



# Norwell Middle School

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Dear Norwell Middle School Community,

This has been a truly remarkable school year. Student learning and growth was at the forefront but there was also a lot of fun along the way. I want to thank the students, faculty, parents, families, and community for their support in making this a great place to learn. I wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer. I have truly enjoyed meeting everyone, and I thank you for making my first year special.

As we embark on our summer vacations, I wanted to say that we are very excited about the opportunities for the upcoming year. We are planning excellent after-school activities, and are thrilled to have the class of 2028, 2029, and 2030 coming back next year. Highlights of upcoming fall activities include: Welcome Back Event in September, 6th, 7th and 8th grade field events, Haunted Hallows in October, Winter Concerts, over 25 clubs, and more! It will be an exhilarating time to be at NMS.

Most importantly, we have put together a challenging and engaging curriculum for our students. It is our primary goal to ensure each child has success throughout his/her educational experience at NMS. To achieve this, we ask for your support and assistance. It is through our common commitments as a community that we can ensure success for all learners. I urge everyone in our school family to become an active member of the Norwell Middle School Community. It is the unifying strength of all the members of the community that helps to create a school of excellence. We strive to reach this goal collectively. NMS is committed to fostering open lines of communication with our students and their families. To that end, we offer the following vehicles for communication: NMS Website, Aspen (community emails and voicemails from NMS), staff email and voicemail accounts.

I look forward to working with our dedicated staff to provide our students with the opportunities to reach the heights of their potential. We pride ourselves on fostering an educational environment that is both engaging and challenging.

Congratulations to our eighth grade! We will miss you! You have amazing potential for success if you maintain your focus and drive. I look forward to watching you take the next steps on the path to your future.

### **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. 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.

- **Schedules** are available through Aspen accounts. 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 am looking forward to another one next year. Ms. 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](mailto:ellen.murray@norwellschools.org) or [james.dupille@norwellschools.org](mailto:james.dupille@norwellschools.org)).

As always, thank you, have a great summer, and be kind,

James E. Dupille, Principal