

# CRUSADER CHRONICLE

January 2020

## Special Notes:

- **Winter Break**—December 21—January 6 (Students return to school on Tuesday, January 7)
- **Report Cards Go Home**—January 8
- **NMS Spelling Bee**—January 8
- **2nd Qtr. Student Meeting**—January 15 @ 7:30 AM (MS Gym)
- **NJHS Interviews**—January 16
- **Pep Session** – January 17 @ 1:30 PM (MS Gym)
- **NMS Dance**—January 24
- **Crusader Parent Meeting**—January 27 @ 7:00 PM in middle school library
- **Strategic Planning**—January 27 @ 6:30-8:30 PM (Central Office)
- **High Ability Parent Meeting**—January 30 @ 6:00 PM—7:00 PM
- **NWCS Crisis Line**—Safety Concerns? Call 543-2213 or 1-888-543-2213, ext. 6361.

## Students of the Month—Dec

- (6th) Kinsley Young  
Mark Golden
- (6th) Emma Vachon  
Greyson Taylor
- (7th) Lilly Justice  
Joey Macy
- (7th) Cassie Coyne  
Ethan Williamson
- (8th) Cade Shelton  
Hannah Ungerer
- (8th) Lillian Norris  
Cayden Young



**8th Graduation and Awards Ceremony**—You and your family are invited to attend the 8th grade Norwell Middle School Graduation/Awards Night on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:15. We hope that you will make plans to attend. This ceremony lasts approximately 2 hours. If your student will not be attending, please contact the Middle School office at 260-543-2218. The program will take place in the Norwell High School gymnasium.

Suggested student dress for the evening:

Boys - khaki or dress pants, collared shirt, and dress shoes, tie optional.

Girls - dress, skirt, or dress pants. No halter tops, strapless shirts or dresses, and no spaghetti strap tops or dresses.

Clothing is expected to meet Norwell Middle School dress code.

We look forward to seeing you at Awards Night and having the opportunity to recognize your child's academic achievements.

**Follow the Middle School on Twitter** — Norwell Middle school now has a Twitter account. We will be posting announcements and upcoming events for parents and community members to follow. You can follow us at **[norwellcrusader](#)**

# CRUSADER ATHLETICS

## Winter Weather and Athletic Events

With winter, comes the possibility of cancellation of athletic events. Our goal is to make a decision about event cancellations by 2:00pm. If an event is cancelled, we will notify students immediately. They will be given the opportunity to contact parents as needed. We will also send a text/email that will go to all parents who have provided contact info.

Remember, if NWCS or the host school cancels school, the events for that evening may be cancelled as well. Thank you, in advance, for your flexibility and understanding.

**Follow us on Twitter @norwellcrusader !**

### Basketball

Basketball for 7th & 8th boys and girls is in full swing. Come out to see a game and cheer on our

**CRUSADERS!**



### Wrestling

Wrestling practices have started! We open our season with a SUPER DUAL meet on Jan 11. Coaches this winter are Derek Prough, Tyler Smith, and Joe Lewis. It's not too late to start; see Mrs. Morgan with any questions!

### Eligibility

Norwell Middle School Students have full eligibility for extra curricular activities only when they are passing all classes. Please partner with us in making academic success a priority by monitoring grades & communicating with teachers regularly. You can link to these teacher email addresses through [www.nwcs.k12.in.us](http://www.nwcs.k12.in.us)

### Sportsmanship

Our fans are fantastic! Thank you for your continued positive support of our athletes and coaches. Keep up the great work!



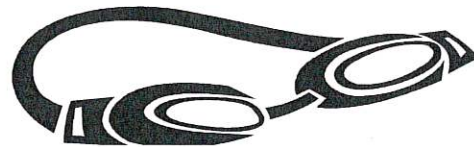
### Swim Season

*right around the corner*

Just a reminder that swim season is quickly approaching! Students wishing to participate are asked to turn in a pre-participation physical exam form now, so that they are ready to go!

Coach Tanner Lesh will be handing out season info packets this week at NMS lunches.

Swim team is open to all eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.



### THANK YOU, PARENTS!

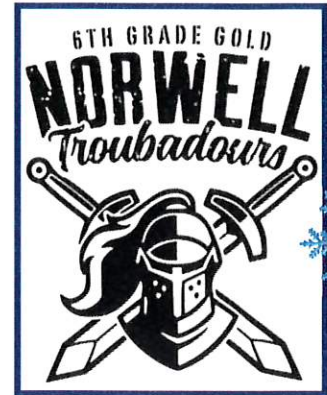
Thanks to all of you parents who HELP us with athletic events! We are pleased to offer great programs for NMS students. We can only do this because of your INVOLVEMENT. Keeping the book, setting up, providing meals, cleaning up, washing uniforms, taking pictures, assisting with supervision...these are just a couple of ways to pitch in!

We appreciate you very much.

**Holly Morgan, NMS Athletic Director**

# TEAM TROUBADOURS

Beef  
and  
Boards  
Field  
Trip



January 2020



A  
*Christmas Carol*  
By:  
Charles  
Dickens

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

GREYSON TAYLOR  
EMMA VACHON

## **STARS**

Jacob Bischoff  
Riley Dunning  
Kale Fuess  
Lucy Thompson



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade cavalier News

## Upcoming Important Dates

- Christmas Break!!



## Reminders



- Check PowerSchool Daily
- Check Schoology Agendas Daily
- Make sure Pads are fully charged every day

## Language Arts

All students finished reading and performing the drama, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Our culminating activity was a field trip to Beef and Boards in Indianapolis to enjoy a buffet luncheon and watch a performance of the play.

We will finish out the semester by giving our Nonfiction

## Writing



In Composition, we just finished up our argumentative essay! This was such an accomplishment for the students. They worked so incredibly hard and did a fantastic job! When we come back from Christmas break we will start in on an email etiquette unit and then jump into informative writing. We will also start MUGShots after break. These are daily sentences that will help students work on mechanics, usage, and grammar. They can be tricky at first, but encourage your kids to hang in there! They will get it!

## Math



Math is continuing to dive deeper and deeper into more complex concepts, and students are rising to the challenge! Currently, students are working through our Unit Four: Equivalent Expressions. As we move through these units, look for content to become more abstract and less concrete. Although the algebraic concepts we will be studying are challenging, I have confidence students will continue to give their best efforts as we move into the second half of the school year.

## Science



In Science, we are cruising right along with our standards based grids. The kids are learning about speed/velocity and distance/displacement; as well as Potential/Kinetic energy. They are learning the goal writing process and why it is important to start each class with a goal. The goals keep them focused on what they need to accomplish that day to stay on track with grid pacing. Grid pacing is super important, it ensures the kids are staying on track for finishing, but also guarantees that we will finish with the necessary standards by the end of the year. The tracking spreadsheets are an important aspect of grid based teaching as well, it lets me know if the pacing is too fast or slow and gives the students ownership of where they stand with their peers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

A Peek At What We Are Learning



# Norwell Middle School

# 7th Grade Barons



December 2019

## STARS

Carter Fryback  
Mrs. Dickey  
Language Arts

Rebecca Settle  
Ms. Kimball  
Science

Nicole Maldeney  
Mr. McAfee  
Math

Parker Behning  
Ms. Lower  
Social Studies

## Ms. Lower-Social Studies

What does Scooby pyramids, the Sphinx, Doo's *Where's My Mummy* movie, *The Night at the Museum*, and the seventh grade Barons have in common? We are all discussing the Egyptians! This month in social studies the Barons have been learning about Egypt and all the different aspects that characterize that society! The Egyptians were a thriving society that settled on the Nile River thousands of years ago. They are known for many incredible achievements including: the



hieroglyphics, and their advanced medical practices of the time. While we could talk about Egypt forever, the Barons will be wrapping up this unit by the time Winter Break arrives. To finish the unit, students will be completing a project that will have them mummifying a fellow classmate in the manner the Egyptians used many years ago. Stay tuned to find out what's next in the Baron's journey around the world in social studies! ☺

## STUDENT of the MONTH

LILLY JUSTICE  
&  
JOEY MACY

## Mrs. Dickey-Language Arts

Motive, fear, paranoia, suspicion, prejudice, and scapegoating...we have been discussing all of these as well as building background knowledge about The Cold War as we head into our next unit of study. Their curiosity has been insatiable, and the Socratic Seminar discussions have been very enlightening and thought-provoking. And to think we haven't started the reading yet!



on *Maple Street*" by Rod Serling and *"All Summer in a Day"* by Ray Bradbury as well as continue with the Articles of the Week (AOWs). These nonfiction articles directly connect to the fictional reading we are doing.

In addition to the same short stories the regular classes are reading, the Honors class will be starting the novel *Suspect Red* by L.M. Elliott. This year is the first time reading this book as a class, and I am beyond excited to see where this journey takes us.

Regular LA classes will read the teleplay *"The Monsters Are Due*

## Mr. McAfee-Math

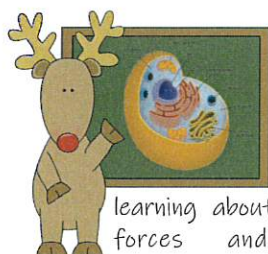
In Mr. McAfee's seventh grade math classes, students have just completed problem solving by using proportions and have learned to figure tax, discounts, commissions, sale prices, mark-ups, and percentage of change. Students also used proportions to demonstrate if geometric figures are similar and what scale factor is used to make a model or drawing to



represent a real-life object. The classes are currently working on solving equations with one variable by using the opposite operation to isolate the variable.

The advanced classes have been working on systems of equations with two variables. They have explored methods of solving them by graphing, substitution, elimination, and elimination with multiplication.

## Ms. Kimball-Science



For the next several weeks our class will be learning about the different forces and types of energy. We will investigate Isaac Newton's three laws of motion and learn how these laws apply to our everyday life. The physical

science unit comes with several activities, and labs that demonstrate different types of forces. Up first, the friction lab, where we will demonstrate how friction affects the movement of objects. As a culminating project we will be creating Rube Goldberg machines, which are complex machines designed to perform a simple task - these are

similar to the "Mousetrap" boardgame. We will show examples of these structures in class so the students have an idea of what has worked in the past. It will be a homework project in early January, so please be prepared to help your child create these structures.

# 7th Grade Guardians

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S.T.A.R.S. STUDENTS THAT ARE REALLY SPECIAL

★	Natalia Mateo	Mr. Johnson Math	Mrs. Allen Language Arts	Conner Reed	★
Mrs. Everett Science	Ethan Kuntz	★	★	Michael Long	Mrs. Bussel Social Studies

## Guardians Class Activities

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### Math: Problem Solving Competitions!!!

Winners →



Science:  
Measurement  
and Observation Skills.  
Plus fun in the SNOW!!!



### Art: Name Graffiti



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**Social Studies:**  
Groups created  
Ancient Egypt  
ZIGGURATS!!!



**Congratulations to December Guardians of the Month**

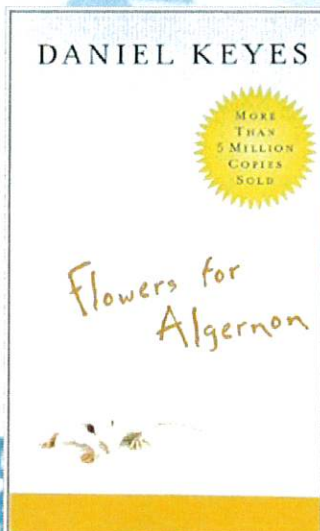
**Ethan Williamson & Cassie Coyne**



# Greetings from Team Valiant!

## Our Featured Course—Honors English/Language Arts

### Language Arts



With the first half of 8th grade over, let's look back at some of the high points of the past semester:

- Students enjoyed our read aloud *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*
- We spent 7 weeks with AOW's covering life skills and concluded with an Argumentative Essay
- Study.com is a new part of curriculum with video lessons over language skills
- Students read a choice book and presented a book talk
- We finished up the second quarter with *Flowers for Algernon*

Looking ahead, we will read a play about Anne Frank, read a historical fiction novel, and turn our focus to language and grammar.

Congratulations to our  
December

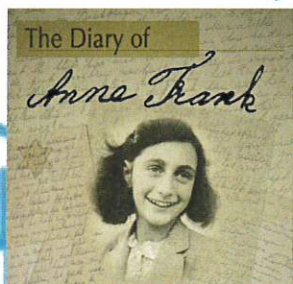
## Students of the Month!



Cayden Young

### Honors English

Students in Honors English read the classic novel *Fahrenheit 451* and made connections to real-world issues. We



had many amazing discussions throughout this 5-week unit. This quarter ended with a close study of the short story, *Flowers for Algernon*.

As we move into the second semester, we will turn our focus to language and grammar skills, read a play about Anne Frank, complete an action research paper, read the non-fiction novel, *Fast Food Nation*, and take part in historical fiction reading groups.



Lillian Norris

## OUR DECEMBER STARS

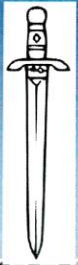
Math: Lydia Aschliman

English: Connor Lewis



Science: Bella Winget

History: Addison Keller



# The Excalibur Gazette



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## Mrs. Jones, Science

Students have finished writing their formal papers for our crime scene unit. I think most students enjoyed this project, especially looking at all the clues and the detective labs we did to try to solve the crime. Students will find out after Christmas which teacher participated in this activity.

We have also finished reading the book *To Catch a Killer* by Sheryl Scarborough. This book relates to our crime scene unit. Most of the book was done as a read aloud and students did very well in our class discussions over the book. Students took a final test over the entire book.

These two assignments will be the last items to go on the second quarter grades. If your student has a lower grade than normal it is probably due to the crime scene paper or the book. If they didn't spend class time working on the paper (students were given four class days to write and have me proof their writing) or if they didn't listen or actively engage in class discussions of the book, this may have lowered their grade.

I wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Happy holiday. Relax and spend time with family during this school break and I will see you in January—Merry Christmas!

## Mrs. Bender Honors English English Language Arts



*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas filled with Comfort, Joy, Hope, and Love, and a New Year filled with Peace.*

## Mrs. Bastian Pre-Algebra

Pre-Algebra students finished out the year by looking to answer the question: Do taller people wear bigger shoes? Students collected their own data and recorded it on a grade-wide scatter plot found both in the classroom and online using Excel. From the data, students found associations, made predictions and came to conclusions to answer the question.

## Algebra

Algebra students finished out the year discussing slope and linear equation forms. They put their knowledge and skills to the test when the class participated in the 2019 Algebra Paper Airplane challenge. Students created their own paper airplanes by graphing linear equations and following directions to fold based on the lines they graphed. Congratulations to this year's winners: 1st Place: James VanDyk 2nd Place: Ryan Straub 3rd Place: Kaden Rittmeyer and 4th Place: Jenna Claghorn

## Mrs. C. Smith

Parents, please consider the following stocking stuffers for your little history elves:

- Blue pens for notetaking
- Black pens for map-work
- Earbuds (Mrs. Brege sells earbuds in the N.M.S office for \$1 and the 30 I have purchased for needy students are all gone)!
- *Forge* and *Ashes*, sequels to our recently completed novel *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson



## Excalibur Students of the Month



Cadz Shelton



Hannah Ungerer



MATH:  
GABRIELLA ELSTON

SCIENCE:  
CHASE HULVEY

ENGLISH:  
COBY HARTZLER

U.S. HISTORY:  
KADEN RITTMAYER



# "NMS BAND NEWS"

**February 1,  
2020**

Solo & Ensemble  
Contest at Carroll  
H.S.

**April 3, 2020**

ISSMA Band  
Contest  
(7th & 8th bands  
only)

\*held at Garrett  
H.S.

**April 29, 2020**

6th Grade Band  
Field Trip to  
Sweetwater  
Sound Music  
Company

**May 11 & 12,  
2020**

6th grade Band  
performs at 5th  
grade orientation

**April 17, 2020**

7th Grade Band  
Roller Skating  
Trip (6pm-9pm)

**May 6, 2020**

6th Grade Band  
Ice Cream Pary  
2:30-3:15pm

## "Middle School Pep Band"

The M.S. Pep Band is going strong with rehearsals on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:45-4:00pm. Any band student in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade may join Pep Band any time through out the year. Look for the Pep Band to perform at a few M.S. basketball games in January!



**"Congratulations" to the  
H.S., 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade  
Marching Band Students  
for winning 5th Place  
at STATE!!**

## The following Middle School Band Students participated in this year's marching band:

Angel Downey, Michael Small, Jordan Whitsitt, Zach Cook, Willem Wooster, Hannah Wilson, Nolan Martin, Grant Johnson, Ethan Wilson, Eric Stinson, Tailor Raber, Lily Crone, Jenna Claghorn, Kaylynn Hippensteele, Andrea Kabel, Katie Bradford and Anika Perkins.

## Winter Band Concert

The 6th, 7th, & 8th grade bands are busy preparing for their next performance which will be the Winter Concert on December 17th at 6:00pm in the H.S. Auditorium. Free admission. Come out and enjoy some wonderful holiday tunes!

## "All-Region Band"

Congratulations to the following 7th & 8th grade band students who were chosen to play in the All-Region Honor Band on November 16-17, 2019 at DeKalb High School:

Grace Nicholson (8th Grade band student)  
Gavin Threewits (7th Grade band student)





# NMS LIBRARY



Tanya Milostan Tanya.milostan@nwcs.k12.in.us

January 2020

## HELP NEEDED!

Our next book fair is February 10-14. To help it run smoothly we need one volunteer per day from 10:15-11:15am. If you are interested please contact me at 543-2218 or Tanya.milostan@nwcs.k12.in.us.

Each volunteer needs to have a background check form on file with the office. Thank you!!

## NEW BOOKS

*The Toll*  
By Neal Shusterman

*Wild Bird*  
By Wendelin  
VanDraanen

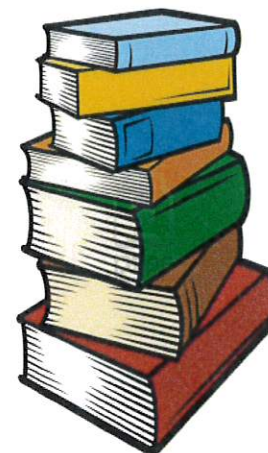
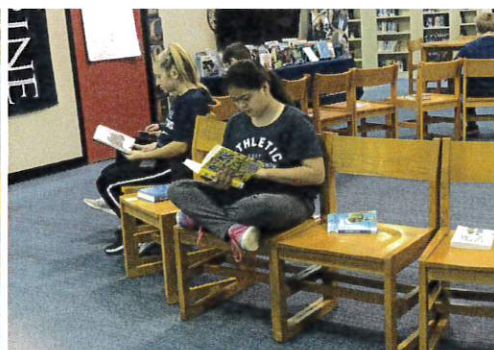
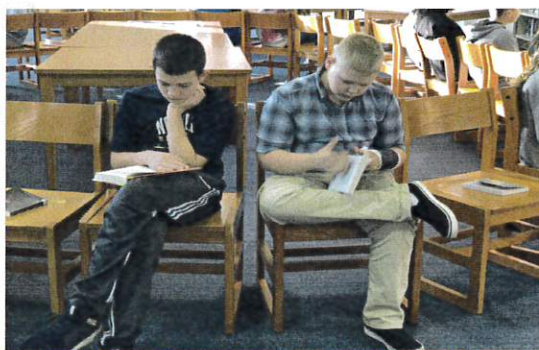
*The Tyrant's Tomb*  
By Rick Riordan

*Serafina and the  
Seven Stars*  
By Robert Beatty

*Wrecking Ball*  
By Jeff Kinney

*The Last Star*  
By Rick Yancey

## MUSICAL BOOKS!



# NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Lunch Menu

Week of January 7-10, 2020

## BREAKFAST

### Monday

### Tuesday

BYO English Muffin/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Wednesday

Breakfast Slider/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Thursday

BYO Bagel/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Friday

Biscuit & Gravy/Fruit

Cereal to Go

All meals served with:

Milk

## WEEKLY LUNCH

### Monday

### Tuesday

Popcorn Chicken/Cookie/Green Beans/

Cooked Carrots/Baked Apples/Peaches

### Wednesday

BYO Burger/Wedges/Fresh Carrots/

Baked Beans/Oranges/Applesauce

### Thursday

Chicken Rice Bowl/Tortilla Chips/Black Beans/Corn/

White Queso Cheese/Strawberries&Blueberries/Banana

### Friday

Beefy Nachos/Steamed Broccoli/

Cherry Tomatoes/Pears/Mixed Fruit

All meals served with:

Assorted Vegetables

Assorted Fruits

Milk

## EVERYDAY

Wow Butter/Jelly Sandwich

OR

Pizza

OR

Yogurt/Cheese Stick/Granola

OR

Salad Bar

All meals served with:

Assorted Vegetables/Fruit/Milk

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# NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Lunch Menu

Week of January 13-17, 2020

## BREAKFAST

### Monday

Breakfast Pizza/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Tuesday

BYO English Muffin/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Wednesday

Breakfast Burrito/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Thursday

Biscuit & Gravy/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Friday

BYO Bagel/Fruit

Cereal to Go

All meals served with:

Milk

## WEEKLY LUNCH

### Monday

Spicy Popcorn Chicken/Pretzel/Wedges/

Steamed Broccoli/Red Peppers/Peaches/Pears

### Tuesday

Corn Dog/Roasted Potatoes/

Baked Beans/Corn/Carrots/

Applesauce & Mixed Fruit

### Wednesday

Turkey & Noodles/Bread & Butter/Mashed

Potatoes/Romaine Salad/Cherry Tomatoes/

Cooked Carrots/Blueberries and Bananas

### Thursday

BYO Chicken Patty Sandwich/Green

Beans/Cucumbers/Pears/Fruit Cocktail

### Friday

Cheese Omelet/Biscuit & Gravy/Tri

Tator/Fresh Broccoli/Assorted Veggies/

Assorted Fruits

All meals served with:

Assorted Fruits & Vegetables

Milk

## EVERYDAY

Wow Butter/Jelly Sandwich

OR

Pizza

OR

Yogurt/Cheese Stick/Granola

OR

Salad Bar

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# NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Lunch Menu

Week of January 20-24, 2020

## BREAKFAST

### Monday

Pancake Wrap or Pancakes w/syrup/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Tuesday

BYO English Muffin/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Wednesday

Breakfast Slider/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Thursday

BYO Bagel/Fruit

Cereal to Go

### Friday

Biscuit & Gravy/Fruit

Cereal to Go

All meals served with:

Milk

## WEEKLY LUNCH

### Monday

Chicken Tenders (Spicy or Original)/

Sweet Potato Fries/Green Beans/Pears/Peaches

### Tuesday

Beef Tacos/Refried

Beans/Fresh Carrots/Applesauce/Oranges

### Wednesday

Chicken Parmesan/Breadstick/

Cooked Carrots/AuGratin Potatoes/Romaine

Lettuce/Cherry Tomatoes/Banana/Peaches

### Thursday

Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich/Soup/

Corn/Cucumber Slices/Pears/Fruit Cocktail

### Friday

Baked Potato Bar: Chili/Cheese/Baked Potato/

Pretzel Nuggets/Steamed Broccoli/

Assorted Veggies/Assorted Fruit

All meals served with:

Assorted Vegetables

Assorted Fruits

Milk

## EVERYDAY

Wow Butter/Jelly Sandwich

OR

Pizza

OR

Yogurt/Cheese Stick/Granola

OR

Salad Bar

All meals served with:

Assorted Vegetables/Fruit/Milk

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# NORWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lunch Menu  
Week of January 27-31, 2020

## BREAKFAST

Monday  
Breakfast Pizza/Fruit  
Cereal to Go

Tuesday  
BYO English Muffin/Fruit  
Cereal to Go

Wednesday  
Sausage Biscuit/Fruit  
Cereal to Go

Thursday  
BYO Bagel/Fruit  
Cereal to Go

Friday  
Breakfast Slider/Fruit  
Cereal to Go

All meals served with:  
Milk

## WEEKLY LUNCH

Monday  
Popcorn Chicken/Cookie/Cooked Carrots/  
Tri Tator/Green Beans/Baked Apples/Peaches

Tuesday  
BYO Burger/Wedges/Baked Beans/tomato/  
Fresh Carrots/Applesauce/Oranges

Wednesday  
Chicken Rice Bowl/Tortilla Chips/Black Beans/Corn/  
Queso Cheese/Bananas/Straw&Blueberries

Thursday  
Beefy Nachos/Cherry Tomatoes/  
Steamed Broccoli/Pears/Mixed Fruit

Friday  
BOGO Bosco Sticks/Tri Tator/Romaine  
Lettuce/Assorted Veggies/  
Assorted Fruits

All meals served with:  
Assorted Vegetables  
Assorted Fruits  
Milk

## EVERYDAY

Wow Butter/Jelly Sandwich  
OR  
Pizza  
OR  
Yogurt/Cheese Stick/Granola  
OR  
Salad Bar

All meals served with:  
Assorted Vegetables/Fruit/Milk

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