



Norwell Middle School

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NMS Update

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Interim/Progress Reports

We are halfway through the term. At the midpoint of each term, the school issues progress reports to provide a sense of how students are currently performing. The term progress reports will be published to the Aspen portal at the end of the school day, today (3/2) so both parents, guardians, and students are able to see them.

We use Schoology as a Learning Management System, so student's assignment and assessment grades will be visible there, but reports (like progress reports and report cards) will be published in Aspen. If parents and guardians have questions about assignments, grades, and material in Schoology, they should discuss with their student first, and then reach out to the teacher, if there is still a question or concern for the class.

Please note that the progress report is not an official term grade report; therefore, the grade that a student has at this point of the term is not on the student's official transcript. The progress report is one form of communication to provide students, guardians, and parents with an update on the student's performance. As there will be additional assignments and assessments for the remainder of the term, the current grade can change.

Progress reports mark an opportunity for parents/guardians and students to have a discussion about what is happening in the class, what is working, and what might be challenging. If a student is having difficulty identifying these areas, is not feeling challenged, or is feeling that they are not learning well in the classroom, then there should be a conversation among the student, teacher, and parents/guardians.

Early Release

We have an early release day scheduled on Wednesday (3/4) and Thursday (3/5). I have attached the Early Release bell schedule. Dismissal Time is 10:58am on Early Release days.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our spring parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 5th (12-2:30pm) and (5-7pm). As a parent, this is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn more about their academic progress and social experience. This year conferences will be six minutes in length.

Please review the conference information and procedures below.

- Conferences are scheduled through "PTC Fast" our online scheduling system
- Conferences are available
 - March 5th (12-2:30pm) and (5-7pm) are in-person and are 6 minutes in length.
- Scheduling to select appointments opened on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00pm

- Appointment scheduling will close on Monday, March 2nd.
 - Once you make your appointments, you will receive a confirmation email
 - Appointments are available on a first come first serve basis and tend to fill quickly
 - If no available appointment times remain, families are asked to email the teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
 - We ask parents to not schedule back-to-back appointments as you will not have enough time to travel to your next classroom
 - Please click on the [PTCFast Parent Link](#) to access the PTCFast site and schedule your conferences.
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- Link for NMS parents – [PTCFast parent link](#)
 - Directions for PTCFast – [PTCFast Directions](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions.

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Sincerely,

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