEK OF THE DANCE

COSTUMES MUST FOLLOW TREES'1000 GUIDELINES
NO MASKS/WEAPONS ALLOWED

Hosted by the NMS Student Government

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6th Grade Literacy Pep Rally

Imagine a school where you meet and interact with the author who wrote the award-winning book you are about to read. Your students attend that school!

On Tuesday, September 30th, our 6th grade students were invited to a Literacy Pep Rally. Host Kwame Alexander welcomed students, celebrated reading, and even read a chapter of *The Crossover* to an excited student audience.

Then, Alexander introduced our students to two other Newbury medal authors—Kate DiCamillo (*Because of Winn Dixie*) and Jerry Craft (*New Kid*).

Thank you to Mrs. Marani and the PTO for making this exciting event possible!!



CALENDAR

October

- 3 Interim Reports Due
- 7 Fastbridge / aReading
- 8 District-wide PTO @ 9AM
- 8 South Shore Tech. HS @ 7:30 (8th grade)
- 9 Honor Band (BSU)
- 13 No School (Holiday)
- 14 School Council
- 17 Boo Bash (Dance)



PTO

PTO DUES -- We are requesting a contribution of \$50 per child. 100% of student dues are directly applied to support the school, our staff, and our students. Learn more on our Website: NorwellMiddleSchoolPTO.org or on our Norwell Middle School PTO FacebookPage or Instagram!

The PTO spends an average of \$68 per student each school year, but thanks to the annual NMS Turkey Trot 5k (on Sunday, November 23rd), we are able to keep our student dues relatively low, while providing support to our students, staff and NMS families.

The next PTO meeting of the year is FRIDAY, November 14th @ 9:15am in the NMS Cafe or on ZOOM.

Veronica Carney & Ren Layne Co-Leads

KINDNESS CORNER

[Nice Work on this bulletin](#)

[board!](#) [Piper Gagnon](#), [Claire D'Entremont](#) & [Beatriz Nogueira](#),

created the board & invited Cole friend [Kendall Djalassi](#) for the pic.

Lots of grace going around this week. Thank you to [Ben Zaval](#) who invited a classmate to work in his group after noticing the student had some questions about what to do. Thank you to [Ellery Harding](#) for sharing her soccer team's uniform drive with the school community(stay tuned for more info). [Aicha Moussabiah](#) was recognized by teachers and peers as always saying hello and asking about how someone's day was. And thank you to the [8th grade boys at lunch](#) for being inclusive when a classmate didn't have a spot to sit.

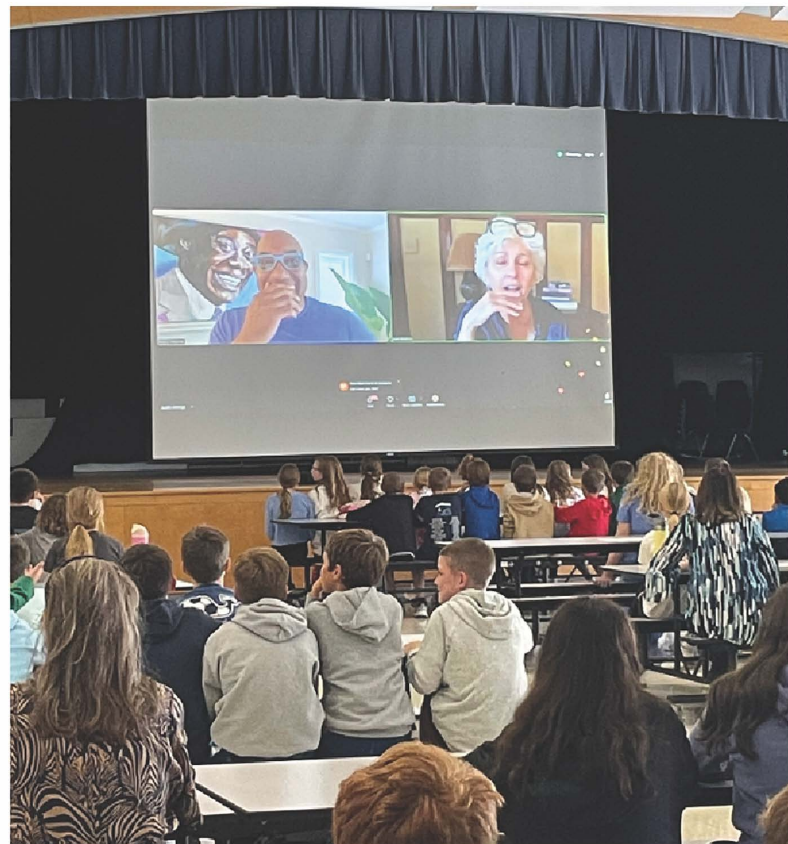
Don't forget to fill out the form below to give your friend/classmate a kindness shout-out!
[NMS Acts of Kindness](#)

Fastbridge testing will take place on **October 7th**. Please see the attached **Fastbridge Bell Schedule** and the list of **off-team teacher assignments** for those testing days. The assessment is expected to take approximately **35 minutes**. Please note the assessment questions have been revised from last year's format and are designed to produce better results.

- The Fastbridge Reading assessment is also a computer-adaptive assessment that will provide detailed information about a student's reading abilities. It adjusts the difficulty of questions based on student responses, and will provide deeper insight into student **comprehension, vocabulary, word recognition and decoding, and literal and inferential understandings**.

Virtual Author Visits (6th Grade) -- NMS has five virtual author visits hosted by Kwame Alexander (author of *The Crossover*) for the 6th grade. They will be reading *The Crossover* this fall with our ELA classes, so this is pretty exciting!

Author Study with Kwame Alexander is an interactive, virtual author visit series that brings Kwame Alexander and other notable authors into classrooms. And while it's fun for students, Author Study supports literacy learning goals. Most important, it celebrates the power of words and individual expression. Research shows that interaction with authors boosts students' motivation to read and write on their own. And agentive reading and writing leads to higher literacy achievement across subject areas.



Private School Application Process

Norwell Middle School counselors and staff are happy and willing to assist families and students who wish to submit applications to private school. In order to best assist families and manage the great volume of information that must be shared as part of this process, Norwell Middle School has instituted a standardized process for requesting school records and recommendations. We encourage families to communicate their intention to complete private school applications as early as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute to send out your recommendation requests as they may be submitted after deadlines have passed. We look forward to working with families through this process.

The process is as follows:

1. Families should notify NMS counselors and any teacher who will be asked to complete recommendations of intent to submit private school applications, in writing, as soon as possible or at least three weeks prior to the first deadline.
2. Students should speak to any teacher or send them a personal email prior to the teacher getting a request from the online portal. This gives the teacher an opportunity to speak with the student in an effort to provide a more personalized recommendation.
3. Families should complete and submit the signed Records Release Form to the assigned school counselor at least three school weeks prior to the first deadline.

Click [HERE](#) for access to the release.

1. Students should complete and submit the Private School Student Questionnaire (click [HERE](#) for access to the questionnaire) to their school counselor and all teachers completing recommendations at least three school weeks prior to the first deadline.
2. If you have questions about a recommendation and/or its status, please contact the teacher or private school directly.

Rush: students whose last names begin with A-J

Sailer: students whose last names begin with K-Z



SOUTH SHORE
Technical High School

OPEN HOUSE

October 25, 2025 from 10am-1pm
476 WEBSTER STREET, HANOVER, MA 02339

registration QR code



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL !

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!



**Register BEFORE
OCTOBER 1st**

\$25 **\$5 FOR TEE**

**Students \$20*

**Register between
Oct 1 - Oct 25th**

\$30 **\$10 FOR TEE**

**Students \$25*

**Register AFTER
October 25th...**

\$40 **\$15 FOR TEE**

**Students \$30*

Prizes for best
BULE & GOLD
and Turkey/
Thanksgiving
Costumes!

NORWELL TURKEY TROT 5K RUN & WALK

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00AM KIDS RACES & TURKEY CHASE

\$5 TO PRE- REGISTER - \$10 WALK-IN REGISTRATION - TEE \$10

***Meet at the Tennis Court Parking Lot**

9:30AM 5K RUN & WALK

***The 5K Starts and Finishes at LOT A**

Email: nmspto@gmail.com

**Start/Finish @ Norwell High School
18 South Street, Norwell**

**Register
here**



NorwellTurkeyTrot2025.racewire.com

Hey Parents!!!

Flex Friday

Reading Initiative

Every
Friday

Remind your student to pack a book for Flex Friday. During Flex Block, kids read a book they enjoy.

How else can I help?

1. Bring your student to the local library or go online to help them download high interest books and audiobooks.
2. Keep it going at home. Encourage reading as a daily habit.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE:
A PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS
Brought to you in collaboration by:
The United States Attorney's Office
&
Homeland Security Investigations



Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration required - Log-in begins at 6:00 p.m.

Topics

Social Media 101/Digital Footprint
Sexting
Gaming
Victim Support
Protecting Against Online Predation
How to Keep Kids Safe Online

Panelists

Luke Goldworm, Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office, Project Safe Childhood Coordinator

Andrew Kelleher, Special Agent
Homeland Security Investigations, Child Exploitation/Digital Forensics

Lauryn Mackey, Victim Witness Specialist
United States Attorney's Office

This presentation is for adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe and secure online.

Content is inappropriate for young children.

Please be aware of who can see your screen and hear your audio!

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Event address for attendees (use **Chrome**):
<https://usao.webex.com/webex/register/r8215d6b4baa3c0ebff54f9844c45790b>

Password: PSC1

Questions or difficulty registering?

Please contact USAMA.PSCO Outreach@usdoj.gov

Webex platform has a maximum capacity of 1000 attendees. If we have reached registration capacity, please email USAMA.PSCO Outreach@usdoj.gov to be put on a waitlist for the next presentation.

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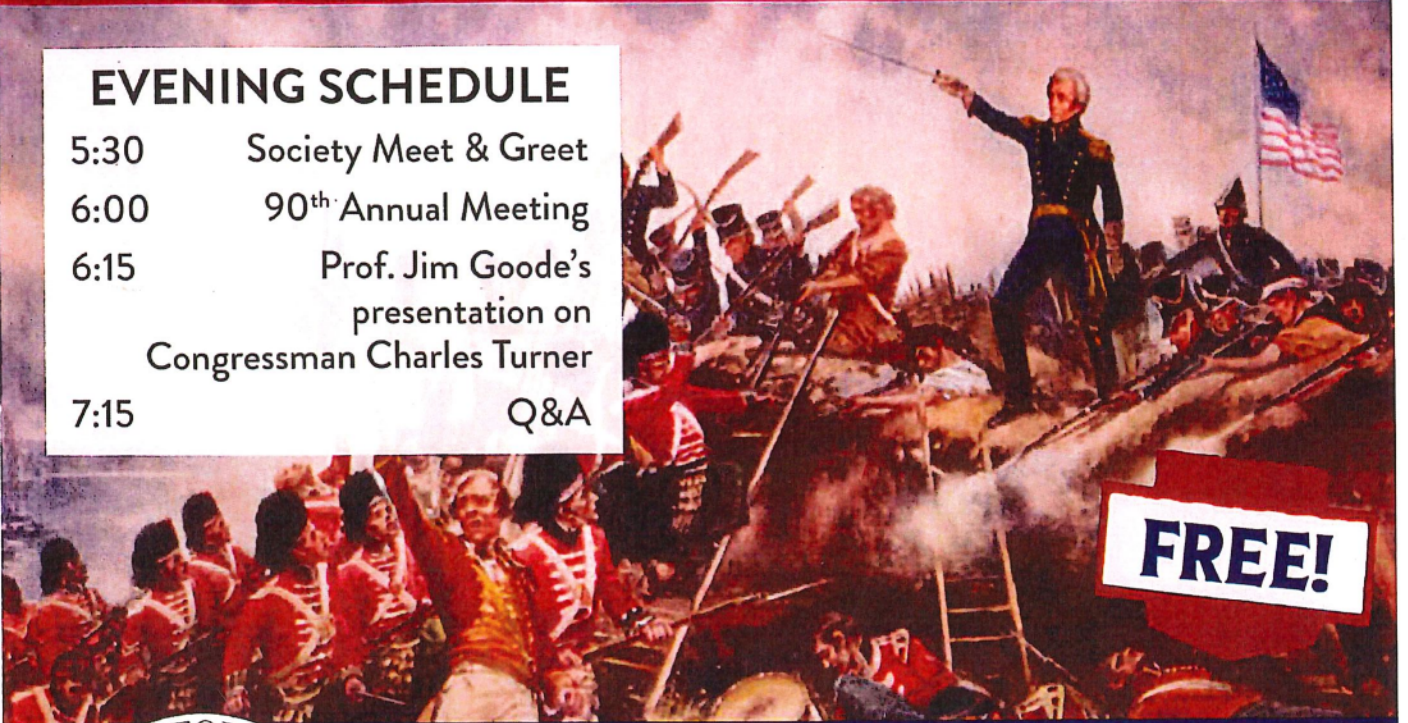
CHARLES TURNER

Congressional War Hawk from the War of 1812

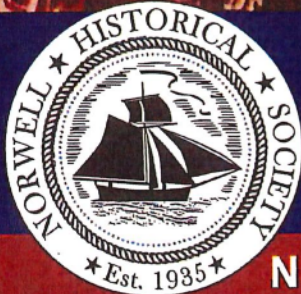
Wednesday, Oct. 8th | 5:30–7:30 pm

EVENING SCHEDULE

- 5:30 Society Meet & Greet
- 6:00 90th Annual Meeting
- 6:15 Prof. Jim Goode's
presentation on
Congressman Charles Turner
- 7:15 Q&A



FREE!



at the **UNION MISSION CHAPEL**
315 OLD OAKEN BUCKET ROAD | SCITUATE

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO 



NORWELLHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG

THE SOUTH SHORE'S CAN'T-MISS EVENT



Saturday, Oct. 4

3:-7:00 PM

The Tinker's Son

(inside and out)

🎵 Featuring Live Music: Wesley,
The 155s & Road Soda

🎉 A Night of Great Fun!

🍷 21+ Event | 💎 \$25 Tickets



🌟 Raffles • Delicious Food •
Good Vibes 🌟

🌟 Sponsorships available!

Contact
president@norwellboosters.org



Norwell Public Library's

50th

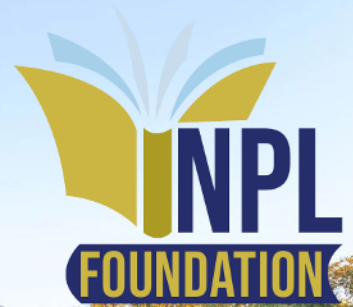
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE:

Sat, October 18, 2025
2:00 – 3:00pm

For all ages! Join us for cake, balloon animals,
face painting, and more!





GET LOUD AT THE LIBRARY!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th
5:30-7:30 pm

**Please join us for an adults-only event to re-launch
the Norwell Public Library Foundation!**

- ➔ AGE 21+
- ➔ MUSIC
- ➔ FOOD
- ➔ RAFFLES



... and ALL SORTS OF OTHER TYPICAL LIBRARY NO-NO'S!

CHEERS TO 50 YEARS!
Celebrating Norwell Public Library's Golden Birthday

HAVE USED OR UNWANTED MARKERS, PENS

WOODEN OR MECHANICAL PENCILS?

The Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee sponsors a project to recycle used or unwanted crayons, markers, pens and wooden, colored and mechanical pencils. We are working in partnership with Staples, as these materials are part of their extensive list of materials that can be dropped off at their stores for recycling.

Collection boxes are located at-

Grace Farrar Cole School

William G. Vinal School

Norwell Middle School

The Accord School

First Parish PreSchool

Ridge Hill School

Norwell Public Library

Norwell Council on Aging