



9/25/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

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

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Attendance - Regular attendance at school is required by state law, and is an important component of student success. Class time is an invaluable opportunity for students and teachers to interact and exchange ideas. In order to receive maximum opportunities for learning, students need to be present in every class. If your child will be absent, please call our attendance line 203-263-2186 extension 1 to report the absence. Documentation to verify the absence can be brought to the main office upon your child's return to school or emailed to attendance@ctreg14.org.

Driver's Ed - Next Street will be offering driver's ed classes on Nonnewaug's campus starting in October! Students will be able to complete driving lessons during their leav/release as part of this new program. Click [here](#) to register. Please contact Samantha Campanaro at Next Street with questions. Email - hspartnerships@thenextstreet.com Phone - 860-426-6384

Open House - As a reminder, our [Open House](#) is this **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! We will provide families with a paper copy of their student's schedule upon arrival.

Car Show - This Sunday, October 1st, the Woodbury FFA Alumni will host a car show on Nonnewaug's campus from 10am-3pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

Pride in the Tribe - As part of our focus on academic achievement, this week students will take the NWEA assessment through their math class. Next week, students will take the NWEA assessment through their science and english classes. The purpose of this test is to measure your child's knowledge in a specific subject area. The tests are adaptive and tailored to your child's current achievement level. The format of these tests are very similar to PSAT and SAT tests. Please support us by encouraging your child to try their best so that teachers can design specific lessons to improve their understanding of the material. Additionally, please make sure that your child brings their district-issued, fully-charged chromebook on testing days. Students will take this assessment three times this year to measure growth. To learn more about NWEA, click [here](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month - Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15th through October 15th. The Spanish Ambassadors Club worked to create a beautiful and informative

bulletin board display in the auditorium lobby. To learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month and visit virtual displays, click [here](#).

Nonnewaug Apparel Sale - Show your school spirit and support our DECA club by making a purchase using [this link](#). The sale runs now through October 2.

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 8th 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. **Please note that we will run an early dismissal schedule on this day. Dismissal will be at 11:55 AM.**

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.

Class of 2025 Families - Last week, the faculty class advisors, Mr. Lucatino and Mrs. Lisevick sent an email with information about upcoming fundraisers and class dues. [Here](#) is the class dues form again if needed. If you missed their email or have questions, please feel free to email either Nick Lucatino (nlucatino@ctreg14.org), or Jamie Lisevick (jlisevick@ctreg14.org).

Spirit Week/Homecoming - Spirit Week will run Monday, October 16 through Friday, October 20. Click [here](#) to see each day's theme. 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 - UConn/ECE registration is now open. If your student is enrolled in a class that offers this college credit option, an email with information about ECE was sent to your attention. Students will be completing the registration over the next few weeks. ECE is an excellent opportunity for students to increase their college readiness and to get a jump-start on earning college credit. Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

Post-secondary planning meetings with seniors are in full swing. We would be excited to include you in these conversations. Please consider joining your student in this meeting or arranging a separate time with your student's counselor or Mrs. Green in the CCRC.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

9/25/2023	8:40 AM	Johnson & Wales University-Providence
9/25/2023	1:45 PM	Merrimack College
9/26/2023	8:25 AM	Hampshire College

9/26/2023	10:33 AM	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
9/27/2023	11:27 AM	University of New England
9/27/2023	1:00 PM	University of Saint Joseph
9/28/2023	10:20 AM	University of New Haven
9/28/2023	9:27 AM	Albertus Magnus College
9/29/2023	7:45 AM	Colby-Sawyer College
9/29/2023	11:25 AM	Iona University

- Volunteer and job opportunities are posted on the [CCRC page](#) and on Instagram (@nonnewaug_ccrc). Stay updated by checking these regularly.
- Coffee with the Counselors is scheduled for Friday, October 29th at 7:30 am in the CCRC. We will continue the conversation about the college application process. Come with your questions! Please email Kathygreen@ctreg14.org if you plan to attend.
- 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- The athletic department would like to thank our fans, coaches, and players for receiving the Fred Balsamo Sportsmanship Award from the CIAC. Nonnewaug will receive a plaque and a \$500 reward to further sportsmanship initiatives. Please mark your calendars for Oct 19th. Our Athletes' Council will be having a bake sale at all home games with proceeds going towards breast cancer awareness.

Sports Home Schedule:

- 9/25- girls soccer vs Litchfield @3:00
- 9/25- golf vs Litchfield at Crestbrook
- 9/25- field hockey vs Litchfield @ 3:00
- 9/26- cross county vs Shepaug and Northwestern @3:00
- 9/27- volleyball vs Housatonic @5:15
- **9/29- football vs Bullard Havens @6:00- Americana theme and cookout at 4:30. All are welcome.**
- 9/30- cross country will host the Nonnewaug Invitational

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