



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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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

- **Term II Ends (1/16)** -- Just a reminder, Term II report card grades will be posted to Aspen for parents to review on Friday, January 23rd. Parents and students should review the report card together to discuss the student's progress. Grades are a reflection of student achievement in content knowledge and skill development as measured by work accuracy, quality, and timely completion. No matter the grade for the term, students should be reflecting on their strengths and areas for growth.
- **Project 351 (1/17)** -- On Saturday, January 17th, Elisa Trebicka (NMS Project 351 Rep.) will go to Boston with the other representatives across the state to the Annual Launch & Service Day. I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Elisa on being selected as the Project 351 Ambassador for Norwell Middle School! Each year, one student is chosen from every school district across Massachusetts to participate in this prestigious program. **(16th Class of Ambassadors)!**
- **January 19th (Monday) -- No School / MLK Day**
- **Parent Coffee House (1/22)** -- The winter NMS Parent Coffee House is on Thursday, January 22nd at 9:30 am in the NMS Community Room. If you are interested in attending the winter parent coffee house, please email me (james.dupille@norwellschools.org).
- **Band and Chorus Concert (6th Grade) (1/22)** -- The sixth grade band and chorus will play at the NHS auditorium on January 22nd @ 7PM. Come see our students shine!

Celtics Playbook Initiative

We have been partnered with the Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School to collaborate on two workshops this year. We will host the first workshop at NMS on Friday, January 30th, and later this year we will have the opportunity to visit our partner school in Hyde Park



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Coat Drive (Community Service Club)

The Community Service Club collected approximately 200 coats and extends sincere thanks to everyone for their generous support. Please contact Valerie Wappett, Maresa Weickum, Grace Campbell or Mrs. Borchert, if you have any questions.

Helping Our Community One Coat at a Time!



WNMS

We are excited to share that our student radio station, WNMS, is live on Friday mornings! The student broadcast includes approved popular music, along with weather updates, birthdays, and current events from our school and community. Live from Norwell, Ava Chappell, Chase Emami and Ben Zaval!



Updates

Before and After School Activities -

Began the week of January 12, 2026.



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.

Virtual author visit (2/3) On February 3rd, our 6th grade will be spending time with author Kwame Alexander, Andrew Pinkney and Karyn Parsons (Hilary Banks from Fresh Prince of Bel-Air). Research shows that **interaction with authors boosts students' motivation** to read and write on their own. Which **leads to higher literacy achievement** across subject areas, not to mention **increased empathy, sense of belonging, and improved critical thinking and reasoning skills.**

CALENDAR

January

- 16 Term II Ends
- 19 No School (MLK Day)
- 21 Fastbridge Testing (Math)
- 22 Parent Coffee House
- 22 Music Concert 6th Grade
- 23 Report Cards Issued
- 27 Fastbridge Testing (Reading)
- 28 Early Release Day (1/2 PD Day)
- 30 Playbook Workshop

Bedazzle Club



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

KINDNESS CORNER

We have many students being recognized by their peers for helping them in class:

1. Will Carveale - Complimented a student's shoes
2. Matt Fabrizio - Motivates everyone to do their best
3. Lilly Sudduth - She is kind and has a positive attitude
4. Teddy McEvoy - Went above and beyond to help clean up a mess left behind in the cafeteria.
5. Olivia Charest - Standing up for a classmate
6. Elijah Quinn - Supporting a classmate
7. Emma Goggin - Modeling scholarly behavior

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

[NMS ACTS OF KINDNESS](#)



Save the Date

Norwell Middle School

8th grade
semi-formal

June 12, 2026

More details to follow

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](#)

Next Meeting for REI Committee: [January 22, 2026](#)



Norwell Girls Youth Lacrosse

It's not too late to sign up for spring lacrosse. Registration for the 2026 season is still open! See details below:

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

The registration fee for players in grades 5th—8th is \$350, and for players in grades 1st—4th, it is \$260. Please register soon to avoid any late penalties. Given league restrictions, we maintain a no-refunds policy.

Bedazzle Club



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 NORWELLHIGHDANCETEAM@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS/ FOR MORE INFORMATION

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.

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.