



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

HEALTH (8TH GRADE)

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

Boo Bash Tonight (10/17) -- NMS will be having a Halloween Costume Dance on 10/17 @ 6:30 PM. (See page 4 for additional information)

Virtual Author Visits (10/21) -- (2nd Author visit) 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.

SS Technical HS (8th Grade)

- 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.

Costume Day (10/31) -- On October 31st, the Norwell Middle School Community Service Club will be hosting a fundraiser for the Norwell Food Pantry, Costume Day! We will be inviting all students to dress up in costumes (only school appropriate costumes allowed)(no mask or weapons). Please bring a dollar or a small donation of any amount that will go directly to the food bank. Let's come together and raise needed funds for the food pantry in time for the holiday season.

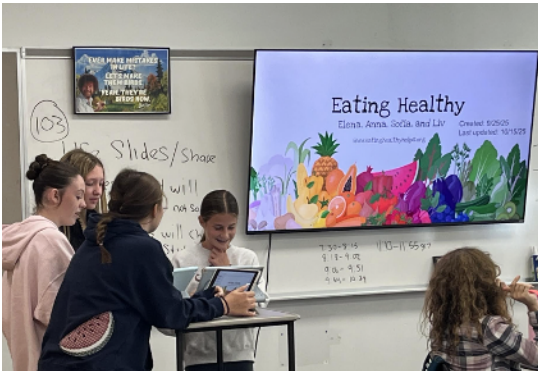
Hale Field Trip (10/22)

As part of our sixth-grade experience, students will participate in team-building activities and ropes courses designed to build trust, communication, and confidence. The challenges encourage students to support one another and work together to solve problems. Students learn the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and encouraging others. It's a fun and memorable way to strengthen friendships and grow as individuals and as a community.



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Living Healthy (8th Grade Health)



CALENDAR

October

- 17 Boo Bash (Dance)
- 21 Virtual Author Visit Grade 6
- 21 Congress of Councils @ 7PM
- 22 Hale field trip (6th grade)
- 29 Picture Re-take Day
- 29 7th Grade Backyard Bash
- 31 Costume Day
- 31 Halloween



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

Bridgewater State (Honor Band)



PTO

7th Grade Backyard Bash (10/29) @ 2PM

(See page 6 for additional information)

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 is FRIDAY, November 7th @ 9:15am in the NMS Cafe or on ZOOM.

Veronica Carney & Ren Layne Co-Leads

KINDNESS CORNER

"THE WORLD IS FULL OF KIND PEOPLE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND ONE, BE ONE." - unknown

Student shout outs to Bridget Yee for helping a friend catch up on work after being out. And Tessa Maratea was seen helping a classmate pick up all of her books and materials that had dropped in the hallway. Weston Baxter & Matt Fabrizio were given a shout out for helping an injured friend carry his bag. Colin Robinson was recognized by a teacher for inviting a classmate to join his group and Cameron Cabral and Ollie Steen helped a teacher. Thank you - it's the little things that add up to make a big difference.

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

NMS Acts of Kindness



After School Activities





**JOIN US FOR NMS'
FIRST EVER**



BOO BASH



FRIDAY

**17
OCT.**

6:30-8:00 PM



\$5 CASH/CHECK

(SOLD IN HR THE WEEK OF THE DANCE)

**EACH TICKET IS AUTOMATIC ENTRY TO WIN
ONE OF OUR RAFFLE PRIZES**

**COSTUMES OPTIONAL AND MUST FOLLOW
NMS HANDBOOK DRESS CODE GUIDELINES**

NO MASKS/WEAPONS ALLOWED

HOSTED BY YOUR NMS STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Bridgewater State Honor Band 10/9/25

On Thursday, October 9th, ten Norwell band students participated in the BSU Middle School Honor Band. Students rehearsed in the morning and early afternoon, and performed a concert at 3:30pm. Congratulations to Mia Abou Rjeily - Trombone, Riley Bass - Alto Saxophone, Ashley Bears - Clarinet, Aurora Hinchey - Clarinet, Bella Nguyen - Oboe, Abby Paquette - Clarinet, Emma Phan - Trumpet, Chase Wolbach - Alto Sax, Cole Wolbach - Trumpet, and Bridget Yee- Clarinet for their performances.



7TH GRADERS

Backyard Bash @ NMS

only

Wednesday

OCTOBER

29

2:00 - 3:30pm



***Corn Hole Tournament**

(With prizes!)

***Soccer Shoot Out vs. Teachers/Parents**

(Win a Prize if you Score!)

***Ellie's Treats Ice Cream Truck @ 2:30**

(One free treat per student!)

***Yard Games, Snacks & more!**

***Fun Social Event just for
the class of 2031!**



Donate a Dollar to dress up!

October 31

No Tricks



Just Treats



***for A Good Cause
Costume Day!***



***No Masks
No Weapons***





SOUTH SHORE
Technical High School

OPEN HOUSE

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

registration QR code



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

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.



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!**





**Join us this fall for a fun
girls lacrosse clinic!**

October 23rd

Norwell Middle School

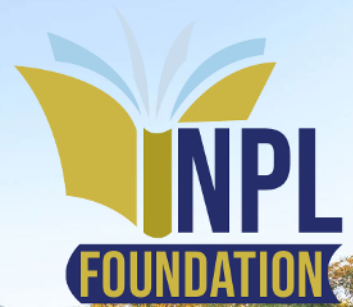
2:30-4pm

GRADES 1 - 8

[REGISTRATION LINK : NORWELLYOUTHLACROSSE](#)

**Suggested donation of \$25 or more can be made through
[Venmo @norwellgirlslax](#)**

**Grab your sticks and get ready to practice your
skills with former DI college lacrosse players!**



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