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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are very excited to host our annual “Red Out” Spirit Week starting this Friday, February 2nd. More details about the Red Out can be found below. As the month of January comes to a close, please see the details about our Red Out and many more 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

Black History Month - Black History Month begins this Thursday, February 1st. Throughout the month, Nonnewaug will acknowledge the contributions black Americans have made to our country. Be on the look out for Instagram posts, a bulletin board in our auditorium lobby, and other celebrations throughout the month. To learn more about Connecticut’s tributes to black Americans, click [here](#).

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. We also encourage all juniors to attend our [free after school SAT prep classes at NHS](#).

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 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 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](#).

The school counselors will be meeting with juniors this week to discuss post-secondary planning. This is the beginning of a year-long process to assist students with college research, application, and selection.

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 sign up in the CCRC & 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 sign up in the CCRC to 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.
- The CCRC will be offering **junior appointments** to families starting February 5th. Appointments will run from 7:30 - 8:00 am. Calendar should be up next week!
- Follow the CCRC on Instagram for scholarship updates, CCRC happenings and more!
@nonnewaug_CCRC

Athletics- It's a significant week for our athletic department. We hope that everyone gets involved with the Red Out and contributes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Home Schedule:

1/29- Swimming at Shepaug- 7:00

1/30- Girls basketball vs Northwestern- 5:30

1/31- Wrestling vs Old Lyme- 5:00

2/2- **Red Out Day**- Girls basketball at 6:00 and boys at 7:30 (WATR Radio will be here. We need to sell the gym out and support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society).

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

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.

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.