



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, January 16th @ 9:15 am in the community rm and on Zoom.

Late buses and 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

Holiday Break (12/24 - 1/2) / I hope everyone gets time to enjoy the holiday break with family and friends!

Early Release (12/23) (G Day / Blue)

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 \(Bell Schedule\)](#) In 2024, after 60 minutes of fierce competition, **Kalen LeBlanc** was crowned the **NMS Bee champion**.



Spelling Bee - EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

G Day / Blue (12/23)

		Blue
TIME		G Day
7:25 - 7:37		Homeroom
7:40 - 8:45		Spelling Bee
8:48 - 9:04	1st	G
9:07 - 9:23	2nd	A
9:26 - 9:42	3rd	B
9:45 - 10:01	4th	C
10:04 - 10:20	5th	D
10:23 - 10:39	6th	E
10:42 - 10:58	7th	F

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

Playbook Initiative (12/19) -- Norwell Middle School has been chosen for the fourth year to partner with the Boston Celtics, Project 351, and NMS alumni Amaya Parmar and Briana Yee in a program called the [Playbook Initiative](#). Students engaged in lessons, activities and discussion designed by students to help them navigate difficult issues they may encounter in middle school and beyond. We are beyond excited to continue this meaningful initiative at Norwell Middle School. The Playbook Initiative seeks to build more inclusive communities by eliminating hate speech and other acts of discrimination and bias by bringing together groups of students to engage in workshops related to race, ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, disability and orientation. The goal of these workshops is to empower young people to build more inclusive communities in which everyone feels welcome and celebrated. And, thank you to Mrs. Marani, Mrs. Borchert, and Mr. Brust for helping to facilitate this event.



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 -- The next PTO meeting is on Friday, January 16th in the NMS cafeteria.



CALENDAR

December

23 Early Release

24 to 1/2 Holiday Break

January

5 Staff Meeting

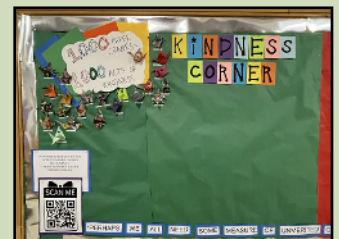


"Identify your problems but give your power and energy to solutions."

"...Perhaps we all need some measure of unmerited grace" - Bryan Stevenson

KINDNESS CORNER

Shout out to [Charley Kearley](#), [Charles Griffin](#) and [Max Frenette](#) for their help in creating the Kindness Corner Bulletin Board. See the REI section to learn more about the Peace Crane Project.



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

[NMS ACTS OF KINDNESS](#)

Celtics Playbook



Celtics Playbook



Best Buddies





BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All activities will begin on their assigned day the week of January 12, 2026. Registration Form and Payment Due by Friday, January 9, 2026. Checks should be made payable to Norwell Middle School. If Activities reach capacity, they will be filled on a first -come, first served basis. If there are not enough students signed up for an activity, it may not run and refunds will be issued.

Emails have gone home with sign up information or you can access the list on the [NMS Website](#)

A Note from the Nurse



Help Us Stop the Flu! + cases of the flu are on the rise. Help us prevent the spread!

- ★ **Keep your child home** until they are **fever-free for 24 hours** *without fever-reducing meds* (Tylenol, ibuprofen) **and symptoms are improving**
- ★ **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a **tissue or elbow** — not hands
- ★ **Wash hands often** with soap and water for **at least 20 seconds**, especially after coughing or sneezing
- ★ **Avoid touching the face** (eyes, nose, mouth) — these are entry points for viruses
- ★ **Do not share personal items** (water bottles, chapstick, utensils, etc.)
- ★ **Rest, hydrate, and eat well** to keep immune systems strong

RESPECT EQUITY AND INCLUSION RESOURCES

To enhance our kindness corner and promote positive behaviors we have decided that every name provided in the [NMS Acts of Kindness](#) form will be posted on the Kindness Corner bulletin board along with a hand made Peace Crane. Students are making these cranes for a variety of reasons and as a way to put some good into the world. Our goal is to get 1,000 cranes to represent 1,000 acts of kindness. Here is a short video that describes the Peace Crane Project: [Sadako Susaki & the Peace Cranes](#)



NEF Gifts to teachers.....





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





**NORWELL SEPAAC
INVITES YOU TO
PARENT NIGHT OUT**

**BRING A FRIEND ON
MONDAY DECEMBER 22
6:30 PM
ALBA ON 53
HANOVER**



YOUTH DANCE CLINIC



HOSTED BY NHS DANCE TEAM



**Come experience what it's like to be a NHS
Dancer! Learn a fun routine and perform with us
at a NHS Basketball game.
Grades 1-8 welcome!**

CLINIC DATE: Sunday 1/25 2-4pm in NHS Gym

PERFORMANCE DATE: Friday 1/30 game @ 6:30pm

COST: \$50 (includes clinic,
performance, admission to
game & Norwell Dance T-shirt)



REGISTER HERE!

EMAIL NORWELLDANCE@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS/ FOR MORE INFORMATION



NORWELL BOY SCOUT

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP AND DISPOSAL FUNDRAISER

RESERVE HERE:

<https://t192pickup.square.site/>



PICKUP REQUEST DEADLINE: January 8th

PICK UP DATE: January 10th

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20 per tree, \$5 per wreath

TO SCHEDULE PICKUP:

Please contact the Troop at **troop192trees@gmail.com** and include the following:

- * Your name
- * Norwell Address
- * Email address for confirmation
- * Best phone number
- * Number of trees/wreaths
- * Any special instructions.

To ensure pickup, please place trees and other greens out at your curbside **no later than January 9th.**

DONATION INFORMATION:

Payment may be made via:
<https://t192pickup.square.site/>
or personal check

Check made payable to:

Norwell Boy Scouts Troop 192
mailed to: Norwell Troop 192,
PO Box 3, Norwell, MA 02061.

**Please do not leave donations
with the tree or in your mailbox.**



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING TROOP 192 IN NORWELL

A message from the Norwell Sustainability & Recycling Committee

We A reminder about the program:
have a box to donate writing used writing utensils at
NMS.

Here is the update of what has been collected to date
(district wide):

WRITING TOOLS

6.2 lbs for recycling

1.6 lbs for re-use

CRAYONS

13 lbs for recycling

8.2 lbs for re-use

That is another 29 pounds kept out of landfills. Let's
keep up the good work.

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.