



# Norwell High School

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Dear Students and Families,

It is with great excitement that I send this communication to welcome our students and families to the 2021/2022 school year at Norwell High School. Next Wednesday, September 8th, marks the first day of what I'm certain will be a fantastic year. With the challenges of last year in our not too distant memories, we appreciate more than ever the community that exists both in and around our classrooms. Moreover, we recognize this as the foundation that creates a superior learning environment and increases each student's sense of belonging. It is for this reason that we approach this year with a renewed focus on rebuilding personal connections and reigniting many traditions that make our school a special place.

As we complete our final preparations for the 2021-2022 school year, I want to make sure you are aware of the information below pertaining to our return to school.

Looking forward to an amazing year... Go Clippers!!

Sincerely,

Marc Bender  
Principal  
Norwell High School

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**1st Day & 2nd Day Schedules** - Here is a [link](#) to the schedules for the 1st and 2nd first day of school.

**Day Rotation Calendar** - Here is the [link](#) to the school calendar with the day rotation schedule.

**iPad Distribution** - iPad distribution will occur in Advisory on the first day of school for all students. 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will receive the same iPads as last year. 9th-grade students will receive an iPad 8.

**Picture Day** - The first day of school will once again be school picture day for all students.

**Student Drop-off** - Drop-off is in Lot B. For safety reasons, please refrain from dropping students off in Lot A (the first and largest parking lot).

**Important Dates For Your Calendar -**

- September 8 - First Day of School
- September 16 - PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- September 23 - Open House
- September 24 - Norwell Cares Day
- October 15 - Homecoming Football Game
- October 16 - Homecoming Dance

**Student Schedules** - Student schedules will be available in your Aspen account this afternoon, Tuesday, August 31st. Junior and Senior students please note that your advisory is returning to your advisory/homeroom assignment prior to Covid related adjustments.

**Schedule Change Policy** - While some course changes are unavoidable, the following framework has been established to ensure that only essential course/schedule changes are made:

- Course/schedule changes will only be made in cases where the student requests a change in course level or to a new course.
- Course/schedule changes will not be made to accommodate student requests for a specific teacher.
- No course/schedule changes will be entertained during the first cycle (9 school days) of the school year.
- Course/schedule changes may be proposed at the start of the second cycle (10<sup>th</sup> school day) of the school year.
- Students who drop a course after the first interim report will receive a “W” (withdraw) on their transcript.

**High School Points of Contact:** Please be familiar with the following points of contact here at the High School:

**Assistant Principals:**

Grades 9 & 10, please contact Ms. Greenberg at [jennifer.greenberg@norwellschools.org](mailto:jennifer.greenberg@norwellschools.org)

Grades 11 & 12, please contact Mr. Marani at [matthew.marani@norwellschools.org](mailto:matthew.marani@norwellschools.org)

**Guidance Counselors:** Please click on this [link](#) to identify your counselor

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**Masking Requirement** - All students are required to wear masks while indoors with the exception of eating in the cafeteria. Students are expected to bring a mask to school each day. If a student does not have a mask, one will be provided. Here is the link to the [DESE Mask Requirement](#).

**Athletic Masking Requirement** - The following procedures have been instituted by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association in order to safely maximize full participation of fall sports:

- Masks shall be required for any activity for student-athletes and coaches who are indoors
- Masks are not required and will remain optional for any activity for student-athletes and coaches outdoors

**Quarantining and Close-Contact Procedures** - The School Committee approved the adoption of DESE/DPH Quarantine and Close-Contact Procedures for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios (8/13/21) [DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID Scenarios](#).

**Social Distancing Seating Available at Lunch** - Students will have the option to select socially distanced seating during lunch in the community room and main spine with overflow space prepared in the gymnasium.

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**Please take an extra moment to read these important messages from our PTO and Athletic Boosters:**

**Athletic Boosters Message** - Please click on this [link](#)

**NHS PTO Message** - Please click on this [link](#)