



# NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome to the new school year! We have been busy preparing and are so excited to get the year under way. Below is information to help students get off to a great start.

First, student schedules will be available on PowerSchool on August 28<sup>th</sup> after 6:00 p.m., when the portal is opened for parents and students.

Please read the information below to familiarize yourself with the new school year. Please also review the attachments of this email that include: letters of introduction from Dr. Fernandez, our Assistant Principal, a map of our driveways and pick up/drop off loop, and optional insurance information.

## **PowerSchool Registration Information Update Procedure**

PowerSchool registration is our web based annual registration for your child. Included in this registration is relevant emergency, health, and handbook information as well as the Acceptable Use Policy for Region 14 students. This registration information will need to be completed each year. PowerSchool registration will come as an email with the subject line: ***Regional School District #14 - Registration for (student name)***. Open this email, follow the directions and submit your child's annual registration information. Parents must sign off on all policies and procedures and enter the date of completion. Please check your current information and update phone numbers and email addresses to assure we are able to contact you. Whenever you experience a change in your address or contact information, please contact Lisa Gombos at (203) 263-2186 extension 2814.

## **Earlier Dismissal on Wednesday Afternoons**

As in the past, our students will be dismissed from school at 1:35 p.m. every Wednesday afternoon beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>. This will provide collaborative time for our staff to plan for students. Students who need to stay after school for athletics, clubs, or activities on Wednesday afternoons must report to the cafeteria immediately after dismissal, where they will be supervised until their club, sport, or activity begins. Our school day, on days other than Wednesday, is from 7:25 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

## **Important Information for Parents and Students**

- **Freshman Orientation for all NHS freshmen** will be held on Tuesday, September 3<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This orientation is for students only. Our school staff, administrators, and Wingman Leaders will participate in this day of activities to familiarize our students with Nonnewaug High School and their fellow students. School pictures will be taken during orientation. Watch for an email with more details.
- The FFA will hold an **Agriscience Orientation** for all freshman students and parents involved in the Agriscience Program on Tuesday, September 3<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 immediately following the NHS Freshman Orientation.

- **School supplies** are determined by individual teachers who will tell students during their first class what materials are needed.
- Senior students may obtain parking passes beginning **August 29<sup>th</sup>**. (Note: buildings are closed August 30<sup>th</sup>). See Lisa Gombos in the main office.
- **Open House** for all grade 9 -12 parents is scheduled for **September 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m.

### First Day Schedule and Start-up Information

- On September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> students will begin their day at 7:25 in their advisory rooms. During the advisory students will receive a copy of their schedules, and a "Passbook" (planner/handbook). Students will review the handbook which includes important policies and procedures. We ask that you and your child read it carefully. By September 20<sup>th</sup>, please indicate that you and your child have read the Handbook by checking the appropriate box on PowerSchool Registration. The handbook can also be accessed on our website ([ctreg14.org](http://ctreg14.org)).
- On the first two days of school, lunch will be served and will consist of pizza, deli options, snacks and beverages. Full food service will begin the following Monday.
- Nonnewaug High School will continue to use **PowerSchool to post grades and attendance**. Parents or guardians who do not have access to a computer may contact the school counseling office to inquire about grades. For those who do not have access to the parent portal, please contact Diane Licata at (203) 263-0253.
- Your child will participate in an **Advisory Period** held every Wednesday. During Advisory, students meet with teacher advisors to participate in activities to support the development of community, wellness, and post-high school planning.
- Please review our traffic flow here at NHS. The attached map diagrams how to access our parking lots and how students can be dropped off.
- Information on how to obtain extended insurance coverage is enclosed in this email and can be picked up in the main office as well.
- We encourage you to check our Nonnewaug High School website ([www.ctreg14.org](http://www.ctreg14.org)) frequently to keep informed and inspired.

We believe Nonnewaug High School is a great place to learn and look forward to the privilege of working with your child!

Sincerely,  
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 Declan Curtin, Dean of Students/Athletic Director