



## Norwood High School Summer Newsletter 2023

### From the Principal

Our NHS team is ready to roll out the new school year! We are excited to see our students and to jump into the 4As and 5Cs. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best,

Dr. Hugh Galligan  
#4As5Cs1Team



### New Student Orientation

Wednesday, 8/30 10AM—12PM

All incoming 9th graders and any transfer student please mark your calendars for NHS New Student Orientation. Includes tours, meetings with student mentors, and pizza. Student event only!



### Schedules

**2023-2024 School Year Schedules will be available on  
8/25 for viewing in Aspen.**

Counselors will be in the week of August 28 and available by appointment.

Please note the day starts at 8:15 with a warning bell at 8:10 and ends at 2:50PM. The daily schedule is below.

Norwood High School 2022-23 Schedule

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1st Block (62) 8:15-9:17	1a	3b	5b	4a	2b
2nd Block (57) 9:21-10:18	2a	4b	6b	5a	3b
3rd Block (57) 10:22-11:19	3a	WIN	1a	WIN	4b
4th Block (Class and Lunch = 35) 11:23-12:48 L1: 11:19-11:46 L2: 11:50-12:17 L3: 12:21-12:48 Class During L: 1: 11:50-12:48 2: 11:23-11:50, 12:20-12:48 3: 11:23-12:21	4a	1b	2a	6a	5b
5th Block (57) 12:52-1:49	5a	2b	3a	1b	6b
6th Block (57) 1:53-2:50	6a	7a	7b	7a	7b
	Drop 7	Drop 6, 5	Drop 4	Drop 3, 2	Drop 1

### Emergency Contact Updates & Annual Permissions

All returning families to NHS should review and update their emergency contacts and electronically sign for NHS annual permissions.

Just sign into Aspen and initiate a new returning student registration.

Published Reports

Filename	DateUploaded	Creator	Description
No published reports			

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE DISTRICT

Start a new New Student Registration

+ Initiate...

FOR NEW STUDENTS  
ENROLLING IN THE DISTRICT

EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE AND ANNUAL PERMISSIONS

Start a new Returning Student Registration

+ Initiate...

FOR ALL STUDENTS  
EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE &  
ANNUAL PERMISSIONS

[Click here](#) for more instructions.



## Attendance Policy Review

### Tardy

Classes begin at 8:15AM. Students need to be in their classrooms for when classes start. If they arrive after 8:15 AM they will be considered tardy. Students will need to check in at the main office if they arrive to school after 8:15AM. Students and visitors will need to use the main entrance after classes begin because all other doors will be locked for security reasons.

### Early Dismissal

School ends at 2:50PM. If you need to dismiss your student early from school please send a note . Your student will come to the main office at the beginning of the day before classes or between classes to fill out a dismissal pass. If the note is forgotten please feel free to come to the main office and we will call your child from class to be dismissed.

### Absences (absentee line 781-769-2333 press 0)

Please call the main office absentee line (781-769-2333 press 0) if your student will be missing school for that day. Absences will be excused with an official note (doctor's note, court documents etc.) Your student's class Assistant Principal will be able to excuse absences for specific situations. Breakdown by last names:

Grade 9 begins with A-J

JuanManuel Gonzalez—[jgonzales@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jgonzales@norwood.k12.ma.us)

Grade 9 begins with K-Z

Matt Curran—[mcurran@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:mcurran@norwood.k12.ma.us)

Grade 10 begins with A-Ki:

JuanManuel Gonzalez—[jgonzales@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jgonzales@norwood.k12.ma.us)

Grade 10 begins with Ko-Z

Matt Curran—[mcurran@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:mcurran@norwood.k12.ma.us)

Grade 11 begins with A-K

JuanManuel Gonzalez—[jgonzales@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jgonzales@norwood.k12.ma.us)

Grade 11 begins with L- Z

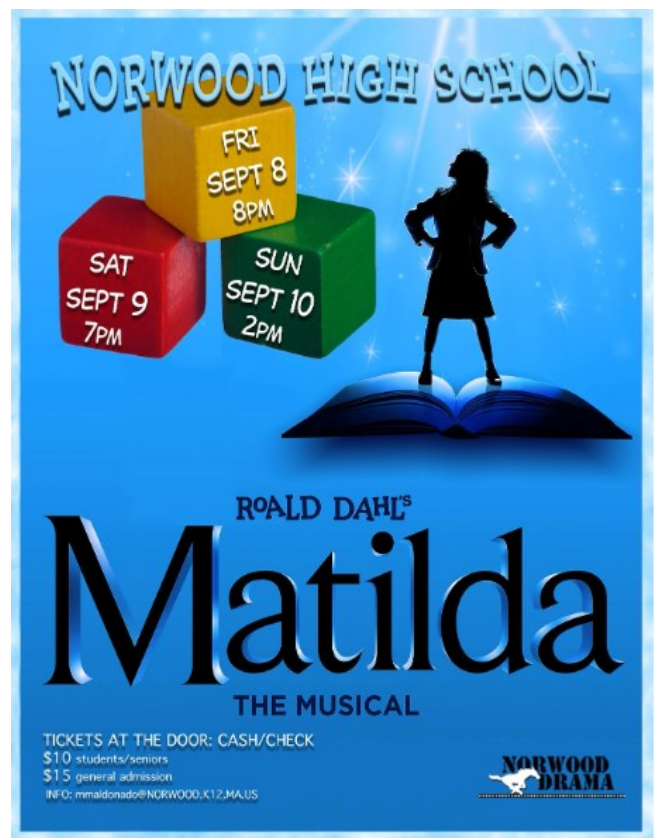
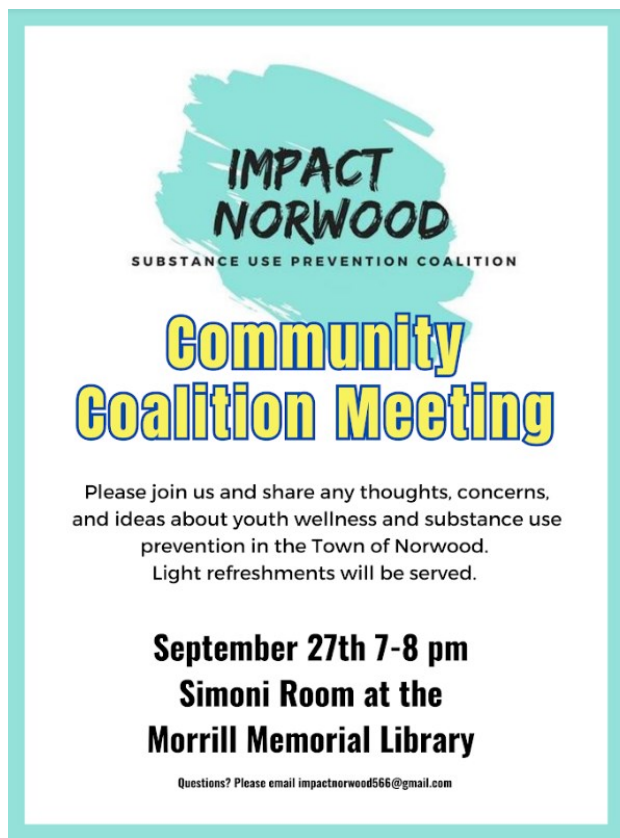
Matt Curran—[mcurran@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:mcurran@norwood.k12.ma.us)

## NHS Annual Street Sign Contest

We are pleased to announce that The Global Citizenship Club and Program is again hosting our annual Street Sign Contest. With a minimum donation of \$5, we will enter your student in a chance to get their name on a street sign. The drawing allows for 2 students to win their name on a sign-one out front and one out back.

Send a check made out to NHS Global Citizenship to Jenn Orlinski or Cindy Derrane at Norwood High School 245 Nichols St. Norwood MA 02062.





## Matilda The Musical at Norwood High School

The Norwood Fine Arts Department invites you to our 2023 Fall musical, Matilda! The 2.5 hour-long musical will be performed at the Norwood High School's Paul Alberta Performing Art Center on Friday September 8th at 8pm, Saturday September 9th at 7pm and on Sunday September 10th at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors (cash or check at the door).

Inspired by Roald Dahl's beloved children's novel, "Matilda," this Tony Award-winning musical adaptation has captivated hearts all over the world with its enchanting storyline and memorable songs. With book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, *Matilda The Musical* is the story of an extraordinary little girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

The author provides us with an extraordinary, though unlikely, child champion: Matilda Wormwood. Matilda, played by sophomore Cayden Bell, is a wonderful child born to parents who value ignorance and hate books. Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood, played by juniors Aidan Conneely and Lindsay Collins, believe in television as the highest form of learning and expression. Despite her parents' brutish behavior, Matilda somehow emerges a genius who wields a bit of magic. Sadly, Matilda and her classmates suffer under the tyrannical rule of junior Nicole Martino's deliciously devious villain, principal Agatha Trunchbull. Fortunately, Matilda's wonderful adult mentors; junior Bridget Stenstrom's librarian Mrs. Phelps and senior Stephanie Kurtiqi's first grade teacher Miss Honey help Matilda conquer her childhood fears and ignorant foes with humor, hard-earned optimism, and astoundingly witty musical numbers.

This action-packed, upbeat musical includes Broadway and London's West End Hits "Miracle," "Naughty," "When I Grow Up" and "Revolting Children." These songs ring true to all and belong in the survival kit of any child making their way through our world's nonsensical rules, myth of normal and quest for a place to belong.

The Norwood High School production is directed by NHS drama teacher John Quinn with music direction by NHS Choral Director Jennifer Hartnett and choreography by NHS musical theatre alumna (and Sharon Middle School teacher) Jackie Martin. Recent NHS graduate Samantha Magan is assistant director and senior Nicole Martino is student choreographer.

### Event Details:

**Dates:** Sept 8th at 8pm, Sept 9th at 7pm, Sep 10th at 2pm

**Location:** Norwood High School's Paul Alberta Performing Art Center

**Runtime:** 2.5 hours with a 15 min intermission

**Tickets:** \$15 general, \$10 students/seniors (cash or check at the door)

**Contact:** jquinn@norwood.k12.ma.us

## Norwood High Senior Parking Space Virtual Raffle (\$100 value)



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. We have two spaces to give away. Space must be redeemed by the winner and is non-transferable.

Your purchase will help The Norwood High PTO fund teacher grants,  
senior scholarships and more

Entries are \$15.00 each

[Click here to register](#), pay via Venmo

Venmo - @NorwoodHighSchool-PTO last four digits 0817

For questions email: [norwoodhighpto@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodhighpto@gmail.com)

**Drawing will be on Aug. 23 and winners will be notified via email**

The Norwood High PTO will be at Norwood Day. Please stop by to say hello and learn more about what we do for Norwood High School.

### Senior Students Parking Spots

Per NHS policy in the handbook, a limited number of parking spots are available to seniors. Seniors: please turn in your [parking form](#), copy of registration and license, plus a \$100 check to the main office. Spot numbers and tags will be available for pickup starting 8/28/23.



## Senior Sunrise

The class of 2024 will be hosting a Senior Sunrise on September 6. In honor of their last first day of high school, twelfth graders are invited to arrive at school at 6 AM in time to watch the sunrise with their fellow classmates. Breakfast will be provided but students should bring their own chairs or picnic blankets.



## Mustang Driveway Painting

Mustang Driveway Painting is returning this fall! If you missed your chance to have a mustang painted on your driveway in the spring, visit [tinyurl.com/mustangpride24](https://tinyurl.com/mustangpride24) to schedule a time. Mustangs come in three colors (blue, yellow, and white) and two sizes (6ft or 9ft) and are a great way to show off your Norwood spirit! All funds raised will go directly to funding senior events for this year's senior class, the class of 2024. The fundraiser will run from September 6 through October 18, so sign up today!



## School Counseling

We are excited to welcome you back to the halls of Norwood High School. We are busy getting ready for all of our returning students and many new students this year. As you are enjoying these last few days of summer, here are just a few things to keep in mind.

### Seniors:

- Our **Post Secondary Planning/Senior College** night is Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in the auditorium for parents/guardians and students are encouraged to attend. Here we will discuss the various components of the application process to two and four year colleges.
- If you are applying to a two or four year college, and you want to get started on the college application process, start on your [Common Application](#). But not to worry, we will help you out in Senior Seminar.
- As shared June, we will be using [Scoir](#) to search for colleges, submit transcripts and recommendations. (You can still access Naviance for any saved information.) If you have not yet registered for Scoir, check your email; you have an invitation in your inbox.
- If you plan to apply for financial aid through the [FAFSA](#), please be aware that the application will not be available until December. Please be sure to connect with the institutions to which you are applying for more information.
- If you plan to take the [October 7th SAT](#), you must register by September 7th.

### Sophomores and Juniors:

On Tuesday, October 17th, we will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT to all students in grades 10 and 11. This assessment will be offered as a practice for the SAT, which for most students will be taken in the late winter or spring of the junior year. There is no cost for students to take this exam and there is no need to register for it.

By taking the PSAT, students will get a feel for what it is like to take the SAT and give an accurate indication of how students would score on the actual SAT. This will help establish a baseline as you prepare to be college and career ready.





## Athletics

Fall sports registration is still open through the Aspen Parent Portal. If you need assistance with your Aspen account please contact [npsaspensupport@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:npsaspensupport@norwood.k12.ma.us). All students will need an updated physical in order to participate. Please email updated physicals to: [athletics@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:athletics@norwood.k12.ma.us)

We will be accepting fall user fee payments beginning on 7/3/23. Please access the following link <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/CustomerInfo.aspx?Customerid=443> to make an online payment. If you would like to pay by check, please mail a check in the amount of \$200 made out to The Town of Norwood and mail to Norwood High School, 245 Nichols St Norwood, MA 02062 Att: Athletics. If you would like to request a fee waiver please email director of athletics Jonathan Longley at [jlongley@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jlongley@norwood.k12.ma.us)

Football is scheduled to start on Friday 8/18/23. All other fall sports are scheduled to start on Monday 8/21/23. Try-out schedules are listed below.

### Fall Sports Practice/Tryout Schedule.

- Friday 8/18: Football practice 7am grades 10-12 at NHS.
- Sat 8/19: Football practice 7am grades 10-12 at NHS.
- Monday 8/21: Football practice 7am grades 9-12 at NHS.
  
- Cheerleading grades 9-12: 8/21, 8/22, 8/23 9-11am at NHS.
- Bs & Gs Cross Country grades 9-12: 8/21 and 8/22 9am at NHS Track.
- Field Hockey grades 9-12: 8/21 8-10am at NHS, 8/22 4-6pm at NHS.
- Golf grades 9-12: 8/22 9am at NCC, 8/23 6:45am at NCC.
- Gs Soccer grades 9-12: 8/21 4-6pm at NHS, 8/22 8-10am at FM.
- Bs Soccer grades 9-12: 8/21 8-10am at FM, 8/22 8-10am at NHS.
- GVB grade 9: 8/21 10-11:30am at NHS, 8/22 10-11:30am at NHS.
- GVB grades 10-12: 8/21 12-2pm at NHS, 8/22 12-2pm at NHS.

These are the first few days of practice only. Practices will continue on a daily basis. Please contact the individual sport head coach for complete practice schedules.



**Planning Ahead!** Here are the [Friendship Club Meeting dates](#) for first semester.

## Aspen Support

Please email [npsaspensupport@norwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:npsaspensupport@norwood.k12.ma.us) for any issues with your Aspen account.

## Summer Work Reminder:

The following classes have summer work to be completed.

- All World Language Honors classes
- All World Language AP level classes
- All Spanish 5 classes (all levels)

## Calendar

- 9/4 Labor Day—no school
- 9/5 Professional Day—no school for students
- 9/6 Classes Begin for students
- 9/18 Professional Day—no school for students

