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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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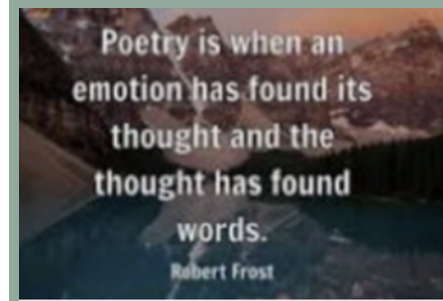


CALENDAR

June

22 Last Day

22 Term IV Report Cards
Distributed via the Aspen Portal



"Identify your

Updates



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



"Let us remember:
One book, one
pen, one child and
one teacher can
change the world."

—MALALA YOUSAFZAI

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Dear Students and Families,

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together. It has been an eventful year, with student learning and growth at the heart of everything we've done. I extend my sincere thanks to our students, faculty, parents, families, and the entire Norwell community for your continued support, collaboration, and respect.

To our eighth-grade class — congratulations! It feels like just yesterday many of you were stepping into Norwell Middle School for the first time. Over the past three years, you've grown as individuals and as a community. I encourage you to reflect on your journey, recognize how far you've come, and think about how your experiences here can shape your future. You hold incredible potential, and I am confident you will find success by staying focused and staying true to yourself. I look forward to seeing all you will accomplish as you grow into mature, independent, and responsible young adults.

To our sixth and seventh graders, I'm excited to welcome you back next year. We're already hard at work planning for a fantastic year ahead, and we look forward to continuing to make Norwell Middle School a place where you can thrive academically, socially, and personally. For those of you who will be moving on to new schools, know that you will be missed, and we wish you all the best in your next chapter.

Please take note of the following upcoming events and updates at NMS:

Term 4 Report Card - Please take time to check in with your child to review their Term 4 report card, which will be available at the end of the day on Monday (6/22).

Some quick notes and reminders:

- Summer reading requirements are available on the [Library Page](#), on the middle school website. While it is summer vacation, it is important to stay actively reading. The site shows you the required reading, but I encourage you to read as much as you can.
- Students should take time to practice math so that they keep their learning current and are prepared for next year. Students should continue to engage in mathematical thinking through [Mathematical Practice](#) over the summer. We believe that regular practice over the summer will help students maintain or strengthen their mathematical skills that were further developed this past school year. Our hope is that students continue to engage in mathematical thinking. While the suggested activities are NOT mandatory, we hope that students and families will find time to engage in these opportunities.
- Schedules will be available through Aspen accounts in the second week of August. If you have any questions or would like to review core classes, exploratory classes or support classes, please feel free to contact me.
- Students in grades 7 - 12 need to register to take the bus and pay the bus fee. Information about how to register for the bus will be emailed and available on the website.

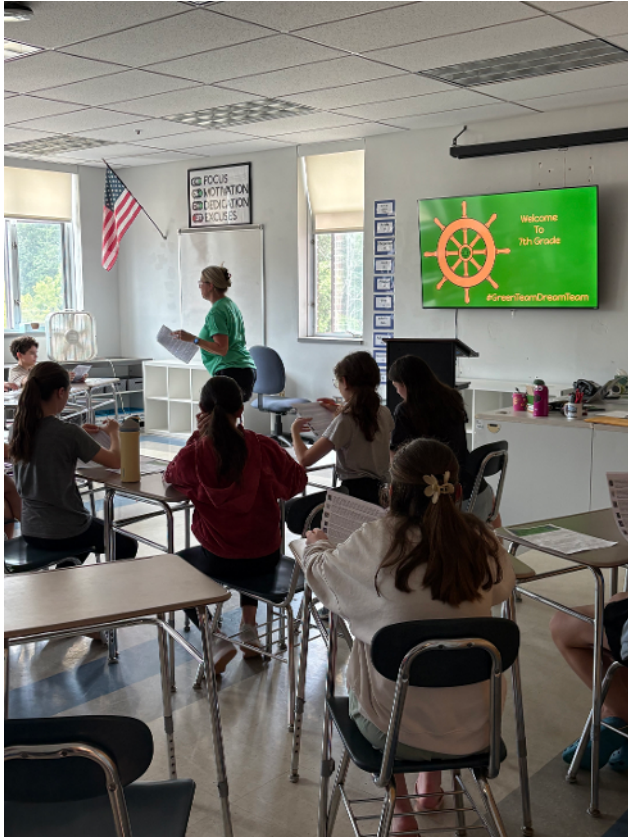
Again, I want to thank you for a great year and I am looking forward to another one next year. Mrs. Murray and I will be in our offices throughout the summer, so if you have any questions, concerns, or want to just say hello, please contact us by phone (781)659-8814 or email ellen.murray@norwellschools.org or james.dupille@norwellschools.org.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and joyful summer!

James E. Dupille, Principal

[NMS EOY Letter - 2026.pdf](#)

Step-up Day





8th Grade Semi-Formal



Dear 8th grade students and parents:

On behalf of the student government, Mrs. Zych and Mrs. Callahan wanted to take a moment to thank you for coming to the 8th grade semi-formal. The dance was a huge success! We wanted to take a moment to thank students for such a great night. Faculty chaperones left feeling very positive about the night and we hope the students did as well. It was, without a doubt, one of the best semi-formals we have had! Thank you for being on your best behavior. We hope you had as much fun as we did, and we wish you the best in the next chapter!

Sincerely, Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Zych

8th Grade Celebration



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8th Grade Poetry Reception

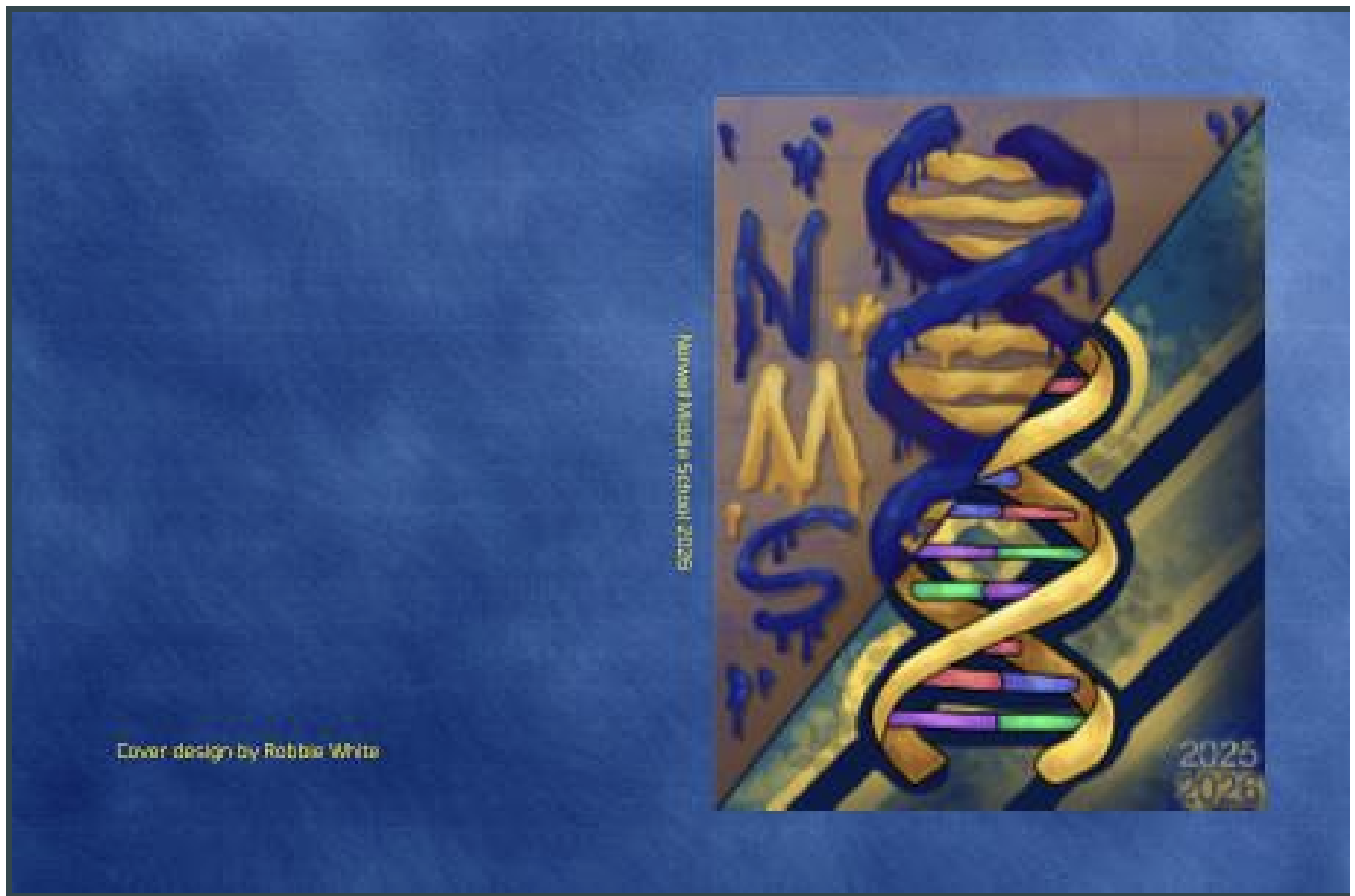
The 20th annual 8th-grade Literary Artists
Poetry Gallery Reception



John Hughan Outdoor Classroom



The 2026 Yearbook cover was based on this year's connected theme
Designed by Robbie White



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YEARBOOK CLUB



Are you an 8th grader who enjoys taking photos?
Are you artistic? Do you like designing things on a
computer? Want to leave your mark?

Join the Yearbook Club!

What is it?

A group of creative 8th grade students who will build the NMS yearbook from the ground up by taking photos of school activities and events, designing the yearbook pages and cover, and helping market and distribute our yearbook.

If are interested in being a part of the yearbook for 2026-27, email Mrs. Higgins at gwenn.higgins@gmail.com.

It's going to be a great year!



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Dear Norwell Middle School Families,

Parents often ask what their child can do over the summer to stay fresh with their math skills and/or build their analytical skills. We are excited to address this question. Quite simply, students should continue to engage in mathematical thinking over the summer. We believe that regular practice over the summer will help students maintain or strengthen their mathematical skills that were further developed this past school year.

We are happy to offer a few opportunities for students who are interested in supporting their math skills this summer. Our hope is that students continue to engage in mathematical thinking. While the suggested activities are NOT mandatory, we hope that students and families will find time to engage in these opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great summer!

James Dupille
Norwell Middle School Principal

Tara Plassmann
6 - 12 Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator

Summer Math Opportunities:

1. [Talk About the Math in Everyday Life](#)
2. [Play Math Games](#)
3. Challenge Yourself and Engage in Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
“[MATH COUNTS Problem of the Week](#)”
4. Skills Practice (6 weeks - one module per week):
These are **optional** question sets. Families can choose to have students work on one question set per week, for 6 weeks. Each module, an answer key, and a list of online resources are linked by grade below. A few physical copies are also available in the main office at the Middle School. These summer modules focus on core skills that students would benefit from practicing and staying fresh with over the summer months. It is okay if a student forgets how to complete a question. Try looking at the [Math Resources](#) provided for support with specific skills. But don't worry. Math teachers will revisit these skills and build upon them in the fall.
***Entering Grade 6:** [Modules](#) [Answer Key](#)
***Entering Grade 7:** [Modules](#) [Answer Key](#)
***Entering Grade 8:** [Modules](#) [Answer Key](#)

Important Notes/Suggestions:

- *Create a summer math routine.
- *Find small ways to practice math at home.
- *Engage in problem solving. Set up a family game night. Have fun!

Sun, June 28 | Tue, June 30 | Thu, July 2

5:00 pm in the West Barn

A historical painting depicting four people and a cow in front of a wooden barn. On the left, a man in a brown vest and a woman in a blue dress stand together. In the center, a man in a grey vest leads a black and white cow. On the right, a man in a blue military-style coat stands with his hands behind his back. The barn has a shingled exterior and a large wooden door.

**THE JACOB
BROTHERS**
Discuss the War
July, 1776

**NEW! FOR MIIA/BLUE CROSS
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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."**

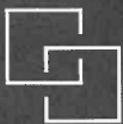
– CancerNavigator Patient

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



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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

