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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Week at a Glance

8th Grade Semi-formal -- Semi-format is tonight at 7PM at NMS.

World Language Finals (6/15) -- 7th and 8th grade students will be taking their World Language Final on the morning of June 15th.

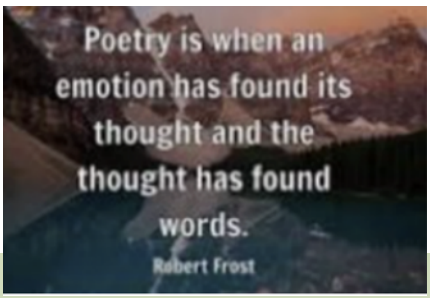
8th Grade Celebration (6/15) -- The upcoming 8th grade celebration promises to be an exciting and memorable event as we wrap up our time at Norwell Middle School. The day will be filled with fun activities including field games that everyone can join, pizza for lunch, and Italian ice to cool down, and in the morning a special awards ceremony to recognize the hard work and achievements of our students. It's the perfect way to say goodbye to middle school, spend time with friends, and make lasting memories before moving on to high school. Everyone is looking forward to this fun-filled celebration!

7th Grade Canobie Lake Park (6/16) -- 7th grade is getting ready for a day of excitement, adventure, and unforgettable memories! Our 7th grade students will be heading to Canobie Lake Park for an end-of-year field trip filled with thrilling rides, games, attractions, and fun with friends.

From roller coasters to classic amusement park favorites, there is something for everyone to enjoy. This trip is a great opportunity for students to celebrate a successful school year, spend time with classmates, and create lasting memories outside the classroom. We are looking forward to a day of laughter, fun, and school spirit!

8th Grade Poetry Reception (6/16) -- The 20th annual 8th-grade Literary Artists Poetry Gallery Reception is scheduled on Tuesday, June 16, at 5:30pm.

Approximately 30 students' projects are selected across both teams whose poems will be framed and hung in the gallery. The poems are written and decorated by the students themselves during the 8th grade poetry unit in collaboration with Mrs. Finn our art teacher. Their poems remain in the Gallery until the students are seniors. Students are invited back during their senior year to collect their projects, which then creates room in the gallery for the new poems that our current 8th graders have created.



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Shruggs Perform Center Stage During the Lunches

What an outstanding musical performance by our student band, the Shruggs, on Wednesday during the lunch periods! Students at all three lunches were clearly excited by the energy of the band, the Shruggs. Homemade pizza and a live band, awesome Wednesday!

A special thank you to Rob Doran for organizing this experience. Thank you to MaryJo for assisting with the instruments, to all of our teachers for their flexibility and for stopping by to support the band, to Mr. and Mrs. Santoro for helping with setup, and to Jim Armstrong (former NMS substitute teacher and current HS staff member) for donating the amplifier and equipment that made the day possible.

CALENDAR

June

12 8th Grade Semi-formal
15 WL Finals
15 8th Grade Awards
16 7th Grade Canobie Lake Park
16 Poetry Reception @ 5:30PM
19 No School
22 Last Day

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

Updates

PTO -- Friday's PTO Schedule:

6:00pm-6:35pm: Candid photos in front of central office

6:40pm- Lining up for the Class Photo

6:45pm- Class photo will be promptly taken

***After the class photo, students will walk over together to the dance.**

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

Literary Lunch

Thank you so much for joining us for "Literary Lunch" today! Thank you to Brianna and Mrs. Melanson for providing such beautiful and delicious macarons! We have had such a nice time with you all in Book Club. Our meetings were always something we looked forward to on Thursday afternoons. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did, and hope that this club continues to grow next year. Thank you for your enthusiasm and interest in reading. Your passion for literature (and so much more) inspires us and is a wonderful reminder of why we wanted to be teachers.

Dear Students and Families,

All school issued iPads will be collected during the last full week of school. Please read the information below to help us prepare for this collection.

iPad Collection Dates:

Grade Level	Collection Date	Items to be Returned
Grade 8	Wednesday, June 17th	• School issued iPad • **School issued charger**
Grade 7	Thursday, June 18th	• School issued iPad
Grade 6	Tuesday, June 16th	• School issued iPad

Any Student not returning to Norwell Public Schools		• School issued iPad • School issued charger

Any student who will be ending their school year prior to the dates shown above (or who will not be returning to Norwell Public Schools in the fall), please contact Mrs. Hess to make different arrangements for iPad collection.

Damaged iPads:

All damaged iPads will need to be repaired / replaced in order to prepare for fall. Students who currently have a damaged iPad should enter a technology ticket as soon as possible to begin the replacement process. This can be done at the front office. iPad replacement is covered (up to two incidents) if you purchased the technology insurance for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Any student without the technology fee (or students who have damaged 2 or more devices) will be asked to cover the cost by bringing a check for $150 made payable to Norwell Public Schools (**no later than June 18th**). If a student **(8th grade)** does not have their school issued apple charger a $38 fee will need to be submitted. Families will be contacted by Mrs. Hess when / if payment is needed.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer iPad collection, please contact Mrs. Hess at lauren.hess@norwellschools.org.

Thank you!

Norwell Cultural Council Survey - Survey Link

Please take a few minutes to respond to this arts and culture survey from the Norwell Cultural Council. The Norwell Cultural Council grants state-allocated funding to local cultural programs and events that benefit and enrich the lives of Norwell residents. We hope to use the results to better represent our community members' interests and we will publish the results on various Town-related platforms. This survey was created by the council's Norwell High School senior intern. Thank you for your time and input to help further the Council's work. Please find the survey link here.

If you would like to learn more about the work and mission of the Mass Cultural Council and Norwell Cultural Council, please click here.

Sun, June 28 | Tue, June 30 | Thu, July 2
5:00 pm in the West Barn
THE JACOB BROTHERS
Discuss the War
July, 1776

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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