



11/20/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

With Thanksgiving this week, we'd like to take a moment to express our gratitude to our Nonnewaug families for their continued support. Our school community would not shine as brightly as it does without your support. We hope that you all have a restful and joy-filled holiday!

See the details about upcoming events below:

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

Schedule This Week - Please note the schedule this week will be as follows:

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

Capture Reports - Next week, parents and guardians will receive an email with information about how to access your student's first quarter capture report. ***The grades on the capture report under Q1 represent your student's grades for assignments due between August 30th and November 1st.*** It is important to note that we utilize a rolling grades system. Therefore, if your student's grades on assignments within the 8/30 to 11/1 time frame have changed since November 1st, the grade reflected on the capture report may no longer be accurate. For the most current grades, we encourage you to view your student's grades through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. The Q2 grade for each of your student's classes are the most accurate reflections of your student's current average for the course.

FFA Wreath and Holiday Plant Sale - Support the Woodbury FFA by purchasing a wreath or holiday plant. Click [here](#) for more information. Please email Eric Birkenberger (ebirkenberger@ctreg14.org) with questions.

GradNite Information - GradNite will meet on **11/29 from 5:30-6:30 PM** in the Agriscience building in room 453

- Bakers & help needed are for the sale at the FFA Wreath & Plant Sale on Saturday, 12/2 - Please use [this link](#) to help make this fundraiser a success.
- Bethlehem Hardware is hosting a round-up fundraiser for us for the month of November!
- GradNite Information - Please follow us on: Instagram- [@nhsgradnite](#) Facebook - [@nhsgradnite](#) contact us at NonnewaugGradnite@gmail.com

School Counseling - The school counselors began meeting with juniors last week. In the next couple of months we will kick-off our post secondary planning activities. The juniors will participate in a college search and application unit. We will also offer an evening program for parents.

The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Aid) is being released in December. Once available parents of seniors should complete this application which is required for financial aid consideration at each college. If you don't already have an [FSA](#) account, this should be done now. One parent and the student need these credentials to complete the FAFSA. More information and support will be forthcoming.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

- It is still **free to apply to WCSU till 11/30/23**.
- 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. (All grade levels are welcome)
- We will host WCSU for an **Onsite Decision Day** on **11/30** in the CCRC for students who applied by 11/15. Students should sign up in the CCRC if they wish to take part.
- The CCRC offers the ASVAB to all interested students in February. Parents can learn more about this optional aptitude test by attending [this virtual offering explaining the ASVAB](#) and its benefits on **11/20 at 6 PM**.
- **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](#).

We hope to have a great turnout at the Thanksgiving Day football game! We will be playing ATI at Immaculate High School in Danbury at 10 AM.

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/qhqntpeg>

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.