



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

COSTUME DAY (10/30)

HALE

KINDNESS CORNER

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Week at a Glance

Costume Day! (10/30) -- No tricks, just treats for a good cause!

On Friday, October 30th, NMS students are invited to wear their favorite Halloween costumes to school! To support our community, we kindly ask students wearing a costume to bring a \$1 donation for our local food pantry. We Thank our families in advance for their support and generosity!

Boo Bash / Haunted Hallows (10/30) -- Join us on Friday, October 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for an unforgettable Halloween event featuring both the Haunted Hallows experience and the Boo Bash dance!

- One ticket grants admission to the entire evening.

When arriving, students can choose between two entrances:

- Haunted Entrance: Walk through the Haunted Hallows if you dare! Experience scenes from a zombie apocalypse, a haunted carnival, and The Ring. Beware of undead souls, feeding zombies, and Samara!
- Direct Entrance: For those who prefer to bypass the haunted scenes, a separate direct entrance will bring you straight into the dance.

Once inside, enjoy the Boo Bash with music, decorations and Halloween spirit! School-appropriate costumes are welcome.



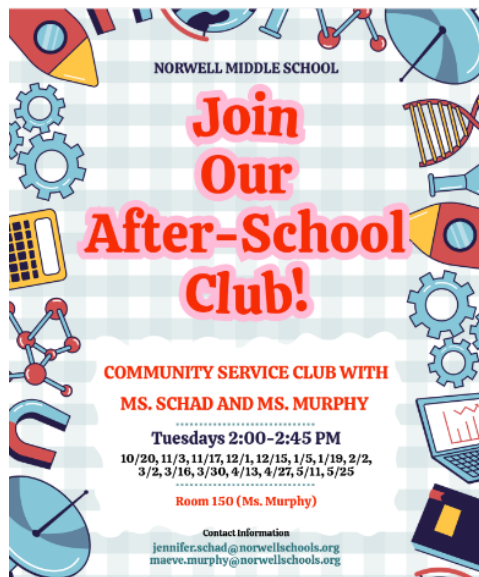
8th Grade DC Parent Meeting (10/28) -- 8th Grade DC Trip Information Meeting is on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 PM. This meeting is for both parents and 8th grade students, and we ask that everyone attend, if possible. At the meeting, we will review important information you will need for the trip. The information portion of the meeting will take approximately 45 minutes and will take place in the cafeteria.

Following the meeting, our volunteer nurses will be in the Community Room to collect any medications that students will be taking on the trip. We are looking forward to a great trip and are excited to share all of the details with you!



2026 — Norwell Turkey Trot &
Kids Turkey Chase —
raceroster.com

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CALENDAR

October

26 School Committee Mtg @7PM

27 Congress of Councils @7PM

28 DC Parent Mtg @ 6PM (NMS)

30 Costume Day

30 Boo Bash / Haunted Hallows @ 6:30PM

November

3 Election Day

4-6 8th Grade DC Trip



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

Hale Field Trip (10/22)

Our 6th graders had an incredible day of outdoor learning, team building, and adventure at Hale Education! Students tackled hands-on leadership challenges, worked through collaborative problem-solving activities, and explored the outdoors—all designed to build confidence and strengthen peer connections. It was a wonderful opportunity for learning beyond the classroom walls!

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 next PTO meeting of the year is FRIDAY, Oct. 7th @ 9:15am in the NMS Cafe or on ZOOM.

PTO Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87054621092?pwd=b42Em903R0plVbSfQd0bqBxbqHAbXS.1>

Zoom Meeting: 870 5462 1092 Password: 02061

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

He who does good to others makes the biggest gift to himself. - Seneca

Thank you to the following students who were recognized in the LIT form:

Felix Morlot: Was recognized by classmates for holding the door for "a lot of 8th graders" during passing time. Thank you Felix!

Griffin King: Voluntarily helped clean up a mess in the cafeteria, which helped students, teachers and our custodian. Thank you Griffin!

Evelyn Schepman: Was recognized for always having a smile on her face and being kind to classmates. thank you Evelyn!

Faye Gentilotti: Was supportive and kind to a friend that was "not having a great day." It really helped that friend feel better. Thank you Faye!

[Click HERE](#) complete the LIT Recongition form



BOO BASH
&
PRINCIPAL'S HAUNTED HALLWAY

OCTOBER 30TH
6:30 - 8:00
DROP OFF IN BUS LOOP

\$10

PRE-PAID ENTRY ONLY

MONEY COLLECTED DURING HR
10/27-10/30
CASH OR CHECK
(MADE PAYABLE TO NMS)

BASH HOSTED BY NMS STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Holocaust Speaker

Holocaust Survivor, Jack Trompetter, to Speak to 8th Grade (12/3) -- We are truly fortunate to once again have Jack Trompetter come to NMS to share his story of having been a hidden child during the Holocaust with our 8th grade students. As part of our Anne Frank & Holocaust Unit, we have been able to secure a Holocaust speaker via the organization Facing History & Ourselves. Jack Trompetter will visit with our students on Thursday, December 3, from 12:30-1:58PM in the cafeteria. Jack Trompetter is an 84-year-old Holocaust Survivor, who was born in 1942 and spent the first three years of his life in hiding. During this time, Trompetter lived with an aunt, then in an orphanage, and finally at a farm in eastern Holland with a Christian couple, while his parents hid in the south. He and his family were not reunited until the war's end in 1945, at which point Jack's story had really only begun. We hosted Jack last year and are thrilled to have him return to speak to the current 8th grade.

NEF

Did you know that in 2018, the Norwell Education Foundation (NEF) funded a STEM grant for NMS to address the computational thinking strand of the Massachusetts Digital Literacy and Computer Science Standards. The grant paid for Indi Sphero robot kits, which inspired curiosity, creativity, and invention through connected play and coding. Because this first set successfully introduced students to the fundamentals of coding, the NEF funded a second grant in 2026 to purchase additional Indi Sphero robot kits. Together, the two grants, eight years apart, show how a pilot program can become part of the schoolwide culture and curriculum. If you want to help Fund What's Next for Norwell Middle School, please consider donating to the NEF during our Fall Giving Campaign this month to kick off a year of innovation and impact. Since 1992, the NEF has collaborated with educators and school administrators in the Norwell School District to facilitate the development and funding of teacher-written grants. We rely solely on the generous support of the community, so please consider donating to help fund these grants that provide resources for innovative educational programs, activities and materials.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME

Day



October 30 2026

\$1 Donation to Community Service Club to Dress Up
No Masks or Weapons

TREASURER NEEDED

NMS PTO seeks an interested volunteer who is willing to shadow Allison HUGHAN through the year and take the reins next year!

September through December 1 is our busiest time of year and the best time to learn.



Grant Fulfillment



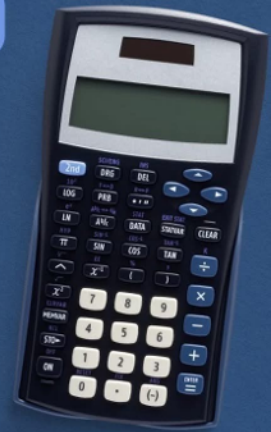
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Tax Preparation and Filing



Dues Tracking



nmspto@gmail.com

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- National Parks
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- Anything appropriate!



Place in marked bin at the drop off/pickup
circle!

NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Join Our After-School Club!

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB WITH
MS. SCHAD AND MS. MURPHY

Tuesdays 2:00-2:45 PM

10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2,
3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25

Room 150 (Ms. Murphy)

Contact Information

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maeve.murphy@norwellschools.org

The second time's a charm!

Simple steps for your
child's School Portrait
Retake

If you are dissatisfied with a student's portrait and would like another try, you have the opportunity for a retake on:

Monday, 11/2/26

- Please return the undamaged prints to the photographer at Retake Day.
- If you have any specific instructions for the photographer, please jot a note and attach it to the outside of the package, so it can be easily seen.
- Please return only the individual portraits you have received.
- Retake packages will be distributed at the school approximately 3-5 weeks following Retake Day. If your school receives class photos, those are usually distributed at this time.

We are here for *you*.

Email us at lifeguards@coffeepond.com or call (508) 907-6633 ext. 0



Grade 8-Washington D.C. Reminder



If your child will be receiving medication on the D.C. trip, please review the email sent by Ms. Petrell as it has several important details. Also, remember to send in medication orders from your child's doctor BEFORE the Parent D.C. Night on 10/28.

Grade 7-Physicals and Immunizations

If you haven't already done so, please send in your child's most recent physical and immunizations (this was most likely done last school or over the summer. Don't wait for the next appointment ■■). Most physicals have immunizations listed right in the same document. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Life Threatening Allergies-Self Carry Orders

Students who carry their own epi pens in their bag for life threatening allergies are still required to have a doctor signed, Allergy Action Plan on file in the health office. Please send in these action plans as soon as possible, ESPECIALLY if your child is going to Washington D.C.!

Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe ♥

Turkey Trot

Dear NMS Staff & Teachers-

We are excited to announce the opening of Registration for the 6th Annual NMS Turkey Trot!

The race will be on Sunday, November 22nd. Kid's Races (10 & under) will begin at 9:00 AM and the Turkey Trot (roughly 3 miles- flat) will begin at 9:30 AM.

This is the primary fundraiser that the PTO does each school year to raise money to fulfill grants, field trip buses, and other needs that directly benefit our students.

The PTO would love your support!

Even if running or walking is not your thing, we would love for teachers to encourage their students to sign up and be part of the fun!

Last year the race had 550 participants and we're hoping to surpass that this year!

We want our NMS staff (and all NPS staff) to be there on race day so much that we've lowered the registration fee to just \$15 for all Norwell Public School Staff!

When registering, NPS staff may use the code: NPSTEACHER to access their discount.

Teachers & Grade Levels-

If you would like to start a **TEAM** for your class or grade level, make sure you use the drop-down menu to start a team and then let your students know the name!

★ There are team prizes awarded on race day for the most group members on a team. ★

(Students (18 & under) can register for the race at a discount of \$25- no code needed).

Please reach out to the PTO with any questions!

Nmspto@gmail.com



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Private School Application Process

Norwell Middle School counselors and staff are happy and willing to assist families and students who wish to submit applications to private school. In order to best assist families and manage the great volume of information that must be shared as part of this process, Norwell Middle School has instituted a standardized process for requesting school records and recommendations. We encourage families to communicate their intention to complete private school applications as early as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute to send out your recommendation requests as they may be submitted after deadlines have passed. We look forward to working with families through this process.

The process is as follows:

1. Families should notify NMS counselors and any teacher who will be asked to complete recommendations of intent to submit private school applications, in writing, as soon as possible or at least three weeks prior to the first deadline.
2. Students should speak to any teacher or send them a personal email prior to the teacher getting a request from the online portal. This gives the teacher an opportunity to speak with the student in an effort to provide a more personalized recommendation.
3. Families should complete and submit the signed Records Release Form to the assigned school counselor at least three school weeks prior to the first deadline.
Click [HERE](#) for access to the release.
4. Students should complete and submit the Private School Student Questionnaire (click [HERE](#) for access to the questionnaire) to their school counselor and all teachers completing recommendations at least three school weeks prior to the first deadline.
5. If you have questions about a recommendation and/or its status, please contact the teacher or private school directly.

Rush: students whose last names begin with A-J

Sailer: students whose last names begin with K-Z

NHS FOURTH WALL PLAYERS PRESENT

Once Upon A Mattress

Music by MARY ROGERS
Lyrics by MARSHALL BARER
Book by JAY THOMPSON, DEAN FULLER, AND MARSHALL BARER

*"A quirky fairy-tale
romp where a
not-so-proper
princess proves
she's the real deal."*

November 12th & 13th at 6:30pm
November 14th at 2:00pm

Norwell High School Auditorium



← Tickets Online or At Door | \$15
This show is suitable for all audiences!

Starring

Danny Britton, Sophia Mousseau, Topher Young,
Thomas Donovan, Sophie d'Entremont, Lena Fourney,
Connor Flaherty, Lora Mahoney, Teddy Bettencourt, Elin Gorman,

Emma McLaughlin, Eileen Greene, Elaina Heavyside

Vanessa Scribner, Meredith Elsdon, Charlotte Carr, Nathan Ganguly,
Emma Reis, Sophia Yahner, Maddie Murray, Nola Carney,
Emma Ramkissoon, Ruby Carroll-Millins

Director: Samantha Kelly | Music Director: Kathy Medeiros
Choreographer: Aimee Watts

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
www.concordtheatricals.com

 **NHS**
FOURTH WALL PLAYERS

NMS YEARBOOK CLUB MEETINGS 2026-27

**MONDAYS 2-2:45PM;
PLEASE ARRANGE
FOR TRANSPORTATION
HOME**

MRS. HIGGINS' ROOM 242

- OCTOBER 26**
- NOVEMBER 16**
- DECEMBER 21**
- JANUARY 25**
- FEBRUARY 22**
- MARCH 15**
- APRIL 26**
- MAY 17**
- JUNE 9 (WED)**

**8TH
GRADE
CREATIVES
WELCOME**

**SEE MRS. HIGGINS OR MRS.
FINN FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

October 24th 11-1

Norwell Fire Headquarters 300 Washington St

Join us for:

- ▶ Pizza and snacks
- ▶ Auto extrication demonstration
- ▶ Face painting and more...



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NORWELL'S **REVOLUTIONARY** PAST



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

1½ Hr. TOURS BEGIN BETWEEN NOON + 1:20 PM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

NORWELLHISTORICAL SOCIETY.ORG/EVENTS

The background of the right-hand flyer features decorative illustrations: a branch with yellow and orange autumn leaves in the top left, a stack of books tied with a red ribbon in the top center, a basket of fruit (apples and oranges) in the top right, and a single acorn in the bottom left.

Meet your new Friends!

Join the **Friends of Norwell Public Library** for an informational session and meet and greet!

We are looking for new volunteers, new energy, and new leadership!

Wednesday Nov. 4 | 6:30-7:30 PM
at the library

Can't make it but want in? Email us at friendsofnorwellpubliclibrary@gmail.com



Fund What's Next!

Help support our favorite community members – our students! The Norwell Education Foundation (NEF) is launching its annual Fall Giving Campaign to kick off a year of innovation and impact.

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The Fall Giving Campaign is one of the best ways to support innovation, opportunity, and excellence for all Norwell Public School students – please click on the link below to donate.

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/norwell-education-foundation>

