



12/18/23

Dear Parents and Guardians:

What a weather day it's been! We'd like to wish a Merry Christmas to those in our community celebrating and a relaxing winter break to all! See the details about upcoming events below:

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

**Important Dates- December 22, 2023-** Half Day

**December 23-January 1-** Schools closed for the holiday break.

**January 2, 2024-** Return to school for all students.

**GradNite Information:**

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

**Spirit Week** - A reminder that this week 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!

**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. This **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.

**Mascara Wand Collecting** - Our FFA Community Outreach Committee is hosting a mascara wand drive throughout the year. The wands will be donated for use in cleaning debris from birds involved in oil spills and other situations. Collection boxes are located in the cafeteria, Ag hallways, and downstairs bathroom of the main building. Thank you to everybody who has already donated! Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

**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](mailto: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.

**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** - January marks the kickoff to post-secondary planning for juniors. Activities include presentations from the counseling staff, individual meetings and a parent program, Underclassmen College Night on February 1st.

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.

Happy holidays from the School Counseling Department!

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

- Early Action and Early Decision decisions are rolling out - make sure students are checking their emails.
- The CCRC will host **recent graduates** on **12/18. Period 3** they will meet with juniors about the college search and application process and **period 4** they will speak to seniors to share their experiences as they transitioned to college. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend their respective presentations 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-**

12/18- Hockey vs Fox Lane at 6:30 (Frederick Gunn Rink)

12/19- Boys basketball at 6:00 (Jess Davis' olympic recognition ceremony and 2023 baseball state championship ring ceremony at 5:30).

12/20- Girls basketball vs Naugatuck at 5:30

### **What's going on in the ARTs?**

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