Regional School District No. 7 Superintendent's Newsletter

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Dear Northwestern Staff, Students, and Families:

I hope you have taken time to enjoy the beautiful fall scenery from the top of the hill. The changing leaves and dropping temperatures are also a reminder that winter weather is approaching. Please note that there is a change to snow days this year.

School Delays/Cancellations: The Connecticut State Department of Education will not allow school districts to utilize a remote learning day as a school day this year. Therefore, we are back to school day adjustments or cancellations for winter weather. A school delay will be called if town crews need more time to prepare the roads for safe travel in the morning. A two-hour delay will be called under most circumstances, but a three-hour delay may be utilized in rare instances. In the case of an early dismissal, we will normally dismiss at 12:00 p.m. If it becomes necessary to cancel school, that day will be made up at the end of the year. I will send a more detailed winter weather message in the near future. At this time, please review your family's plan for an early release. We would like all students to feel confident in their plan when we have an early dismissal.

Vaccine Clinic: Thanks to the efforts of our COVID Liaison, Andy Bakulski, Griffin Health Care will offer a COVID vaccine clinic here at Northwestern High School on Thursday, November 4th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. All three vaccines will be available. Booster shots will also be offered to those <u>eligible</u>. For more information, please contact Andy at <u>abakulski@nwr7.org</u>.

Bus Routes: All-Star and DATTCO bus companies have been effected by the bus driver shortage. At times, it has been necessary for them to redistribute students onto different routes. Our school staff will notify you of any change to your child's bus route for the afternoon runs. If you have trouble with your child's morning pick-up, please contact your bus company directly.

Northwestern Highlanders Sideline Store: Visit our new on-line store for Northwestern apparel, accessories, signs, and decals. You can design your own Northwestern gear by following this link: https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/connecticut/winsted/northwestern-regional-7-high-school. Purchases are delivered directly to your home. Thank you for your support.



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