



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

Norwell Middle School Spotlighters present the final show of the Lion King @ 7PM Tonight

-- The student performance of The Lion King at Norwell Middle School was nothing short of breathtaking, showcasing an incredible level of talent and creativity. From the moment the curtain rose, the audience was transported to the heart of the African savanna, where the cast brought every scene to life with vibrant energy. It was clear that the students had poured themselves into every song, dance, and line, capturing the spirit and grandeur of the beloved story. The characters of Simba, Nala, Mufasa, and the entire ensemble were portrayed with confidence and authenticity, making each moment feel both powerful and genuine. Their vocal performances were rich and expressive, with standout moments during iconic songs like "Circle of Life" and "Hakuna Matata" that filled the auditorium with excitement. The choreography was lively and engaging, complementing the rhythm and emotion of the music.



What truly made the performance unforgettable was the passion and heart that radiated from the students throughout the show. Each cast member went beyond and fully embodied their roles, sharing emotion and storytelling in a way that deeply resonated with the audience. The emotional journey of Simba, from loss and self-doubt to courage and self-discovery, was portrayed with remarkable depth and sincerity. The bonds between characters, especially the themes of family, friendship, and responsibility, were conveyed with warmth and authenticity. The connection between the performers and the audience was heightened, creating a shared experience that felt both joyful and meaningful. This production stood as a celebration of the students' hard work, artistic growth, and the pride they took in bringing such a beloved story to life.



Camino de Santiago (4/17) -- We are excited to welcome Mr. Scott Gravina, who will be speaking to all 8th grade Spanish students about his experience walking the

Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain. Our students have been studying this historic journey, and hearing firsthand about his experience will greatly enrich their understanding and bring meaningful cultural depth to this unit.



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Updates

Virtual Author Visit (6th Grade) (4/14) -- Final Virtual Author Visit is on April 14th at 1PM. The author visit is hosted by Kwame Alexander (author of *The Crossover*). 6th grade students read *The Crossover* this fall with our ELA classes! Author Study with Kwame Alexander is an interactive, virtual author visit series that brings Kwame Alexander and other notable authors into classrooms. The Author Studies supports literacy learning goals. Most important, it celebrates the power of words and individual expression. Research shows that interaction with authors boosts students' motivation to read and write on their own. And agentive reading and writing leads to higher literacy achievement across subject areas.



Playbook Day of Action (4/16) -- Students will engage in lessons, activities and discussion designed by students to help them navigate difficult issues they may encounter in middle school and beyond. We are excited to continue this meaningful initiative at Norwell Middle School. The Playbook Initiative seeks to build more inclusive communities by eliminating hate speech and other acts of discrimination and bias by bringing together groups of students to engage in workshops related to race, ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, disability and orientation. The goal of these workshops is to empower young people to build more inclusive communities in which everyone feels welcome and celebrated. And, thank you to Mrs. Marani, Mrs. Borchert, and Mr. Brust for helping to facilitate this event.

NMS Pep Rally (4/17) -- The upcoming pep rally on Friday, 4/17 is sure to bring excitement as students and staff gear up for the highly anticipated student-faculty basketball game. After the faculty's victory last year, the pressure is on as students look for redemption and the faculty aims to defend their title.

CALENDAR

April

11 Lion King (Spotlighters)
14 Virtual Author Visit
14 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
15 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
16 Playbook Day of Action
16 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
16 NMS PTO School Outreach @ 6PM
17 Pep Rally
20 - 24 April Vacation

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

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.



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

"Diversity is having a seat at the table. Inclusion is having a voice and belonging is having that voice be heard." - Liz Fosslien

Shout out to Mac McGuirk for sitting with a student who was by himself at lunch. Thank you to Harry Williams who always greets staff and friends with a smile. Shout out to Anna Morales-Landa for helping put chairs up after class without being asked and John Charron went above and beyond to help a friend with homework by explaining it in a way that made it click.

To the cast & Crew of the Lion King - thank you for all the work you have put in to bring this show to NMS! Break a leg!

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

The Lion King



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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.**

THE GREAT 80'S NORWELL
PICKLEBALL
NIGHT

APRIL 30TH
6-8PM

SAVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

BENEFITS ALL NORWELL PTOS

PICKLES, HANOVER

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!



As a way to express thanks for our town's highway and roads crew through a difficult winter, the NMS PTO would like to deliver 24 goodie bags to our Norwell DPW Staff.....but we need your help!

The below supplies would help to make a goodie bag for each member of the team (Including Dispatchers) and we will combine them with some wonderful cards made by NMS's Best Buddies Club or any cards you make at home.

Please use the following link to sign up: [signupgenius](https://signupgenius.com)



Norwell Youth Football

Are you ready for some football? Registration is now open for Norwell Youth Football, grades 3-8. Visit norwellyouthfootball.com for more information on this fun, team-building game which encourages players of all abilities. Register by June 20 to be included in our drawing for a \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificate, good for anything in the store. If you have any questions, please contact us at norwellyouthfootball@gmail.com.

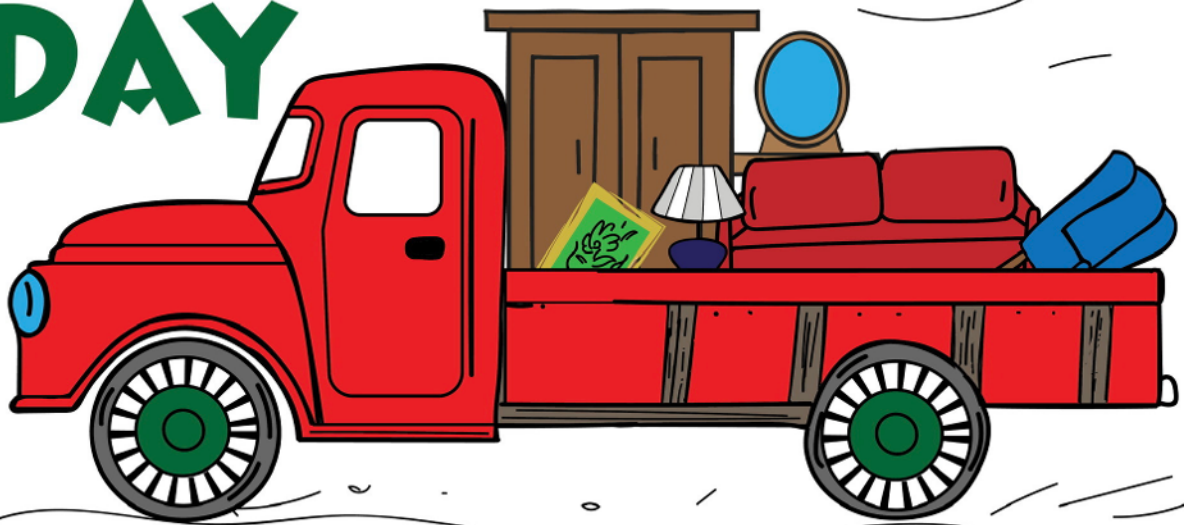


LEAFFIE B. CURTIS MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

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.

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY



**SUNDAY,
APRIL 26TH 1-4 PM**

PHOENIX LODGE | HANOVER FOUR CORNERS

**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

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**32ND ANNUAL
NORWELL
BOOSTERS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

TUESDAY MAY 19 2026

LUNCH @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START 12 NOON

\$225 PER GOLFER

INDIAN POND GOLF CLUB

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



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**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

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🌟 STRENGTH
🌟 TEAMWORK

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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)



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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