

9/18/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As always, we wanted to be sure you were aware of everything going on at Nonnewaug!

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Parking Reminder - When attending athletic events and after school events please only park in designated parking spots. It is a violation of fire code to park along fire lanes and anywhere other than designated parking spots which would be utilized by emergency vehicles in severe situations. The fire marshall will be ticketing any cars not parked in designated parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

Senior Field Day - This **Friday, September 22nd**, the Class of 2024 is invited to participate in senior field day. This is an opportunity for the students to come together and make lasting memories with their classmates. Students will participate in team building and group activities with chances to win gift cards and other prizes. More information can be found on the Class of 2024 Classroom or by speaking with the class advisors, Mrs. McKay and Mr. York.

Open House - As a reminder, our [Open House](#) is **Wednesday, September 27th**. The evening will start with a program specifically for parents of freshmen at 5:30 PM in the auditorium, followed by Open House at 6 PM. Our goal is to have each student's family represented at this event. If a parent cannot attend, we welcome a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or other caretaker to join us!

Agriscience Open House- Our AG open house (for current 8th graders) will be held on **October 17th from 6-8 pm**. Please help us spread the word to any families with current 9th graders.

School Day PSATs - On **Wednesday, October 18th**, we will hold in-school PSATs for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at no cost to the students. Testing will begin promptly at 7:30 am. Please be sure that your student attends and brings their school issued, fully charged chromebook. If your child took the PSATs last year, you can view their scores by accessing their College Board account at www.collegeboard.org or by contacting their school counselor. [This letter](#), which will be emailed to families prior to testing, provides more detailed information about our PSAT testing day.

Pride in the Tribe - This year, we will refocus our "Pride in the Tribe" to include a holistic approach including academics, athletics, and community engagement. The focus will be in four areas

- Pride in Ourselves
- Pride in our School
- Pride in our Community
- Pride in our World

One primary school focus will be academic achievement demonstrated by scores on state testing (PSAT, SAT, NGSS). Please see some of the links below which demonstrate the value of taking the SAT and other standardized tests seriously.

[SAT Scores Predict Future Success](#); [SAT Scores and Lifetime Earnings](#); [Student Potential for Future Earnings](#)

For Seniors, this will be a post-secondary planning day. We strongly encourage seniors to schedule college visits or interviews, meet with potential employers or military personnel, or work with NHS staff in the CCRC to support the college search and application process. This is time seniors should dedicate to the college application process, essay writing, job shadow experiences, and the organization of all post-secondary planning needs. If seniors students will be off campus at college visits, interviewing, working on college application materials, meeting with employers, shadowing etc., students will need to submit [this form](#) to the main office to be considered excused from school.

Schedule Change for Thursday, October 19th - Please note that Thursday, **October 19th** will be a modified even block period day to accommodate PSAT testing on the day prior as well as the fall pep rally. [Here](#) is the schedule for October 19th.

Homecoming- NHS Homecoming will be held **Friday, October 20th**, from 7:00-10:00 pm at the Amber Room in Danbury. Click [here](#) to view the flier and [here](#) to access the permission slip.

School Counseling- This past week, the counseling department delivered a two day post-secondary planning unit for seniors and presented our Senior College Night program for parents. If you were unable to attend this evening session and would like information about the college application process, please contact your student's school counselor, Mrs. Green in the CCRC kathygreen@ctreg14.org or visit the [school counseling website](#). Over the next several weeks, the counseling team will be meeting individually with seniors to discuss their specific post-graduation plans.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

9/18/2023	8:40 AM	SUNY College at Oswego
9/18/2023	1:45 PM	Suffolk University
9/19/2023	8:25 AM	Lesley University
9/19/2023	10:33 AM	University of Maine at Farmington
9/20/2023	1:00 PM	Sacred Heart University
9/20/2023	11:27 AM	Mount Holyoke College
9/21/2023	9:27 AM	Providence College
9/21/2023	10:20 AM	University of Vermont

- Spots are still available for students to attend the UConn Field Trip on October 6th. Permission slips can be found in the CCRC or the school counseling office. Permission slips and \$14 cash or check (made out to Region 14) should be returned to Mrs. Green in the CCRC. Students will be back by the end of the school day.
- Volunteer and job opportunities are posted on the [CCRC page](#) and on Instagram (@nonnewaug_ccrc). Stay updated by checking these regularly.

- October 18th (PSAT Day) will be a post-secondary work day for seniors. Seniors should consider visiting a college or trade school campus on this day or spending time in the CCRC with Mrs. Green to work on any part of the post-secondary planning or college application process.

Athletics-

Congratulations to our fans, students, parents, and student-athletes. Nonnewaug was just announced by the CIAC as one of the few Fred Balsamo Sportsmanship Winners. Our school will be honored with a plaque and receive a \$500 reward to further sportsmanship initiatives.

Please make sure that all vehicles are parked in parking spots. There will be a \$75 parking ticket for anyone that is illegally parked. Many vehicles are being parked on grass. We appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

Sports Home Schedule:

9/19- boys soccer v Housatonic- 3:45
 9/21- field hockey v Lewis Mills- 3:45
 9/22- boys soccer v Thomaston- 3:45
 9/22- volleyball v Immaculate- 5:30

Region 14 Vision of a Learner

Region 14 students:

- **THINK CRITICALLY AND CREATIVELY** – They evaluate an issue or problem and develop a solution or opinion using multi-disciplinary thinking, originality and imagination.
- **COLLABORATE AND COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY** – They find effective ways to work together and express, listen to, and exchange ideas and information in many forms.
- **DEMONSTRATE EMPATHY** – They understand and respect the ideas, beliefs, and values of others to foster an inclusive environment.
- **TAKE INITIATIVE** – They take ownership of learning by inquiring, setting goals, taking action, and consistently reflecting.
- **PERSEVERE** – They persist through challenges to achieve goals and build resilience.
- **ADAPT AND ADJUST** – They remain flexible and open to new ideas, and they adjust to new situations.

Region 14 Goals:

- Academic Performance - The district will strive to improve academic performance for all students on multiple assessment indicators and the staff will be committed to continuous improvement
- Communication - Region 14 will develop partnerships with all stakeholders in the school community to highlight the exemplary programs the district offers
- Safety - Region 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology, enabling a 21st century learning environment that supports the values of the district
- Budget - Region 14 will prepare a budget that meets the needs of every student and communicates the needs and priorities of Region 14 in a clear and concise manner.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us. Have a great week!

Sincerely,
 Mykal Kuslis - Principal

Nicole Lewis - Assistant Principal
Declan Curtin - Dean of Students & Athletic Director