



12/4/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

See the details about upcoming events below:

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

NHS November News - Click [here](#) to watch an overview of all of the great things that happened at Nonnewaug last month. Highlights include our Veterans Day Ceremony, MBLE, DECA, Fall Concert, Question of the Month, Math/Science Honors Induction, Corn Bowl, and Senior Citizen Meal.

Door Decorating Supplies Needed - This **Wednesday, December 6th**, during the advisory, NHS Event Committee will have a door decorating contest! The door decorating contest theme is **Winter**. The winning advisory class will win a hot chocolate and treats party. The Event club will provide limited paper, gift wrap and decorations. However, we'd greatly appreciate donations (gift wrap, craft items, etc) for students to use. Donations can be dropped off in the main office or sent in with your child.

Congratulations to Mr. Brennan and the Chief Advocate student reporters - A story written by two freshmen, Aubrie S. and Ava H., was selected to be featured on [the national "Best of SNO" website](#) (SNO is a national education-based journalism publisher). Fewer than 200 schools across the country have earned the same recognition so far this school year, and NHS is one of only four schools in Connecticut to earn the honor. Here is their article, titled ["Referees: Panic and Patience"](#) about the different perspectives high school athletes and coaches have about officials (and especially how many of our student-athletes gain respect for officials by serving as youth referees themselves).

GradNite Information:

- GradNite Information - Please follow us on: Instagram- [@nhsgradnite](#) Facebook - [@nhsgradnite](#) contact us at NonnewaugGradnite@gmail.com

Pajama Day - This **Friday, December 8th**, the Nonnewaug chapter of the Science National Honor Society is sponsoring a "Pajama Day" to benefit Connecticut Children's Medical Center. For a donation of \$1 or more, students can wear their pajamas to school. Click [here](#) to view the flyer. Email Mrs. Stone (shstone@ctreg14.org) with any questions.

EMT Course - The Woodbury Ambulance Association is running an EMT certification course on evenings starting in January. Click [here](#) for more information. Please pass along the information to anyone you know who may be interested. Email PersonnelWoodburyAmbulance@gmail.com for more information.

Tentative Midterm Schedule - Midterms are scheduled to be administered **Wednesday, January 17 through Monday, January 22**. Click [here](#) to view a complete midterm schedule and to learn more about our midterm exam policies.

School Counseling - The school counselors will be meeting with sophomores this week. We look forward to discussing the school year and their future plans.

The financial aid application (FAFSA) will be available for senior parents to complete in December. Please see this financial aid [update](#). Contact the school counseling office with any questions.

PSAT score reports are being given to students during English class. Students will be able to review their results and are provided an interpretation of the report.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

- First quarter grades have been sent to colleges that our seniors applied to. Please be patient as portals may not update immediately reflecting this.
- **CT State Naugatuck Valley** (formerly known as NVCC) will visit the CCRC on **12/15 at 9:30**. All students considering community college and interested in learning more about PACT (Pledge to Advance CT providing free college) should attend.
- The CCRC will host **recent graduates** on **12/18 at 9:00** am to share their experiences as they transitioned to college. All seniors are invited to attend the presentation in the auditorium.
- The CCRC will offer the [ASVAB](#) to all interested students in February.

Athletics - The Berkshire League principals and athletic directors have made sportsmanship a high priority. The two groups have created the following policy relative to spectator behavior at all Berkshire League contests. We want the fans to come and support both teams, officials and coaches in a positive manner.

If a spectator's behavior is such that they are removed by an official or asked to leave the site by the site director, in a Berkshire League contest, that spectator will not be allowed to attend the next two home contests of the team they are supporting. Note: The number of contests could exceed two depending on the specific actions of the spectator.

Sports Schedule: 12/5- Girls Basketball vs Wolcott Tech at 3:30

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 Drama Department will be performing the **Fall Play Radium Girls this Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 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.