



03/25/2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a reminder, school will be closed this **Friday, March 29th** in recognition of Good Friday. School will also be closed for spring break the week of April 15th. Please see the details about upcoming events below:

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

SAT - All juniors will take the SAT this **Wednesday, March 27th**. Please make sure your child arrives at school Wednesday well rested, with a charged chromebook, on time. We strongly advise all juniors to review [this information](#) about using the Desmos calculator embedded into the digital SAT. Thank you for your continued support.

Graduation Date - Graduation will take place on **Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 10:30 am** at Nonnewaug High School. The scheduled rain date will be June 16, 2024 at 10:30 am. We will share more information in the coming weeks and months regarding tickets, parking, and other important topics.

GradNite Information:

Graduation is just three months away! 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

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.

Attention Parents of Seniors - Seniors are invited to use this **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.

PASS Survey - Over the next week, students will complete the PASS Survey. This survey is identical to the one given in October. The questions pertain to how students feel about themselves and their school as a whole. We value students' perceptions of themselves and our school, and we want to know what they think and how they are feeling to better support them and their school. [Here](#) is the original letter that was sent out in October. If you have any questions please contact our main office.

End of Quarter 3 - The third marking period ends on April 1. Please remind your child to turn in any missing assignments by that date in order to ensure their grade for the marking period is accurately reflected in Powerschool.

Budget Flyer - Click [here](#) to view an overview of key dates in the budget process. Note that Superintendent Murphy will be holding public meetings to present his budget for the 2024-2025 school year and the referendum for Woodbury and Bethlehem residents to vote on the proposed budget will take place on **Tuesday, May 7th**. There will be a budget presentation and public hearing at **6:00 pm on Tuesday March 26** in the high school auditorium.

Revised COVID Protocols - As of March 1, the [CDC's guidance on COVID has been updated](#). The updated guidance recommends that if a person tests positive they should stay home and away from others and return to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone for at least 24 hours without use of a fever-reducing medication.

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](#). To read the Superintendent's letter explaining the program please click [here](#).

Solar Eclipse - On **Monday, April 8th** beginning at approximately 2:15pm and ending at approximately 4:30pm, we will experience a partial solar eclipse in our area with 90% of the sun being blocked by the moon at 3:25pm. Dismissal times at all of our schools fall within the range of the event. Over the next couple of weeks students will be learning about the solar eclipse and we will be discussing the importance of not looking directly at the sun during this time to avoid damage to their eyes. Please reinforce the dangers of viewing the eclipse directly in your discussions at home leading up to and on April 8th. The CT State Department of Education has released the memo to superintendents linked here providing further information on resources and safe methods for viewing the eclipse. A solar eclipse at this level of visibility in our area is not expected to be experienced again until 2044. For more detailed information about the eclipse, the USA Today article linked here provides maps, images, times, and explanations.

School Counseling - The juniors will be taking the SAT during the school day on March 27th. **The exam will be a digital administration so students will need their Chromebook on Wednesday the 27th. Please remind your student to charge their Chromebook on Tuesday evening for this testing session.**

This is a busy time of year for seniors who are planning on attending college in the fall. This [presentation](#) discusses college related topics such as costs, financial aid, deposit deadlines and monitoring communications from the colleges. Please contact the counseling office with any questions.

On Wednesday, the school counselors will be introducing a career exploration unit for the sophomores and the freshmen will be taking the O*Net career profiler. 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.

CCRC-

- **4/2 at 8:00 am - mini-career panel with a PT, OT and Pharmacist.** Sign up in your grade level Google Classroom. All grade levels are welcome.
- **4/12 at 9:15 am we will host a CCRC Alumni Connection with Mark Forte (2018) and Sarah Sandor (2019).** Mark graduated from **WPI with a computer science degree** and Sarah graduated from **UCONN with a degree in mechanical engineering.** Sign ups are in grade level Google Classrooms and all grade levels are welcome.
- **4/22 at 1:00 pm - mini-career panel with a veterinarian, large animal vet and a vet tech.** Our community's own **Dr. Shupenis** has collaborated with me to bring this panel to fruition! Sign up in grade level Google Classrooms. 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!
- 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)
- Follow the CCRC on Instagram for scholarship updates, volunteer opportunities, CCRC happenings and more! **@nonnewaug_CCRC**

Athletics- Spring sports have started at Nonnewaug. We hope that all athletes will be able to drop their equipment off in the lockers before school begins. If they are late, we encourage students to drop their equipment off in the ISS room next to Mr. Curtin's office. On 4/8, there will be a solar eclipse that will impact daylight. At this time, all athletic events will be going on as planned. We may experience darkened conditions (similar to ½ hour before sunset) right before our games at 3:45. In general, there will be minimal impact to our games. We request that student-athletes continue with their normal routines and avoid looking up at the sun.

Furthermore, we are partnering with Jersey Mike's and their pledge to donate all funds from sales on 3/27 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation . Jersey Mike's has given many of our athletes free sandwiches and discounts this year. We hope that you support their mission and purchase at their establishments on 3/27.

Weekly Home Schedule:

- 3/26- Baseball vs Pomperaug- 3:45
- 3/26- Girls tennis vs Watertown- 3:45
- 3/27- Boys tennis vs Frederick Gunn- 4:30
- 3/28- Softball vs Naugatuck- 4:00

3/28- Boys lacrosse- 6:00

Bus Evacuation Drills- The bus company will be doing their bus evacuation drills on Wednesday, April 24. These drills will consist of students exiting the back of the bus when they arrive at school. We do not anticipate any delays to the school day as a result. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact an administrator.

What's going on in the ARTs?

Spring Musical- The Nonnewaug High School Performing Arts will be performing the musical Once Upon a Mattress on **April 12, 13, and 14**. Please follow [this link](#) to purchase tickets for the show.

Click [here](#) to view detailed information about recent and upcoming events in the Fine 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