N 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

Reading Initiative (Flex Friday) -- -- NMS Reading Challenge will begin today on Friday (9/11). We are encouraging NMS students to read more! To help along the way, we will be devoting Friday Flextime to independent reading.

Late Nights & late buses will begin the week of September 14th. Late nights are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information about late buses see our website.

Back-to-School Night (9/16) The Norwell Middle School's Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. This important program will provide parents with information about grade level courses, teams, middle school programs, extracurricular activities, and many other important aspects of Norwell Middle School. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet with the middle school counselors and NMS administration. This evening is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about Norwell Middle School. Parents and guardians are asked to come directly to the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. for the beginning of the evening's activities. At approximately 6:20 p.m., the auditorium presentation concludes, and you will proceed to your child's classes.

Team Day (9/18) We are thrilled to welcome everyone back with our Team Day event on Friday, September 18th! The day will be filled with excitement, music, and games.

Students have a blast participating in a wide variety of fun and competitive activities. From high-energy inflatable games to classic field favorites, there is something for everyone—including the chance to challenge friends or even a teacher! It is a fantastic way to kick off the new school year—full of laughter, teamwork, and school spirit!

6th Grade Fun Day (9/18) -- The excitement will be in full swing for our 6th graders on Friday afternoon from 2 to 3:15PM! Students will take to the field for an action-packed afternoon of activities (diving into obstacle courses, throwing footballs, hitting volleyballs, dancing at the DJ booth and more.

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CALENDAR

September

15 Late Buses Begin
16 Back-to-School Night @ 6PM
18 PTO Meeting 9:15 AM
18 Team Day
18 6th Grade Fun Day
21 School Committee Mtg 7PM

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

PTO

PTO DUES -- We are requesting a contribution of $50 per child. 100% of student dues are directly applied to support the school, our staff, and our students. Learn more on our Website: NorwellMiddleSchoolPTO.org PTO Website or on our Norwell Middle School PTO FacebookPage or Instagram!

The PTO spends an average of $68 per student each school year, but thanks to the annual NMS Turkey Trot 5k (on Sunday, November 23rd), we are able to keep our student dues relatively low, while providing support to our students, staff and NMS families.
The first PTO meeting of the year is NEXT FRIDAY, Sept. 18th @ 9:15am in the NMS Cafe or on ZOOM.

PTO Meeting Zoom Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87054621092?pwd=b42Em903ROpbVbSFqdObqBxbqHAbXS.1

Zoom Meeting: 870 5462 1092 Password: 02061

L.I.T. (Love.Inclusion.Trust.) Corner

Diversity is a fact. Equity is a choice. Inclusion is an action. Belonging is an outcome. - A. Chan

This week we have seen students inviting new students to sit with them at lunch, older students walking younger ones to class, several students waiting out by the bus to make sure their 6th grade neighbors knew what bus to get on...the list honestly goes on.

Every year we have a Kindness Form for students & staff to nominate someone they have caught completing an act of kindness. This year, the form is called the L.I.T. Recognition Form to honor students that "Live and honor the words: Work hard. Be kind & Help others."

Because we saw so many kind acts this week we wanted to get the form out ASAP. Students that are recognized get their names and a paper crane on our LIT corner bulletin board.

Click on the link below to complete the form:

L.I.T. RECOGNITION FORM

Updates

- Team Day Bell Schedule On Friday, September 18th, we will have an abbreviated schedule to allow teachers and students to come together and participate in team building activities at the end of the day.

Note: Please remember the lunch block will not rotate

9/11 Remembrance

9/11 Remembrance (Morning announcements)

September 11 Remembrance

Today, we pause to remember September 11, 2001—a day that changed our nation forever. Our nation marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that forever changed our country and the world.

We remember the innocent lives lost, and we honor their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to carry their memory.

We remember the courage of the first responders, firefighters, police officers, emergency workers, and ordinary citizens who ran toward danger to help others.

We remember the acts of kindness, compassion, and sacrifice that emerged in the midst of unimaginable tragedy.

May we never forget those we lost.

May we honor those who served.

May we support those who continue to grieve.

And may we carry forward a spirit of unity, courage, compassion, and hope.

On this September 11, we remember.

We honor.

We will never forget.

I will now pause for a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost on that day

Pause for a moment of silence

In the weeks that followed 9/11, something truly amazing happened... a remarkable spirit of patriotism and compassion united our country.

During Flex, or when time exists in your classes, take a minute to ask your teachers, ask adults in your life, and most importantly... ask your parents about where they were on the morning of September 11th. Listen to their stories... and hear their accounts of the uplifting patriotic pride, compassion, and collective support that persevered.

Through the sharing of these stories, we will always remember the events of September 11th.

Thank you for being part of this remembrance"

PTO

Help the PTO Support your Student!

Volunteer for school events, staff appreciation & more.

Join us to help shape PTO events, fundraisers & activities.

First PTO Meeting (9/18): **Friday @ 9:15 AM | NMS Cafeteria + Zoom**

Support through Student Dues

Dues help fund field trips, speakers, student activities, classroom needs & more!

2026–2027 Suggested Dues: $50 per student

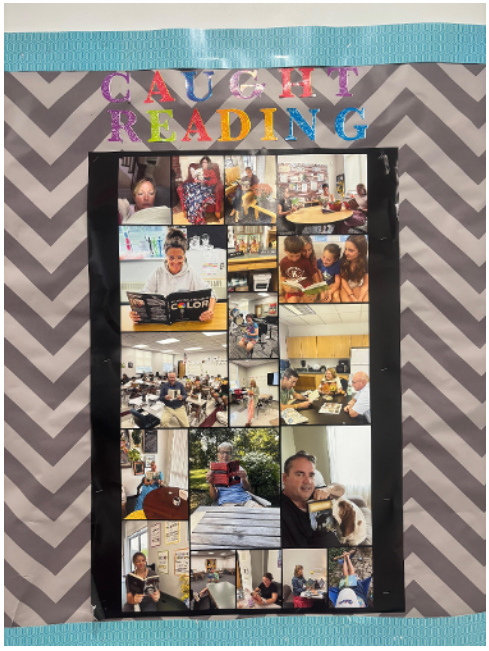
More info on how to complete dues is on the PTO Website: PTO Website

The PTO wants to hear your input! Complete the attached Google form to be entered to win a Norwell Quarter-Zip, Journal & $25 Target Gift Card! The Winner will be announced at the PTO Meeting on Sept. 18th!

PTO Google Form- (Fill out to Win!)

Yearbook

If you took any pictures at NMS this week, please share them with me for the yearbook.

Also,I would greatly appreciate it if you would send a photo of yourself reading a book by Monday so that I can update our Caught Reading bulletin board before Back to School Night.

Thank you! Mrs. Higgins