



Norwell Middle School

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Hello Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Today marks the first day of our second 14 day cycle. We're starting level 2 of the year and will complete about 11 more levels by June 15, 2026. Students have responded well to the new schedule.

Again, thank you to everyone for making arrival to school a priority. We have very few tardies each day and students are proud of getting here on time, which enhances our school climate. Learning truly does begin at 7:30am and it's the best way to start the day.

I would like to share a few handbook reminders:

1. Dress Code: Please refer to our dress code policy on p. 9 of the Handbook. The violations that we have recently had to address include exposed midriffs and no shoes (which honestly was a first). Questions related to the school handbook are handled through our School Council, which consists of the Principal, Parents and Teachers. [NMS Handbook](#)
2. Electronic Devices: It is written in the handbook that Cell Phones and Smart Watches should be turned off and left in a student's locker at the start of the day. The school community has been more forgiving with watches and allowed students to wear them unless they pose a distraction. We are noticing, particularly with grade 6, that these watches are a distraction. We will be reviewing this policy at our next faculty meeting to determine an appropriate approach with student learning the center of our decision making. The policy regarding electronic devices can be found on p. 32 of the handbook. [NMS Handbook](#)

Thank you and enjoy the day,

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