



11/6/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

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!](#)

October Video News - Wow, October was a packed month! Here are some of the highlights in this [extended edition of NHS News](#), which is produced by our Video Production students.

Practice Evacuation Drill- During the week of November 13-16, NHS will practice a campus evacuation drill. The drill has been coordinated between Region 14, Woodbury PD, Woodbury Fire, Woodbury EMS, CT State Police, All-Star Transportation, and Woodbury Public Works. At the start and conclusion of the drill, an alert will be sent home through Powerschool. These are required drills and every effort has been made to accommodate everyone's needs. Please reach out to Dr. Kuslis if you have any questions.

Schedule for Week - This 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 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)

Attendance Reminder - Regular attendance at school is required by state law, and is an important component of student success. Class time is an invaluable opportunity for students and teachers to interact and exchange ideas. In order to receive maximum opportunities for learning, students need to be present in every class. Attendance is so important that it is one of the criteria for granting course credit at the high school level. (Course credit is granted on the basis of two criteria: passing grade and attendance in that specific class within the requirements of the school policy.) Nonnewaug's Attendance Committee will be meeting this month to review quarter 1 attendance for all students. If your child was absent during the first marking period and you have not yet submitted documentation (ex: doctor's note), please email documentation to attendance@ctreg14.org as soon as possible. Nonnewaug's full attendance policy can be found on pages 24-25 of the [Student Handbook](#).

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!

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. We are looking for adult and student volunteers to help with this fun event!

Bethlehem Hardware has GradNite signed up for their Round Up fundraiser program for the month of November. Please remember to round up when you shop there this month! Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

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 - This **Wednesday, November 8**, we will hold a ceremony to honor all veterans and recognize their commitment to our country. Our Rho Kappa History National Honor Society students are planning for the ceremony to include student readings and musical performances. We look forward to honoring veterans from our local community. We invite you to view our ceremony live using [this link](#).

School Counseling - The school counselors will be meeting with freshmen on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be discussing their transition to high school and addressing any concerns.

AP exam fees are due on November 7th. Payment can be made by check to Region 14 (please bring to the school counseling office) or through your My School Bucks account. Please contact the school counseling office with any questions.

The financial aid application (FAFSA) will be available for seniors to complete in December. We will be offering help sessions for completing this application. More information to follow.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

11/6/2023	8:15 - 10:00 AM	Lincoln Tech - in Mr. Zielinski's room
11/6/2023	8:40 AM	Mitchell College
11/8/2023	11:27 AM	Texas A & M
11/8/2023	1:00 PM	University of Rhode Island
11/9/2023	9:27 AM	Mount Saint Mary College
11/9/2023	10:20 AM	Unity Environmental University

- We had almost 70 seniors take advantage of CT Fee Free Application day on 11/1!
- 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 - We are in the middle of the state playoff season. Please check out our instagram account @nonnewaug_ad for any additional messages regarding our games.

Mon 11/6

- G Soccer vs New Fairfield (2:00pm gametime)
- Volleyball vs Windham (5:00pm gametime)

Thur 11/9

- B Soccer vs Windham Tech (or) Killingly- time will be TBD
- Football vs Cheney Tech @ 6:00pm (Senior Night)

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/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

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.