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Winter 2026 Catalog



Learning That Grows With You And Your Family
Over 100 Hands-On Learning Adventures for Adults & Kids



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before you register

How to Register

- 🖨 To register online, visit newtoncommunityed.org then filter or search for classes you'd like.
- ☎ To register by phone, call (617) 559-6999 during business hours and let us know what program you'd like.

Information May Be Updated

Dates, times, and other details may be updated after this catalog goes to press. Please double check course listing online at newtoncommunityed.org before registering.

Registration Fee

A \$10 registration fee is charged once per session. Registration fees are non-refundable.

No Class Dates & Alternate Schedules

Classes will not be held during Newton Public Schools vacations or holidays. For details, visit www.newton.k12.ma.us/calendar. Some classes may have additional "no class" dates beyond NPS vacations and holidays. These dates will be listed online.

The following no class dates apply to all programs (with the exception of kids vacation clubs in February and April):
January 19, February 16-20, April 3, April 20-24, May 25, June 19



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Our Mission

Newton Community Education is a self-sustaining arm of Newton Public Schools. Our mission is to build a strong, inclusive community through learning, enrichment, and connection.

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special thanks

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, instructors, and generous donors. Your dedication and support make our programs possible, enriching the community through shared learning and connection. We couldn't do it without you!

Special thanks to the following NCE volunteers...

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And special thanks to our community partners...

2Life Communities	Knot & Purl
Derby Farm Flowers & Gardens	Russian School of Math
Down Under Yoga	Scandinavian Living Center
Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association	Welcome Home

the brian padilla scholarship

In September, we lost Brian Padilla, a Newton North graduate, a gifted writer, passionate educator, and the son of Natasha and Peter Goddard. Brian was committed to social justice and a champion of young people.

In memory of Brian, we are inviting our community members to donate to the NNHS fund that provides awards to students finding their way. You can make a donation at <https://tinyurl.com/BP-Scholarship> or by scanning the QR code.



Classes for Adult Learners

Minimum age is 16 for most Adult classes



MEET THE ADULT & TRAVEL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Robin Shaevel joined NCE in 2010, inspired by her passion for community, the arts, education and creativity. With a background in journalism and film, including experience at CNN, she loves bringing thoughtful and engaging programs to Newton. Outside of work, Robin enjoys photography, travel, and adventuring with family and friends, as well as spending time with Olive, her big, lovable Bernedoodle.

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Look for  **for other new classes**

daytime learning

Newton Community Education is proud to partner with the **Scandinavian Living Center**, **Russian School of Math**, and the **Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association** to offer daytime programming throughout Newton.

Look for  **for daytime classes throughout the catalog**



The Scandinavian Center
206 Waltham St, West Newton, MA 02465



Russian School of Mathematics
60 Austin St, Newtonville, MA 02460



Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association
437 Cherry St, Newton, MA 02465

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travel & tours

Croatia Small-Ship Cruising: Islands, Coves & Culture

Discover Croatia's stunning coastline, charming medieval towns, and sparkling waterfalls on this 12-day journey combining a 7-night Adriatic cruise with land-based adventures. Wander Dubrovnik's city walls, relax on sun-soaked islands, and explore Hvar, Split, and Zagreb while enjoying the country's rich culture and cuisine.

Tour Highlights: Dubrovnik • Pelješac Peninsula • Mljet National Park • Korčula • Vis • Biševo Blue Cave • Hvar • Bol • Trogir • Split • Šibenik • Cathedral of St. James • Krka National Park • Zagreb

TR 155-W26 | \$6,699 | October 17 - October 28, 2026



“
The *WHOLE* experience was fabulous!
”

Civil Rights Journey Fall 2025 Traveler

home & garden

★ NEW

DAYTIME
OPTIONS

Name That Tree for Hardy New Englanders

Embrace the weather with us. Come take a walk and get to know the trees all around you. Unlike birds, trees stay put for your scrutiny and have easy tells for quick identification, even from 100 yards away. Join us for a lively walk, and learn the basics of winter tree identification—from bark, buds, and a few other tells. *Note: Address will be emailed upon registration. Wear walking shoes or boots and dress for the weather.*

G888-W26 | Jeff Klein | \$55
1 Wednesday @ Off-site
January 21 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

2026 WINTER / SPRING CATALOG

Beekeeping

Welcome bees to your yard and harvest their honey! Join an experienced local beekeeper to learn the fundamentals of basic backyard beekeeping. You'll learn all about setting up a hive, acquiring and installing bees, managing them throughout the seasons, harvesting their products, and finding the best local bee supply dealers for required equipment. After the seven classroom sessions, we'll all attend a hive opening with live bees later in the spring (date to be determined by the instructor).

Note: Materials listed online.

R172-W26 | John Cheetham | \$225
7 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 16 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

★ NEW

Valentine's Floral Workshop

Join us for a relaxed, hands-on class where you'll design a gorgeous floral arrangement with roses and fresh flowers in a blush pink vase. No experience needed—just come and have fun while learning the basics of floral arranging. All materials and hand-picked flowers are included. Create something beautiful for yourself or someone you love!

G856-W26 | Laurie Grossman | \$95
1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School
February 11 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

★ NEW

Bloom Into Spring: Floral Design Workshop

Welcome spring with a burst of color! Create a stunning bouquet using fresh tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, greenery, and pussy willows. No experience needed—just come ready to have fun, get creative, and learn the basics of floral design. You'll leave with a beautiful spring arrangement and all materials, including vase and flowers, are provided!

H713-W26-3 | Laurie Grossman | \$95
1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School
March 11 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Fearless Flower Arranging

If you love flowers and want to learn how to create gorgeous arrangements for your home, this is a fabulous introduction to floral design. With an abundant selection of flowers to choose from, learn techniques and basic design principles from experts. Leave with the confidence to create gorgeous flower arrangements on your own. *Note: You are encouraged to bring your own garden scissors or shears; all other materials and supplies are provided.*

G903-W26-5 | Lucinda Chrislip | \$105
1 Thursday @ Derby Farm Flowers & Gardens
January 15 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

classes for adult learners

arts, crafts & design

Some classes require materials, as noted in the description or online. We suggest you wait until closer to the class start date to buy and keep your receipt in case of cancellations.



Learn to Draw!

Anyone can draw—really! Drawing is the most accessible form of visual art, both gratifying and challenging. You'll learn to see and interpret the world through line, shape, texture, composition, shadow, and light. These basics help in painting, illustration, web design, and more. Each week features a new still life, with homework and critiques.

Unleash your creativity!

Note: Bring an 18x24 sketchpad, a graphite pencil, and an eraser. Other materials will be suggested in class.

A315-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$315
8 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 27 - March 24 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Botanical Drawing

See the world in a new light and then draw it. Come explore the beauty of botanical drawing, inspired by nature's wonders. From flowers to seed pods, we'll capture organic objects with careful observation. Enhance your drawing skills, mastering shape, texture, and proportion. Leave with a portfolio of fine art or prints. All levels welcome, new and returning students.

Note: Materials listed online.

A144-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$265
8 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 22 - March 19 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Colored Pencil Drawing

Explore fine art with colored pencils! Learn blending, layering, color mixing, and shading to create realistic images. Deepen your comprehension of light, color, and value. Classes cover landscapes, still lifes, and more with step-by-step guidance. Basic drawing skills recommended but not required.

Note: Materials listed online.

A726-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$299
8 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 24 | 5:30 PM - 7:15 PM

don't see what you're looking for?

We love hearing from community members! If you reach out with interests and help with enrollment, we'll program a class. Email us at nce-staff@newton.k12.ma.us to start!



Still-Life Drawing

If you've taken our beginner drawing classes or have beyond basic experience and would like to continue your practice, join us! Through instruction, critique, and exercises you will develop a confident understanding of line, shape, form, composition and tonal value. Each week you'll focus on a different element and progress from observing single forms to completing a still life. Group discussions and skill-building homework assignments will round out our transformation to intermediate drawers.

Note: Bring a 18x24 sketch pad, a graphite pencil, and an eraser. Other materials will be suggested in class.

A599-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$265
8 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 22 - March 19 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM



Portrait Drawing

What makes a great portrait? Join us and find out as we focus on capturing expressions through drawing. We'll examine famous and contemporary examples of portraiture, always pursuing the question of what makes a portrait great. You will learn how to strive for photographic realism and impressionistic likenesses that capture a person's unique character in your drawings. Mediums explored in class include graphite and charcoal.

Note: Bring a drawing pad and graphite pencil. Additional materials will be discussed in class.

A725-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$285
8 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 21 - March 18 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

arts, crafts & design continued...

Watercolor for Beginners

Experience the joy of watercolor painting! Explore fundamental and advanced techniques through instructor demos and hands-on exercises. Develop your unique style in a relaxed environment that encourages personal expression. Classes include artwork reviews and constructive critiques. New and returning students are welcome. Join us on a creative watercolor journey!

Note: Materials listed online.

A450-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$299
8 Monday @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 5:30 PM - 7:15 PM



Advancing with Watercolors

If you have some experience with watercolors and drawing and want to grow as a watercolorist, join us. Learn design, composition, and technique through weekly projects. Classes include demonstrations, homework reviews, and practice time. Our sessions encourage individual creativity in a calm, welcoming space. New and returning students are welcome.

Note: Materials listed online.

A722-W26-2 | Jack Neylan | \$299
8 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 21 - March 18 | 5:30 PM - 7:15 PM

A722-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$320
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

2026 WINTER / SPRING CATALOG

Acrylic Painting

Artists love acrylic paints for many reasons: they're water-based (no toxic solvents), dry fast, and offer versatile effects. Explore this popular medium and learn foundational skills like setting up your palette, color mixing and theory, and composition. Classwork includes exercises in observational painting from still lifes, photos, and portraits.

Note: Materials listed online.

A190-W26 | Jack Neylan | \$320
8 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 24 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Studio Painting: Acrylic & Oil

After a short demonstration to get you started, you'll work independently, painting in oil or acrylic from an image of your choice. You'll learn about composition, value adjustment, and color-mixing techniques. You'll work at your own pace, developing your own style. At the last class we'll share our accomplishments with an informal display of our work. All levels welcome.

Note: Materials listed online.

A893-W26-2 | Zhanna Cantor | \$320
8 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 21 - March 11 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

A893-W26-1 | Zhanna Cantor | \$320
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Zhanna Cantor has taught adult painting at Newton Community Education for over 20 years. She teaches oils and acrylics to all levels and focuses on helping each student develop their own style. She holds degrees in Painting from the Museum of Fine Arts School in Boston and Carnegie Mellon University.

classes for adult learners

arts, crafts & design continued...

Cabinetmaking & Woodworking

Once you've learned the fundamentals of cabinetmaking and woodworking, you can build almost anything. Learn the proper use of both hand and power tools, safety precautions, and how to navigate in a woodworking environment. Beginning students will learn the basics by fabricating a modest project, such as a bookshelf, coffee table, cutting board, or Adirondack chair. The project will be decided on by the group with instructor guidance. Returning students will build on their acquired skills and work towards independence as they progress.

Note: You supply the wood for your project. A materials list will be discussed in class.

N134-W26-1 | Garrett Tingle & Michael Gimbrere | \$455
8 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 21 - March 18 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

N134-W26-2 | Garrett Tingle & Michael Gimbrere | \$455
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM



Knitting 101-Beginning & Beyond

Join our multilevel knitting class! Beginners will learn casting on, knitting, purling, and binding off, while experienced knitters can refine their skills and tackle new challenges. Our instructor will provide needles and yarn for the first class and help you choose an ongoing project. Afterward, please bring your own yarn and needles. Experienced students can also bring ongoing projects for support. Let's practice, share, and knit together!

Y939-W26 | Kate Murray | \$235
8 Tuesdays @ Knot & Purl
January 20 - March 17 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Relief Block Printmaking

Did you try linoleum block printing in high school, or maybe you've never had the chance? In this fun and hands-on class, you'll learn to carve and print using rubber—a softer, safer, and easier material than linoleum or wood. Create everything from custom note cards to limited edition artwork while mastering a range of techniques. Whether you're new to printmaking or looking to refine your skills, join us to unleash your creativity, improve your skills, and have a blast!

A939-W26 | Anne Nydam | \$185
4 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - February 24 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

“
I enjoyed working with Anne and learning about her process and benefiting from her experience as I tried to develop my own skills.
”

Seder Plate Workshop

Come learn glass fusing basics while designing and creating a 13” Seder Plate using glass sheets, frits, powders, stringers, confetti, and copper inclusions. Discover techniques to form the traditional Passover letters (Pasech) and, if you like, depict the six edible items of the Seder. Your instructor will kiln-fire and slump your piece over a special mold to achieve its classic shape.
Note: A \$155 materials fee is payable to the instructor at the time of the workshop (cash, check, or Venmo). Your finished art will be available for pickup at Newton North within two weeks. Wear closed-toe shoes. Safety glasses provided.

N561-W26 | Michel L'Huillier | \$85
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 10 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Glass Fusing: Sushi Set

Design and create a sushi set with glass fusing. You will learn how to use glass powders, stringers, and frits as you have fun playing with shapes, colors, and textures. Your sushi set may consist of a big square plate (8” x 8”) or long channel plate (4” x 13”), two individual dishes (6” x 6”), and one deep dipping sauce dish (3” x 3”). Use your creations for sushi, cheese, crackers, desserts, and more!
Note: A \$155 materials fee for the basic set is payable to the instructor at the time of the workshop (cash, check, or Venmo.) You can make additional small dishes for \$30 or big plates for \$60. Your finished art will be available for pickup at Newton North within two weeks. Wear closed-toe shoes. Safety glasses provided.

N878-W26 | Michel L'Huillier | \$85
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 24 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

music & theater arts

Improvisational Acting: The Art of Thinking on Your Feet!

Explore this unique art form that sharpens your ability to think on your feet and builds your confidence in public speaking. Improvisational performance takes shape with little or no advanced planning. Learn the fundamental principles of improv, as you ease into a variety of games and exercises to develop and enhance your skills. You'll be surprised by the scenes you develop as your creativity grows and your fears on stage vanish. Come ready to laugh!

M701-W26 | Shiyانبade Animashaun | \$185
8 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 24 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Klezmer Music Ensemble

Originally a blend of “klay” and “zemer,” klezmer means instruments of song and is the traditional music of Eastern European Ashkenazi Jews. It’s typically played for dancing at joyous events like weddings and bar mitzvahs. From the start of class, we’ll be playing and singing, so bring your instrument and get ready to have fun! We’ll also explore some Hebrew and Jewish-American music beyond the klezmer genre. All levels and instruments are welcome!
Note: Bring your instrument of choice to class.

M346-P26 | Barry Shapiro | \$289
8 Thursdays @ Golda Meir House
January 22 - March 19 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

“
Barry Shapiro is the most kind, knowledgeable and patient instructor who brings out the best in amateur musicians. He goes above and beyond.
”

Guitar Fundamentals

With a basic intro to guitar, you can play and sing your favorite songs! This class covers chords, riffs, arpeggios, strumming, fingerpicking, rhythm, and harmony. You'll also learn to read lead sheets and guitar tablature used in songbooks. Bring: an acoustic guitar, blank manuscript paper with tablature lines, pencils, guitar picks, trimmed nails on your fretting hand, and decent nails on your strumming hand.

M136-W26 | Phil Kaplan | \$195
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 6:40 PM - 7:40 PM

Guitar Fundamentals II

Building on Fundamentals I, this class is perfect for advanced-beginner players. Move beyond cowboy chords and simple strumming to explore rhythms and riffs based on what you’ve learned. Develop your sound, perfect your chords, and master strumming techniques. This ongoing class is for those with some guitar experience. Grab your guitar and let’s play!

M893-W26 | Phil Kaplan | \$189
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Harmonica & The Blues for Beginners

Learn to play your favorite tunes and riffs using a simple, take-anywhere instrument—no extras needed, just your lungs! We’ll cover basic skills like harmonica positioning in your mouth and hand techniques for nuance. We’ll also focus on breath control and offer tips on music fundamentals like chords and rhythm. There will be in-class and at-home exercises.

Note: Have a diatonic (not chromatic) C harmonica, a.k.a. “blues harp,” a notebook, and a pencil.

Recommended Books: Instant Harmonica by McKelvy or Play Harmonica Today by Hal Leonard.

M983-W26 | Phil Kaplan | \$185
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Play the Ukulele

Whether you love Don Ho or Tiny Tim, entertain friends with the ukulele! This fun, versatile instrument, a cross between a guitar and banjo, has been around since the 1890s. Learn basics like chords, strumming, and various styles. No experience needed.

Note: Bring a Ukulele.

Required Book: How to Play the Ukulele for the Complete Ignoramus by Ted Parrish

M470-W26 | Phil Kaplan | \$189
8 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 24 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

business, career & finance



Play the Stock Market Game

Imagine you're given \$100K—how would you build a winning investment portfolio? In this class, you'll learn the essentials of buying and selling stocks, risk management, diversification, and using margin. We'll explore the U.S. financial markets, investment products, stock charts, and how global events influence prices. Then you'll practice researching investments, building a portfolio, and reacting to market news—all within a realistic virtual trading platform. Compete against classmates and teams across the state. No experience necessary!

S319-W26 | Peter Yaffe | \$159

8 Thursdays @ Online

January 22 - March 19 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



How to Promote & Market Your Small Business with AI-power

If you offer services or sell products, a website can boost your income. This hands-on course teaches you to build a site and use AI tools to promote it creatively and efficiently. Whether starting fresh or updating your site, you'll learn essentials like choosing domains, hosting, platform options, and AI-driven marketing strategies. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity!

C665-W26-2 | Fan Stanbrough | \$55

1 Tuesday @ Online

February 24 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



AI-Powered E-Commerce: Launch & Supercharge Your Online Shop

Who doesn't love a side hustle? If you want to sell products or services, an eCommerce site can boost your income. This beginner-friendly course shows you how to use AI to find niches, build a site, and market smartly—no coding needed! Learn about domains, hosting, WooCommerce, AI market analysis, and marketing strategies. Get ready to start or grow your online business with confidence!

C599-W26 | Fan Stanbrough | \$55

1 Tuesday @ Online

February 3 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Compassionate Negotiation

Negotiation doesn't have to be intimidating.

"Compassionate Negotiation" offers a human-centered approach for those who want practical skills for contracts, salaries, and purchases. Learn key concepts like leverage, FMV, BATNA, and use emotional intelligence to ask, listen, and say no diplomatically. Reframe negotiation as fairness and creativity for win-win outcomes, gaining confidence and tools to apply right away.

Note: Syllabus linked online.

P442-W26-5 | Courtney Zeljovic Lester | \$55

1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School

January 28 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bachelor's Degree Abroad? Things to Consider

Americans can benefit greatly from doing a bachelor's degree abroad: easier entry, enriching experience, elite credentials, job market advantages, low tuition, etc. So, should you consider this option for your child?

We'll examine programs—taught in English—at top universities in Canada, the UK, continental Europe, et al. We'll evaluate the advantages of different countries & programs, application criteria & process, how to prepare, and much more.

P259-W26 | Richard Montauk | \$55

1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School

March 18 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM



Preparing (in Advance) for Elite College Admission

Maximizing your child's admissions chances at elite colleges starts in high school. Considering your child's unique strengths and interests, we'll discuss how you can plan their academics, extracurriculars, and overall profile so as to develop a candidate who interests and excites colleges. Although the focus is strategic, this interactive presentation is also filled with relevant examples. Ideal for parents of 8th-11th graders.

P516-W26-5 | Richard Montauk | \$55

1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School

March 4 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

donate to our scholarship fund when you register for a class!

You can donate to our need-based scholarship fund when you register for a class. Every little bit helps! If you'd like to donate a larger amount, we welcome your generosity. Please visit newtoncommunityed.org/donate or call 617-559-6999.

business & finance continued...

Making Your Nest Egg Last

Today's notion of retirement is very different from that of previous generations. Individuals are working and living longer, and are faced with the challenges of both caring for elderly parents and providing for the needs of adult children. In this course, you'll learn to assess your retirement needs, position your assets to meet those needs, and take advantage of tax savings while maximizing government retirement benefits. You'll leave with detailed strategies for having sufficient income to enjoy a comfortable, secure retirement.

S275-W26 | Deborah Goodman CFP, CPA | \$49
1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School
January 28 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Basics of Estate Planning

Need a will or wondering if a trust is right for you? Curious about updating your estate plan? Join us to learn about wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney, and health care proxies. We'll also cover minimizing Massachusetts estate taxes and avoiding probate. By the end of the class, you'll have a clear overview of the estate planning process and insights to help you decide which documents are best.

S450-W26 | Rebecca O'Brien | \$60
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 10 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Making the Most of Social Security

Social Security is a significant piece of the retirement puzzle. Discover how to maximize your benefits and align them with your overall strategy. We'll cover changes to Social Security, optimal start dates, spousal and divorcee benefits, buy-back strategies, tax reduction, and part-time work implications. Learn about coordinating with state and federal plans like Windfall Elimination Provisions and Government Pension Offsets.

SS20-W26 | Deborah Goodman CFP, CPA | \$49
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 24 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Buying Real Estate with Self-Directed IRAs

Are you thinking about using retirement funds to invest in real estate? This course introduces Self-Directed IRAs (SDIRAs) and how to leverage them for long-term wealth through real estate. Learn the essential rules, benefits, risks, and practical steps to get started. Whether new or experienced, gain the knowledge to diversify your retirement portfolio with real estate investments.

Z871-W26 | Marie Presti | \$75
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
February 9 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Beyond Your First Home: Advanced Real Estate

Learn the essentials of buying, selling, and managing complex residential properties. Explore multifamily sales, short sales, foreclosures, and bank-owned properties, along with financing options. We'll cover investment strategies—from quick renovations and resales to long-term holds—plus an introduction to condo conversions and using trusts or LLCs for ownership. You'll also get a practical overview of landlord-tenant laws and the key risks and rewards of leasing.

S320-W26 | David Miller | \$55
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 10 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Becoming a Real Estate Agent

Discover what it takes to become a real estate agent with this introduction from a pro who has years of experience. Learn about Massachusetts' licensing requirements, what skills you'll need to thrive in this profession, and how to select a brokerage that will help you find your first clients.

B210-W26 | Marie Presti | \$55
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
February 2 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

1031 Exchanges: Real Estate Investment

Thinking of selling land, an investment property, or a rental home but worried about taxes? A 1031 exchange allows you to swap properties and defer capital gains taxes. This class covers the what, how, and why of 1031 exchanges, guiding you through the process. Avoid financial pitfalls and maximize returns with expert advice from an award-winning broker with nearly 20 years of experience in real estate. Join us to learn how to make the most of your investment!

S345-W26 | Marie Presti | \$75
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
January 26 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

learning even more with ed2go!

NCE partners with online education organization ed2go to offer a wide range of online courses, career-training, and certificate programs like...

- Accounting Fundamentals
- Digital Marketing Suite
- Medical Terminology Series
- Supervision & Managing Series
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science & technology



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C136-W26-4hr | Howard Loewinger
\$175/2 hours, \$235/3 hours, \$295/4 hours
@ Online or In-Person
January 26 - March 30 | On Your Own Schedule

Sharpen your Internet Skills

You can search for almost anything online. We'll use Google to explore powerful AI-enhanced searches, including open-ended questions and image searches. We'll cover browser basics—bookmarks, tabs, navigation, printing—and how to keep your computer safe online. If time allows, we'll discuss the deep web and dark web, mysterious parts of the Internet.

C900-W26-5 | Howard Loewinger | \$59
1 Wednesday @ Online
January 28 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Cutting the Cable: Your TV Options in the Digital Age

Are you ready to “cut the cable”? TV has changed over the last 20 years. Now you can choose from hundreds of channels, watch on any electronic device at any time, anywhere! This course will walk you through traditional cable, over the air, streaming, and live TV over the Internet. We'll consider what it takes to “cut the cable”, and if your TV and Internet service can handle it. There will be demos and time for questions.

C113-W26 | Howard Loewinger | \$59
1 Monday @ Online
February 2 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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AI Use Today

Curious about Artificial Intelligence? Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly session exploring how artificial intelligence is changing how we live and work. No tech skills needed—just bring your curiosity! Learn to use AI for writing, design, translation, transcription, video, and more. Includes real-world examples, 5 powerful tools, and a live Q&A. Perfect for all backgrounds!

C809-W26 | Agi Sardi | \$59
1 Wednesday @ Online
January 21 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



How to Use Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Curious about AI and how Large Language Models impact your life now and in the future? This supportive course blends creativity with learning. Start with beginner-friendly presentations, then explore AI tools for prompting, image generation, and music. You will try browser-based activities, share your work, and discover AI as a tool for self-expression. If you can Google and use Zoom, you're ready to join!

C899-W26 | Agi Sardi | \$195
5 Mondays @ Online
January 26 - March 9 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



AI for Beginners: A Hands-On Introduction

Learn what AI is, why it matters, and how to use free tools like ChatGPT. Explore everyday uses like writing, summarizing, brainstorming, and creative applications such as image generation. No tech background needed—just curiosity!

Note: Bring a smartphone with a generative AI installed or able to be installed.

C877-W26-2 | Matt Brown | \$119
2 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
March 3 - March 10 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Go Electric Vehicle or Not?

Thinking about an electric vehicle (EV)? Explore the pros and cons, including cost savings, environmental impact, and charging options. Learn how to choose the right EV, find rebates, negotiate pricing, and maintain your vehicle. We'll also cover apps like PlugShare and home charger options to help you make a confident, informed decision.

R876-W26 | Arnie Greenfield | \$39
1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School
March 4 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

history, literature & the arts



The Poetry of Billy Collins

Billy Collins, previous U.S. poet laureate, is one of the most popular poets today. His humorous, perceptive and relatable style has won him readers not only among poetry lovers but also among the general public at large. In these two sessions, we'll read and discuss approximately twenty of his very enjoyable poems, learning about his craft, smiling with amusement, and sharing our personal responses.

H446-W26 | Tracy Marks | \$135
4 Tuesdays @ Online
February 10 - February 24 | 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM



The Beatles: Their Music and Impact

On February 9, 1964, The Beatles captivated 73 million viewers on The Ed Sullivan Show, forever changing music and culture. With more than 600 million records sold, they remain the best-selling act in history. In this class, we'll explore their groundbreaking sound, the stories behind iconic songs—like how Strawberry Fields grew from John Lennon's childhood—and their lasting influence on fashion, trends, and pop culture.

H416-W26 | Anthony Patelis | \$155
6 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 10 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



The JFK Assassination: Conspiracy or Lone Gunman?

On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated—but was Lee Harvey Oswald really the lone gunman? His CIA connections, mysterious travels, and place on the FBI watchlist suggest otherwise. Sixty-two years later, secrets still remain locked away. Join this class to uncover hidden evidence, challenge the official story, and decide for yourself what really happened in Dallas.

H981 | Anthony Patelis | \$145
8 Thursdays @ Scandinavian Center
January 22 - March 19 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

financial aid

Financial aid is available for all who qualify under NPS Income Guidelines. Apply at newtoncommunityed.org/financial-assistance. Questions? Email nce-scholarship@newton.k12.ma.us.



Exploring Greek Mythology: Ovid's Metamorphoses

Do you want to learn about Greek myths, understand their historical and psychological meanings, and discover those which personally speak to you? In this class, we'll read and discuss fifteen Greek myths as presented by the Roman poet, Ovid in his lyrical, readable classic, *Metamorphoses*. Class will include mini-lecture, discussion of readings, and viewing clips from films and documentaries. Reading assignments will be approximately 40 pages per week. *Required Book: Ovid's Metamorphoses translated by Allan Mandelbaum or Stanley Lombardo.*

W108-W26 | Tracy Marks | \$195
5 Tuesdays @ Online
March 3 - March 31 | 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM

I seek out classes taught by Tracy Marks. I find her classes extremely enjoyable. She puts a lot of work into research and providing thoughtful and interesting material. She is very knowledgeable and kind, which always makes for a wonderful evening.



The Delightful Poetry of E.E. Cummings

S.I. Hayakawa wrote that "no modern poet has such clear childlike perception as E.E. Cummings". Known for his playful grammar, invented words, and mix of whimsical and deeply tender poems, Cummings invites readers to see the world anew. In this class, we'll read and discuss 15–20 of his most celebrated works, sharing personal reactions along the way. Students will receive a comprehensive collection of his poetry.

H445-W26 | Tracy Marks | \$99
2 Tuesdays @ Online
January 27 - February 3 | 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Screenwriting 101

Learn the skills needed to draft a full-length feature film screenplay from a 25-year writing veteran. Includes a mix of instruction, workshoping, theory, practice, and homework to develop the talents needed to make your splash in the entertainment business. Novice and expert writers welcome.

H451-W26 | Brad Abraham | \$189
8 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 21 - March 18 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

fitness & dance

Pickleball Lessons: Individuals or Groups. On your Schedule.

Join us for Pickleball lessons! Novice or seasoned, we cater to your skill. Enjoy tailored sessions (up to four people) at an indoor court in Needham/Newton. Learn fundamentals, dinks, serves, drops and more. Enroll for up to eight classes at a time. Flexible scheduling.

Note: The instructor has openings from January 12-March 31, 2026 between 8am and 8pm. After you register and paid (does not apply for waitlist), you must email nce-staff@newton.k12.ma.us or call us at 617-559-6999 and we will put you in contact with the instructor to set your dates and times.

D781-W26-1hr | Brad Singer

\$80 per hour, group discounts available

@ Off-site

January 12 - March 31 | On Your Own Schedule

Zumba!

Zumba is total body workout, combining all elements of fitness — cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Zumba takes the “work” out of workout, by mixing low and high-intensity moves with slow and fast rhythms for an interval-style, dance-fitness party. Once the music starts, you’ll see why Zumba Fitness classes are often called “exercise in disguise.”

Note: Bring water and wear comfortable sneakers.

D242-W26 | Kimberly Flores | \$169

8 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School

January 27 - March 24 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Line Dancing: Boogie to the Groove

Line dancing is a fun way to improve memory, strengthen bones, enhance balance, relieve stress, and boost your mood. Each dance is broken down, demonstrated, and danced to contemporary music you’ll enjoy. No partner or experience needed—this activity is for everyone! It combines physical exercise, social interaction, and mental stimulation, offering a full-body workout for mind, body, and spirit.

Note: Bring water and wear comfortable sneakers.

D213-W26 | Paul Hughes | \$149

6 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School

January 27 - March 10 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

no class on NPS holidays

There are no classes on Newton Public Schools vacations or holidays. Please visit www.newton.k12.ma.us/calendar for more information.

Pickleball: Beginner

Join us for pickleball, the fastest-growing sport in the U.S.! Combining tennis, racquetball, and ping pong, this fun game has unique rules. Learn to keep score, understand “kitchen” positioning, and master key shots. Instruction includes drills and gameplay.

Note: Wear court sneakers and comfortable clothes. Bring your paddle (we recommend Nuipipo, Onix Graphite Z5, or Selkirk), three balls with your initials, and a water bottle.

D765-W26-2 | Ami Gordon | \$125

5 Wednesdays @ Lincoln Eliot Elementary School

January 21 - February 25 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

D765-W26 | Ami Gordon | \$125

5 Wednesdays @ Lincoln Eliot Elementary School

January 21 - February 25 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pickleball: Beyond Beginners

Keep learning this fun, social sport! Improve your game with skill practice and technique demos. Instruction includes drills and gameplay.

Note: Wear court sneakers and comfortable clothes. Bring your paddle (we recommend Nuipipo, Onix Graphite Z5, or Selkirk), three balls with your initials, and a water bottle.

D764 | Ami Gordon | \$125

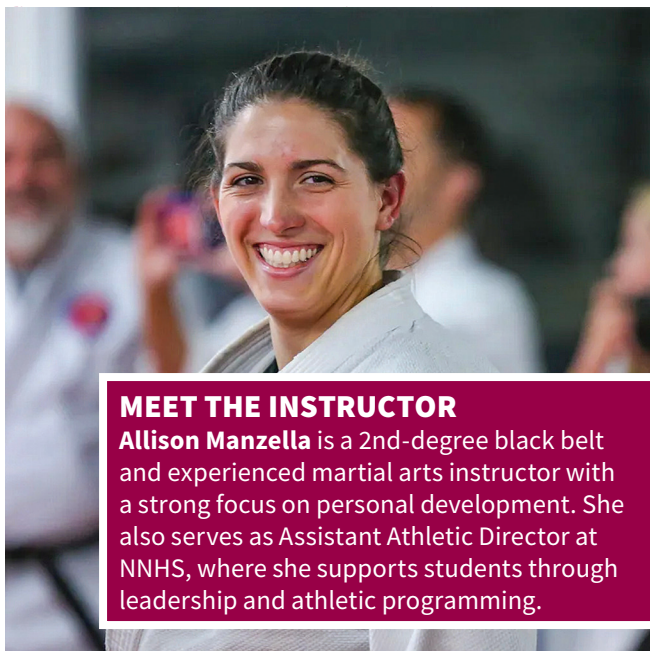
5 Wednesdays @ Lincoln Eliot Elementary School

January 21 - February 25 | 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Ami Gordon is a Certified Pickleball Instructor with decades of racket-sport experience. She brings a strong fitness background and enjoys helping new players build skills and confidence in this fast-growing sport.



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Allison Manzella is a 2nd-degree black belt and experienced martial arts instructor with a strong focus on personal development. She also serves as Assistant Athletic Director at NNHS, where she supports students through leadership and athletic programming.

Warrior Women Self-Defense

Warrior Women is the top self-defense training program in the Metrowest—custom-built for women by expert instructors. Taught by Sensei Allison Manzella, this class teaches essential physical and non-physical skills to help prevent and respond to violence. Open to all women ages 16 and up—no experience needed! Warrior Women offers a fun, supportive environment, realistic and safe training, and tools every woman should know. Bring your female friends and family!

Note: Please bring a water bottle.

Y781-W26-2 | Allison Manzella | \$59
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
February 2 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Y781-W26-1 | Allison Manzella | \$59
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
March 16 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Total Body Fitness

Join our balanced low-impact aerobic and resistance training class. Start with a 15-minute low-impact warm-up, then a focus on upper body work with hand held weights and lower body calisthenics work followed by core work and a soothing stretch. Open to all genders and fitness levels.

Note: Bring an exercise or yoga mat and wear athletic shoes. We provide weights but there is a limited supply of hand weights under 5 pounds so feel free to bring your own.

D101-W26 | Rosella Carrelli | \$165
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM



Would you like to do yoga, but are concerned about cost? Through a partnership with NCE, Down Under is offering a limited number of memberships to teens and adults who qualify. Just apply through our Scholarship link online or contact the NCE office for more details!



Chair Yoga

Welcome to chair yoga, a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using a chair for support. With compassion, expertise, and humor, our instructor will help you increase strength, flexibility and focus. Find your inner calm and have fun in this class for all levels.

Note: Wear comfortable clothing and have a sturdy chair.

Y181-W26 | Barbara Perlo | \$195
10 Thursdays @ Online
January 15 - March 26 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



Morning Yoga

This class offers a gentle way to start your day. We'll begin with stretching, breathing, and guided relaxation, then move on to traditional yoga poses with modifications. You'll practice yogic breathing, improve flexibility and strength, and discover new ways to find ease in your body and mind. All levels are welcome.

Note: Please bring a yoga mat, towel, and water bottle.

Y101-W26 | Barbara Perlo | \$195
10 Wednesdays @ Online
January 14 - March 25 | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Gentle Yoga

Guided by our experienced instructor, come relax and reset after a long day. Start with stretching, breathing, and guided relaxation. Learn traditional poses with modifications for all levels. Gain flexibility, strength, and ease in body and mind.

Note: Please bring a yoga mat, towel, and water bottle.

Y617-W26-Z1 | Barbara Perlo | \$189
9 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 21 - March 25 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

food & drink

Chinese Street Food

Street food is a vibrant part of China's culinary culture, found in hidden alleyways and bustling markets. In this hands-on class, you'll recreate a few beloved favorites: crispy, flaky scallion pancakes; golden curry chicken puffs; and Xian Bing, the savory stuffed pancake made famous in Xi'an. We'll cook together, taste everything, and compare favorites at the end.

Note: Address will be emailed upon registration.

F433-W26 | Roberta Hing | \$115
1 Thursday @ Off-site - Needham
January 29 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

★ NEW

Korean Flavors: Bacon Cheese Kimbap!

Learn to make Kimbap, Korea's take on Japanese maki rolls—similar in shape but in this class filled with uniquely Korean flavors like bacon, cheese, and colorful veggies! A popular dish for picnics and celebrations, Kimbap is fun to make and share. Enjoy your rolls with a traditional Korean sauce and drink while chatting about Korean culture.

Note: Bring a small cutting board and container.

F667-W26 | Minji Park | \$105
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 17 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

★ NEW

Savoring Spain: A Journey Through Its Wines

Discover Spain's rich wine heritage as you sample favorites like Cava and Rioja alongside hidden gems such as Garnacha, Mencía, and Albariño, and learn how the country's diverse terroirs shape each wine. You'll finish with a taste of classic Sherry and leave with a deeper appreciation for Spanish wines—perfect for both seasoned wine lovers and curious beginners.

F922-W26 | Robert Lublin | \$125
1 Wednesday @ TBD
January 28 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Intro to Fermentation

Did you know that a study of homemade sauerkraut found that two ounces contained more healthy organisms than a whole bottle of probiotic pills? Join us and discover the health benefits of fermentation in our hands-on workshop. You'll learn the secrets of making yogurt, sauerkraut, and kombucha. You'll master these techniques and receive starter cultures to continue at home.

Note: Bring a glass jar to take home live kombucha culture.

F326-W26 | Jeff Klein | \$105
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 3 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

★ NEW

Spice & Simplicity: The Art of South Indian Cooking

South Indian cuisine—known for its rice, coconut oil, and curry leaves—offers some of the most vegetarian-friendly dishes in India, using simple ingredients and light, fragrant spices. In this class, you'll make protein-rich idlis with homemade sambar, a veggie-and-peanut semiya pulao, and finish with sweet, spiced payasam.

Note: Address will be emailed upon registration.

F397-W26 | Shruti Mehta | \$115
1 Wednesday @ Off-site - Newton
March 4 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Shruti Mehta (pictured right) has taught Indian cooking for more than 20 years, sharing recipes and culinary traditions from across India. Shruti guides her students through the rich flavors and techniques of Indian cuisine.

★ NEW

Dal Delights & Rice Rituals

Dal—the ultimate protein-rich comfort food from India—is gaining global fame. In this class, you'll make a spiced Panchkuti Dal (featuring five lentils) and a sweet-sour moong dal with jaggery, served alongside fragrant jeera rice cooked with cumin, cloves, ghee, and nuts.

Note: Address will be emailed upon registration.

F722-W26-2 | Shruti Mehta | \$115
1 Tuesday @ Off-site - Newton
March 31 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Homemade Chocolates

Skip the hydrogenated oils and artificial dyes—make your own chocolate treats from scratch! In this class, you'll create homemade versions of York Peppermint Patties, Mounds bars, and peanut butter cups using simple, natural ingredients. No special tools or candy thermometer required—just a love of chocolate. Tuition includes food costs. Bring containers for your goodies!

F516-W26 | Jeff Klein | \$115
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
February 10 | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

food & drink continued...

Cake Decorating: The Next Layer

Ready to take your cake decorating to the next level? In this intermediate class, you'll fill and frost a double-layer cake, master borders like Rope, Reverse Shell, Ruffle, and Zigzag, and create Ribbon and Petal Roses with leaves. The instructor provides pre-made icing, filling, cake circles, and tools. Along with your creations, you will take home piping tips, couplers, and detailed instructions. *Note: Bring two (6, 7, or 8 inch) unfrosted cake layers and a cake carrier or box to transport your cake.*

Prerequisite: Must have taken an introductory cake decorating class or prior basic experience.

F518-W26 | Sandra Frezza | \$105
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 24 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Frosty Winter Cupcakes

Celebrate the season with cupcakes! Learn hand-piping techniques to create festive winter designs with vibrant icing and sprinkles. Icing and take-home decorating tools are provided. Leave with beautifully frosted treats to enjoy by the fire with family and friends!

Note: Bring 10-12 unfrosted cupcakes, along with a box or cupcake carrier to transport finished cupcakes.

F010-W26 | Sandra Frezza | \$85
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
January 27 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Icing on the Cake

Give your cake some eye appeal! Learn impressive decorating techniques, including buttercream frosting, leveling, filling, and piping stars, rosettes, shells, and more. All frosting and supplies are provided. Take home detailed instructions, decorating tools, and your beautifully finished cake!

Note: Bring your own 6, 7, or 8-inch round single-layer cake, a cake carrier or box, and an optional apron.

F820-W26 | Sandra Frezza | \$105
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
February 24 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

wellness & mindful living

Intuitive Tarot Workshop

Join us for an immersive Intuitive Tarot workshop to connect with your third eye and inner knowing. This class is great for beginners and those looking to build confidence in reading tarot. We'll explore the cards as symbols of your spiritual journey and learn how to read them with intuition. Our instructor will offer energetic support to help you deepen your connection with the cards and your intuitive gifts.

P588-W26 | Laura Campagna | \$59
1 Wednesday @ Newton North High School
February 4 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

CPR, AED & First Aid Training

This American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) Pediatric CPR, AED, and First Aid program provides an ideal training solution for schools, grandparents, Scout Leaders, camp staff, childcare providers, youth sports coaches, parents, and others required to learn how to respond to medical emergencies. Topics covered include: First Aid Basics, Medical Emergencies, Injury Emergencies, Environmental Emergencies, Adult and Pediatric CPR & AED. Two year certification upon successful completion.

Y335-W26-1 | Tyler Allerhand | \$145
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
February 9 | 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM

Y335-W26-2 | Tyler Allerhand | \$145
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 17 | 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM

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Tyler was very good, content was appropriate,
content was delivered well though
lecture, videos, and practice activities.
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★ NEW

Foundations of Habit Change

Why do you do what you do? Discover how you form habits and the science and psychology behind them. This interactive workshop will empower you to understand how habits form, how to identify your own habit loops and show you strategies to create lasting positive changes. The focus will be on building awareness, curiosity and compassion around certain behavior patterns.

P347-W26 | Laura Mutch | \$49
1 Monday @ Newton North High School
February 23 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

classes for adult learners

wellness & mindful living continued...

★ NEW

Overcoming Perfectionism with Spiritual Tools

Tired of harsh self-criticism? Ready for more joy, peace, and self-compassion? This course helps you release perfectionism and connect with your authentic self. Using the spiritual tools of gratitude, meditation, and self-compassion you'll discover powerful, evidence-based tools to boost happiness, calm your mind, build self-acceptance, and embrace imperfections. No experience needed—open to all levels.

Note: Syllabus is linked online.

P476-W26 | Courtney Zeljkovic Lester | \$95
3 Mondays @ Newton North High School
February 25 - March 11 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

★ NEW

Taming your Noisy Mind

Do you feel like your mind is frequently a tornado of thoughts which can sweep you away and feel overwhelming? Do you tend to believe whatever thoughts pop into your mind even if they aren't helpful? Join us to discover the neuroscience behind where thoughts come from, how self-awareness can influence them, and three practical strategies for creating healthy space between you and your thoughts. Just because a thought arises doesn't mean you have to believe it! Empower yourself with awareness and compassion to cultivate a calmer, more peaceful mind.

P342-W26-5 | Laura Mutch | \$49
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
January 27 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Stress Less: Learn to Meditate

Reduce stress and improve your health through meditation. Learn strategies for integrating meditation into your daily work and life. We'll practice over 10 powerful techniques including breath focus, body-scan relaxation, standing and walking meditation, Tai-Chi and Qigong basics, sound and mantra meditation, visualization, and mindfulness. By the end of class, you'll be equipped to practice anytime and anywhere, instantly benefiting from reduced stress.

Note: Syllabus linked online.

P470-W26 | Richard Geller | \$89
4 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - February 23 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

★ NEW

Meditation, Patience & Buddhist Psychology

Patient acceptance is an inner strength that helps us grow through life's challenges. Without it, even small difficulties can leave us feeling anxious, frustrated, or disconnected. When we understand the real meaning and power of patience, we can approach life's ups and downs with greater confidence and peace. In this series of classes, we'll explore Buddhist teachings and guided meditations that help us cultivate genuine patience—strengthening our inner calm, emotional resilience, and ability to maintain harmony in our relationships.

P811-W26 | Gen Kelsang Khedrub | \$99
3 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
March 3 - March 17 | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

DAYTIME
OPTIONS

TaiChi for Health

Yang Style TaiChi from Huan's TaiChi, this is a gentle and relaxing exercise. Routines may be learned at any level. Improve balance and general physical functioning, decrease the fear of falling, reduce pain, and achieve greater relaxation.

Y301-W26 | Greer Swiston | \$165
8 Wednesdays @ GBCCA Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association
February 4 - April 1 | 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

Greer Swiston has been teaching Chinese since 1996, guiding students of all ages in language and culture. A lifelong martial arts practitioner, she also teaches Tai Chi and brings her experience as a former tech executive and community leader to her classes, making learning engaging and fun.

tabletop games



Mah Jongg Drop-In

Calling all Mah Jongg for Beginners graduates, and other experienced Mah Jongg enthusiasts! Join us for a community-building play session where experienced players can come together. Seasoned players will have the opportunity to meet new friends and expand their circle.

Note: Have a current Mah-Jongg card from mahjonggmaven.com or nationalmahjonggleague.org.

Z903-W26 | Beth Rosenblatt | \$75
4 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - February 23 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Z903-W26-6 | Laurie Probststein | \$75
5 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 27 - March 3 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Z903-W26-5 | Laurie Probststein | \$75
5 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 3 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Z903-W26-9 | Laurie Probststein | \$75
5 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 28 - March 4 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Z903-W26-7 | Laurie Probststein | \$75
5 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 29 - March 5 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Canasta Drop-In

Calling all seasoned Canasta enthusiasts! Join us for a lively, social play session where you can connect with others, sharpen your skills, and enjoy the fun of the game in great company. It's a great chance to meet new friends and expand your playing circle.

R890-W26 | Laurie Probststein | \$75
5 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 27 - March 3 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Bridge for Beginners

Engage your brain by learning to play bridge! This card game combines logic with social fun. In our online course, you'll interact with the teacher and other players via Zoom, learning through play at virtual tables with chat options. We'll cover the basics, including bidding, playing, and defending. Singles are welcome and will be paired up. *Required Book: Bridge Basics 1 by Audrey Grant*

Z800-W26 | Kimberly Gilman | \$210
6 Thursdays @ Online
January 15 - February 19 | 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM



Mah Jongg for Beginners

There's a reason your grandmother loved this game, and you will too. Mah Jongg is a strategic tile-based game that uses "suits" like rummy. It's complicated and addictive, so learn the rules, play once, and you'll want to play again and again. Join us to learn its basic moves and the strategies you need to win.

Note: Have a current Mah-Jongg card from mahjonggmaven.com or nationalmahjonggleague.org.

Z118-W26-1 | Beth Rosenblatt | \$145
4 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - February 23 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Z118-W26 | Beth Rosenblatt | \$145
4 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - February 23 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Z118-W26-2 | Laurie Probststein | \$175
5 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 27 - March 3 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Z118-W26-4 | Laurie Probststein | \$175
5 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 3 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Z118-W26-7 | Laurie Probststein | \$175
5 Wednesdays @ Newton North High School
January 28 - March 4 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Z118-W26-6 | Laurie Probststein | \$175
5 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 29 - March 5 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Laurie's patience and enthusiasm made for an amazing setting. I couldn't have asked for a better teacher!

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Canasta for Beginners

Discover the rules, scoring, and strategies for playing Canasta, once the most popular card game in America. You'll play in groups of four, and quickly learn to start and build on melds of three or more cards and to earn bonuses by forming canastas (melds of seven cards or more).

R111-W25-5 | Laurie Probststein | \$175
5 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 27 - March 3 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

R111-W26-1 | Margie Glou | \$175
6 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 10 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

languages



Conversational Chinese

This course focuses on practical spoken and basic reading skills in Mandarin Chinese. Students learn essential vocabulary, common phrases, and simple sentence structures through interactive dialogues, role-plays, and reading exercises. Emphasis is on building confidence in everyday conversations and understanding basic written texts. Perfect for beginners with no prior experience.

L988-W26 | Greer Swiston | \$165
8 Wednesdays @ GBCCA Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association
February 4 - April 1 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Korean 101: Hangeul in 2 Hours!

Is it an exaggeration? Even linguists call Hangeul one of the most scientific writing systems in the world! In just two hours, you'll learn to read and write Korean, practice popular K-drama phrases, and even write your own name in Hangeul. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity!

L611-W26 | Minji Park | \$79
1 Tuesday @ Newton South High School
March 24 | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM



French: Beginner I

Learn French, the most romantic language in the world! In this course, you'll deepen your knowledge of how to speak, listen, read and write in French about a variety of topics including numbers, nationalities, leisure activities, family and professions, while discovering the present tense. For total beginners.

Required Book: Will be discussed in class.

L102-W26-1 | Susan Tessier | \$225
9 Wednesdays @ Online
January 21 - March 25 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

L102-W26-5 | Giovanni Palmarini | \$225
8 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 22 - March 19 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

register early

We decide whether a class will run before it starts—and your registration can make the difference. Some fill fast, so don't wait to save your spot!



Bon Voyage: Intermediate French & Beyond

Bonjour! Brush up on your French for travel or just for fun. Gain confidence in speaking as you learn conversational French. We'll focus on speaking through applied grammar and spaced repetition to boost recall. Improve your pronunciation through reading and speaking. Course materials will be available online. Join us for a fun, interactive learning experience!

Prerequisite: Our Beyond Beginner class or comparable

L243-W26 | Lionel Claris | \$225
8 Mondays @ Online
January 26 - March 23 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

“
Lionel is a high quality teacher with an effective teaching style, and he has great materials.
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French: Beginner II

If you want to continue your beginner studies, this is the French class for you. Through conversation and written exercises, you'll learn about French culture as well as pronunciation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and verb tenses. Emphasis will be on useful, everyday words and phrases, including greetings, time, weather, travel, and food.

Required Book: Will be discussed in class.

L223-W26-5 | Giovanni Palmarini | \$225
8 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 22 - March 19 | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

L223-W26 | Phil Kaplan | \$225
8 Tuesdays @ Newton South High School
January 27 - March 24 | 6:40 PM - 7:55 PM



French: Beginner IV

Through conversation and written exercises, you'll learn about French culture as well as pronunciation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and verb tenses. Emphasis will be on useful, everyday words and phrases, including greetings, time, weather, travel, and food. This class is for beginners or those who wish to review the fundamentals.

Required Book: Bonjour et bienvenue A1.1 — pour anglophones — Livre-cahier + CD - ISBN: 9782278093168

L140-W26-5 | Giovanni Palmarini | \$225
8 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 22 - March 19 | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

languages continued...



Italian: Beginner I

Whether you're going to Italy or just want to understand some delightful phrases, come study this lively and expressive language. You'll learn basic grammar concepts and idiomatic expressions while developing your vocabulary and writing skills. Participation is a must, so get ready to have some fun.

Required Book: Italian Made Simple by Cristina Mazzoni.

L103-W26 | Massimo Laurora | \$225
8 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 20 - March 17 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Italian: Beginner II

Continuiamo a divertirci in italiano! Let's continue to have fun in Italian! Using a communicative and inductive approach, you'll further develop your language skills through readings and conversations.

Required Book: Prego, An Invitation to Italian, by Graziana Lazzarino, 5th Edition

Prerequisite: Our Italian Beginner class or comparable

L110-W26 | Massimo Laurora | \$225
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Italian: Intermediate I

Continue to practice your Italian while delving deeper into grammar basics. Focus on irregular verbs, adverbs, pronouns, and the present perfect tense. Practice speaking through reading and listening exercises, with cultural insights.

Required Book: Prego, An Invitation to Italian, by Graziana Lazzarino, 5th Edition

L567-W26 | Massimo Laurora | \$225
8 Mondays @ Newton North High School
January 26 - March 23 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

volunteer with us!

We're looking for volunteers to help at day and evening class sites, with social media, and to represent NCE at community events. It's a fun way to connect with others and give back! Call or email us to get involved.



Spanish: Beginner I

Come ready to have fun en Español! In this engaging class, you'll learn introductions, the verb "to be," gender and number in nouns, and present tense conjugation for regular verbs. We'll also cover vocabulary like fruits, vegetables, primary colors, and professions, while practicing phonetics in Spanish. Join us for a lively and interactive experience that will boost your fluency!

Required Book: Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish by Margarita Madrigal

L787-W26 | Massimo Laurora | \$225
8 Thursdays @ Russian School of Math
January 22 - March 19 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM



Spanish: Beginner II

You've passed through beginner Spanish and are ready to learn more. You'll sharpen your conversational, writing, and speaking skills while you improve your vocabulary.

Required Book: Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish by Margarita Madrigal

Prerequisite: Our Spanish: Beginner classes or comparable

L429-W26 | Massimo Laurora | \$225
8 Thursdays @ Scandinavian Center
January 22 - March 19 | 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

“Massimo's knowledge, his enthusiasm, helpfulness, and patience was appreciated. There was a reasonable expectation for homework and a good balance between speaking English and Spanish in class.”



Spanish: Intermediate II

Sharpen your conversational, writing, and speaking skills while expanding your vocabulary. Review the preterit indicative, reflexive verbs, and object pronouns. Learn to conjugate stem-changing -ar, -er, and -ir verbs in present and preterit tenses, use imperfect vs. preterit, and form the future tense. In-class readings, discussions, and exercises will boost your fluency and confidence.

Required Book: Practice Makes Perfect: Intermediate Spanish Grammar, Premium by Gilda Nissenberg
Prerequisite: Intermediate I class or equivalent.

L568-W26 | Massimo Laurora | \$225
8 Tuesdays @ Russian School of Math
January 20 - March 17 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Clubs & Classes for Young Learners

Kids can do our clubs and their school's after-care program!

february & april vacation at angier elementary!

We will be offering an amazing variety of clubs during February (February 16-20) and April (April 20-24) vacations.

Scan the QR code or visit our website to stay up to date on NCE's vacation week, summer camp, and school year offerings.



special early release afternoons

Turn those special early-release days into a fun, engaging afternoon of learning. Our early release clubs include time for lunch and snacks and a free-choice period.

Early-release programs are available only at **Bowen, Burr,** and **Mason-Rice** from 12:15–4:00 PM. Classes are \$120 each. Students from all schools are welcome to enroll; If you'd like to see early-release programming at your school, please contact us.

Gravity Rocks! @ February 5

Build Gravitrax marble runs, launch Boomtrix bouncing balls, design a parachute, and tackle the ultimate Egg Drop challenge. A fast-paced dive into force and gravity!

Kitchen Chemists @ March 19

Explore acids and bases through color-changing “potions,” layer colorful water with salt, and experiment with ice. A fun, hands-on intro to kitchen chemistry.

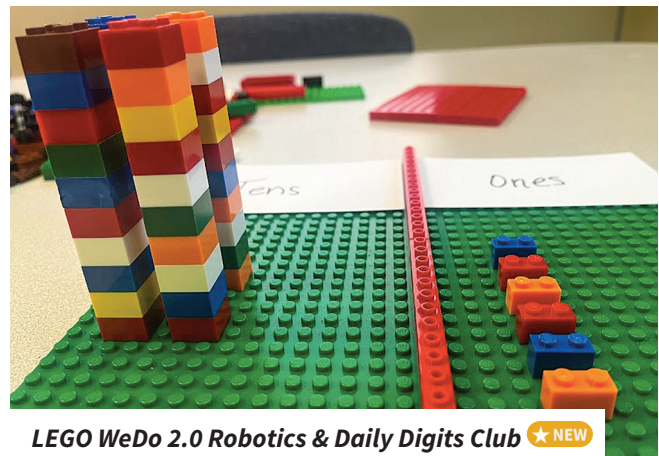
MEGA Slime Time! @ May 7

Create glowing monster slime and electric-blue bounce putty and other cool slime creations. Then we'll put the slimes to the test to see which is stretchiest, bounciest, and the overall best slime!

new classes

Video Game Design with Scratch
LEGO WeDo 2.0 Robotics & Daily Digits Club
Frozen Science & Splat Club
FIRST® LEGO® League Explore Team

Look for ★ NEW for other new classes



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Frozen Science & Splat Club ★ NEW



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MEET YOUR NEW COMMUNITY INNOVATION LEADER




Sarah Housman, NCE's former Summer Camp Program Coordinator, is now leading the innovation for kids clubs. She has a background in child development and psychology, and a decade of experience working with children and families. Sarah lives in Newton with her husband, four kids, and five ragamuffin cats.

Course Name	Grade	Fee	Days	Date	Time
Angier Elementary School					
Cinema Kitchen!	K - 2	\$540	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$405	9 Mondays	March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Swiftie Science & Potion Makers Club	1 - 3	\$540	9 Mondays	March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$450	10 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Ukulele Lessons!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Video Game Design with Scratch	3 - 5	\$360	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Bowen Elementary School					
Lego Challenges: Ready, Set, Le-go!	K - 3	\$405	9 Mondays	March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Frozen Science & Splat Club!	K - 3	\$540	9 Fridays	April 10 - June 12	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Pretzel Kids® Yoga	K - 5	\$405	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$360	8 Wednesdays	January 28 - March 25	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Intro to C-H-E-E-R!	K - 5	\$405	10 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$600	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
			10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Ukulele Lessons!	2 - 5	\$240	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$275	9 Fridays	April 10 - June 12	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Chess: Intermediate	2 - 5	\$360	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
		\$450	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
LEGO WeDo 2.0 Robotics & Daily Digits Club	2 - 5	\$600	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Sports Broadcasting & Photography	2 - 5	\$600	10 Fridays	January 16 - March 27	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
				January 12 - February 23	
Dungeons & Dragons: Ithreach Adventures	4 - 5	\$300	5 Mondays	March 2 - March 30 April 27 - June 1	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Burr Elementary School					
Frozen Science & Splat Club!	K - 3	\$600	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$360	8 Mondays	January 26 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$480	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
		\$540	9 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	
Swiftie Science & Potion Makers Club	1 - 3	\$600	10 Fridays	January 16 - March 27	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$360	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
		\$405	9 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Chess: Intermediate	2 - 5	\$450	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
			10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
3D Printing, Coding & Design	3 - 5	\$450	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Course Name	Grade	Fee	Days	Date	Time
Cabot Elementary School					
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$405	9 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$600	10 Fridays	January 16 - March 27	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tai Chi ★ NEW	K - 5	\$400	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$450	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
FIRST® LEGO® League Explore Team ★ NEW	2 - 4	\$400	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$275	10 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Comics & Digital Animation	2 - 5	\$480	10 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Video Game Design with Scratch ★ NEW	3 - 5	\$405	9 Fridays	April 10 - June 12	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
3D Printing, Coding & Design	3 - 5	\$405	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Countryside Elementary School					
Cinema Kitchen!	K - 2	\$600	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
		\$540	9 Mondays	March 30 - June 8	
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$360	8 Tuesdays	January 27 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$540	9 Mondays	March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Swiftie Science & Potion Makers Club	1 - 3	\$600	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Ukulele Lessons!	2 - 5	\$275	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
				March 30 - June 8	
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Tuesday s	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Public Speaking for Kids: Let Your Voice be Heard!	3 - 5	\$405	9 Monday s	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
				January 13 - February 24	
Dungeons & Dragons: Ithreach Adventures	4 - 5	\$300	5 Tuesdays	March 3 - March 31 April 28 - June 2	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Franklin Elementary School					
Lego Challenges: Ready, Set, Le-go!	K - 3	\$450	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Intro to C-H-E-E-R!	K - 5	\$360	10 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Pretzel Kids® Yoga	K - 5	\$450	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
				March 31 - June 9	
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$600	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$450	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$360	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Weird Science Television: Anything is Possible!	1 - 4	\$600	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Minecraft Innovators: The Ultimate Minecraft City Experience! ★ NEW	2 - 5	\$450	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Ukulele Lessons!	2 - 5	\$275	10 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School (Students from Horace Mann will be walked by an adult to Lincoln-Eliot)					
Pokémon Movie Adventures ★ NEW	K - 3	\$540	9 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$600	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$450	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$405	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
				March 30 - June 8	
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$275	9 Monday s	March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Minecraft Education Club ★ NEW	2 - 5	\$480	8 Thursdays	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
		\$540	11 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	

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Mason Rice Elementary School					
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$360	8 Fridays	April 3 - June 5	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$540	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Swiftie Science & Potion Makers Club	1 - 3	\$540	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$450	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25 April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Adventures in Animation!	2 - 5	\$540	9 Fridays	April 10 - June 12	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Tuesday s	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Ukulele Lessons!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Chess: Intermediate	2 - 5	\$450	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
		\$405	9 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	
3D Printing, Coding & Design	3 - 5	\$405	9 Mondays	March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Underwood Elementary School					
Frozen Science & Splat Club! 	K - 3	\$600	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$360	8 Fridays	January 30 - March 27	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Pretzel Kids® Yoga	K - 5	\$450	10 Wednesdays	April 1 - June 10	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Buildwave A hands-on building game!	K - 5	\$540	9 Fridays	April 10 - June 12	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Bob Ross Painting Show	1 - 4	\$600	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$450	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Fridays	January 16 - March 27	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Ward Elementary School					
		\$300	5 Thursdays	January 15 - February 12	
Dungeons & Dragons: Ithreach Adventures	4 - 5	\$300	6 Thursdays	March 5 - April 9	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
		\$300	5 Thursdays	April 30 - June 4	
Zervas Elementary School					
Beads, Slime and Crafty Times 	K - 3	\$360	8 Thursday s	January 15 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Chess: Beginner	K - 5	\$270	6 Thursdays	January 29 - March 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Chess Club: Intermediate/Advanced	1 - 5	\$405	9 Mondays	January 12 - March 23 March 30 - June 8	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Guitar Lessons For Beginners!	2 - 5	\$305	10 Wednesdays	January 14 - March 25	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Creative Filmmaking: Lights, Camera, Action!!	2 - 5	\$600	10 Tuesdays	March 31 - June 9	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Minecraft Innovators: The Ultimate Minecraft City Experience! 	2 - 5	\$405	9 Thursdays	April 2 - June 11	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
3D Printing, Coding & Design	3 - 5	\$450	10 Tuesdays	January 13 - March 24	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



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MEET YOUR NEW TEEN & SUMMER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Natasha Padilla-Goddard is our new Teen and Summer Program Coordinator. Natasha has over 30 years of experience in teaching, curriculum development, and program leadership. She taught English and loves to chat about books! She and her husband live in Newton and all three of their children attended Newton Public Schools.

Course Name	Grade	Fee	Days	Date	Time
Bigelow Middle School					
Babysitting/CPR	6 - 8	\$170	Wednesday	March 25	2:35 PM - 5:30 PM
Brown Middle School					
Babysitting/CPR	6 - 8	\$170	Friday	March 6	3:00 PM - 5:45 PM
Speech Team	6 - 8	\$350	19 Tuesdays	January 6 - May 26	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Newton North High School					
EmpowHER: Girls Wellness Journey	5 - 8	\$240	8 Mondays	January 12 - March 16 March 23 - May 18	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Dungeons & Dragons: Land of Ithreach	6 - 12	\$235	5 Mondays	January 12 - February 23 March 2 - March 30 April 27 - June 1	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
EmpowHER: Movement, Strength, & Mindset	8 - 10	\$240	8 Mondays	January 12 - March 16 March 23 - May 18	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Planning Ahead for College Applications	9 - 12	\$45	Wednesday	January 21 May 20	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Just for Juniors: Get a jump start on your college applications.	11 - 12	\$155	Wednesday	February 4 May 27	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Newton South High School					
Dungeons & Dragons: Land of Ithreach	6 - 12	\$235	5 Tuesdays	January 13 - February 10 March 3 - March 31 April 28 - June 2	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Planning Ahead for College Applications	9 - 12	\$45	Tuesday	January 13 June 2	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Just for Juniors: Get a jump start on your college applications.	11 - 12	\$155	Tuesday	January 20 June 9	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Oak Hill Middle School					
Babysitting/CPR	6 - 8	\$170	Monday	January 26	2:30 PM - 5:15 PM
Online					
ISEE Test Preparation ★ NEW	7 - 10	\$300	5 Wednesdays	January 14 - February 11	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
SAT Math Review	9 - 12	\$325	4 Fridays	March 27 - May 1	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SAT Verbal Review	9 - 12	\$330	5 Sundays	March 1 - March 29	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
AP US History Test Prep	11 - 12	\$275	6 Sundays	January 18 - February 22	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

financial aid

Financial aid is available for all who qualify under NPS Income Guidelines. Apply at newtoncommunityed.org/financial-assistance. Questions? Email nce-scholarship@newton.k12.ma.us.

policies

Access

Our classes are open to everyone from all communities.

We are Inclusive

We welcome students of all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, religions, abilities, statuses, and every other category protected by federal or state law. Our goal is to provide safe, accessible, and comfortable classes for all.

Students Who Need Additional Support

We are committed to an inclusive learning environment for all students, including neurodivergent students and students with other disabilities. Please email nce-staff@newton.k12.ma.us to share any information you feel will help your child to be successful in our classes. Our student support coordinator Sarah Housman will reach out to discuss details as needed.

Age Requirements

Adult classes are open to students 16 years of age and older, except where noted online and in the catalog. We do occasionally make exceptions; call the NCE office to inquire. Age requirements for Kids classes are listed per class.

Financial Assistance

We strive to make our classes accessible to all. Financial assistance is available for all Newton residents and NPS students (regardless of residence) who qualify based on the NPS free & reduced lunch income guidelines. A short online form is available on our website. Please apply by September 15 for fall scholarships, January 15 for winter scholarships, and March 15 for spring scholarships. Summer scholarships are on a rolling basis. Priority will be given to applicants who submit all required documentation and apply by the deadline. If you miss the deadline, call the NCE office to inquire if it is still possible to apply for yourself or your child. If you have questions, contact us at nce-scholarship@newton.k12.ma.us.

Changes

We may cancel under-enrolled classes. Occasionally, we may need to change times, dates, or instructors. Any such changes would be communicated with the class. We do not offer refunds for date or instructor changes beyond our control, e.g. rescheduled class dates due to instructor illness or NPS closure.

Gift Certificates

Gift certificates are available in any amount and can be used for any NCE class. Email us at nce-staff@newton.k12.ma.us to purchase one.

Format Change

Should COVID-19 or other circumstances necessitate, a limited number of sessions of your in-person class may be moved online. You will be notified of any such change and no refunds will be offered for temporary format changes. If circumstances necessitate your class be moved online permanently, you will be offered the option for a refund.

Trial Classes and Prorating

We do not offer trial classes at this time. We also do not prorate fees for classes or clubs.

Meeting Links & Supplies

For classes that meet online, we send links via email three business days before class begins. If you did not receive your link or list of class materials, your email server may be blocking our messages. Please check your Spam and Promotions folders. You are responsible for notifying us at least one business day in advance so we can send you all the information you need for a successful class experience.

One Person Per Computer

Your registration in an online class is just for you. Please register individually if more than one person will be using your screen.

Troubleshooting Online Classes

We strongly recommend that you test your meeting platform in advance as we cannot offer refunds for last-minute technical difficulties or late arrivals.

Weather Cancellations

In inclement weather, call our weather hotline at (617) 559-6993 to find out if your class is running. If your class is canceled, we will notify you of the makeup date as soon as possible. We cannot offer separate makeup dates for individual schedule conflicts. We do not provide refunds for weather-related date changes.

Waitlist Status

If the class you want is full, sign up for the waitlist! It's free, and you can always turn down a spot if it's offered to you.

Refunds/Withdrawals

You may withdraw from an Adult class three business days before the start date printed in the catalog, and from a Kids school year class seven business days before the printed start date to receive either a refund minus a \$15 processing fee or a credit-on-account (no fee). Beyond these dates, no credits or refunds will be given. The registration fee is not refundable. Email withdrawal requests to nce-staff@newton.k12.ma.us during business hours; requests that come outside of those hours will be considered on the next business day. There are no partial refunds for student absences or late arrivals.

Transfers

We may be able to offer transfers between classes in the same term for a \$15 processing fee, as long as the transfer is requested before the start of class. For language classes, we do not charge fees for transfers between levels within the first two class meetings.

Registration Fee

We charge a \$10 registration fee per person per session.

Self-Dismissal

Students in the 3rd grade and up can self-dismiss from our classes. Students younger than third grade can be picked up by adults on the authorized pickup list, or by a sibling who is in the 3rd grade and above. Written permission from a parent/guardian is required and can be done through the registration process. Students 6th grade and above are assumed to self-dismiss unless the guardian specifies otherwise.

Behavior Policy

We want all children to be successful and safe in all of our classes. We ask our instructors to be clear with expectations and to deliver curriculum in an engaging way. We ask that students be respectful to their peers, instructors, class materials, and class space whether online or in-person. If your child is exhibiting challenging behavior, we will try to help your child re-engage appropriately. If we are unsuccessful in helping your child re-engage, we will strategize with you about the best way forward and hope to come up with a positive solution, which may include class withdrawal. Refunds are not given to families of children who need to leave a class due to an inability to engage appropriately. We ask students to follow NPS' online practices and guidelines which are found on the NPS website.

Permissions

We may occasionally post student work to our website or take pictures or videos of students in our classes for use in print and electronic promotional materials. Your enrollment in a class indicates your approval for this.

Recording

To preserve privacy, we do not allow students to take video or audio recordings of our classes.

Late Fees

Please respect our staff and pick your child up on time. A fee of \$25 will be charged for each late pickup. After two late pickups, you will be asked to have a conversation with our office staff and action may be taken up to and including withdrawal of your child from the program with no refund.

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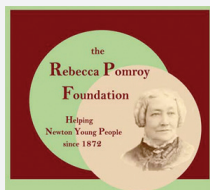
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