



04/01/2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope everyone had a great long weekend. As a reminder, school will be closed for spring break the week of April 15th. 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!](#)

**NHS March Monthly Recap** - Click [here](#) to view a recap of fun and exciting events that occurred in our school community last month.

**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.

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

**Woodbury Scholarship Fund-** This is a friendly reminder that the Woodbury Scholarship Fund applications are now due April 6th at midnight. They have reached out and told us they still have many scholarships with no applicants, and they would like to give all the money away this year. Please see this [link](#) and/or this [link](#) for more information and a list of the applications.

**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.

**Envirothon** - The Envirothon students will be volunteering at the Woodbury Earth Day event scheduled for **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at Hollow Park** but more volunteers are needed for the day. The event planners need students to help with educating attendees on the recycling efforts as Blue Earth and USA recycling will be there. Students who would like to volunteer should plan a training session on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm** at Old Town Hall (Mountain Rd). Interested students should also email [woodburyearthdayct@gmail.com](mailto:woodburyearthdayct@gmail.com); let them know they are interested, with a name and contact information.

**School Counseling** - 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.

The school counselors will be meeting with 9th and 10th grade students over the next several weeks. We will be discussing the results of the career exploration activities they participated in last week and reviewing grades, course selection and goal setting.

#### **CCRC-**

- **4/1 DEEP** visited the CCRC to share about summer opportunities for students and careers within the department
- **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.

- **4/4 during lunch waves** we welcome recruiters from the U.S. Army, including Sgt. First Class Gregory Shugrue, a 2006 graduate from Nonnewaug.
- **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](mailto: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 with 4:00 start times. We may experience darkened conditions (similar to ½ hour before sunset) before warm-ups.

We expect many changes due to the weather conditions that we will experience this week. We will update the schedules as soon as changes occur.

**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,  
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 Nicole Lewis - Assistant Principal  
 Declan Curtin - Dean of Students & Athletic Director