



02/05/24

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The level of school spirit and energy at our pep rally Friday was awesome! Our “Red Out” Spirit Week continues throughout this week. More details about the Red Out can be found below. Please see the details about our Red Out and many more upcoming events below:

Follow Nonnewaug High School on Instagram @nonnewaug_high_school

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

NHS News - Click [here](#) to watch the recap of all the great happenings in our school community from December and January.

GradNite Information:

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

Black History Month - February is Black History Month. 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, a book display in the LMC, and other celebrations throughout the month. To learn more about Connecticut’s tributes to black Americans, click [here](#).

Cell Phone Policy Reminders - Thank you for continued support of our schoolwide cell phone policy. The feedback from parents, students, and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. As a reminder, the policy requires students to keep cell phones silenced and stored out of sight during class time. While we understand that there may be instances in which families need to reach their student during the day, please note that your student may not be able to respond immediately. In the event that you need to contact your student immediately during the school day, please call the main office 203-263-2186 and the secretarial staff can reach your child in class.

Attendance - Attendance is an essential component of the educational environment. It is also used to determine eligibility for events such as prom, field trips, and other extracurricular activities. In order to be eligible for an event such as prom, students must arrive on time and attend all classes on that day. Students who are suspended from school on the day of the event will not be permitted to attend. Administration also reserves the right to deny entry to any student who has accumulated excessive unexcused absences to be considered truant by the date of the event. Please refer to the student parent handbook for more information.

SAE Infomational Night- The Agrisceince is hosting an SAE infromational night on **February 6 at 6:00pm** in room 426/427 of the ag building. For more infromation, please see [this flyer](#).

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](#).

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 **Friday, February 9th**, we will run a modified schedule to accommodate our Red Out school wide scavenger hunt. The schedule can be found [here](#).

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 underway! 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:**

- **Math** (Grades 9-12) Through Math classes on **Tuesday, 2/13 and Wednesday, 2/14**
- **ELA** (Grades 9-12) - Through English classes on **Wednesday, 2/21 and Thursday 2/22**

Attention Senior Parents! Community Service Graduation Requirement - 18 hours of community service are required for graduation. Students submit a log of their service hours via the Class of 2024 grade level Classroom. The log is found under the Classwork tab. Please contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions.

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 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](#).

School Counseling - Course registration for 2024-2025 will begin this **Wednesday, February 7th**. Students will receive instructions in their Advisory and will be able to make their course requests through PowerSchool. We ask that course requests are completed by February 23rd.

Students will have the opportunity to review their course selections when they meet with their school counselor in the spring. [Here](#) is the Program of Studies for reference.

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 met with the juniors last week to kick off our post-secondary planning activities. Over the next several weeks we will be meeting with our juniors to discuss their individual plans.

CCRC Updates -

- A big thanks to all of our families that came out for our **Underclassmen College Night** last Thursday!
- Our **psychology/social work career panel** will take place on **Tuesday at 9:00 am** in the CCRC. Interested students should sign up using the Google form in their grade level classroom stream.
- A **military panel** is planned for **Monday February 12th at 12:35 pm**. Students interested in the military or learning more should sign up using the Google form in their grade level classroom stream.
- The CCRC will offer the [ASVAB](#) to all interested students on **February 14th in the LMC at 8:00 am**. 10th-12th grade 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. Unfortunately we could not get a sign up calendar working so please email me with dates that work for your family (kathygreen@ctreg14.org)
- Juniors were given permission slips for a field trip to the Hartford College Fair at the CT Convention Center on 3/21. Permission slips must be returned to Mrs. Green. 50 seats are available and it's first come, first served.
- Follow the CCRC on Instagram for scholarship updates, CCRC happenings and more!
@nonnewaug_CCRC

Athletics- It's that time of year again. Spring registration is open on FamilyID. Please sign up here: [Spring Registration](#).

We would like to thank everyone for the incredible Red Out games that were experienced on Friday night. The fan behavior was superb! Let's keep that the norm as we head into the championship sector of our schedule.

The Nonnewaug Athletic Department would like to invite all Parks and Recreation players and their families to our competitions this week. Players and families can get in for free to our girls basketball, wrestling, and boys basketball games. Girls basketball play on Tuesday at 6:00 with wrestling on Wednesday at 6:00. Boys basketball plays on Thursday and Friday at 6:00 too. Please come out and support our Chiefs.

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

*Good luck to our Indoor Track Team who participate at Hillhouse today (4:30). Also, wrestling will be taking part in the BL Championship at 10:00 this Saturday at Derby High School.

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.