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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Winter is certainly underway! 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 this **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 next **Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

First Semester Coming to an End - The first semester ends on **Tuesday, January 23rd**. Please remind your child to submit any outstanding assignments and make up any missed assessments in advance of this date. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's grade in Powerschool.

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.

Red Out - In the month of February, Nonnewaug High School will be fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Keep an eye out for more information about specific events as part of the Red Out!

Schedule Changes during the Month of February - On both Friday, February 2nd and Friday, February 9th, we will run modified schedules to accommodate the winter pep rally (2/2) and Red Out school wide scavenger hunt (2/9). For reference, the schedules can be found here ([2/2](#)) and ([2/9](#)).

Also, due to winter break, the schedule for the week of February 19th will be as follows:

- Monday, February 19th - Winter break, no school
- Tuesday, February 20th - Winter break, no school
- Wednesday, February 21st - Normal Even Block Day
- Thursday, February 22nd - Odd Block Day (Follow Tuesday/B Day schedule)
- Friday, February 23rd - Normal 1-7 Schedule

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 **Wednesday, 2/21 and Thursday 2/22** (*note date change to accommodate the Red Out*)
- **Math** (Grades 9-12) Through Math classes on **Tuesday, 2/13 and Wednesday, 2/14**

Scott Driscoll Presentation - On **Tuesday, March 5th**, Scott Driscoll will be speaking to students about safe internet use. To learn more about Mr. Driscoll, click [here](#).

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 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 Local Scholarship list will be available on Friday. We encourage seniors to review these offerings and apply by the March 1st deadline. The application will be available in the School Counseling Office and online through the school [website](#). An after school help session will be held to assist seniors with completing their applications.

Please save the date for Underclassmen College Night on February 1st at 6:00 P.M. This program will provide parents important information about the college process. All are welcome to attend.

CCRC Updates -

- Early Action decisions are rolling out - make sure students are checking their emails & portals. 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** can be researching scholarship opportunities at this point in the school year. This is a good resource to get started with: <https://sites.google.com/ctreg14.org/nhscrcr/scholarships>
- The CCRC will offer the ASVAB to all interested students on February 14th. Students should see me in the CCRC to sign up.

Athletics

*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. These games will be **BLUE OUT** games.

Home Sports Schedule:

1/8- Hockey vs Conard at Frederick Gunn Rink- 8:45

1/8- Boys basketball vs Thomaston- 6:00

1/10- Girls basketball vs Terryville- 6:00 (**BLUE OUT** game with school administrators as commentators)

1/12- Swimming and diving vs Wamogo at Shepaug (away meet)- 7:00

1/15- Boys and girls indoor track at BL Showcase- Bethel High School- 10:00AM

1/24- Wrestling vs Ellis Tech- 6:00

Upcoming Programs at the Woodbury Public Library - From Marla Martin, Teen/Adult Programs Librarian:

We have several events upcoming at the library this month that students (& families) might enjoy.

Folk Music Historian Derek Piotr on Tuesday the 16 at 6:30 PM

https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/xp_newpopevent.cfm?zeeOrg=WOODBURY&EventID=7428436&sw=1920

Art for Change with Collage artist/YA Author/Poet Steve Parlato on Thursday the 25 at 6:30 PM

https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/xp_newpopevent.cfm?zeeOrg=WOODBURY&EventID=7431729&sw=1920

Closer to Freedom Book Talk & Readings with Chris Belden on Saturday, the 27 at 2:00 PM

https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/xp_newpopevent.cfm?zeeOrg=WOODBURY&EventID=7390770&sw=1920

Chris Belden is also the author of *Shriver* which the 2023 movie *A Little White Lie* is based on

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4225012/>

What's going on in the ARTs?

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

Performing Arts

On Thursday January 25th the NHS Winter Concert will take place starting at 6:30pm in the NHS Auditorium. The Concert will feature soloists from the Concert Choir and Orchestra with performances by the Jazz Band, Rock Ensemble, and Chamber Orchestra. Admission is free.

Open Mic, on Tuesday January 30th the Tri-M Music Honor Society will be hosting an Open Mic from 2:30-3:30pm for NHS students to perform at. Students can sign up using this link, <https://forms.gle/RAADcUHWYSkDtJmu6>

On Friday's February 2nd and February 9th the Orchestra will be performing at the NHS Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Games.

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.