



Norwell Middle School

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Dear NMS Students and Families,

With the start of term II, we thought it would be appropriate to send out some reminders to students and families regarding school expectations.

Attendance / Tardies

- Attendance letters will be sent home once a student reaches 5 unexcused absences.
- A meeting with the family will also be scheduled if we have not already held one.
- Students are allowed up to 3 unexcused tardies/term.
- Once a student reaches 4 unexcused tardies they are issued a detention. (FYI: Ellen M. is pulling the tardies every Monday and will issue detentions for Wed. and Thur. of the same week)
- A doctor's note, court document or other official document is required to excuse an absence/tardy. Please notify the school if you know your student will be absent for an extended period of time.

Lockers & Cell Phones

- The handbook states that students must put their cell phones in their lockers, and that phones are to remain in their lockers for the duration of the school day.
- Teachers have noted that there are students who are not doing this and cell phones are proving to be a distraction.
- The first time a teacher sees a student's phone it is taken by the teacher, the second time the phone is sent to the main office for the day and a call is made home, the third time the phone remains in the main office for two days...and so on.
- Phones are not used at NMS for educational purposes and students can use the phone at the Main Office to call home.
- Students that do not know their locker combinations should see their homeroom teacher.

Drop Off & Weather

- The drop off line has been running smoothly and the number of tardies Term I was significantly lower than last year.
- When there is inclement weather the number of tardies for that day increases significantly due to the fact that more parents/caregivers are driving their students to school and the drop off line is longer.
- If there is a situation that causes a student to be tardy on a consistent basis, please reach out to the school for assistance.

Kindness Campaign

- October kicked off the Kindness Campaign & students signed Individual Kindness Action Plans
- November we will be hanging posters and posting several of the Action Plans (with student permission)
- We encourage families to talk about the little things that make a big difference; such as holding the door open for a fellow student who is on crutches.

We are off to a strong start here at NMS and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

I hope that everyone is well!

Thank you,

Ellen Murray

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