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Dear NHS Students,

I hope you all had a restful, low-key Thanksgiving, and I hope you all are well. I wanted to provide a few key updates for upcoming events:

Picture Day for Students in Cohorts A,B,F: Students in grades 9-11 who attend in person learning will be participating in school picture day with Lifetouch during the week of December 7. Students will be briefly dismissed, two at a time, from ELA class. The student will take a brief individual photo in accordance with all school safety procedures. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Picture Day for Students in Cohort R: Full time remote students may schedule an appointment on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday from 12:15-2:15 using this Sign Up Genius link to come into the school for a school picture. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d44ada72fa7fc1-nhspicture>

Mental Health Speaker Series: NHS is pleased to welcome acclaimed mental health empowerment speaker Ivy Watts for a virtual session. This will be the first in a series we will offer this year focused on mental health empowerment and support for students and staff. Ms. Watts will present virtually on Friday December 4th during at 10:45 during WIN block. In person students will view the session in their WIN block class. For students who are remote on Friday, I will email a link inviting them to join from home at approximately 10:35 a.m. The session will also be recorded for students to view at a later date. Thank you to [Impact Norwood](#) for sponsoring this opportunity. Please visit <https://www.ivywattsspeaks.com/> to learn more about Ms. Watts and her important message.

Covid-19 Notifications: As Superintendent Thomson noted in his message to families last week, the district will be moving to weekly general notifications of positive cases among students and staff. Close contacts and groups that were in the vicinity but not considered close contacts will continue to be notified. An ongoing count of active school cases will be posted on the health department website at http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/health/school_covid_cases.php

Reporting an Absence: All absences (in person or remote) should be called in to the attendance line at 781-769-2333 ext. 0.

For Cohort A, B, or F students who are sick and opting to learn remotely for the day, please do the following:

1. Parent or guardian calls the absentee line.
2. Parent/guardian emails the student's dean.
3. Student or parent/guardian emails four in-person teachers and let them know you are learning remotely for the day.

Early Release Modified Schedule for Tuesday 12/8: Tuesday 12/8 is an early release day for educator professional development. Hybrid/in person classes will end at 11:30 and all in person students will be dismissed at that time. From 1:00-2:30 students will complete assigned, asynchronous work in Google Classroom for their period 3 and 4 classes. The schedule for the day is attached.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Stay healthy, stay safe.

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