

Regional School District No. 7 Superintendent's Newsletter

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Dear Northwestern Staff, Students, and Families:

The school year is off to a great start. Northwestern Middle School and High School athletes are enjoying their fall sports season and student activities have resumed. The high school students are celebrating Spirit Week, which ends tomorrow with an outdoor Pep Rally. The girls and boys soccer teams play back-to-back tomorrow night at home against Gilbert. Varsity girls play at 5:45 p.m. and varsity boys play at 7:30 p.m. under the lights. Come out and enjoy the games!

Bus Routes: The bus driver shortage across our state is affecting bus routes. Regional School District No. 7 contracts with three bus companies, LeGeyt, All-Star, and DATTCO. Our bus companies worked hard to ensure a minimal impact to our students. There are only two route adjustments from All-Star. All other established routes have been maintained without interruption.

Mask Mandate: This week, both the Connecticut House of Representatives and the Senate voted to extend Governor Lamont's emergency executive powers until February 15, 2022. In light of the extension of the Governor's emergency powers and the issuance of [Executive Order No. 14](#), the mask mandate will stay in effect until further notice from the Governor's Office or the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Northwestern High School Named National Blue Ribbon School: The Connecticut State Department of Education nominated Northwestern High School for the National Blue Ribbon Award. I would like to acknowledge our outstanding administrators, teachers, students, and support staff for the role they played in helping Northwestern High School receive the [National Blue Ribbon School Award](#) for Exemplary High Performance. This extraordinary recognition was earned for multiple years of high student achievement across 12 performance indicators and for our supportive school culture. Only 40 public high schools across the country earned this prestigious honor. I would also like to thank the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education for their support of our many efforts in creating one of the best high schools in the nation. Members include Molly Sexton Read, Chair; Rob Jerram, Vice Chair; Noel Gauthier, Secretary; Terri Kenneson, Deb Bell, Kim Crone, Lisa Fragale, and Mimi Duran.



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