

Narragansett Pier Middle School

Activities and Events Directory



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Welcome to the Narragansett Pier Middle School (NPMS). This activities and events directory is designed to familiarize all NPMS students and their families with the extra-curricular school-related events, enrichment opportunities and athletic programs that take place at NPMS during both in-school and after-school time frames.

The events are listed by the time of year that each will occur, a brief activity description, student eligibility, parental participation when appropriate, and a main contact for each. Please note that activities that occur throughout the year are listed at the end of this directory, unless there is a specific sign up time.

Please note that this directory was developed in 2008 and some of the content is subject to change. Please visit the school website www.narragansett.k12.ri.us/nps/ where the school and school district calendar have a complete listing of up-to-date information and activity and event listings.

FALL

In-School Activities

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
Principal's Back-to-School Orientation School orientation for all grades	First day of school	All Students	Office
School Pictures Commercial photographer takes photos of each student; photo packages are available for purchase	Fall	All	Office
NECAP Testing Students take New England Common Assessment Program standardized tests in Math and English Language Arts, grades 5 and 8 only take Writing test	October	All	Office
MAP Testing Students take Measures of Academic Progress in Reading, Language Arts, and Math	November, January for some	All	Office
Dental Screening Students' teeth are checked unless documentation from own dentist is provided	Fall	All	School Nurse
Math Counts Math club where students do challenging math problems, may take part in meets, 2X a week during school	Throughout the year--sign up in fall	All	Office
Yearbook Orders Students order an annual yearbook showcasing all classes	October thru November	All	Office
Band & Chorus Notices to sign up are sent home early in the fall, including tryouts for acappella Madrigal Singers	Fall	All	Band & Chorus

After-School and Evening Activities

Open House Teachers give overview of the upcoming school year, parents visit classrooms	Evening in late September	Parents Only	Office
Destination Imagination National program where groups of students creatively solve a problem—sign up in fall	Throughout the year, competition in April	All	Office
Robotics Lego League Students build Lego robots and use them to complete tasks—after school. Sign up in fall.	Throughout the fall and winter, competition in January	All	Office
Homework Club Teacher-supervised classroom where homework can be done and checked—after school. Begins in fall	All school year, Tue, Wed and Thur	All	Office/Teachers
Math Night and Pasta Dinner School dinner for all families followed by math games and activities	Fall--Evening	All	Math Teachers
Chess Club Students learn and later compete against other schools at chess, no prior experience needed, meets several times a week after school	Fall--Winter	All	Office
Bowling Students are bused to Old Mountain Lanes at dismissal, 1X a week, picked up by parents there at 4 PM	Fall	5, 6	Guidance

FALL (Continued)

After-School and Evening Activities (Continued)

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
Band Instrument Meeting Evening meeting with parents to discuss and rent instruments	Fall	All & Parents	Band
Theater Production Drama production put on by students preceded by tryouts and rehearsals	To Be Determined	All	Office
Parent Info Night at NHS Parents of 8 th Graders visit Narragansett High School and learn about NHS programs	November--Evening	8 & Parents	Office
Parent Conferences Parents can meet with teaching teams to discuss student's progress	November--Day/Evening	Parents	Teachers

Sports

Fall Sports Physical Forms Must be submitted to office before tryouts for any sports, physical date must be within 1 year of try-out	Aug--early September	All	Athletic Director
Fall Sports Girls' and Boys' Cross Country and Soccer—Tryouts within the first two weeks of school, over 2 – 3 days. After school practices and meets	September--November	6, 7, 8	Athletic Director

School Fundraisers

Magazine Drive Fundraiser Primary fundraiser for the PTO, students bring in orders for magazine subscriptions and renewals	September--October	All	PTO
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WINTER

In-School Activities

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Students select a free reading book to keep, twice a year in winter and spring	December	All	Office
Vision Screening Students' eye-sight is checked	Winter--Spring	5, 7	School Nurse
Spelling Bee Spelling Bee occurs in all English Language Arts Classes	January or February	All	Office
Groundhog Job Shadow Day 8 th Grade students spend the day with a career mentor at their place of employment	February 2 or closest school day	8	Office
SALT Survey Students fill out Student Accountability for Learning and Teaching Survey	Winter	All	Office
8th Grade visit to NHS 8 th Graders have tour of Narragansett High School and meet administrators	February	8	Office

WINTER (Continued)

After-School and Evening Activities

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
Band and Chorus Concerts NPS band and chorus members perform for family members and friends in the gym, winter and spring	Winter evening	All	Band & Chorus
Ski Club Students are bused to Yawgoo Ski area once a week at dismissal and picked up by parents there at 6 PM	Winter	All	Office
Robotics Lego League State Competition	January	Students and Parents	Office
6th Grade Social Dancing, games, and activities held in Cafetorium chaperoned by NPMS faculty and staff	January 2:40 – 4 PM Friday	6	Office
SALT Survey Parents fill out School Accountability for Learning and Teaching survey	Winter	Parents	Office
Red Cross Babysitting Course Students learn proper way to safely baby-sit—after school	February-- March	6, 7, 8	School Nurse
Spelling Bee Finals Top spellers in each grade compete to be best in the school or the state	School=February, State=March--Evening	All	Office

Sports

Winter Sports Physical Forms Must be submitted to office before tryouts for any sports, physical date must be within 1 year of try-out	December	6, 7, 8	Athletic Director
Winter Sports Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Co-ed Cheerleading—Tryouts first over 2 – 3 days Practices and games after school	December--February	6, 7, 8	Athletic Director
Basketball Tournament Teams from NPMS and other schools play in a tournament	Winter--Evening	6, 7, 8	Athletic Director

School Fundraisers

Book Fair PTO fundraiser selling books and other items over 3 days with one family night held in the library	December	All	PTO
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SPRING

In-School Activities

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
Class Pictures Each homeroom has group photo taken for the yearbook	Spring	5, 6	Office
School Spirit Week Each day of this week, students are encouraged to dress for a theme and raise money for a charity	March	All	Office
Internet Awareness Assembly Guest speaker from the Police Dept. gives presentation of safe use of Internet and websites	Spring	7, 8 & Parents	Guidance
Scoliosis Screening Students are checked for scoliosis of the spine	Spring	6, 7, 8	School Nurse
DARE Program Graduation Event for students and parents at end of DARE program	March--Morning	5 & Parents	Office
Band and Chorus Competitions Band and chorus members play at competitions and festivals	Spring--School day	All	Band & Chorus
Career Day Students attend sessions in the classrooms while the guest speakers talk about their professions	April or May	All	Guidance
Health Fair Displays and activities promoting good health--parents invited	Spring	All	School Nurse
Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Students select a free reading book to keep, twice a year in winter and spring	April	All	Office
MAP Testing Students take Measures of Academic Progress in Reading and Mathematics again	April--May	All	Office
NECAP Testing 8 th Gr. students take New England Common Assessment Program tests in Science	May	8	Office
Teacher Appreciation Week Lunch Parents volunteer at luncheon put on for teachers and administrators	May	Any NPMS Parent	PTO
Honor Roll Breakfast Special breakfast with guest speaker for students who made the honor roll for 3 quarters and parents	May--Morning	Parents & Honor Roll Stud.	Office
Yearbook Assembly Yearbooks are given to students	June	All	Office
8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 8 th Graders receive promotion certificates, honors and awards announced in an afternoon ceremony	Day before last day of school	8 & Parents	Office

SPRING (Continued)

After-School and Evening Activities

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
March Madness School-wide activities for all students (gym sports, ping pong, chess, bingo, dance etc.)	Friday evening in early March	All	Office
March Madness Chaperone Parents oversee student activities at March Madness	Friday evening in early March	Any NPMS Parent	Office
Hoops for Heart Fundraiser for the American Heart Association featuring basketball activities in the gym after school	March	All	Office
Band and Chorus Concerts NPS band and chorus members perform for family members and friends in the gym, winter and spring	Spring evening	All	Band & Chorus
Destination Imagination Competition	Saturday--April/May	Students and Parents	Office
School Report Night Principal provides school community with latest state testing results and plan for improvement	Spring--Evening	Parents	Office
Art Show Selected art projects are displayed for the community (at library etc.)	Spring-- Evening	All	Art Teacher
Celebration of Talents Student talent show organized by 8 th Grade Enrichment students	Spring--Evening	All	Enrichment
Strengthening Families Program Discussion and activities to improve family relationships—several week-long program	Spring	All	Guidance
4th Grade Parent Info Night Parents of incoming 5 th Graders get a tour of the school and meet administrators and teachers	June--Evening	Parents	Office
National Jr. Honor Society Induction Students qualify with academic average of 90% or better, excellence in character and citizenship and also 12 hours of community service are required	May--Evening	7, 8 and Parents	Office
Sports Awards Night Student athletes are recognized for their performance	June--Evening	Athletes and Parents	Athletic Director
8th Grade Promotion Dance Dancing to music by DJ in Cafetorium chaperoned by NPMS faculty and staff	Evening of promotion	8	Office
Freshman Orientation NPMS 8 th Graders have tour of Narragansett High School and meet administrators	July	8	Office

Sports

Spring Sports Physical Forms Must be submitted to office before tryouts for any sports, physical date must be within 1 year of try-out	March	All	Athletic Director
Spring Sports Girls' softball, boys' baseball, girls' and boys' track and field—Tryouts first over 2 – 3 days Practices and games after school.	March-- June	6, 7, 8	Athletic Director

SPRING (Continued)

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
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Fundraisers

Book Fair	May	All	PTO
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PTO fundraiser selling books and other items over 3 days with one family night held in the library

Auction	May/June--Evening	Parents of all students	PTO
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Fundraiser for all three Narragansett schools held at Dunes Club every few years, silent and live auction and dinner

Throughout The Year

In-School Activities

DARE Program	Fall thru Spring	5, 8	Office
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Students learn social skills in Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program

Progress Reports	October, December, March, May	All	Office
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Go home with students, must be signed by parents and returned back to school

Report Cards	November, January, April, June	All	Office
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Honor Roll	Each quarter	7, 8	Office
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Grades of 80% (B-) or above in all classes

Fire Drills	11 throughout the year	All	Office
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State-mandated drills of school evacuation in case of fire

Lock Down Drills	2 throughout the year	All	Office
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State-mandated drill securing students inside school in case of an invasion or assault

Evacuation Drills	2 throughout the year	All	Office
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State-mandated drills of school evacuation in case of an invasion or assault

Feinstein Narragansett Mentoring	Throughout the year	All	Office
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An adult from the community meets weekly with selected students for mentoring, sponsored by the Narragansett Youth Task Force

Newcomer Luncheon	Various months	All	Guidance
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Lunches for students new to the school led by the Guidance office

After-School and Evening Activities

After School Enrichment Program	All year	All	Office
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Classes are given in various activities, once a week for several weeks, may have additional costs

7th & 8th Grade Dances	Oct, Nov, Jan, April, May	7, 8	Office
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Dancing to music by DJ in Cafetorium, chaperoned by NPMS faculty and staff—Fridays from 7 – 9 PM

Throughout The Year (Continued)

After-School and Evening Activities (Continued)

Activity/Description	When	Who	Contact
After school YMCA Teen Program Daily after school program for students who would be home alone, payments made to YMCA	Throughout the year 2:40 – 6 PM	All	YMCA
Schoolnotes.com Located on school webpage, where students can find daily homework assignments	All school year	All	Office
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) PTO provides information on and supports school activities. Meetings at 7 PM NPMS library.	3 rd Mon of each month except Dec, Feb, April		PTO
School Improvement Team (SIT) Parent-teacher-administration team oversees school curriculum and events. Meets at 2:40 PM	3 rd Wed of each month	Committee Members	Office
Special Education Parent Advisory Meeting for parents of students with special needs-- meets at 7:30 PM NPMS library	3 rd Tue of each month	Parents	Office
Town of Narragansett School Committee Town of Narragansett School Board Meetings, open to the public—meet at 7:30 PM NPMS library	3 rd Wed of each month	Parents	Town Hall
Narragansett Youth Task Force Presentations and community discussions on issues (substance abuse etc.)	2 nd Thursday of the month--Morning	Parents	Office
NPMS Athletic Booster Club Provides support and holds fundraisers for school sporting events	Monthly meetings--Evening	Parents	Office
NPMS E-mail Listserv Parent listserv used by the school to send out e-mail notices--parents may sign up anytime during the school year	Throughout the year	Parents	Tech Office
NPMS Automated Phone Notices Voice mail messages from the administration about school cancellation, early dismissal, school events etc. are left on home phones	Throughout the year	Parents	Office
Sports			
Intramural Sports A variety of sports offered to all students throughout the school year –before and after school	All year	All	Athletic Director
Fundraisers			
Box Tops for Education Students bring in labeled Box Tops to classrooms to earn cash back for the school	Throughout the year	All	PTO

Please note that according to the school handbook, if a student is absent from school, he/she cannot participate in or attend any extra-curricular school activities.

Late Bus: Students who attend after-school activities on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday can take the late bus home an hour after school dismissal.

Fundraisers: In addition to the fundraisers listed in this directory other fundraisers may be offered throughout the school year.

