



10/16/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This week will be a very exciting and busy week at Nonnewaug! See the details for all of the fun happenings below:

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NHS Chief Advocate- Please read the latest edition [here!](#)

Spirit Week/Homecoming - It's Spirit Week! Click [here](#) to see each day's theme. Homecoming will be held this **Friday, October 20th**, from 7:00-10:30 pm at the Amber Room in Danbury. As part of Spirit Week, we will be collecting donations for Cancer Couch, a breast cancer awareness and advocacy organization. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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.

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. 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.

School Photo Retake Day - Images will be at NHS tomorrow, **Tuesday, October 17th**, to take photos for any students who were absent on photo day or need a retake. [Here](#) is the order form if needed.

PASS Survey - Earlier this month, [this letter](#) was emailed home by the district to families. This Wednesday following PSATs, students in grades 9-11 will take the PASS survey. Seniors will take the survey the week of October 23. Click [here](#) to view the survey questions.

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](#)

Parents of all grades are invited to attend the first GradNite meeting of the year on **Wednesday, 11/1**. Our Grinch Breakfast planning will begin - parents and students needed and welcomed! We will meet from 7-8 pm in the Agriscience building in room 453.

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.

Veterans Day Commemoration - On **Wednesday, November 8**, we will hold a ceremony to honor all veterans and recognize their commitment to our country. If you have veterans in your family, please share [this invitation](#) and invite them to our Veteran's Day Tribute on November 8 starting at 9:15 am at Nonnewaug. Our Rho Kappa History National Honor Society students are planning for the ceremony that will begin with a Flagpole Ceremony to include student readings and musical performances. Attendees should RSVP to Lisa Gombos at 203-263-2186 x.2814 or lgombos@ctreg14.org by November 3. (Note: The rain date for this event will be **November 9**)

School Counseling - Last Thursday, a representative from Barnum Financial presented important information regarding financial aid and college funding. If you missed this session or still have college affordability questions, please reach out to the school counseling office. You may also register for a future presentation from [Barnum](#). Starting in December, the school counselors will be making appointments to assist parents with the completion of the financial aid application.

If your student is enrolled in an AP course, an email will be sent to your attention. This communication will detail your AP exam fee and the ways in which it can be paid.

If your student has not registered to receive UConn credit, the ECE enrollment period ends on October 20th. Once your student has completed the course registration you will receive an email or text from UConn where you will provide your consent and payment for the class.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

10/16/2023	8:40 AM	Lasell University
10/16/2023	1:45 PM	Lynn University
10/17/2023	8:25 AM	Roger Williams University
10/17/2023	10:33 AM	University of Connecticut
10/18/2023	11:27 AM	Virginia Tech

10/19/2023	9:27	Eastern CT State University
10/20/2023	9:09 -10:49 AM	University of Northwestern Ohio *in the AG building
10/20/2023	10:15 AM	Wake Forest University

- This Wednesday, **October 18th** (PSAT Day,) will be a post-secondary work day for seniors. Seniors should consider visiting a college or trade school campus, job shadowing or spending time in the CCRC with Mrs. Green to work on any part of their post-secondary planning or college application.
- The CCRC will host Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in the auditorium on **10/25 during Flex**. The presentation will cover the variety of careers available in the health sciences. Please encourage your child to attend if they have any interest in or curiosity about this field. Grades 10-12 welcome. Students can sign-up in the CCRC or by emailing kathygreen@ctreg14.org
- Volunteer and job opportunities are posted on the [CCRC page](#) and on Instagram (@nonnewaug_ccrc).

Athletics - We wish our golfers the best of luck at the BL Championship on Tuesday. We also want to wish our cross country runners good luck at the BL Championships on 10/19. These two teams are the only teams to be off site on 10/19. All other teams will be playing on 10/19 at Nonnewaug. The Athletes' Council will have a bake sale with proceeds going to Cancer Couch. Please wear your pink on 10/19. We will have a student tailgate (hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and fun games) starting at 4:30 at the jv softball field.

Homecoming Sports Schedule:

10/19- Field hockey vs Shepaug at 3:00
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 10/19- Volleyball vs Watertown at 4:30
 10/20- Football vs Prince Tech at 6:00

What's going on in the ARTs?

The NHS Drama Department will be performing the Fall Play Radium Girls on December 7 and 8, at 6:30pm in the NHS Auditorium. In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. Written with warmth and humor, Radium Girls is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door, general public 10.00, students 5.00. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

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.