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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you enjoy your weekend, we ask that you take time to remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 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](mailto:NonnewaugGradnite@gmail.com)

**Bussing Tomorrow** - Tomorrow is the final day of [midterm exams](#). The period 7 midterm exam period will be held from 7:30-9:30 AM. Students who missed an exam and submitted a [make up request form](#), can do so during the make-up exam period from 9:45-11:45. All buses (in district and out of district) will pick students up at 11:45. Students are welcome to wait in the LMC if they are not using the make-up exam period.

**SAT Preparation** - All juniors will take the SAT on **Wednesday, March 27th**. While your child's teachers embed SAT preparation into their instruction, we also encourage all juniors to also take time outside of the school day to familiarize themselves with SAT-style questions and content. Click [here](#) to review CollegeBoard's list of free SAT prep resources. Students may also prep using the Bluebook app that is available on their Chromebook.

**Driver's Ed** - Hey, students! Looking to start 2024 off right by getting your Driver's License? The Next Street is the easiest road to a Driver's License in CT, and now is even closer to home with daytime lessons being offered at Nonnewaug High School. Get in touch with us at (860) 631-4292, or email [hspartnerships@thenextstreet.com](mailto:hspartnerships@thenextstreet.com) with any questions. Ready? Let's Drive!. Click [here](#) to view the Next Street flyer.

**Red Out Spirit Week - Friday, February 2 through Friday, February 9**, Nonnewaug High School will host a spirit week as part of our efforts to fundraise for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The theme for each day can be found [here](#). We hope to see lots of participation in support of this meaningful cause.

**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**

**Dr. John Ramos Presentation** - On **Wednesday, 2/21** and **Thursday, 2/22**, Dr. John Ramos will be visiting Nonnewaug High School. He will be working with 9th and 10th grade students to build capacity on peer advocacy and inclusivity. His presentation will give students the language and skills they need to be an "upstander" and intervene and seek out adult support when they see a peer in need, rather than being a "bystander."

**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](#).

**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 [mjildea@ctreg14.org](mailto:mjildea@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 is available. 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 this Thursday in the LMC 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.

The FAFSA is now open for completion. If you have any questions or would like assistance completing the form please contact the School Counseling office.

**CCRC Updates -**

- We will host a **psychology/social work career panel** on Tuesday, **February 6th at 9:00 am** in the CCRC. Interested students should let their 3rd period teacher know they will be attending the panel.
- A **military panel** is planned for **Monday February 12th at 12:35 pm**. Students interested in the military or learning more should attend and let their 6th period teacher know in advance.
- The CCRC will offer the [ASVAB](#) to all interested students on **February 14th in the LMC at 8:00 am**. Students can email or see me in the CCRC to sign up to take the aptitude test.
- 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 will be offering **junior appointments** to families starting in February. A calendar is forthcoming.
- Follow the CCRC on Instagram for scholarship updates, CCRC happenings and more!  
**@nonnewaug\_CCRC**

**Athletics-** We are entering the home stretch for many of our winter sports teams. We want to wish them all luck. We also want to remind parents, fans, and any supporters that there is a two game suspension for anyone who is removed from an athletic event (Berkshire League Rule). We want to cheer for our athletes and support the officials. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Families are starting to plan their summer vacations. The CIAC has issued start dates for fall sports that are much earlier than normal. Please plan accordingly as athletes need to have 10 practices completed before their first contest. Here are the dates:

1. Golf on 8/12
2. Football on 8/15
3. All other sports are on 8/19

The athletic department has been working with the IT department to produce “hype” videos for our school community. Please send photos or video clips of our student-athletes in action to [Wmichael@ctreg14.org](mailto:Wmichael@ctreg14.org). Here is an example of a student-produced “hype video.” [Nonnewaug Student Hype Video](#) Please send photos or video clips so that all our winter teams are featured in our next video. We would also like to take the time to congratulate all our athletes and their contributions to society. Nonnewaug believes in service and helping others out. Here is a presentation that was produced by our Athlete’s Council for the BOE and highlights the work that has been done by the council: [Athlete's Council Presentation](#).

### **Senior Night Schedules**

1. 2/6- Girls basketball game at 6:00 with a ceremony at 5:45
2. 2/7- Wrestling match at 6:00 with ceremony at 5:45/6:00
3. 2/9- Swimming meet at 7:00 with ceremony at 8:00
4. 2/21- Hockey ceremony at 7:15 and game at 7:30
5. 2/22- Boys basketball game 6:00 with ceremony at 5:45
6. 2/22- Cheerleading at 5:45
7. 3/14- Unified vs faculty game at 2:15

### 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

This **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.

