



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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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

White Table -- 6th Grade students set the White Table in honor of our Veterans! After reading [America's White Table](#), 6th grade students participate in setting the white table in the cafe in remembrance to our POWs & MIAs. "Missing Man Table" The table is round to show everlasting concern and the tablecloth is white to show the purity of their motives. Click on the link to learn more -- [White Table](#)

Tech. Free Thanksgiving Weekend (6th Grade)-- We are giving 6th grade students a tech. free weekend over the Thanksgiving break. Students turned in their iPads to homeroom teachers. They will be powered down, and picked up again Monday morning (12/2).

No Homework Weekend -- Students have a no homework weekend for the long Thanksgiving break.

Interim/Progress Reports will be published through the Aspen Portal on Friday, December 5th. 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.

NMS Turkey Trot -- Thank you to everyone who came out to support NMS on Sunday! It was a wonderful community event with over 500 participants and numerous local sponsors. It was a very successful and a truly great day!



Coats for Kids

The community service club is collecting coats for the foundation, Coats for Kids and Families. The coats can be all sizes. New OR used coats are accepted. The foundation that we are working with is sponsored by Jordan's Furniture. Jordan's Furniture is offering a \$2,000 dollar prize for the school district that collects the most coats. If we win the 2,000 dollars, it will be used to support our after-school and sports programs! Please donate coats from December 3rd through January 9th! Remember, we are Serving Our Community One Coat At A Time! Donate today!



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Turkey Trot



Spirit Week



Updates

Substitutes -- We are always looking for substitutes for teachers, aides, and nurses. Substituting offers flexible scheduling, allowing one to work on available days and at selected levels or schools. We even have half day spots to fill! If you or someone you know is interested, please apply at the Norwell Schools [NSD website](#)

Parent / Teacher Conferences Luncheon

A special thanks to the PTO and Norwell parents for the staff luncheon during conferences. The luncheon was phenomenal and so appreciated! I want to thank everyone for their kindness and support!! Norwell is a special place!!

Together, let's make the NMS experience the best it can be!!

CALENDAR

November

27 Thanksgiving (No School)

28 No School

28-30 No HW Weekend

December

6 SE District Auditions

11 Jack Trompeter

11 Virtual Author Visit (Kwame Alexander)

11 Music Concert (NHS) @ 7PM

12 PTO Meeting @ 9:15AM

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

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

KINDNESS CORNER

We have a number of student shout outs this week. First, Thank you to Lucy Neefus for being kind. Her friend wrote, "She is one of the kindest people I know she helps friends makes me happy and cheers me up she is funny and she is a great best friend to me and others!" And thank you to Charlotte Elsdon for checking in on a friend in need because that small act made a big difference. Skylar Maillet makes people's day when she holds the door, which she has done on more than one occasion.

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

[NMS ACTS OF KINDNESS](#)

Thanksgiving

To our amazing students and families,

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you. To our students, thank you for your kindness, energy, and hard work! Your dedication and enthusiasm continue to inspire. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or in your everyday interactions, you consistently show what it means to be part of a supportive and positive community.

To our families, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Your commitment to your children's education and well-being is invaluable, and together, we are helping to shape a bright future for all of our students.

As we reflect on this school year, we are reminded of the incredible impact each of you has on our school. The compassion, resilience, and commitment you demonstrate make a real difference. While you may not always realize it, the small acts of kindness, the perseverance in the face of challenges, and the support you offer one another will leave a lasting impression—not just today, but for years to come. We hear from former students who still remember how their time here shaped their lives, and we know that the same will be true for all of you.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, we are excited about what's to come. The hard work and positive energy you bring today are laying the foundation for an even brighter tomorrow.

Thank you for everything you do to make this school such a special place. We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving break!

Warmly,

Jim and Ellen



Thanksgiving

To our incredible staff,

Thank you for your unwavering kindness and dedication! Our educators have embraced the new school year with passion and commitment. Time and again, I'm reminded of the vital role our teachers play and the incredible lengths they go to teach and support their students. Throughout the school year, your compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to your students have truly shone. The care and dedication you show every

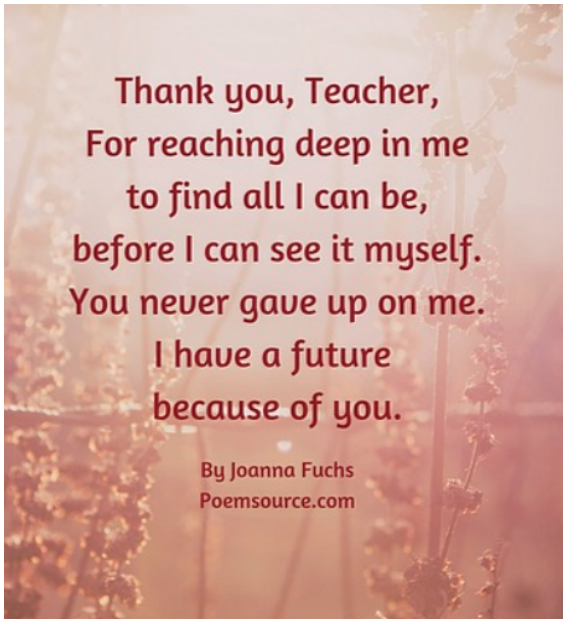
day leave a lasting impact—students never forget the difference we make in their lives. Even years later, we hear from former students who continue to

remember and appreciate the influence we had on them. It's still such a joy to receive those calls and hear firsthand how deeply you've touched their lives.

As we move forward into a new chapter, we can take great pride in knowing that the work we do today and have done in the past serves as the foundation for a bright future.

Thanks for all that you do!!! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jim and Ellen



Turkey Trot

Overall male and female:

Tim Curtain (22) time 16:26

Holly Panttila (18) time 20:02

Race Date

November 23, 2025

Norwell Middle School Turkey trot

Age Group Results

5K

Female 12 to 15

Place	Name	City	Age	Bib No	Overall	Time	Pace
1*	MADDIE BUTLER	NORWELL MA	14	46	22	21:46.9	7:00/M
2*	AVA LAZZARO	NORWELL MA	12	72	48	23:11.8	7:28/M
3*	SHELBY MAGUIRE	NORWELL MA	13	455	54	23:29.1	7:33/M
4	CATALINA FRAZIER	NORWELL MA	14	440	56	23:29.3	7:33/M

Male 12 to 15

Place	Name	City	Age	Bib No	Overall	Time	Pace
1*	BRAEDEN DONOVAN	NORWELL MA	15	385	3	17:26.7	5:37/M
2*	EVAN MCCARTHY	NORWELL MA	15	158	13	20:33.4	6:37/M
3*	ANDREW GREELEY	NORWELL MA	13	176	14	20:42.1	6:39/M
4	SPENCER NOVICK	NORWELL MA	13	40	15	20:55.7	6:44/M

Female 16 to 20

Place	Name	City	Age	Bib No	Overall	Time	Pace
1*	ALEXANDRA NING	NORWELL MA	18	480	84	24:31.2	7:53/M
2*	EMMA CAKOUNES	NORWELL MA	17	470	141	27:09.3	8:44/M
3*	ABIGAIL SHAW	NORWELL MA	18	430	142	27:10.5	8:44/M
4	CHARLOTTE CARR	NORWELL MA	16	293	166	28:05.8	9:02/M

Male 16 to 20

Place	Name	City	Age	Bib No	Overall	Time	Pace
1*	ANDERS HALLMAN	NORWELL MA	16	27	2	17:25.2	5:36/M
2*	JOEY DONOVAN	NORWELL MA	17	384	8	19:30.7	6:16/M
3*	JOHN DOHERTY	NORWELL MA	17	254	19	21:35.5	6:57/M
4	WHITMAN CARGILL	KINGSTON MA	17	148	59	23:39.9	7:37/M

Female 21 to 30

Place	Name	City	Age	Bib No	Overall	Time	Pace
1*	BRIDGET SHAW	NORWELL MA	22	431	49	23:14.2	7:28/M
2*	ERIN RANSOM	NORWELL MA	29	368	57	23:38.7	7:36/M
3*	JULIET SHINNEY	QUINCY MA	30	353	123	26:25.5	8:30/M
4	KATELYNN CONNOLLY	NORWELL MA	24	9943	167	28:05.9	9:02/M

Turkey Trot



Turkey Trot





Our school is a registered collection partner with Coats for Kids & Families!

DONATE COATS

December 3 – January 9th

**Donate warm winter coats for children and adults at
NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Coats only, please. All sizes welcome!

**New and gently used coats will be accepted.
Coats will generously be cleaned by Anton's Cleaners.**



**With your help, we could win up to
\$2,000 in School Rewards donated
by Jordan's Furniture!**

Promotional Partner



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.



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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!

This holiday season, **show your appreciation for our amazing teachers and staff in the Norwell Public Schools** by donating to the Norwell Education Foundation's "[Good Tidings for Teachers](#)" fundraiser. **For a minimum donation of \$25**, the teacher or staff member of your choice will receive a beautiful poinsettia plant and a personalized note from you, a great opportunity to spread your good tidings for comfort and joy! Feel free to donate multiple times to support all of your favorite educators and staff (art teachers, school secretaries, the nurse!!!) while increasing your contribution to the enrichment of academic experiences at our Norwell schools. **The fundraiser runs from December 1st to December 12th**, so don't miss your opportunity to help the [NEF](#) fulfill its mission to provide educational activities and programs that encourage academic excellence to the students in all four Norwell public schools. Click here to get started: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/norwell-education-foundation/good-tidings-for-teachers>

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.

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.

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

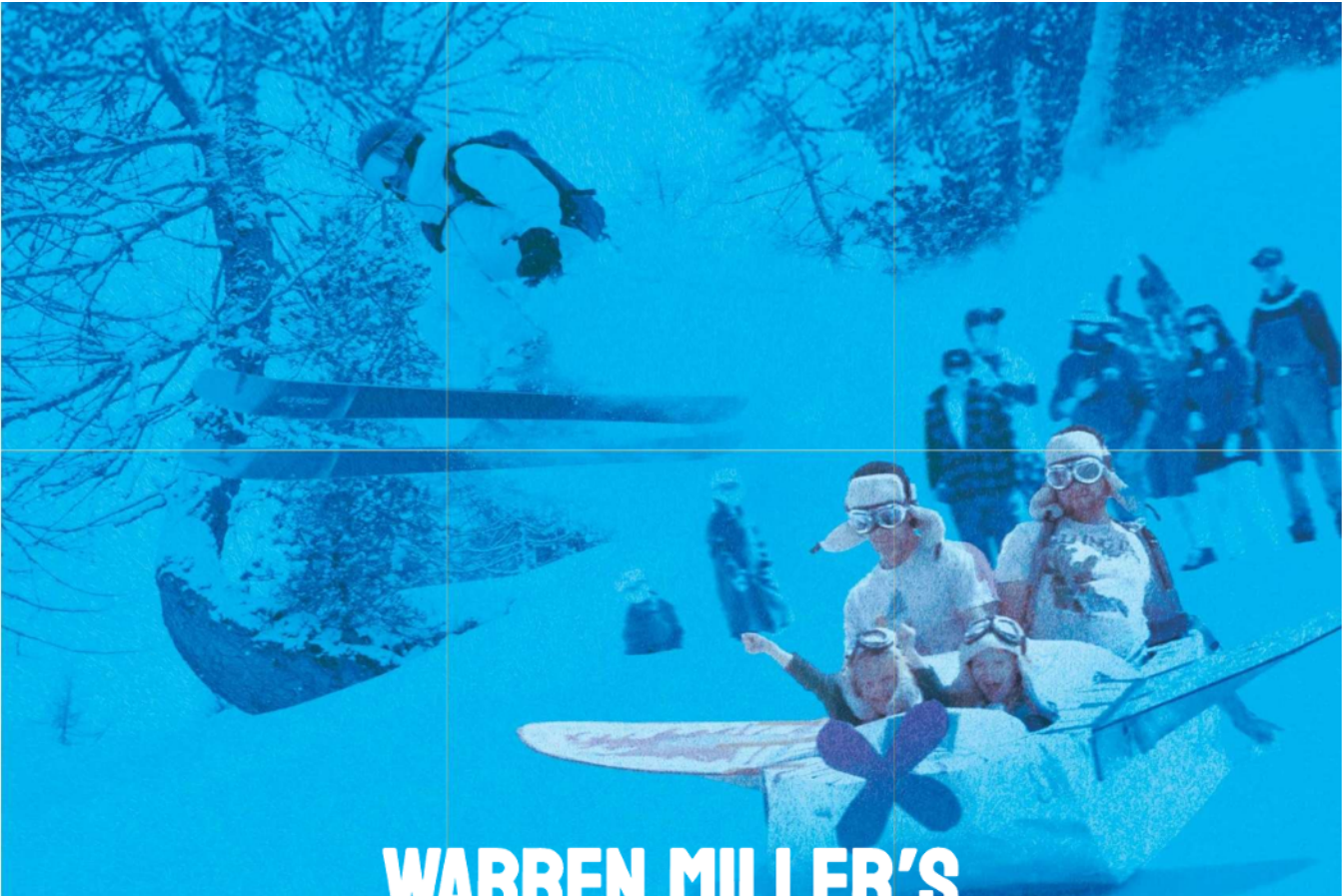
Reading Initiative

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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