



10/02/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We had an excellent turn out last week at our Open House! It was great to meet so many of you in person!

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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

Support Staff Available- In response to the accident which occurred in Watertown yesterday, NHS counselors and support staff are available to your children, should they need support. Staff are available from 7:30-2:30 daily.

Parent Input Survey - Please take [this brief survey](#), which will help us gauge parent perspective on the PSAT/SAT.

Pride in the Tribe - As part of our focus on academic achievement, this 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](#).

PASS Survey - Last week, [this letter](#) was emailed home by the district to families. During the month of October, students in grades 3-12 will take the PASS survey. Click [here](#) to view the survey questions.

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 2nd**.

Trick or Treat Street - NHS will be hosting Trick or Treat Street on **Saturday, October 14th** from 4:30-7:30 PM. (Rain Date: October 28th) In exchange for a donation of canned goods, families with young children are welcome to trick or treat at themed stations around the campus. Collected canned goods are donated to the local food pantries in Woodbury and Bethlehem. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

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 8th graders. Click [here](#) for more information.

GradNite Clothing Drive - On **Saturday, October 21st** GradNite will hold a clothing drive from 8AM-3PM. Click [here](#) for more information.

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.** If your child is a senior, they are encouraged to use the day for post-secondary planning. Seniors are encouraged to schedule a college tour, job shadow, or other meaningful activity to help them solidify their future plans. [Here](#) is the form that seniors may complete and return for this day.

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.

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 7:00-10:30 pm at the Amber Room in Danbury. Click [here](#) to view the flier and [here](#) to access the permission slip.

School Counseling - Thank you to all the freshmen parents who joined us for our session prior to Open House. If you were unable to attend, please see this [link](#) for the presentation. On Wednesday, 9th-11th graders will have the opportunity to explore the new PSAT digital platform. This experience will help students become comfortable with the exam format as they prepare testing later in the month.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

10/2/2023	8:40 AM	Stony Brook University
10/2/2023	1:45 PM	Quinnipiac University
10/3/2023	8:25 AM	Saint Anselm College
10/4/2023	11:27 AM	Western Connecticut State University
10/4/2023	1:00 PM	Union College (NY)
10/5/2023	9:27 AM	Salve Regina University
10/5/2023	10:20 AM	Central Connecticut State University
10/6/2023	7:45 AM	University of Massachusetts-Boston
10/6/2023	8:40 AM	Delaware Valley University

Volunteer and job opportunities are posted on the [CCRC page](#) and on Instagram (@nonnewaug_ccrc).

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 all who were involved with our student tailgate at our football game on Friday night. The Athletes' Council are busy planning for our bake sale on Oct 19th. We will be collecting funds for breast cancer awareness and looking for

food donations. Any donations can be sent to Nonnewaug High School c/o Mr. Declan Curtin or left in the main office.

Sports Home Schedule:

10/2- girls soccer and field hockey vs Litchfield at 3:00pm

10/2- golf vs Gilbert at Crestbrook Golf Course- 3:00pm

10/3- G Soccer vs Terryville @ 3:45pm

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