



Norwood High School

April Newsletter 2024

From the Principal:

As we begin our last term, let's champion our NHS Mustangs involved in co-curricular activities, arts, and athletics by attending a concert, fundraiser, art show, or game. Go Mustangs!

Best Regards,
Dr. Hugh Galligan
#4As5Cs1Team

Is your child taking the Math MCAS this May? Sign them up for MCAS Math Review Sessions! These sessions are held after school at NHS and will help students become more familiar with the online testing platform, provide a refresher for topics students may have forgotten about, and give them time to practice test taking strategies. Fill out the [Google Form](#), or scan the QR code, to register.

Math MCAS

Tuesday, 5/21

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Wednesday, 5/22

NHS sophomore class will be taking Math MCAS this spring.

Please ensure that your student's Chromebook is fully charged for these dates, gets a good rest and breakfast, and remind students that cell phones must be off and in a backpack during testing sessions.

MATH MCAS REVIEW SESSIONS

This is ideal for students who want additional practice prior to taking the online MCAS exam

Dates & Topics

Wednesday, April 24: Overview
Thursday, April 25: Computer tools & Algebraic Expressions

Monday, April 29: Triangles

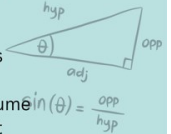
Tuesday, April 30: Transformations

Thursday, May 9: Quadratics

Monday, May 13: Area, Perimeter, Volume

Thursday, May 16: Probability, Stat

Monday, May 20: Misc



- Familiarize yourself with the online test platform
- Review math topics covered on the MCAS
- Practice test taking strategies
- All sessions will take place at NHS from 2:55 - 3:55

If interested, scan the QR code or fill out this [Google Form](#) by April 12!



Student of the Month

Students of the Month are seniors who are involved in the four A's (Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Activities). These students are role models for other students. Nominated and selected by the faculty.

March

Vinamra Kalaignar Anusha



Cam Munro



NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024
SENIOR END-OF-YEAR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 3	Senior Prom – Lake Pearl, Wrentham 7:00pm Gazebo for Pictures/Red Carpet starting @ 5:30pm; buses leave @ 6:30pm (students must take the bus)
TUESDAY, MAY 21	Last Day of Class for Seniors in Good Standing
MAY 22 – MAY 24	Classes/appointments as needed
MONDAY, MAY 27	Memorial Day - No School
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29	Graduation Rehearsal 8:30am–11:00am
THURSDAY, MAY 30	Graduation Rehearsal 8:30am–11:00am
FRIDAY, May 31	Class Day Student breakfast, yearbook distribution, and video in the morning @ 9:00; Families invited to Class Day awards, scholarships, and traditions at 1:15pm
SATURDAY JUNE 1	Graduation Rain Date (if projected bad weather Sunday)
SUNDAY, JUNE 2	Graduation, 2024 – 1:00pm

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTES: YOU WILL RECEIVE SIX (6) TICKETS FOR AN OUTDOOR CEREMONY ON H. BENNETT MURRAY FIELD/NHS FIELD. TWO TICKETS (2) FOR AN INDOOR CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE HAYDEN/SCAFATI GYMNASIUM (if needed).

NCM-TV WILL BROADCAST GRADUATION CEREMONIES 'LIVE' ON COMCAST CHANNEL 12, NORWOOD LIGHT BROADBAND CHANNEL 22, AND VERIZON CHANNEL 34.

PLEASE BE SURE STUDENTS WEAR PROPER ATTIRE ON CLASS DAY AND GRADUATION.

SENIOR FEES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

YEARBOOK	\$90.00 (Link to Purchase Yearbook)
PROM	\$115.00 PER PERSON (includes transportation) Bring cash or check (made out to Norwood High School) to Ms. McDonnell in Guidance; you must complete & submit a Prom Contract in order to buy a ticket (see this link or attachment; hard copies available in Guidance)
CAP AND GOWN	\$32.00 Bring cash or check to Ms. McDonnell in Guidance

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID THIS INCLUDES TEXTBOOKS, ATHLETIC UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, LIBRARY BOOKS, FEES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND UNIFORMS MUST BE RETURNED. DINING HALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID.

CAP AND GOWN AND GRADUATION TICKETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL OBLIGATIONS ARE RESOLVED.



Purchase Your Copy of the 2024 Yearbook



The yearbook staff and Ms. Leavitt have been working diligently to create the 2024 TIOT Yearbook keepsake. This is a school book that is filled with high school memories for all grades to enjoy for years to come! Yearbooks are typically distributed before Class Day, which is currently scheduled for Friday May 31st. All yearbooks must be purchased online ahead of time. There may be a few extra copies available for purchase that day but quantity cannot be guaranteed. To purchase, go to yearbookforever.com! Please reach out to Mrs. Dwyer at jdwyer@norwood.k12.ma.us with any questions.

Calling All Angels!

We would like to share an opportunity for community members, parents/guardians, students, and staff to sponsor a NHS Yearbook for a graduating senior who otherwise would not be able to purchase one. If you would like to generously purchase and gift a 2024 Yearbook to a high school student in need, please follow the process detailed below and we will make sure it gets to them on distribution day.

You may purchase the 2024 NHS TIOT Yearbook by Visiting yearbookforever.com and completing the process and payment online

For **Yearbook Angel Sponsorships**, enter the following information online

1. "Yearbook" for student first name
2. "Angel" for last name
3. "Staff" for grade

School Counseling

Senior News:

If you have made a plan to attend college or another plan, please let your counselor know! If you need help making a decision, we are here to help. Some of you might have received a "Waitlist" decision from a college or university. We are happy to help you talk through this option. If you need to learn more, we wanted to share this [Blog Post](#) from an admissions Dean from three years ago- but still very relevant. *But if you do want to accept the "waitlist" please follow the directions.* They may be different for each school.

If you need help deciphering any financial aid offers, this [MEFA webinar](#) may be helpful to you.

Colleges and universities are still in the process of receiving your **FAFSA information**. Because of this, institutions may have changed their deposit deadline from May 1st to a later date. Be sure to check in with your school to determine their deposit deadline.

Scholarships- We regularly receive information regarding available scholarships. Please encourage your students to check their email at least weekly for new ones. One of the most important ones is a brief form that will allow your student to be considered for a number of local scholarships. We cannot consider your student unless they complete this form. Please be sure to complete this [application](#) for our local scholarship application. Students need to be logged into their Norwood High School email account.

Juniors:

We have been thrilled to meet with you over the past few weeks to begin planning for life after Norwood High School. If you have not yet met with your counselor, please feel free to reach out to schedule an appointment. We look forward to helping you plan.

If you are looking at college or university options, the spring is a great time to start looking at campuses. A campus tour and information session can be a great way to determine if you want to apply to that school.

College Fairs: College fairs provide a great opportunity to talk to a number of college admissions professionals in one visit. See below for a list of college fairs coming to our area this spring:

NEACAC- The New England Association for College Admission Counseling will also be sponsoring in person college fairs this spring. Registration is free for all students. If you are interested, learn more [here](#).
NACAC- the National Association of College Admissions Counseling will also be hosting a college fair in Providence on April 30th. Get more information [here](#). There will also be one in Boston on May 2nd and May 3rd. Get more information [here](#).

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Dual Enrollment: If you are interested in taking a college course this spring or summer as a part of a dual enrollment at a local community college, please take a look at this [guide](#) and let your school counselor know. This can be a great opportunity for you to take a class at the college level.

AP Exams are approaching!

Exams are required for all students in an AP class. Please reach out to Laura Mullen, AP Coordinator, with any questions. LMULLEN@NORWOOD.K12.MA.US

AP Exam Schedules

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 6, 2024	United States Government and Politics	Art History
		Chemistry
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Human Geography	Seminar
	Microeconomics	Statistics
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	English Literature and Composition	Comparative Government and Politics
		Computer Science A
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Chinese Language and Culture	Psychology
	Environmental Science	
Friday, May 10, 2024	European History	Macroeconomics
	United States History	Spanish Literature and Culture

Art and Design: Friday, May 10, 2024 (8 p.m. ET), is the deadline for AP Art and Design students to submit their three portfolio components as final in the AP Digital Portfolio.

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time	Afternoon 2 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 13, 2024	Calculus AB	Italian Language and Culture	
	Calculus BC	Precalculus	
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	English Language and Composition	African American Studies	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
		Physics C: Mechanics	
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	French Language and Culture	Computer Science Principles	
	World History: Modern	Music Theory	
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Spanish Language and Culture	Biology	
		Japanese Language and Culture	
Friday, May 17, 2024	German Language and Culture	Latin	
	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	

Norwood High School PTO April Update

Happy Spring! Here's what's happening with your NHS PTO.

Scholarships

The NHS PTO is pleased to offer **two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors** - one for a vocational path and one for a college path. Encourage your seniors to apply.

Deadline to submit is May 6, 2024. Good luck!

Here is the link: [NHS PTO 2024 Scholarships.](https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/norwoodhighschool/)

Pre-Order Flowers & Teddy Bears for Graduating Seniors

Purchase now and flowers will be available for pick up on graduation day – and you won't have to scramble on graduation day!

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/norwoodhighschool/>

Parking Spot Raffle - 2 Spots Available

Enter to win a free parking spot at NHS. Raffle is open to any student in grades 9-12 and will be awarded during your senior year with a valid driver's license. Space must be redeemed by the winner and is non-transferable.

Entries are \$15 each. [Click here to enter.](#)

Pay via Venmo (@NorwoodHighSchool-PTO last four digits 0817) or Check (make payable to the NHS PTO)

Caring Heart Awards

We received more than 70 responses for the Caring Heart Awards! Thank you to everyone who told us about some of our exceptional teachers! The awards will be announced on May 6th.

May Dine Out

Save the date - May 15th Dine Out at Applebee's done in collaboration with the Coakley Middle School

Next NHS PTO Meeting is May 14th


Parents - we need your help!!

Post Prom Party is an event intended to keep kids safe. It provides an alternative to driving off to prom houses late in the evening or hopping from party to party. It gives them a safe, substance free event where they can have fun and celebrate for one of the last times with their classmates. Our event is very successful and we typically see close to full participation from our senior class.

It is 100% parent volunteer run. A small committee raises the funds, plans the event and puts the whole evening together. All the heavy lifting is done. But we can't run the night without chaperones. We need just a few hours of your time. Traditionally, freshman-junior parents will pay it forward for senior parents. It's just a few hours. We promise, it's a fun and rewarding experience. You'll be keeping the class of 2024 safe and giving some senior parents peace of mind. Please consider joining us.



Winter Sports Awards & Acknowledgements

Winter TVL Awards		Winter NHS Awards
Boys Basketball		
TVL Large MVP: Matty Mahoney		MVP: Matty Mahoney Unsung Hero: Owen Desharnais Unsung Hero: Brian Dearborn
Girls Basketball		
All Star: Alexa Coras All Star: Tricia Wladkowski		Unsung Hero: Lauren Reen Defensive Player of the Year: Alexa Coras Coaches Award: Tricia Wladkowski
Winter Cheer		
All Star: Gacie Goyco All Star: Gabi Yossef		Coaches Award: Gabriela Yossef Coaches Award: Isabella Allen Coaches Award: Sarah Rodrigues Souza
Gymnastics		
		MVP: Audrew Broderick Most Improved: Kaylin Carreiro NHS Coaches Award: Madison DiTullio
Boys Ice Hockey		
TVL Large MVP: Andrew Gillis All Star: Samuel Lally All Star: Ed Carrol		Coaches Award: Andrew Gillis Coaches Award: Samuel Lally Coaches Award: Anthony Amato
Girls Ice Hockey		
All Star: Michaela Reen All Star: Emily Spadorcia		Rookie of the Year: Daniela Parise Unsung Hero: Sophie Krusz Most Improved: Lauren Galvin
Boys Indoor Track & Field		
All Star: Mikel Dujour		MVP: Mikel Dujour Coaches Award: Jonah Michalec Most Improved: Kristian Dolan
Girls Indoor Track & Field		
All Star: Catherine Cronin		MVP: Catherine Cronin Unsung Hero: Julia Figueiredo Rookie of the Year: Kerin Gorman
Boys Swim & Dive		
All Star: Caleb Kwon		MVP: Anthony Cavanaugh Coaches Award: David DeMattia Rookie of the Year: Caleb Kwon
Girls Swim & Dive		
All Star: Bridget Sople All Star: Colleen Sisk		MVP: Bridget Sople Unsung Hero: Kathryn Green Coaches Award: Colleen Sisk
Wrestling		
All Star: Nate Hsu All Star: Jared Tinlin All Star: TJ Wyman		CO-MVP: Nate Hsu CO-MVP: TJ Wyman Most Improved: Drew Bartucca

E.Y.C. will be celebrating Earth Week 2024 the week of April 22-26! See the schedule below! Also click [here](#) to sign up for the town wide cleanup on April 21 sponsored by Progress Norwood at Norwood High School and across town!



2023-24 Letters About Literature Program

Elizabeth Colahan's Junior Honors students participated in the 2023-24 Letters About Literature program.

"Student letters went through 3 rounds of screening. Semifinalists represent the top 11% of letters, while finalists represent the top 5% of letters in Level 3.

From the pool of finalists, judges awarded 1st-3rd place. 7 additional letters received the designation of honorable mention."

4 of her students earned the following:

- **Bridget Sople** and **Julia Figueiredo** reached the semi-finalist round of judging.
- **Sindhu Kolli**, Finalist, Level 3 attained recognition and will receive a certificate.
- **Jordan Kirkland**, Honorable Mention, Level 3 attained recognition. And he, his family, and Mrs. Colahan are invited to participate in a recognition ceremony at the Massachusetts State House on Tuesday, May 21!

Congratulations!

Debate Club

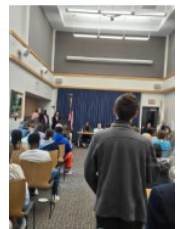
On Saturday, March 16,, a small-but-mighty team of Debate Club members participated in their first ever tournament with the Massachusetts Speech and Debate League at Needham High School, competing in 4 rounds each of Lincoln Douglas Debate. If you see **Diya Bhandari**, **Tim Guarin**, **Juneau Joe**, and **Akshay Sivakumar** around school, give them a big congrats! They represented NHS well, and had a strong showing against a much more experienced field debating the resolution: "The primary objective of the U.S. criminal justice system ought to be rehabilitation."

Especially big congrats to Diya and Akshay, who each finished their day with a 2-2 record, and Akshay won a trophy as the 3rd place speaker of all the participants in the Novice Lincoln-Douglas division, an especially impressive feat for a first tournament!

Town Government Day



On March 20, approximately 50 students participated in the annual Town Government Day. Students shadowed members of all town offices and were able to experience how our town is run. They ran a mock town meeting and balanced a budget! Many thanks to Tony Mazzucco and Sharon Cartier, who made this event a success.



Fine Arts Festival 2024

The Norwood Public Schools' will be hosting its 25th Annual Fine Arts Festival on FRIDAY, April 26th from 4-8pm at the Norwood High School.

The festival is a celebration of the award winning Norwood Public Schools Fine Arts program. The public is invited to view the visual arts displays and student television exhibits as well as enjoy performances by NPS music ensembles and the NHS Drama. In addition, the Fine Art parent booster groups will be selling items to support the Arts in the Norwood Public Schools. This festival is free and will be located at Norwood High School, 245 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA.



**NORWOOD
PUBLIC
SCHOOL'S**

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Come and see the artwork of grades K-12 students and enjoy performances by the choral, band, orchestra, tv, and drama departments.

Friday, April 26th, 2024
245 Nichols St, Norwood, MA
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Massachusetts Art Education Association Virtual Statewide Youth Art Month Exhibit

NHS students have artwork featured in the Massachusetts Art Education Virtual Statewide Youth Art Month exhibit. Here is the link for the show: [Gallery 3 Ready](#)

Norwood is featured in Gallery 3!
We are so excited to share our students' artwork with the entire state!

YARD ART NORWOOD

Community Art Making Event for Yard Art
May 18 from 11am-12pm at the Morrill Memorial Library

Friends of Visual Arts, Norwood in partnership with the Morrill Memorial Library wants you to transform your yard with art!!



What is Yard Art?

Yard Art is when you decorate your yard, front porch, door or windows that people can see as they walk or drive by. Check out this slideshow with examples from:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fXL8-ajqJV7ocYodZDHZSqKYXlcma-_o5Y9OrLHUTEg/edit?usp=sharing

When? The week of June 8-15.

How to sign up?

<https://forms.gle/r2cFJ9iQ8vFm6Y2M7>

Need ideas? FoVA will be hosting a community wide art making event on May 18 at the Morrill Memorial Library from 10am-12pm.

Interested in participating, but do not have a yard? Email fovaart4u@gmail.com



Aspen Support

Please email npsaspensupport@norwood.k12.ma.us for any issues with your Aspen account.

Chromebook Technical Support

Please email mustangtechsupport@norwood.k12.ma.us for any issues with your Chromebooks.



Last month, 12 NHS-TV students traveled to Long Beach, California with Broadcast TV/Media Teacher Mrs. Schnatterly and Assistant Principal, Mr. Curran. They attended the 5 day Student Television Network Convention where they met and competed against thousands of students, attended sessions with professionals, and took a field trip to Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

Contests they competed in were Morning News Show, Anchor Team, a Commercial contest, Podcast contest and Movie Trailer contest.

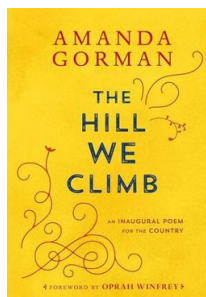
Congratulations to Juniors Kate Broderick and Charlotte Martino for winning the Honorable Mention award for the Podcasting contest they competed in. [Please enjoy this recap video of the STN trip](#), produced by NHS-TV student and Convention attendee: Danielle DeMattia, Class of '25.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OPrrrpG5pO8kzVt5bXpiBOrTN4MGd9YV/view?usp=gmail>



Library Nook

The Library Lunch Bookclub is reading *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman in honor of April being National Poetry Month.



April is also Stress Awareness month. Come into the library when you have a break to reduce your stress. We have an area with coloring pages, fidget toys, an exercise bike, games and a quiet place to relax and relieve stress.



The Mustang Gazette has a new, updated look. Check it out!

The Mustang Gazette, a digital news website published by the students in Journalism class, is live and updated regularly. Please visit The Mustang Gazette at

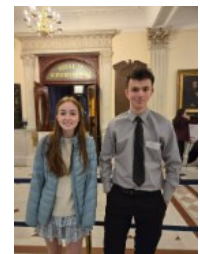
<https://sites.google.com/norwood.k12.ma.us/mustanggazette/home> for NHS and community news.

Family Tech Tips

- Check out this edition of WCVB's "Rosen Reports": [Fix these bad habits to keep your devices longer](#)
- Tired of being pinged with notifications all day? [Help fight the distractions with some tips from Common Sense Media](#)

Student Government Day

On April 5, Kathryn Greene and Brendan Langley represented Norwood at the annual Student Government Day at the Massachusetts State House. This annual event supports civic engagement across the Commonwealth, allowing every district to send two students. Thank you to Brendan and Kathryn who did a fantastic job at the State House!



Calendar

Celebrate Diversity Month

4/15– 4/19	Spring Vacation
4/22-4/26	Earth Week
5/3	Early Release/Senior Prom
5/6-5/7	AP exams
5/21—5/22	Math MCAS

