



Notes From the Office

Looking Ahead:

No School - Monday, May 28th
Early Release on Thursday, May 31st



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our PTO and all the parents that cooked, donated and served our fabulous teacher appreciation luncheon. Everything was delicious and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Lilja PTO



News & Events Snapshot

Keep up with all the PTO news that's fit to print. Learn about upcoming events and other happenings around the Lilja and Natick community.

[Click Here to Catch Up](#)

Katie V 5K



Katie V 5K Color Run/Walk
May 20 – 8:30 am Johnson School
99 South Main St., Natick, MA

Katie was a teacher at Johnson School for 15 years. She had an amazing gift for making every child feel special. She was known for her chocolate chip pancakes, vibrant personality and spirit as she ran in her colorful outfits. If you didn't see her outside running you may have seen her riding her crazy duct taped bike to school. She was a huge Big Papi fan. Her love of the Red Sox was apparent, as she took better stats than they did!

Please register here: <http://racewire.com/register.php?id=9296>

Metrowest Symphony Orchestra

The Natick Schools has an emerging partnership with the MetroWest Symphony Orchestra that

emerged from our arts audit last year.

This partnership, in its infancy, currently allows secondary Natick students to participate in their ensembles and appoints mentor professional musicians to the participating students. We continue to explore additional partnerships for younger students.

For their upcoming concert information please click [here](#).

Instrument Petting Zoo

Attention 3rd and 4th grade families:

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument? If so, please stop in for the Instrument Petting Zoo at Natick High School on Thursday, June 7, from 5 to 6:55. Students will have an opportunity to try out the 9 basic instruments available to beginning students in the Natick Instrumental Music Program. 4th Grade All-Town Band Concert to follow at 7. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details.

Student Services

Natick Parent Connections: A Parent Network Navigating Special Education Tuesday, May 15: 7pm Natick Morse Library – Community Room

Natick Parent Connections is for parents/caregivers of children with developmental, learning, social/ emotional disabilities and other special education needs. This group is committed to providing a welcoming space for parents and caregivers to:

- share resources and experiences
- ask questions
- network with other families

If you have questions or need more information please
email: natickparentconnections@gmail.com

Natick SEPAC: Get Involved by becoming a 2018-2019 School Liaisons! If your child has a 504 or IEP please consider volunteering for Natick SEPAC

No experience necessary!! You don't need to know all the answers, just be willing to ask questions. Natick SEPAC volunteers work together to help answer questions and a majority of communication is done via email or phone. Time commitment can be as much or as little as you can provide. We welcome and encourage having more than one representative at each school. As a SEPAC School Liaison you will:

- Act as liaison between his/her school and SEPAC
- Connect with school's PTO and share SEPAC info
- Build awareness at his/her school of SEPAC and SEPAC events
- Attend SEPAC meetings and provide status updates and feedback to SEPAC Board

The **Natick Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)** is an all-volunteer organization of parents and caregivers of children receiving support services in the Natick public schools and private school settings. We are dedicated in building a network for families whose children are receiving support services through an IEP/504 as well as for families considering requesting an IEP/504 evaluation. SEPAC provides a parents perspective of information, support and recommendations. If interested or for more information, **please reach out by May**

11 to naticksepac@gmail.com or visit our website at: <http://www.sepacnatick.org/connect-with-u>

Increasing Your Child's Self-Determination and Positive Outcomes Tuesday, May 22, 7 – 9 pm Natick High School, Lecture Hall -2nd Floor

**Would you like to increase your child's likelihood of success by
supporting the development of self-determination skills?**

Self-Determination: you may have heard of it, but why is it important to your child's success, and what

can you do to support your child's development of these skills? This session with Dr. Lori Peterson will include a **panel of our champion Natick teachers** who will explore these questions and provide evidence-based strategies to increase opportunities to support the development of your child's self-determination skills. You will walk away with tools, techniques, and resources you can use immediately.

Takeaways:

- Describe self-determination and its impact on success.
- Describe strategies aimed to increase your child's self-determination skills and provide opportunities for your child to practice these skills.
- Locate resources available for additional support with promoting self-determination skills.

Dr. Lori Peterson is Assistant Professor of Special Education at the University of Northern Colorado. She is currently working with Natick teachers and staff on developing Self-Determination skills in students.

In order to prepare the correct amount of handouts, we would appreciate RSVPs to naticksepac@gmail.com, but please know you can also come last minute!

www.naticksepac.org

Natick Summer Academics

Natick Summer Academics:

Registration for Natick Summer Academics is filling up quickly! This program runs at Natick High School from 8:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. for the following weeks throughout the summer.

2018 Program Dates:

Week 1: July 2-July 6 (off Wed. July 4)

Week 2: July 9-July 13

Week 3: July 16-July 20

Week 4: July 23-July 27

Week 5: July 30-August 3

Click on this [link](#) to register for the following programs:

Enrichment Classes (Rising K-8): July 2-August 3

Students can sign up for four classes daily. Each class costs \$50 to attend. Click on the brochure below to see the classes that are available.

Enrichment Brochure

Land and Sea Robotics (Rising Grades 5-8): July 2-July 13 (Two-week program) \$375

Middle School Band Clinic (Rising Grades 6-9): July 23-27 - \$200

Just Sing! Middle School Chorus Program (Rising Grades 6-9): July 16-20 (new program this year led by the Middle \$180

NHS Tough Clinic (Rising Grades 9-12): June 25-August 10 (every Mon., Wed., Fri., 6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.) \$100

NHS Show Choir Experience (Rising Grades 9-recent NHS graduates): July 9-13 (new program this year led by NHS Chorus Teacher Kate Burns) \$200

Show Choir Experience Flyer

Contact Dan Hausermann, Director, at dhausermann@natickps.org with questions.

SPARK



Middle School Parent Workshops: Hot Topics

Thursday, May 10 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Wilson Middle School

For parents and caregivers (grades 4-8).

Join middle school educators and administrators for an evening of workshops on different topics to help parents navigate the middle school years. (Childcare will be provided.) Register [HERE](#).

— Lead Sponsors: Natick Public Schools, SPARK Kindness

Drugs: True Stories - A Discussion for Middle Schoolers & their Parents

Monday, May 14 from 6:45–8:45pm at Morse Institute Library

(Lebowitz Room)

For students, parents and caregivers (grades 6-8)

This interactive workshop and discussion will use the Drugs: True Stories DVD series to foster dialogue and provide tips about how to recognize substance use in a young person and how to respond and prevent substance abuse disorder. Register [HERE](#) or here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7bvo5ba>

— **Lead Sponsors: Natick Opioid Task Force, Natick Together for Youth, Natick Health Department, SOAR Natick, Town of Natick, Natick Public Schools, SPARK Kindness**

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