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Women and Sports Spotlight November Program for Norwood 150

On Thursday, November 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, a knowledgeable panel will lead “A Celebration of Women in Sports” in the George S. Usevitch Lecture Room of the Norwood High School. Panelists will include:

- Alison Justine Dixon Baranowski is currently a Registered Nurse at Norwood Hospital. She graduated from Norwood High School in 1997, having played soccer, volleyball, and track, and been co-captain of the girls’ basketball team. She was on Student Council and Students Against Drunk Driving, and she was voted Most Gullible. (You might ask her about that.) At Boston University, she earned all-conference honors in the America East conference.
- Sheila Brown is a figure skating coach. This gives her a very different kind of perspective on the athlete’s experience and the athlete-coach relationship.
- Patricia J. “Trisha” Brown graduated from Norwood High School in 1983, having been co-captain of girls’ basketball (which were champions of the Bay State League), tri-captain of girls’ soccer, a member of the softball team, and yearbook editor. She was a class officer and voted Most Athletic. Four years later, she graduated from Harvard with a degree in economics and joined the coaching staff of Harvard women’s basketball.

She has served as women's basketball coach at Stonehill for more than two decades, having added titles and responsibilities for the larger athletic department along the way. Earlier this year, she became the second Stonehill women's basketball coach to amass 400 career wins.

- Ali Maloof graduated from Norwood High School in 2011. She was co-captain of the girls' hockey team, described in the *Tiot* yearbook as the "most successful season in Norwood history." At Southern New Hampshire University, she became a standout in softball, where she qualified for all-region and all-conference (Northeast 10) honors, including recognition as Pitcher of the Year as a senior. In 2021, she was hired as head softball coach at Stonehill College.

Anyone interested in learning about more outstanding women athletes in Norwood High School should consider the inductees of the Norwood Hall of Fame. The first appear to have been the 1969 swim team, while the woman with the longest term of service to Norwood High School athletics is Coach Cathy Burt Shachoy, who was coach of field hockey and softball from 1972 to 2009.

On Friday, November 11, Norwood's Veterans' Day celebration will begin with a Veterans' Recognition Mass at St. Catherine's on Washington Street at 8:00 am. Parade units will assemble at the Balch Elementary School at 9:30 am, step off at 10:00 am, and proceed along Washington Street to the Town Common. Ceremonies and observances will take place at 10:45 am on the Town Common. A collation (a small meal) will be offered at 11:45 am at the VFW Post 2451 on Dean Street. In the afternoon, a program will be held on from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at the Old Parish Cemetery, 480 Washington Street Rear.

On Tuesday, November 15, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, the Norwood Historical Society will present a Book Group discussion of “The Children’s Librarian” by A. Heppler. The free discussion will take place at the F. Holland Day House, 93 Day Street. To request more details or express interest, go to info@norwoodhistoricalsociety.org.

On Saturday, November 26, the Norwood Hall of Fame will conduct its annual event at Norwood High School at 245 Nichols Street. On Sunday, November 27, three days after Thanksgiving, there will be a Holiday Stroll. Details on both these events will be provided later, closer to the dates of the events.