



03/04/2024

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:**

Here are two upcoming ways to support our amazing GradNite program:

Donate clothing and household items to the Spring Clothing Drive on **Saturday, April 27th**. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

Purchase a delicious butter braid! Click [here](#) to view the flyer and [here](#) to view the order form. Orders will be accepted until **March 25th** and will be delivered **April 3rd**.

- 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. Woodbury Police will be intermittently monitoring the area around our campus before and after school to ensure everyone's safety.

**Vision of a Learner-** During 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](#) for more information.

**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](#). Please note that March 27th will be an early dismissal for students.

**Attention Parents of Seniors** - Seniors are invited to use **Wednesday, March 27th** for college and career exploration. Seniors must complete [this form](#) and turn it in to the main office prior to March 27th in order to be excused for the day. Seniors who do attend school on **March 27th** must report to the CCRC.

**Scott Driscoll Presentation** - Tomorrow, 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 this 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.

Later in March, the school counselors will be introducing a career exploration unit for the sophomores. These activities will allow students to better understand their strengths, skills and interests as they relate to career choice and will provide them the opportunity to consider a variety of career options.

- On **3/6 at 8 am** we will host our first **CCRC Alumni Connection, Riley Baker**. Riley (class of 2017) 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.
- The **ASVAB PTI** (post-test interpretation) will take place in the CCRC on **3/12 at 9 am**. All students who took the ASVAB should attend. (Scores are now available for students to pick up from me)
- On **3/15 at 8:20 am** we welcome **2020 graduate, Arden Peters**. She joins us to speak about Quinnipiac, nursing, Nclex, and work as an operating room nurse. All welcome sign up in your grade level Google classroom.
- On **3/20 CT State at NVCC** visits at **9 am**. Students considering community college or interested in learning about PACT (free community college) should attend to get any questions answered.
- 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.
- **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))
- 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 want to thank our fanbase for an incredible winter season. On Friday, they packed the gym at Thomaston to the rafters. We look forward to the “Run to the Sun” for our boys basketball team. They start their state championship run on Thursday at home. Tip-off will be at 6:00.

**Spring Sports-** we will be making announcements for student-athletes during school hours regarding the start of our spring season. All teams will start their seasons on 3/16. Based on CIAC rules, some student-athletes may be asked to participate in “pitchers and catchers/conditioning” starting on 3/9.

### 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.

