



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

PARENT/TEACHER CONF.

UPDATES

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTO the next PTO meeting is Friday, December 12 @ 9:15 am in the community rm and on Zoom.

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

NMS Turkey Trot is rapidly approaching! Join us for the Norwell Middle School Turkey Trot fundraiser on Sunday, November 23rd @ 9:00am, a fun, family-friendly race that promotes school spirit, wellness, and community giving! Lace up your running shoes and come participate to support our students while enjoying a festive start to the holiday season! (See below for more information)

Early Release (11/26) -- NMS Early Release Schedule Below

DAILY ROTATION - EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE							
7:00 - 7:15 - BUS ARRIVALS (Parent Drop-off -- Students will report to the Cafe)							
7:15 - Student move to Lockers / Homerooms							
Note: Blue / Gold Continues to rotate every other day (90 Blue days and 90 Gold days)							
	Blue	Gold	Blue	Gold	Blue	Gold	Blue
TIME	A Day	B Day	C Day	D Day	E Day	F Day	G Day
7:25 - 7:27	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom	Homeroom
7:31 - 7:58 1st	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
8:01 - 8:28 2nd	B	C	D	E	F	G	A
8:31 - 8:58 3rd	C	D	E	F	G	A	B
9:01 - 9:28 4th	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
9:31 - 9:58 5th	E	F	G	A	B	C	D
10:01 - 10:28 6th	F	G	A	B	C	D	E
10:31 - 10:58 7th	G	A	B	C	D	E	F



NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPIRIT Days!

11/24: FLANNEL DAY

11/25: SPORTS JERSEY DAY

11/26: COMFY/COZY DAY

HOSTED BY NMS STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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NMS NORWELL TURKEY TROT

BIB PICK UP

- Thursday 11/20 @ NMS - 5:00pm-7:00pm (In the School Lobby)
- Friday 11/21 @ Marathon Sports - 5pm - 7pm 134 Washington St. - Norwell
- Sat 11/22 @ Marathon Sports - 10:30am -12:30pm 134 Washington St. - Norwell

20% off

****SUNDAY @ NMS on Race Day @ 8:00am *Expect Long Lines and Walk In Registration closes @ 9:00am****

*All participants who pick up their Race Bib at Marathon Sports will get 20% off any purchase they make on that day!

HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET?? THERE IS STILL TIME !!

SHOW UP TO ANY BIB PICK UP TIME

Fill out a Paper Form to Register

5K- \$45 - Kids Races - \$10 (Cash, Check, CC or Venmo)

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Parent / Teacher Conferences

Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you so much for a wonderful Fall Parent/Teacher conferences. I truly appreciate the time you took to meet and discuss your child's progress. Your support and partnership play an essential role in their growth.

I look forward to continuing our work together to help your child learn, grow, and thrive throughout the rest of the school year. Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions or thoughts.

Thank you again for your time and commitment!

James Dupille

Principal



CALENDAR

November

25 Panorama Survey (Flex)

26 Early Release

27 Thanksgiving (No School)

28 No School

28-30 No HW Weekend

December

6 SE District Auditions

Turkey Trot 2024



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

*Happy
Thanksgiving
To You*

Wishing you and your
family a day to remember.
One filled with laughter
and joy, great conversation,
along with thankful hearts

**"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE
WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF
THEIR DREAMS." - Eleanor Roosevelt**

KINDNESS CORNER

Thank you to Enfilio Portesi and Emmett Linder for showing kindness and support to a friend. Thank you to Madelyn Hickey for being kind and inclusive to classmates while on the D.C. trip. Shout out to Valerie Wappett for helping a friend in Science and to Joseph Yazbeck for working with a younger student during Flex to help him finish a project. And a teacher noted that Luciano Sanchez was helpful to a classmate as well.

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO
FILL OUT THE NMS ACTS OF
KINDNESS FORM:

[NMS ACTS OF KINDNESS](#)



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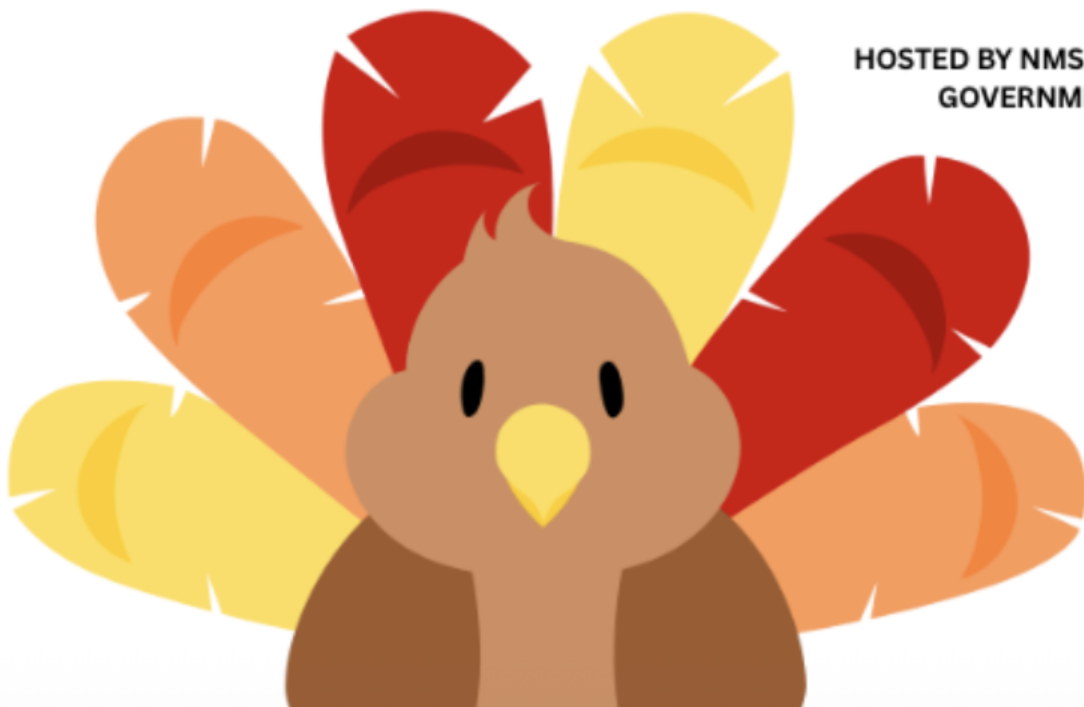
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A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Forgotten items

In order to promote responsibility and to lessen disruptions in the classroom, we ask:

- Please leave it on the table (in the front lobby) with your student's name and grade (we have paper and pencils to help)
- It is the student's responsibility to check the table for the forgotten item.
- If your student does not call home for an item, please do not bring the item to school as they likely do not need it.

Bus Policies

We have received numerous inquiries for bus changes for students. Bus changes are not allowed. If you have any questions regarding this policy please refer to the [Parent Student Handbook](#) page 37 and also within the 2025 - 2026 District Policies page 24 of this handbook. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Student Phone

Just as a n FYI, students have access to a phone (wall phone) just outside the main office. We have directions for them on how to use the phone and reminders to leave a message for their parents. If you are receiving calls from the school without a message, be assured that this is most likely your student. All staff members will leave a message.

Charging student's ipads

The front office has a limited amount of portable chargers that students can borrow throughout the day if their ipads need charging. These charges have been in great demand recently, which is prompting this reminder to charge ipads (especially over the weekend, so they are ready to use in class)

Absence Reporting

Please report absences to the school office (not homeroom teachers) as soon as possible.

You can report absences by:

- Calling the absence line: 781 - 659 - 8814 ext 1206 and leave a message
- Sending an email to the NMS Main office at nms.mainoffice@norwellschools.org

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

From: Nurse Young

Head Lice is a common concern of childhood that occurs every year to millions of children across the United States.

The school follows The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), CDC and MDPH whom all advocate for the following practices to be **discontinued** in school:

- whole classroom screening
- exclusion for nits or live lice
- notification to others, except for parents/guardians of students with head lice infestations

That being said, it can never hurt to check your child's hair if they are complaining of it being itchy or if you are notified of a close friend or classmate who has had it. Lice move by crawling; they cannot hop or fly making it more likely that cases occur outside of school for example, when friends share brushes, hats or have close contact in sports and extracurricular activities. If you ever have any further questions, please reach out.



Let's invest in the teachers and students that make NMS shine! This November, the [Norwell Education Foundation](#) is launching a fall campaign to fund teacher-written grants that support creativity, opportunity, and excellence for every Norwell student. [Your gift - of any size](#) - makes an immediate difference in our classrooms. The NEF has recently funded multiple grants for Norwell Middle School, including purchasing a new camera for the Yearbook Committee, procuring a Raspberry Shake Seismograph aligning high school physics and middle school earth science standards, and purchasing 15 Oculus Quest 2 VR headsets for enhanced learning environments. The NEF is proud to be part of a community that believes in the power of education. [Every dollar makes a difference](#), so please consider [donating here](#) during this Fall fundraising drive. Together we can inspire learning that lasts a lifetime!

The National Honor Society will be hosting a FREE Drop 'n' Shop and Gift Wrapping event on Friday, December 5th from 4pm-7pm at the high school. Students in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join us! Honor Society students will be running a range of activities in the school as well as showing a movie in the auditorium. We will be serving pizza and have water available. Please register [HERE](#) for the Drop N Shop event and register [HERE](#) for gift wrapping. Please contact Jenelle Leary at Jenelle.Leary@norwellschools.org with any questions.

Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse

Lacrosse Registration for the 2026 season is upon us! See details below:

Registration link-[Registration for the 2026 Norwell Lacrosse season](#)

Registration will be open from October 15th through December 15th. The registration fee for players in grades 5th—8th is \$350, and for players in grades 1st—4th, it is \$260. The league also imposes a \$50 late fee per player for registrations filed after December 15th. Please register soon to avoid any late penalties. Given league restrictions, we maintain a no-refunds policy.

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

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

Hey Parents!!!

Flex Friday

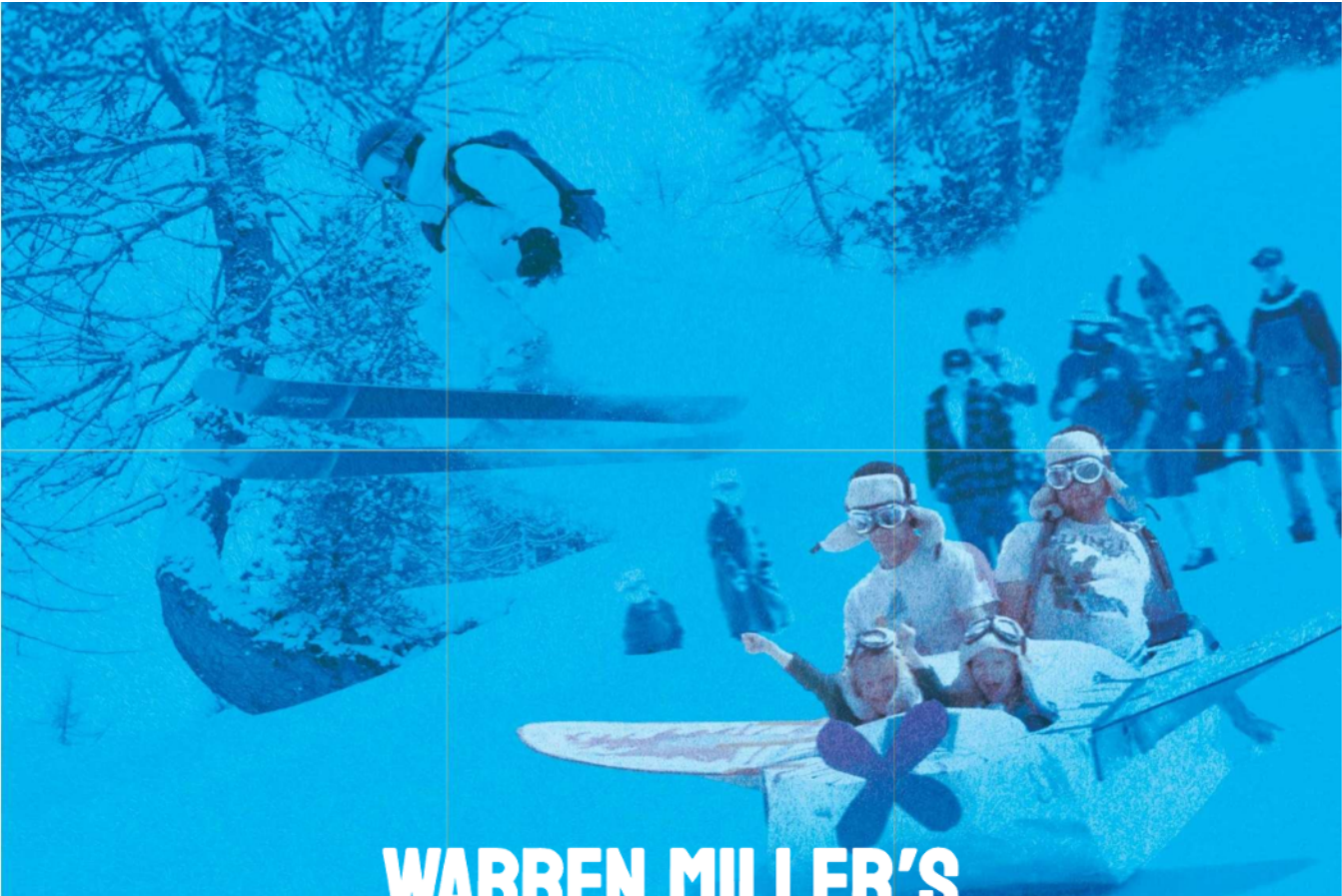
Reading Initiative

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.



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