



10/09/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope you and your family enjoyed the long weekend! Next week will be a very exciting and busy week at Nonnewaug. The details for Trick or Treat Street, Spirit Week, Homecoming, and the PSATs can be found below.

### **Follow Nonnewaug High School on Instagram @nonnewaug\_high\_school**

**Driver's Ed** - Next Street will be offering driver's ed classes on Nonnewaug's campus starting this month! 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](mailto:hspartnerships@thenextstreet.com) Phone - 860-426-6384

**Parent Input Survey** - Thank you to those who already took the survey. If you have not yet taken [this brief survey](#), please consider doing so as it 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. 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the survey on October 18. Seniors will take the survey during the week of October 23.

**Trick or Treat Street** - NHS will be hosting Trick or Treat Street this **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 Information** - Please follow us on: Instagram- @nhsgradnite2024 Facebook - @nhsgradnite

All students and parents are encouraged to get involved with GradNite.

GradNite Pie & cookie dough fundraiser - order your Lyman Orchard pies for the holidays! Don't want a pie for yourself? Please consider donating one or more to our local food banks (Community Services Council of Woodbury and Caring for Bethlehem) to pay it forward to a family in need this holiday season. You can use this link : [Charity Pie order](#)

GradNite Clothing Drive fundraiser on 10/21 from 8 am - 3 pm at NHS Agriscience entrance. We are looking for parent & student volunteers to help. Students will earn community service hours and tickets for GradNite raffle prizes! [Sign up here to help](#)

**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](http://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. NOTE: The last day to purchase Homecoming tickets is tomorrow, Tuesday, October 10th.

**School Counseling** - With the PSAT administration approaching, now is a great time for students to do some test prep. This week the Advisors and school counselors helped students access their Bluebook account. This Chromebook app allows students to take the digital PSAT and provides a number of prep opportunities (practice questions and full length exams). Please encourage your to spend some time on this platform. Contact the school counseling office with any questions.

### **CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week**

10/10/2023	8:25 AM	Hobart William Smith Colleges
10/11/2023	11:27 AM	Gettysburg College
10/11/2023	1:00 PM	Bay Path University
10/12/2023	9:27 AM	Bentley University
10/13/2023	7:45 AM	Bryant University
10/13/2023	11:25 AM	Lynn University

- Almost 40 students took advantage of the UConn field trip this Friday. The visit included a tour and eating in the Northwest Dining Hall. It was a terrific experience and allowed students to get a sense of a “big” school.
- 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 or spending time in the CCRC with Mrs. Green to work on any part of their post-secondary planning or college application.

**Athletics** - Please mark your calendars for 10/19. We will be having a bake sale for all teams on that day at Nonnewaug. Donations will be accepted for breast cancer awareness. We will also be having a student tailgate (hotdogs, hamburgers, and soda) and want to invite all community members to Nonnewaug for an outstanding day of sports.

### **Sports Home Schedule:**

10/10- Cross country vs Wamogo and Litchfield at 3:00  
 10/10- Golf vs Housatonic at Crestbrook- 3:00  
 10/11- Field hockey vs Thomaston at 6:00 (night game)  
 10/13- Girls soccer vs Gilbert at 3:45  
 10/14- Volleyball vs Northwestern at 12:30 (this match will determine the BL Champion)

**What's going on in the ARTs?** This section is new to our weekly news updates and will have information regarding our Art department events.

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

### **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.