



10/30/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

With Halloween tomorrow, please take note of the guidelines for students who choose to wear a costume below. Also, as a reminder, next week there is no school for students on Tuesday, November 7th (Election Day) and Friday, November 10th (Veteran's Day). See the details about upcoming events below:

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

Schedule for Next Week - Next week, we will run an odd block day ("Tuesday schedule") on Thursday, November 9th to make up for the missed odd block day on 11/7 (Election Day). So the schedule for the week will be as follows:

- Monday, November 6th: Regular 1-7 Period Day
- Tuesday, November 7th: Election Day (Teacher PL, no students)
- Wednesday, November 8th: Regular Even Block Day (Veterans Day ceremony during advisory)
- Thursday, November 9th: ODD BLOCK DAY (Tuesday/B Day Schedule)
- Friday, November 10th: Veterans Day (No School for Staff or Students)

Halloween Costume Guidelines - Tomorrow is Halloween! Our students are welcome to have some fun and dress in costume for Halloween. Below are a few things we need all students to keep in mind so that we can have a fun, yet safe day. Please reinforce the following guidelines with your child:

- Costume accessories that are deemed dangerous or similar to weaponry will not be permitted.
- No full face masks or items that will impede a student's vision or identity.
- Please be sure all costumes maintain the integrity of our school dress code.

Capture Date - Please note that our first grade capture period will end on November 1. Parents will be emailed student grade progress on or about November 16th. Of course, parents are encouraged to keep up with the most accurate grade to date by checking PowerSchool regularly. Please refer back to [this letter](#) for more information about our rolling grade policy.

National FFA Convention - This week, a team of Nonnewaug students traveled to Indianapolis to represent the Woodbury FFA Chapter at the National FFA Convention. Students applied critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork skills as they competed in a variety of events and also had the opportunity to network with other FFA members and industry professionals from across the country. Get more information about their trip by following [woodbury_ffa](#) on Instagram.

MBLE - The Mastery-Based Learning Experience, which is a graduation requirement, is a long-term, self-guided project that recognizes that each student is unique and contributes to our school in different ways. As such, students may select from a variety of opportunities to demonstrate their mastery of learning a topic or skill that is relevant and of special interest to them. The final step in the MBL process for all students is the presentation of their project in front of a committee of staff members to demonstrate their achievement of the

six attributes of [Region 14's Vision of A Learner](#) as defined by [this rubric](#). On **Tuesday, November 7th**, a group of juniors and seniors will present their projects to a team of teachers. We are so excited to see students present out on the results of their hard work!

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

[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!

All parents are invited to join us for our next [GradNite meeting this Wednesday, November 1st at 7 PM in room 453](#).

Do you have a business and want to advertise on our GradNite Grinch Breakfast placemat? The cost is only \$20 - please complete and return this form before 11/17. [Here](#) is the form if you'd like to purchase ad space on the placemat.

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

Class of 2025 Fundraiser - The Class of 2025 is hosting a Meadow Farms Fundraiser. [Here](#) is the link if you'd like to support the Class of 2025. The fundraiser runs from 10/27 - 11/14 with delivery before the holidays. Maybe we can post this in an email that goes out closer to the 27th.

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 - The first round of Early Action/Decision applications are due on November 1st. The school counselors will be available to assist students submit their Common Application for the upcoming deadline.

Last week, parents received a communication regarding AP payment. Please let us know if you have any questions about the AP program.

We had a successful lesson with our freshmen during Advisory last week. We look forward to individual meetings with them during the second week of November.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

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| 10/30/2023 | 1:45 PM | Seton Hall |
| 11/1/2023 | 1:00 PM | Springfield College |

- **Application Fee Free Application Day is 11/1** for UConn, ECSU, and CCSU, WCSU is free to apply from 11/1 - 11/30 and SCSU is free 11/1 - 11/15. **THIS IS ALSO COLLEGE GEAR DAY! SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE OR FUTURE COLLEGE!!**

- MCPHS presentation about health science careers has been rescheduled for 11/15/23 in the CCRC at 9:00 am.
- We will host WCSU for an **Onsite Decision Day** on **11/30** in the CCRC for students applying by 11/15.
- Follow me on Instagram (@nonnewaug_ccrc).

Athletics - It will be a busy week as we approach the postseason. On Tuesday, we are hosting the Berkshire League Championships for girls and boys soccer. Both of our teams are in the semi-finals with kickoff at 3:15. We are also the hosts for the championships on Friday at 5:00 and 7:00.

BL Soccer Semifinals 10/31- 3:15- Home

Boys vs Northwestern- Turf

Girls vs Housatonic- Grass

Football will be hosting O'Brien Tech on Thursday at 6:00.

BL Soccer FInals- 11/3- 5:00 and 7:00 pm @ Nonnewaug High School

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 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/qhqntpeq>

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.