



02/26/2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a reminder, on **Friday, March 22** school will be closed to students as teachers participate in professional learning. School will also be closed on **Friday, March 29th** in recognition of Good Friday. Please see the details about upcoming events below:

**Follow Nonnewaug High School on Instagram @nonnewaug\_high\_school**

**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)

**Attention Drivers** - Community members have asked that drivers leaving our campus and taking a left onto Minortown Road are respectful of speed limits and drive safely.

**FFA Week-** It's FFA Week! From **February 26 to March 1, 2024** there will be festivities to acknowledge the great opportunities available for youth in agriculture. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information.

**Lockdown Drill** - At some point this week, we will conduct a lockdown drill. Families will be notified when this drill occurs.

**Vision of a Learner-** Beginning semester 2, teachers will begin assessing students on the vision of a learner attributes for some assignments. More information can be found [here](#).

**K9 Flyer** - Please help support one of our students Jason Suess and his mission to fundraise for K9 dogs and their safety equipment. Click [here](#) to view the flyer.

**2024-2025 Music Course Offerings-** We are pleased to offer additional music classes next year! Students will have the opportunity to take classes ranging from choir, to dramatical theater to songwriting. Please see this [short video](#) if you would like more information. It's not too late to register for one of these classes.

**Game Night** - Freshman Class Council and the Delta Club will be hosting an after school game event on **Friday, March 1 from 2:20-4:00PM**. Click [here](#) to view the flyer. Students can click [here](#) to register to attend.

**EKG Screening** - In A Heartbeat Cardiac Screening Program is designed to help prevent death from sudden cardiac arrest by helping detect potential heart disease in children, teens, & young

adults. They will be at Nonnewaug on **Wednesday, April 24** starting at 1:30. Parents can register their child for a free screening using [this link](#).

**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](#).

**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.

**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** - If you received an email from school counseling last week, your student did not complete course registration for 2024-2025. Please ask them to do this as possible. Directions for course selection are located in PowerSchool.

Last week, the school counselors presented a College Next Steps unit for seniors during Advisory. The session focused on the acceptance process including costs and financial aid. This information will be available to parents in the near future.

The Local Scholarship application deadline is this **Friday, March 1st**. The application is available in the School Counseling Office and online through the school [website](#). We strongly encourage seniors to review these scholarship opportunities.

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

#### **CCRC Updates -**

- On **3/6 at 8 am** we will host our first **CCRC Alumni Connection, Riley Baker**. Riley (a 2017 graduate) will join us to speak about his experience as an undergrad at Clemson and his present studies at UCONN School of Medicine. Any student interested in Clemson or pre-med is encouraged to attend! All grade levels are welcome.
- **Job Shadows are now available!** Any student interested in a [job shadow](#) this semester should click on this link, complete the application and see me!

- S and S Asphalt Paving is hiring for after school and after graduation! Students must have their driver's license. See me for more information.
- I have a variety of **pre-college program** pamphlets in the CCRC. Please reach out if you are in search of a pre-college experience for your child.
- The CCRC is 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](mailto:kathygreen@ctreg14.org))
- There are still spots available to juniors for the **Hartford College Fair at the CT Convention Center on 3/21**. Permission slips must be returned to Mrs. Green.
- 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 like to congratulate our boys basketball team on their Berkshire League Championship.

This is the winter championship season. Our boys basketball team will host the first round of the BL Tournament Championship today at 6:00 vs Housatonic. The semi-finals and finals will be held at Thomaston High School on Wednesday and Friday. We want to wish our girls basketball team good luck as they take on East Haven tomorrow in East Haven at 6:30. Hockey will also play on March 4th (time and place TBD). In addition, the Berkshire League Swim Championship will be held this Saturday at Hotchkiss starting at 1:00.

### 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.