



11/13/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you to all who contributed to our Veteran's Day ceremony or watched it via live stream this past Wednesday. Our guests noted how polite and respectful our students were throughout the ceremony. See the details about upcoming events below:

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

**Practice Evacuation Drill-** This morning, NHS practiced a campus evacuation drill. The drill was 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, email alerts were communicated to families. 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.

**NWEA Score Reports** - In late September/early October, students took the NWEA tests through their english, math, and science classes. Score reports were mailed home last week along with [this letter](#), which explains the purpose of the tests. Questions about testing can be directed to your child's classroom teacher.

**Schedule Next Week** - Please note the week of Thanksgiving the schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, 11/20 - [EVEN Block Day](#)
- Tuesday, 11/21 - ODD Block Day
- Wednesday, 11/23 - [Periods 1-7 Early Dismissal](#)

**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](mailto: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 - Attention Senior Parents!** We NEED you to support GradNite.

- Bakers needed for the sale at the FFA Wreath & Plant Sale on Saturday, 12/2
- Our [Grinch Breakfast](#) is on 12/3 - **WE NEED ADULTS** to help that day
- Attn businesses - deadline to advertise on our Grinch placemat is 11/17 for only \$20 Click [here](#) for the form.

- Bethlehem Hardware is hosting a round-up fundraiser for us for the month of November!

Please use [this link](#) to help make these fundraisers a success.

**GradNite Information** - Please follow us on: Instagram- @nhsgradnite Facebook - @nhsgradnite contact us at NonnewaugGradnite@gmail.com

**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.

**School Counseling** - The school counselors will be meeting with juniors on Tuesday and Wednesday. We look forward to checking-in with our students and having a discussion about post-secondary plans.

PSAT scores will be released this week. Students will receive their score report in English class along with an explanation of how to interpret their scores. PSAT scores can also be accessed through the student's College Board account or by creating an account at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Please contact your student's school counselor with any questions.

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

11/13/2023	8:40 AM	Southern CT State University
11/15/2023	9:00	MCPHS- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
11/21/2023	10:33 AM	Washington and Jefferson

- It is still **free to apply to WCSU till 11/30/23** and **SCSU till 11/15/23**.
- The CCRC will host **MCPHS** for their presentation about health science careers on **11/15/23 at 9:00** am. All students are welcome to attend.
- An **Army recruiter** will be set up in the cafeteria during all lunch waves on **11/15/23** and an **Air Force recruiter** will be set up on **11/16/23**.
- Max Bueno, a local resident and 2nd class Midshipman at the **US Naval Academy**, will visit the CCRC on Monday, **11/20 at 12:30**. Any student interested or curious about the US Military Academies is welcome to attend.
- We will host WCSU for an **Onsite Decision Day** on **11/30** in the CCRC for students applying by 11/15.
- **Volunteer opportunity** at the Holiday House Tour. **Work opportunities** - tutoring for a 7th grade math student and snow shoveling for a local resident. See me in the CCRC for more information.

**Athletics** - We look forward to an enjoyable winter season of sports. The first practices/tryouts for girls basketball and wrestling will begin on 11/27. All other teams will start on 11/30. Please make sure that you sign up on FamilyID for the winter season. Here is the link: [Family ID](#).

New Rule- the Berkshire League principals and athletic directors passed a motion pertaining to spectators and their behavior. Going forward, anyone who is removed by the officials or site supervisor will not be allowed to attend the next two home games at the respective school that they support. We look forward to a competitive winter season and hope that we continue to represent the league and our school with honor.

## 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/nonnewaughhighschool/event/ghqntpeg>

Friday Night's Show

<https://www.msbtickets.com/nonnewaughhighschool/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.