



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

Interim/Progress Reports will be published through the Aspen Portal today, 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.

Jack Trompetter (12/11) -- Holocaust speaker, Jack Trompetter, will speak to the 8th grade on December 11th. Jack is an 83-year-old Holocaust Survivor, who was born in 1942 and spent the first three years of his life in hiding. During this time, Trompetter lived with an aunt, then in an orphanage, and finally at a farm in eastern Holland with a Christian couple, while his parents hid in the south. He and his family were not reunited until the war's end in 1945, at which point, Jack's story had really only begun. The 8th grade is currently finishing the Anne Frank & Holocaust Unit.

Winter Chorus Concert (12/11) -- On December 11th, the Seventh and Eighth Grade Band and Chorus students will be performing for the first time this year. The Winter Concert will be held in the HS Auditorium at 7pm. Music selections will include holiday favorites and music from other genres as well. We hope to see you there!

Virtual Author Visit (12/11) -- (3rd Author visit) NMS has five virtual author visits hosted by Kwame Alexander (author of The Crossover) for the 6th grade. They read 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.

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!

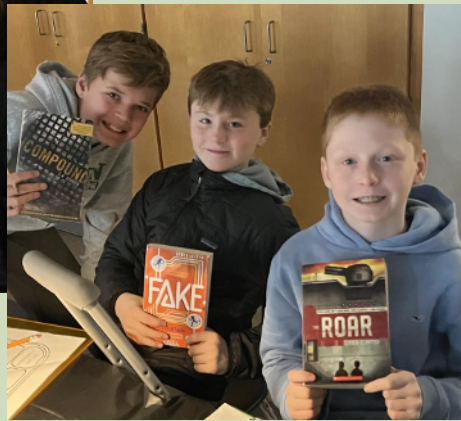


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Spelling Bee (12/23) -- The NMS spelling bee will take center stage on Tuesday morning (12/23) with our students watching and cheering on their classmates. [Spelling Bee \(Bell Schedule\)](#)



Books come to life in ELA



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](#)

PTO -- Thank You, Turkey Trot Participants!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Turkey Trot! Your energy, enthusiasm, and community spirit made the event truly special. Whether you ran, walked, volunteered, sponsored or cheered from the sidelines, you helped create a memorable day filled with fun, gratitude, and togetherness.

We are incredibly grateful for your support and participation—events like this wouldn't be possible without each of you. We hope you had a fantastic time, and we can't wait to see you again next year!

With appreciation, NMS PTO [Turkey Trot Feedback Survey Link](#)

The next PTO meeting is on Friday, December 12th in the NMS cafeteria.

CALENDAR

November

December

6 SE District Auditions

11 Jack Trompeter

11 Virtual Author Visit (Kwame Alexander)

11 Music Concert (NHS) @ 7PM

12 PTO Meeting @ 9:15AM

15 School Council Mtg.

19 Playbook Initiative



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](#)



The 6 week Before and After School activities have concluded. Be on the lookout for the Winter Sign ups that will be sent home via email (Newsletter) and posted to the website on or around December 19th.

After School is Vibrant at NMS





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.



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

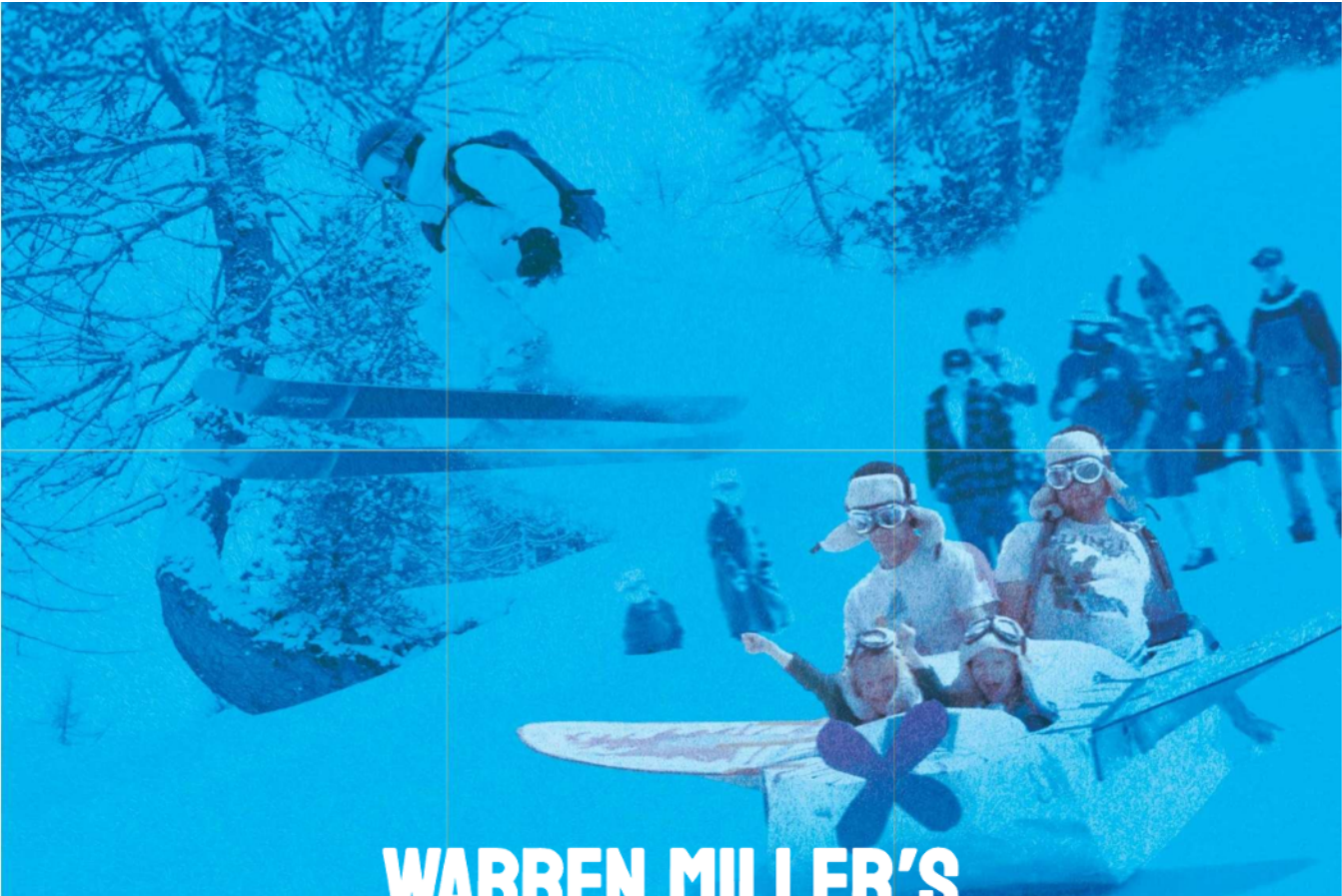
Reading Initiative

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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