



NHS News Update 9/4/23

Good afternoon, Nonnewaug High School Parents and Guardians,

We wanted to start this update by letting everyone know on behalf of Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Curtin and myself, we could not be prouder of the students at Nonnewaug High School. The first days of school demonstrated the power of a positive attitude and respect for each other. All students have been respectful and motivated to start the new year. Classrooms have quickly become engaged in learning and the enthusiasm to be back has manifested itself throughout the building.

To keep you informed of happenings and updates at Nonnewaug High School please see below:

Heat Warning- Starting Sunday September 3, and running through Saturday September 9, forecasting models show the possibility for temperatures ranging from the low 80's to mid 90's. We ask that students hydrate starting as soon as possible, and that they take all precautionary measures to mitigate the effects of high temperature and humidity. NHS administration and athletic staff will closely monitor the wet bulb globe temperature (WBGT) and will adjust practices and other events accordingly. We want to remind students to bring a water bottle, and to utilize the filling stations around the school. If a student needs a refillable water bottle, they can pick one up in the main office.

Cell Phones - Thank you for your support of the cell phone policies! Students are keeping phones out of sight and earpods away, which allows for greater focus on instruction. Please reference the [Cell Phone Policy](#) linked here if you have any questions.

Club Fair for Freshmen and new students - On **September 27th**, during advisory, we will hold an activities fair for freshmen and students who are new to Nonnewaug. Student representatives of our clubs and teams will be there to answer questions and help our new students see what Nonnewaug has to offer them that meets their interests.

Junior/Senior Late Arrival, Leave/Return, and Early Dismissal Privileges - Juniors and seniors in good academic and behavioral standing who have a study hall may apply for the privilege of arriving late, leaving/returning, or leaving early. Here are the applications to [arrive late](#), [leave/return](#), or [leave early](#), which can also be found in the main office and in the counseling department. Completed applications should be placed in the basket in front of the counseling department secretary's desk. Please note that it may take a few days to process the forms and students are expected to report to their study hall until they receive notification from the office that their form has been processed. Once permission is granted, students are expected to sign in and out of the building in the main office. Failure to comply with these procedures will result in removal of privileges.

PSAT - On **October 18th**, students in grades 9-11 will be taking the school-day PSATs. There is no testing fee. This is an excellent opportunity for students to become familiar with the exam format and be better prepared for the SAT. Scores from this exam are not reported to colleges and universities. For juniors, simply by taking

the PSATs, they are in the running to earn a National Merit Scholarship should their score qualify them. Further information regarding preparation for the exam and room assignments is forthcoming.

SAT Prep - Attention Junior and Senior Parents: Nonnewaug High School is offering **free SAT Prep**. This course leading up to the November 4th test date will prepare students for the Math and English portions of the SAT. Math SAT help will meet for eight weeks, every Tuesday, beginning on September 12. Classes on these days will meet from 2:30-3:30 in room B20. English SAT help will meet for eight weeks, every Monday, beginning on September 11. Classes on these days will meet from 2:30-3:30 in room A04. Click [here](#) to view the flyer. **The course is free.** For more information or any questions, please contact Mrs. Cowles (ncowles@ctreg14.org) or Mr. Gereg (cgereg@ctreg14.org)

Art Program- As a reminder to students, we are still in the add/drop period. We are still looking for students to join our nationally award winning Art program. To learn more about art course offerings please see pages 38-43 of our [Program of Studies](#). Please see Ms. Desjardins or one of your school counselors with questions.

Blood Drive - National Honor Society is holding a blood drive on Tuesday, September 19th. Nonnewaug students age 17 or older can donate blood. Students age 16 can donate with a permission slip. Permission slips are found in room A15. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Athletic Updates- We are elated with the beginning of fall sports. There are over 243 athletes involved with our teams. It is not too late to join if your son or daughter wants to join a team. Please have them reach out to Mr. Curtin to get involved.

Home Varsity Sports Schedule for the week of 9/4

- 9/5 Field hockey vs Brookfield @ 4:00
- 9/7 Golf vs Litchfield @ 3:00- Crestbrook Park Golf Course
- 9/7 Boys Soccer vs Terryville @ 3:45

Other Upcoming Dates:

Meet and Greet with Dr. Kuslis, NHS Principal. September 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Please complete [this form](#) to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you!

Senior College Night- September 14th at 6:00 pm. This program is designed to provide senior parents with important information regarding the college admissions process.

Senior Field Day - September 22nd. More information to follow

Freshman Parent Orientation- September 27th at 5:15 pm. This program is for parents of freshmen and will provide an introduction to high school related topics such as graduation requirements, academic offerings and post-secondary planning. This presentation precedes Open House.

NHS Open House - September 27th at 6:00 pm. Open House is an introduction to the teachers and the courses in which your student is enrolled. We welcome all parents to join us!

Financial Aid Night- October 12th at 6:30 pm. College affordability and the financial aid application will be discussed. All families are welcomed to attend.

PSAT - Wednesday, October 18th. All students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT. There is no testing fee. More information to follow.

We know that our students would not be the respectful, polite and motivated people they are without the support of you and the family that surrounds them. We thank you for your support, and, again, please let us know if you have any questions.

Have a great Labor Day weekend,

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