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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break! 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

**Schedule Reminders** - A reminder that next **Friday, January 12th**, Region 14 will run an early dismissal schedule for students to accommodate a teacher professional learning session in the afternoon. School will dismiss at 11:55AM for students. [Here](#) is the bell schedule for the day. School will be closed on **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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. We will update this as needed to accommodate any weather cancellations.

**Cocoa and Cram** - Student Council will be hosting a “Cocoa and Cram” study session to help students study and prepare for midterms. The event will take place from **2:30-4:00 PM** on **Tuesday, January 16th** in the LMC. We encourage all students to attend.

**NWEA Midyear Testing** - The NWEA midyear administration is scheduled for late January and early February. The purpose of this test is to measure your child’s knowledge in a specific subject area. The tests are adaptive and tailored to your child’s current achievement level. The format of these tests are very similar to PSAT and SAT tests. Please support us by encouraging your child to try their best so that teachers can design specific lessons to improve their understanding of the material. Additionally, please make sure that your child brings their district-issued, fully-charged chromebook on testing days:

- **Science** (Grades 9-11) - Through science classes on **Tuesday, 1/30 and Wednesday, 1/31**
- **ELA** (Grades 9-12) - Through English classes on **Tuesday, 2/6 and Wednesday 2/7**
- **Math** (Grades 9-12) Through Math classes on **Tuesday, 2/13 and Wednesday, 2/14**

**Course Registration for 2024-2025** - The Program of Studies for next school year will be made available by the end of the month to allow students and families time to review course options prior course registration later this winter.

**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.

**School Counseling - The FAFSA for 2024-2025 (version for high school seniors) is now open.** This is a soft launch of the application so the form may be unavailable at certain times. Please see this [video](#) for more information and contact the school counseling office with any questions.

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

- Early Action decisions are rolling out - make sure students are checking their emails. If a student has received a deferral, consider writing a **Letter of Continued Interest (LOCI)**. Students are invited to see me in the CCRC to learn more about this.
- I am excited to start working with **juniors** on their postsecondary planning! Juniors are invited to schedule individual meetings with me. Send me an email and we'll find a time that works.
- **Seniors** who have completed their applications can be using time over winter break to research scholarship opportunities. This is a good resource to get started with: <https://sites.google.com/ctreg14.org/nhscrc/scholarships>
- The CCRC will offer the [ASVAB](#) to all interested students in February.

**Athletics** - We are very proud of the leadership from our Athlete's Council. Our senior leaders approached administration with an idea to write thank you cards to our officials and to create a welcoming basket of food/drinks for them in the locker room. It's impressive when the student-body initiates this and recognises the importance of officiating in Connecticut. Please keep that in mind the next time they miss a call. We need our officials as there is a shortage in the state. Thanks all!!!!

### **Home Schedule:**

Jan 2nd- boys basketball vs Northwestern at 6:00

Jan 3rd- boys basketball vs Oxford at 6:00

Jan 5th- swimming and diving vs Wamogo at Kennedy High School- 7:00

Jan 8th- hockey vs Conard at Frederick Gunn Rink- 8:45

\*Please mark your calendars for 1/10 and 1/19 at 6:00. Nonnewaug's administration team will be broadcasting the home basketball games live for the millions of Chiefs fans out there. There are rumors going around that this event is a must see.

### **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.