

# Under Construction

## OCTOBER



- 10/5 No School. Professional Development Day
- 10/8 No School. Columbus Day
- 10/12 School Picture Day  
Stay & Play After School (See PTO Section on page 4)
- 10/26 Stay & Play After School
- 10/31 Early Release Day

Massachusetts is celebrating its aMAzing educators. [Tell us](#) about your favorite teacher!



## Picture Day, Friday October 12th



Picture day is coming! Friday, October 12th is Vinal School's Picture Day. Students will be called down by their class beginning first thing in the morning. Please try to ensure that your child is not tardy so they can be in the class photo. Our 3 year old preschoolers will have their individual and classroom pictures taken on the make up day which has yet to be determined.

Picture order forms are being sent home in backpacks tomorrow.

## MCAS

MCAS reports will be mailed home on Wednesday of this week. Should you have any questions once you have reviewed your child's score, please contact Principal Thorsteinson.



Check out what's happening at Vinal: [Daily Podcast](#), [FACEBOOK](#), [TWITTER](#)

## Preschool 2019-2020 Lottery

Norwell Public Schools is accepting registrations for community preschoolers for the 2019-2020 Preschool Lottery. The Preschools, located at Cole & Vinal School, are integrated programs for 3 and 4 year olds both with and without disabilities.

Community preschoolers serve as peer models for students with disabilities, these students should be toilet trained and display developmentally appropriate speech and language skills, social skills, and play skills. Space is limited. During the 2018-2019 school year community preschoolers were charged a fee to attend the program (\$2,475/year for 3 year olds for 3 mornings/week and (\$3,300/year for 4 year olds for 4 afternoons/week). This fee may increase next year. A student who enters the program as a community student is entitled to remain until he/she reaches school age. Please visit our web site [www.norwellschools.org](http://www.norwellschools.org) and click on Instructional Services/Early Childhood Education/Preschool Lottery to submit a registration form. The registration period is through January 22, 2019. The lottery will be held January 23, 2019.

## Changes In After School Plans

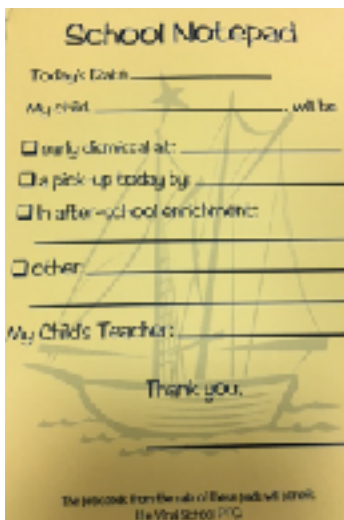
Here are some answers to some of the most common questions we receive about changing a student's after school plans.

**How do I change my child from taking the bus to being a pick up today?** Please send in a note to the classroom teacher informing that your child will be picked up by you or by someone else today.

**Do I have to send in a note every time?** If you are picking up your child on a specific and regular schedule, you can send in one note to cover all of it. For example, "I will be picking up my child every Monday and Thursday until further notice."

**What if my plans change after my child has gone to school?** No problem. Call the office at 781-659-8820 and let us know the changes to be made. The office will notify classroom teachers at 3:00 of any changes in a student's schedule. Because calls to the classroom may be disruptive to learning time, the office tries to limit the number of interruptions to the end of the day.

**Should I email my child's teacher with any after school plan changes?** You may absolutely email your child's teacher but keep in mind that they may not be able to respond until there is a break in their day. Feel free to copy school secretary Janet Asnes on the email.



**I signed my child up for an after school program with the Recreation Department. Do I need to let the school know?** Yes. Please send in a note to let the school know. You can send in one note to cover the entire after school session. The office will call to confirm if a note is not sent in.

**Did you know that the PTO sells dismissal notepads?** They are sold individually for \$5.00 per pad or you can get 3 pads for \$15.00. They are an easy way to let the school know what your child's plans are.



# PTO NEWS

**Picture Day  
Volunteers Needed**

We're looking for volunteers to assist the photographers, help children with their appearance, and create SMILES :) [Please view the online sign up](#)

**PTO Appeal**

Thank you to the more than 80 families who have donated to our annual appeal so far. We are about 40% towards our goal of 100% of our families participating. Every dollar donated goes directly to supporting your child's classroom via teacher grants, field trips and enrichment programs, just to name a few. To donate, please see our webpage at <https://www.norwellschools.org/Page/2682>.

**Stay & Play is Back!**

Please join us after school on two Fridays this month for Stay & Play. This PTO sponsored event is a fun time for parents and kids but does require some volunteers to make it successful.

To sign up to help, visit: [www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4AAEAF28A2FB6-vinal2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4AAEAF28A2FB6-vinal2)



## Celebration Book Program

*Books are gifts that can be opened again and again.*



The Celebration Book Program allows you to help keep the Vinal School Library current while giving your child a lasting memory to mark a special occasion. Books are typically donated for birthdays, new siblings, memory of a loved one or a special family occasion.

During Library Class near the date you have selected, your child will choose a book from the special Celebration Book shelf.

A bookplate will be placed inside the book with your child's name and special occasion on it.

Your child will be the first to borrow the chosen book.

Once returned, your child's book choice will be put on the shelves for other Vinal students to enjoy in the years to come.

The PTO is excited to be helping Ms. Howard make our library a joyful place for children to grow and learn!

To purchase a Celebration Book please visit the PTO website. Books are \$16 and purchased via PayPal. <https://www.norwellschools.org/Page/6459>

Please contact Shana Hallman at [SJLHallman@gmail.com](mailto:SJLHallman@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Vinal School PTO Presents Stay & Play Fridays!

# VINAL STAY & PLAY

Join us after school on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for the kids to play & parents to meet/mingle others. Vinal students, siblings, families & staff are welcome.

### Each week there will be fun inflatables!

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** 3:20-5:00pm *Inflatable Obstacle Course*

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** 3:20-5:00pm *Inflatable Obstacle Course*

Field balls & equipment will be available!

### Friendly Reminders

- ★ Please remember to write a note that your child is a pick-up.
- ★ This is **not a drop-off** event. All children **must be** accompanied by an adult (required for dismissal).
- ★ A parent must be present with their child(ren) at the event.
- ★ At the end of the school day, children with dismissal notes will be escorted to the gym to await their parents.
- ★ Parents should park in the parking lot, enter the school through the front door at 3:20, head to the gym to meet their child(ren), and proceed out the door closest to the playground to the back field.
  - Parking will be tight so please be patient and considerate of those trying to exit the parking lot.
  - Parking on the grass near the gym side of the parking lot is permitted.
- ★ Bring cash for snacks/concessions. All products for sale are nut-free.

Thanks to 



**PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION!** A drop-off for *Cradles to Crayons* will be at each stay & play event.

Donate new & gently used clothes & outerwear.



## Norwell Girls Travel Basketball 2018-2019 Tryout Dates

Norwell Girls Travel Basketball is proud to be able to offer Norwell girls in grades 4-8 the opportunity to play competitive basketball in the surrounding areas. Once again we will be selecting girls to compete in two local leagues: South Shore Girls Travel Basketball is a highly competitive league for grades 5-8 and Old Colony Girls Travel Basketball is a competitive league for grades 4-8. Girls are expected to attend both nights. We look forward to seeing the girls at the tryouts.

Please make sure the girls arrive 20 minutes before each start time for registration. All tryouts will be held at Norwell High School Gym.

### TRYOUT DATES

8th GRADE	Tuesday, October 2nd	at 8:00 - 9:00pm
	Wednesday, October 3rd	at 8:00 - 9:00pm
6th & 7th GRADE	Tuesday, October 2nd	at 7:15 - 8:00pm
	Wednesday, October 3rd	at 7:15 - 8:00pm
4th & 5th GRADE:	Tuesday, October 2nd	at 6:30 - 7:15pm
	Wednesday, October 3rd	at 6:30 - 7:15pm

For more information or questions please send an email to [norwellgirlstravelbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:norwellgirlstravelbasketball@gmail.com)

Have you always wanted to paint, but never had the opportunity to take lessons? Or, have you put your brushes down for a while and would you like to get back into it again? Norwell Recreation has 2 art classes for you this Fall. There is an acrylic class (afternoon) as well as a watercolor class (evening) to choose from. Both instructors are accomplished artists on the South Shore and have taught with the Recreation office for years. Here are the particulars:

**AFTERNOONS** Painting with Acrylics-Sunsets over the Beach with instructor Barbara Wilson, Thursdays, Oct 4-Oct 25, 12:30-2pm at the Rec Dept (Town office building, lower level) (\$57)

**EVENINGS** Painting with Watercolors-Fall Photos with instructor Paul Papadonis, Mondays, Oct 15-Nov 5, 7-9pm at Norwell High School Art Room (\$76)

If you are interested in either program, please sign up **NOW** as in a timely fashion so the instructor can plan their schedule. Signup either online at [www.townofnorwell.net](http://www.townofnorwell.net) with a credit card or in the office at [345 Main Street](http://345 Main Street) with cash or check (no credit cards please in office)

## 2018-2019 Boys Travel Basketball Tryouts at Norwell High School 10/16-10/18

Tuesday, October 16th:

- 4th Grade: 6:00-7:15 p.m
- 8th Grade: 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17th:

- 5th Grade: 6:00-7:15 p.m.
- 7th Grade: 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 18th:

- 6th Grade: 6:00-7:15 p.m.

(Please arrive 15 minutes early to the tryouts. Online Registration will be available on and after 10/5.). [www.norwelltravelball.com](http://www.norwelltravelball.com)



Adopt-A-Family • Food Pantry & Closet • Kids-In-Need

To All Norwell Schools:

With the new school year approaching, we would like to follow up on the offer to have the Friends of Norwell (Kids in Need, Adopt a Family and The Food Pantry) be included in students back to school packets. This way parents are able to check off that they would be interested in receiving information about all the different ways we are available to help. Many families may start out the year without any financial issues but as time passes we all know that situations can change. We also realize that some families may not be aware of the services we offer, whether new to the town or may never have had any need for assistance.

There is so much we can do to help so many, but we need the help of the school system to reach these families in need, and who are often times too timid to ask for help. Thank you and I hope everyone had a great summer.

**Some of the things The Friends of Norwell are able to help with:**

- \*Weekly food give out on Thursday's from 2-4 pm (located in the Town Hall). Families are able to come every week.
- \*Thanksgiving baskets
- \*Adopt a Family program providing Christmas assistance
- \*Assistance with field trips and other school activities
- \*School Supplies
- \*Winter clothing when needed

**And some important dates:**

Food Pantry weekly food give out  
Thursdays 2-4 pm

Sign up for Christmas give out  
November 15th  
(Last minute requests done based on available resources)

Thanksgiving give out  
November 20th 2-4 pm

Thank you for your assistance,

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President

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