



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

AFTER-SCHOOL
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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

Term 3 Ends (3/27) -- Just a reminder, Term III report card grades will be posted to Aspen for parents to review on Thursday, April 2nd. 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.

MCAS ELA 4/7 and 4/8 -- Students are academically in a great position for this test and we ask that students are well rested, feeling positive and well nourished in order to let their abilities shine. Students should have the following ready for Tuesday & Wednesday:

1. iPad Charged and ready to go
2. Two, number two pencils
3. Water bottle (optional)
4. A book, journal, drawing pad for after the test.

Students will not be able to use their iPads or other electronic devices until all students have completed testing. (All phones and smart watches will be put away during testing). We recommend students leave their personal electronic devices at home.

Norwell Middle School Spotlighters present the Lion King (4/10 & 4/11) --

Norwell Middle School's Spotlighters are proud to present their production of The Lion King, showcasing the incredible talent, dedication, and enthusiasm of our student performers. Join us at Norwell High School on April 10 at 7:00 PM and April 11 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM for this exciting performance, where students bring the story to life through acting, singing, and choreography. This production highlights not only their artistic abilities but also their teamwork and commitment to excellence. Tickets will be available to the general public beginning Monday, April 6, and are

\$10 for general admission. We hope you'll come out to support our students and enjoy a fantastic show!



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Spring After-School Activities

We are excited to present our FINAL before & after-school offerings for the Spring. Students can spend their time before and after school playing D&D, learning about wellness and self-care, creating code, playing kickball and more!



To register for one of these exciting programs, simply click on the link and that will bring you to our [Activities Page](#) on the NMS Website. Use the link to download and print the registration form. Students should then bring the form and payment to the main office no later than April 10, 2026. Some activities fill up quickly, so return your forms as soon as possible. Friday activities will begin the week of April 17, 2026, the remainder will begin the week of May 1st.

If you are having any trouble accessing the form or website, feel free to reach out to the main office.

CALENDAR

April

- 2 Report Cards Issued
- 3 No School (Holiday)
- 7 ELA Session 1
- 8 ELA Session 2
- 10 Lion King (Spotlighters)
- 11 Lion King (Spotlighters)
- 14 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- 15 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- 16 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- 16 NMS PTO School Outreach @ 6PM
- 17 Pep Rally

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

Calling all 8th graders
for the

Yearbook Design Contest!!!

Leave your mark on the 25-26 NMS Yearbook!

We are looking for a bold, original student-designed cover inspired by this year's theme:

★ **CONNECTED** ★

What does **CONNECTED** mean to you? Friendship, teamwork, shared moments, community, or the everyday experiences that bring NMS together - whatever it may be, show it through your art.

Your design must include:
-NMS or Norwell Middle School
-2025-2026

Artwork may be hand drawn or digitally created on a letter sized paper (8.5x11)

All entries are due to Mrs. Higgins by April 15

Need ideas, feedback, or art materials? Stop by Mrs. Finn's room! She'd love to help bring your vision to life.

**Your Art. Your Story.
One Cover.**

Love. Inclusion. Trust. = L.I.T. Corner

This week we're going to share some resources for students and families to help keep the LIT message going.

SPARK KINDNESS WEBSITE

Here you will find information about free events and resources for families.

Dr. JILL WALSH

This link will bring you directly to a book written by Dr. Walsh, who also does speaking engagements. The book is titled Adolescents and their Social Media Narratives.

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW
TO FILL OUT THE NMS
ACTS OF KINDNESS FORM:
[NMS ACTS OF KINDNESS](#)

Cash or check made out to Norwell Middle School. Sorry no Venmo.

NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPOTLIGHTERS

PRESENTS



Tickets go on sale Monday, April 6 at Norwell Middle School Main Office.

Tickets are \$10 each General Admission

APRIL 10TH 7:00PM

APRIL 11TH 2:00PM & 7:00PM

CRADLES TO CRAYONS DRIVE

ONLY NEW TO
GENTLY USED
CLOTHING!

MARCH 16 - APRIL 10

EVERYDAY CLOTHING
AND SHOES FROM
NEWBORN TO AGE 12



DROP-OFF LOCATION:
NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

Please remind your 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade student about their chance to win a

\$50 Gift Card!!

We are looking for a Student design to become the

2026 NMS Turkey Trot Logo!!



The logo will be on Flyers, Social Media & T-Shirts...

It's a great way to start building a student résumé!

LEAFFIE B. CURTIS MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

The Leaffie B. Curtis Miller Scholarship is given annually to two Norwell High School graduates who are currently attending college. The selections are made on the basis of superior scholarship, co-curricular involvement, and financial need.

The deadline for applications is May 20, 2026. A link to the application can be found [HERE](#) as well as on the Norwell High School Guidance Website.

Norwell Youth Football

Are you ready for some football? Registration is now open for Norwell Youth Football, grades 3-8. Visit [**norwellyouthfootball.com**](http://norwellyouthfootball.com) for more information on this fun, team-building game that encourages players of all abilities. We hope to see you on the turf! Register by June 20th to be included in our drawing for \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificates that are good for anything in the store!

If there are any questions, please contact us at norwellyouthfootball@gmail.com

**ALL ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND THE NORWELL
COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES PIZZA AND
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY
TRAINING EVENT!**



APRIL 13, 2026 AT 6PM

EMPOWERING EFFECTIVE ADVOCATES: STATE & LOCAL ADVOCACY TRAINING

In a year defined by unprecedented challenges, advocacy is no longer optional - it is essential. Join Nora Bent, Director of Government Affairs for The ARC of Massachusetts, for a high-impact advocacy training. This session will equip you with the strategic tools and storytelling expertise needed to command legislative attention at both the state and federal levels. Join us to have a voice in our community's future through advocacy during these pivotal times.



Guest speaker
NORA BENT



Norwell Public
Library
COMMUNITY ROOM

REGISTER HERE FOR THIS FREE EVENT:
[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/30E0F4AA8AF2BAAF58-63158667-LEGISLATIVE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AA8AF2BAAF58-63158667-LEGISLATIVE)





**32ND ANNUAL
NORWELL
BOOSTERS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

TUESDAY MAY 19 2026

LUNCH @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START 12 NOON

\$225 PER GOLFER

INDIAN POND GOLF CLUB

WWW.NORWELLBOOSTERS.ORG/GOLF-TOURNAMENT/

**NEW! FOR MIIA/BLUE CROSS
SUBSCRIBERS, SPOUSES,
AND DEPENDENTS**

Cancer Navigator

The CancerNavigator service provides tailored education and guidance to cancer patients as they navigate the many decisions that follow a diagnosis.



Support for Cancer Patients:

- ✓ Receive education on cancer screenings for early detection
- ✓ Access tailored information about your diagnosis and treatment options
- ✓ Schedule appointments quickly with the best centers in your area
- ✓ Prepare for your upcoming doctor visits
- ✓ Access transportation support, emotional and mental health support, and other community resources

**“This is an exceptional
and indispensable service
for anyone going through
a cancer diagnosis or
treatment.”**

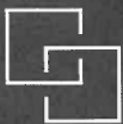
– CancerNavigator Patient

**To reach one of our Oncology
Nurse Navigators today:**



(617) 202-9211

Or visit **www.cancernavigator.com/miia-wellness** to learn more →



CancerNavigator is available at no cost to MIIA/Blue Cross subscribers, spouses, and dependents on an active health plan in the pilot groups*. Participation is voluntary and confidential.

**Pilot groups: Acton-Boxborough RSD, Amherst, Chelmsford, Concord, Concord-Carlisle RSD, Danvers, Dartmouth, Dracut, Ipswich, Mansfield, Newburyport, Norwell, Peabody, Pittsfield, Reading, Rockport, Sandwich, Saugus, Taunton, Tyngsborough, Walpole, Woburn*

HAVE USED OR UNWANTED MARKERS, PENS WOODEN OR MECHANICAL PENCILS?

Last year the Norwell Recycling and Sustainability Committee successfully initiated a project to recycle crayons and continues to collect used or unwanted crayons. We are now adding markers, pens and wooden and mechanical pencils to our collections for recycling. We are working in partnership with Staples, which has recently added them to their list of materials that can be recycled.



Just wanted to update you on the recent collection of writing tools and crayons for recycling...25 pounds kept out of landfills and 9 pounds of pencils, crayons and colored pencils for reuse. Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts.

The Norwell Sustainability & Recycling Committee





**Norwell
Youth Cheer**

**Register
Now!**

Mini Clippers: Grades 1-2
Youth Cheer: Grades 3-8

✿ SPIRIT
✿ STRENGTH
✿ TEAMWORK

 www.norwellyouthcheer.com



NORWELL YOUTH CHEER MINI CLIPPERS

Grades 1 - 2
SPIRIT ✿ STRENGTH ✿ TEAMWORK

**Register
Now!**

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:
Mondays, 4:30-6p

- ▶ Aug. 31
- ▶ Sept. 14, 21, 28
- ▶ Oct. 5

GAME:
October (TBD)



 www.norwellyouthcheer.com



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.



Save the Date

Norwell Middle School

8th grade
semi-formal

June 12, 2026

More details to follow