



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 COFFEE HOUSE

UPDATES

KINDNESS CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 Report Cards Issued (1/23) -- 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.

Early Release (1/28) (Dismissal 10:58)

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
2nd gold-blue sequence		Gold a Day	Blue b Day	Gold c Day	Blue d Day	Gold e Day	Blue f Day	Gold g Day

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**.

Celtics Playbook Initiative (1/30)

We have been partnered with the Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School to collaborate on two workshops for the Playbook Initiative 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.

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Parent Coffee House (1/22)

At the Parent Coffee House on Thursday, we had a great dialogue about what is most important to students and families about Norwell Middle School. Parents shared their children's experiences, and sixth-grade parents were especially excited about the smooth transitions and supportive classrooms. Parents highlighted the strong academic expectations in the classroom, the wide variety of after-school activities available to students, and the effective communication from the school. We also discussed the supportive climate and culture at NMS and the importance of celebrating student achievements. And, we reviewed student reliance on iPads and ways to reduce it. Parents also commented on after school support and how helpful it is to have their child have the ability to seek help after school.

Music Concert (6th Grade)

Last night, the sixth grade band and chorus and the jazz band performed at the NHS auditorium. Phenomenal performance!! Our students truly shined!!



CALENDAR

January

- 23 Report Cards Issued
 - 27 Fastbridge Testing (Reading)
 - 28 Early Release Day (1/2 PD Day)
 - 30 Playbook Workshop
- ### February
- 2 Math Team Competition
 - 6 PTO Mtg @ 9:15AM
 - 7 SEMSBA Auditions
 - 13 Geography Bee
 - 16-20 / February Break

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

Updates

Before and After School Activities - Began the week of January 12, 2026.

PTO -- The next PTO meeting is on Friday, February 6th in the NMS cafeteria.

SEMSBA (2/7+2/8)-- On February 7th and 8th, 7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus students will be meeting at Abington High School to audition for SEMSBA Honor Ensembles. Good luck to all involved!

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](#)





Save the Date

Norwell Middle School

8th grade
semi-formal

June 12, 2026

More details to follow



Join us for a cozy night filled with
friends, laughter, PIZZA, and a
great movie!

Norwell Middle School
Community Room

TUESDAY, JAN. 27TH

5:30 - 7:00

See you there!



6th Grade Music Concert



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.

"Roses as Red, Violets are Blue, How Sweet it is to be Taught by You!"

Let's fill our teacher's vases this Valentine's Day! For only \$5 you can purchase a beautiful rose (or roses!) for a teacher or staff member of your choosing. NEF will hand deliver the flowers to the lucky recipient Valentine's Day week.

With the purchase of one or more flowers you are not only showing your favorite Norwell educator how much they are appreciated, but you are also supporting the NEF, which provides funding for innovative educational programs, activities and materials for all Norwell Public Schools.

This is also a great opportunity to not only celebrate our deserving classroomteachers, but to recognize the unsung heroes of our elementary schools - nurses, technology teachers, aides, administrators, office staff, special education teachers, etc.

So let's fill our teacher's vases this Valentine's Day!

Click [here](#) to get started

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.

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

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.