



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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Summer Discovery Program at South Shore Tech

Come join us at South Shore Tech this summer to experience hands-on technical training in our Summer Discovery Programs!

Registration is now open:

[Registration](#)

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

Geography Bee (2/14) -- Congratulations to the 2026 NMS Geo Bee

champion, Tate Silva!!! The Geography Bee began at 7:40 am with 20 contestants, and after 90 minutes of fierce competition, Tate Silva took the



crown and was named the new Geo Bee champion. I would like to congratulate all of our competitors on a great event and

showing (James Hanlon, Tate Silva, Teddy Griffin, Brendan Flynn, Angela Hutchison, Eli Eliodor, Devan Parmar, Lucy Barrett, Colin Glynn, Wesley Guman, Colin McDonald, Adam Crohan, Chase Emami, Landon Cleverly, Kam Leary, Colin Burns, Lucas Park, Valerie Wappet, Christian Popov, Charlie Kearley)

Also, students wishing to compete in the national Geography and/or History Bee will take a qualifying online test in March (TBD) @ 2pm in the world language lab. Any student interested in competing nationally, please see Mrs. Gavin.



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Celtics Playbook Initiative

The Boston Celtics have invited Norwell Middle School and the Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School to participate in a Playbook Initiative workshop at the Celtics' Auerbach Training Center in Boston, MA on Monday, February 9th. This invitation is an honor, as only two schools from Massachusetts are chosen each Playbook season. NMS hosted the first Playbook Initiative workshop with the Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School on Friday (1/30). During the workshop, students shared their experiences and insights. It was a great event!



Breakfast Anyone?



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](#)

Cozy Comfy Day!



CALENDAR

February

14 Valentine's Day
16-20 / February Break
24 NHS Curriculum Night (incoming 9th)
26 Jamele Adams (Speaker)
27 Interim Reports

March

4 Early Release Day (PD)
5 Early Release (Parent Teacher Conferences)

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

"It takes courage to be kind." - Maya Angelou

KINDNESS CORNER

Shout out to Joseph DiBoneventura for staying late to help clean in the cafeteria. Thank you also to Molly White who got a shout out from a classmate who says she always helps her out in Spanish. Thank you to Daniel Sullivan who enters his class every day with a smile and to Weston Baxter for holding the door for staff and students. Also, shout out to our Bulletin Board contest winners Mia Abou Rjeily and Rosalie Wisdom who have created a thoughtful board for Black History Month. And thank you to Ava Chappell who is creating a quote board for the cafeteria. Keira Diamandis and Eleanor Tewksbury for decorating their teacher's classroom and giving goodie bags to classmates. We love to see our student's kindness & creativity shine - thank you!

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Congratulations to the National Qualifiers for the Great History Challenge!

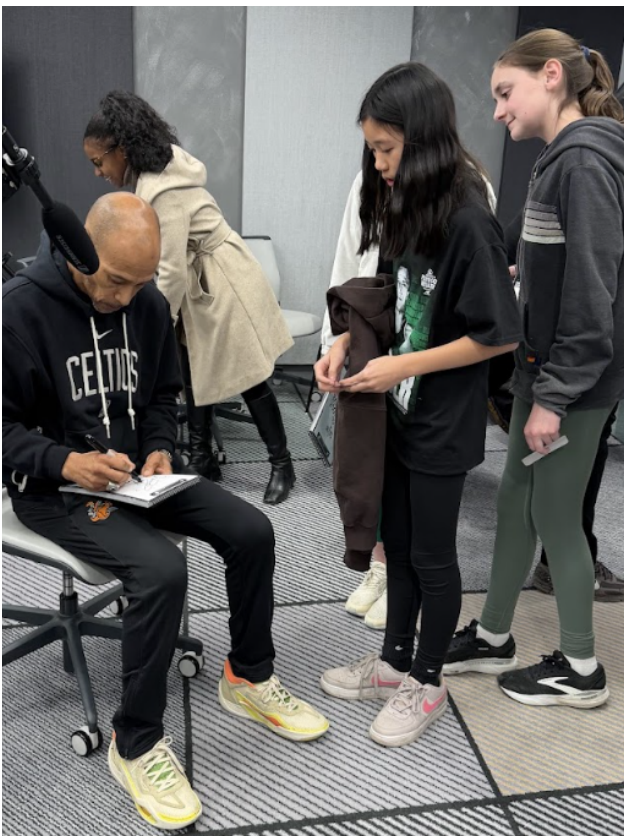


Geography Bee



Celtics Playbook Initiative

This workshop centered on activities and scenarios related to race, and students engaged thoughtfully, honestly and with a high level of maturity. We are proud of how they represented our school community. An added bonus to the day was that we were joined by special guest, Dana Barros. Super cool day for a great group of kids. Below are some photos from the day. Enjoy! We want to thank our high school leaders, Amaya Parmar and Briana Yee, and of all the middle school students who took part in today's field trip to the Auerbach Training Center.



Celtics Playbook Initiative



Trailblazers' Breakfast



Best Buddies



RESPECT EQUITY AND INCLUSION
OUR HOUSE COMMUNITY EVENT
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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.

Investment Club

Investment Club, Winter '26

Date: 1/29/26

Pick of the Week Winner: Adam Crohan



Stock: AAPL - Apple Inc. (3.7% gain over 1 week!)



Save the Date

Norwell Middle School

8th grade
semi-formal

June 12, 2026

More details to follow



Norovirus is on the Rise

Norovirus (often called “**Noro**”) is **extremely contagious**. To help prevent the spread, please keep your child home if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:



Nausea or vomiting



Diarrhea



Stomach cramps



Fever or body aches



Symptoms typically last longer than 24 hours and may continue for up to 3 days or more, especially if dehydration occurs.

Prevention:



Wash hands frequently with **soap and water for at least 20 seconds**



Don't rush handwashing—shortcuts allow the virus to spread



Wash hands **before eating** and  **after using the bathroom**

✗ Hand sanitizer is not effective against norovirus.

Isolation:



Students and staff should remain home for **at least 24 hours after symptoms have completely stopped**.



For extra caution, **48 hours is recommended**.



Thank you for helping keep our community healthy!

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.

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.