



02/12/24

Dear Parents and Guardians:

If schools are closed due to weather tomorrow, please note that Thursday, February 15th will be an odd block day (“B Day”). If this occurs, NWEA testing will be moved to Thursday as well. As a reminder, next Monday, February 19th and Tuesday, February 20th, school will be closed in recognition of Presidents’ Day. Please 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

Quarter 2/Semester 1 Grade Capture Reports - Capture reports for the second marking period/first semester were emailed home on Thursday, February 8th. Please email Maggie Gildea - mjildea@ctreg14.org - if you did not receive an email or cannot access Powerschool.

2024-2025 Course Registration - Registration for the next school year is underway. Teachers have inputted course recommendations and, on February 7th, students received information about how to choose courses during advisory. Students must log into Powerschool and [choose courses](#) by **February 23rd**. After that time, students will have individual meetings with their school counselor to discuss their choices. The [Program of Studies](#) provides helpful information about graduation requirements and descriptions of courses that are offered.

8th Grade Open House - This **Thursday, February 15th**, Nonnewaug will welcome parents and students of the Class of 2028 to our 8th Grade Open House. The evening will begin with an agriscience-only presentation from 5-6 PM followed by an open house for all incoming freshmen from 6-8PM.

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.

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](#).

Bus Drivers Needed- All-Star transportation will be hosting an Open house on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 9:00am-12:00pm. If you are interested, please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

Schedule Changes during the Month of February - 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 (snow date: Thursday, 2/15) 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.

SCOPE- We're excited to announce that Nonnewaug High School is now offering additional mental health services to support our students' holistic well-being. Understanding the importance of mental health in academic success and personal development, we've partnered with EdAdvance to provide additional confidential counseling and support within the school setting. These services aim to address a range of concerns including stress, anxiety, depression, and more. By offering these resources on campus, we hope to create a safe and supportive environment where students feel empowered to seek help when needed. Together, we can foster a community that prioritizes mental health and supports the academic development of every student. Please reach out if you have any questions or want more information.

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 began Wednesday, February 7th. Students received instructions in their Advisory and are now 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.

On February 21st, the school counselors will present a College Next Steps unit for seniors during Advisory. The session will focus on the acceptance process including costs and financial aid.

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](#).

Over the next several weeks the counselors will be meeting with juniors to discuss their individual post-secondary plans.

CCRC Updates -

- 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. Appointments will run from 7:30 - 8:00 am. 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. 15 seats are still available!
- Follow the CCRC on Instagram for scholarship updates, CCRC happenings and more!
@nonnewaug_CCRC

Athletics- Please sign up for spring sports here: [Spring Chiefs Sports](#). We would also like to recognize the achievement of Scott Meyer. Scott received the prestigious Michael. H. Savage Award from the CIAC. Please click here to watch his story : [Spirit of Sport Award- Scott Meyer](#) Hockey gets things started this Wednesday at the Gunnery with an 8:45 start. It is playoff time for our girls basketball team. They will play on Friday (team and place TBD). Our swim team takes on Housatonic on Friday at JFK pool in Waterbury at 7:00. We want to wish all our wrestlers good luck as they compete in the state divisional championships on Friday in Killingly.

Also, the State Open for Indoor Track will be held at Hillhouse at 10:15 on 2/17. Good luck to all our athletes.

Senior Night Schedules:

1. 2/21- Hockey ceremony at 7:15 and game at 7:30
2. 2/22- Boys basketball game 6:00 with ceremony at 5:45
3. 2/22- Cheerleading at 5:45
4. 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.