



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Last week was a productive, but fun week! We had a great turnout at both the Homecoming football game and the Homecoming dance and a very successful PSAT administration. See the details about upcoming events below:

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

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.

GradNite Information - Please follow us on: Instagram- @nhsgradnite2024 Facebook - @nhsgradnite

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

[Cookie Dough & Pie fundraiser pick up](#) will be on **Wednesday, 11/8** from 6 - 7pm in the cafeteria. Items are frozen and must be picked up that evening - thank you!

Also, thank you to all who donated to the GradNite clothing drive this past Saturday. It was a great success!

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. We are asking individuals to arrive by 9:00 am and our Rho Kappa History National Honor Society students are planning for the 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.

School Counseling - With **November 1st college deadlines** fast approaching, the school counselors are looking to connect with our seniors. Please encourage your student to make an appointment with their counselor or Mrs. Green to discuss their college applications.

On Wednesday, the counselors will be presenting our *high school transition* unit to the freshmen. We will be discussing graduation requirements, the importance of standardized testing, strategies to do their best in class and college/career planning. In the upcoming weeks,

we will have individual meetings with each freshman..

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

10/23/2023	8:40 AM	Keene State College
10/23/2023	1:45 AM	Emmanuel College
10/24/2023	10:33 AM	Clarkson University
10/25/2023	11:27 AM	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
10/25/2023	1:00 PM	University of Scranton
10/27/2023	7:45 AM	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
10/27/2023	11:25 AM	Rhode Island Colleg

- An admissions representative from MCPHS (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) visits this Wednesday, 10/25, at 9:00 in the auditorium. 10-12 grade students are invited and encouraged to attend this presentation on careers in healthcare.
- Follow me on Instagram (@nonnewaug_ccrc).

Athletics - We would like to thank everyone who made our homecoming day special. We were able to fundraise \$1600 for Cancer Couch. We will be sending a check to them for that amount. They match any contributions with their own funds. Thus, that's \$3200 for a great cause. Furthermore, the cross country team donated \$500 to Tunnel to Towers from funds collected at the Nonnewaug Invitational. Nice job to all!

This Friday, we will be having a halloween themed football game. We are giving \$50 amazon gift cards to the best costume from students in elementary, middle, and high school. We are also going to reward the best dressed family.

Sports Home Schedule:

- 10/23-Field Hockey vs Wamogo @ 3:45 (Senior Night)
- 10/23-Volleyball vs Holy Cross @ 5:00
- 10/25- Boys soccer vs Litchfield @ 3:45
- 10/26- Girls soccer vs Housatonic @ 3:45
- 10/27- Football vs Wilcox/Kaynor @ 6:00

What's going on in the ARTs?

Click [here](#) to view detailed information about recent and upcoming events in the area of visual arts.

The Nonnewaug High School Music Department students Participated in the Berkshire Music Festival and had the choice of performing in the concert band or chorus. This year we had six students performing in the concert band, the students performed on Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, and Percussion. The students in the concert band performed four pieces for the concert. The pieces were Moorside March, Ruckus, Choose Joy, and Phasing Thunder. The students performed with students from 10 other area high schools. Those schools were Gilbert School, Housatonic Valley Regional, Litchfield High School, Northwestern Regional High

School, Shepaug Valley School, Terryville High School, Thomaston High School, Wamogo Regional High School, Torrington High School, and Lewis Mills High School The students have a number of musical experiences from these rehearsals and performances. The students learn a concert program of music in two rehearsals and perform the concert that evening after the second rehearsal. They are performing with students who they are just meeting for the first time and working with conductors who they have not worked with from other schools. The experience of the new music, conductors, and fellow student musicians allows for the students to explore their musical creativity and musicianship in new ways that challenge the students with real life experiences. The students come away with a profound musical experience allowing them to each come back to their own music ensemble and instrument sections and use their new experiences and musical knowledge to help out their fellow musicians.

The NHS Concert Choir and Orchestra will have their **Fall Concert on Saturday November 18th at 1pm** in the NHS Auditorium. The concert theme for the Fall Concert is music from video games and the students have been preparing a wide selection of music for the concert program. While video games have been around since 1985 the music that is used pulls from new compositions to classics from composers such as Mozart, Wagner, and Tchaikovsky. There will be a reception after the concert for the performers and audience, admission is free.

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 are on sale now and can be purchased here.

Thursday Night's Show

<https://www.msbtickets.com/nonnewaughighschool/event/qhqntpeg>

Friday Night's Show

<https://www.msbtickets.com/nonnewaughighschool/event/l1anja76>

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.