



12/11/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We'd like to wish a Happy Hanukkah to those in our community celebrating. See the details about upcoming events below:

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

GradNite Information:

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

Club Photo Day for Yearbook - Tomorrow, 12/12, a photographer from Images will be on hand to take club photos for the yearbook. Copies of the club photo schedule have been posted around school. Club photos start promptly at 7:30 AM. Please encourage your child to review the schedule of club photos and to report to the auditorium promptly for photos of clubs they have been a part of this school year.

Out of District Agriscience Students - Busses from sending school districts will always transport students on scheduled days when Region 14/Nonnewaug is in session, even if it is not a scheduled school day in the student's home town. [Here](#) is the Region 14 school calendar for reference. Please note, for weather delays or cancellations only, students will follow their sending district's decision. On Friday, December 22, Region 14 is in session and buses will run for all students even though some of our sending towns have no school on that day. Nonnewaug will run on [an early dismissal schedule](#) on December 22. If you have any questions, please contact the main office or an administrator.

Christmas Tree Lightings - We would like to express our thanks to all who participated in and attended the Woodbury and Bethlehem Christmas festivals last weekend. The events are traditions that bring the members of our communities together and we are grateful to everyone who took part in the festivities.

FFA Wreath and Plant Sale - Thank you to everyone who supported our students by purchasing a wreath or a plant this past weekend at our annual Agriscience Wreath and Plant Sale. The sale was a success and the beautiful wreaths and plants are adorning homes throughout the towns!

Winter Spirit Week - The **week of December 19th**, the Student Events Club will host a winter spirit week. Each day of the week will have a special theme. Click [here](#) to see each day's theme!

Junior/Senior Privileges - There will be a new process for handling late arrival, early dismissal, and leave/return applications for juniors and seniors in the second semester. Rather than a paper application, parents will now need to log into Powerschool using their parental account and complete a digital application. In order to ensure applications are processed quickly, please take a moment to ensure you have your login information and are able to log onto Powerschool prior to the start of the second semester in January. Please

email Maggie Gildea at mgildea@ctreg14.org if you need your Powerschool login information. As a reminder, these privileges are only available to upperclassmen passing all classes with no attendance or behavioral concerns.

After School Homework and Study in LMC daily - A reminder that the Library Media Center is open daily after school until 4:00 PM. Students are encouraged to use the LMC to complete assignments. Student athletes should use the LMC to get work done while they wait for their practice or game to begin. Any student in the building after dismissal should report to the LMC unless they are with a teacher, club advisor, or coach. We are pleased to be able to offer this as a resource for students.

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 met with sophomores this week. We enjoyed checking in with our students and hearing about their accomplishments and involvements.

The FAFSA for 2024-2025 (version for high school seniors) will be released by the end of the month. Please see this [video](#) for more information.

CCRC Updates - College RepVisits this upcoming week

- Early Action and Early Decision decisions are rolling out - make sure students are checking their emails.
- **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.
- A rep from the Air Force will visit lunch waves on **12/20**.
- 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.

Mark your calendars for a special event on 12/19. We are allowing all middle school families to attend our basketball games on 12/19 for free. We will also be welcoming back our 2023 State Championship baseball team for a ring ceremony before the 6:00 game.

Sports Home Schedule-

12/12- Girls basketball vs Gilbert at 6:00

12/13- Wrestling vs Northwestern at 6:00

12/15- Hockey vs SCW Knights at 6:30- Frederick Gunn Rink

What's going on in the ARTs?

Click [here](#) to view detailed information about recent and upcoming events in the area of Visual Arts.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us. Have a great week!

Auditions for the Spring Musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, a hilarious, romantic, melodic, and rollicking spin on the classic tale *The Princess and the Pea*, are this week. The show provides some side-splitting shenanigans and a wave of wonderful songs. Auditions will be held on Tuesday December 20th and Thursday December 21st from 3:30pm-6pm. To sign up for an audition time, students must log onto their grade level Classroom, where the sign up sheet is posted in the class stream.

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.