



# Hollis Brookline High School

May 6, 2011

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## *Some thoughts from the Principal ...*

I hope everyone had a wonderful break during the last week of April and you are now ready to gear up for the final eight weeks of the academic year. These are the busiest weeks, with playoff games for spring sports, the spring play and recitals, transition for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, NECAP and AP testing, the Prom, Field Day, Class Day, Awards celebrations, senior class trip, final exams and finally Graduation! I am sure I missed something somewhere in there, so it is important to check the calendar and keep up with the announcements for events that are coming up.

Everyone is eager to know the schedule for the end of the year and I have attached a tentative end of the year schedule with the following caution – there is a chance it could change by one day. The problem is that we had six snow days, pushing the official last day to Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Susan Hodgdon petitioned the State Department of Education to have the last day waived so we could end on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The State has approved that and now the Cooperative School Board must approve the date as well and they do not meet until May 18<sup>th</sup>. If the calendar is not approved by the Board, I will send out a revised schedule on May 20<sup>th</sup> when I send the Informational Bulletin. You will notice that the schedule has DRAFT on it for now.

These first two weeks of May students are taking AP exams, followed on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with all Juniors taking the NECAP Science test. During the NECAP testing on May 17<sup>th</sup>, all students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will be participating in a 5K relay walk to raise money for charity. This will be followed in the afternoon by our traditional Field Day activities. (May 18<sup>th</sup> is planned as a rain date for Field Day.) We are in the planning stages for Eighth Grade transitioning and the Class Day celebrations. We are also working on plans for SaLT (Seniors as Leaders Together) for next year's senior class. Our goal is to be able to provide a leadership training day for all members of the class of 2012 early in September. More information will be coming on all these events.

On May 17, Field Day, Juniors and Seniors will be attending a one-hour assembly to hear Jeremiah Johnson speak. He is a motivational speaker whose message is clear and timely regarding appropriate choices in abstaining from drug and alcohol use. Jeremiah is currently serving a sentence for negligent homicide....the result of alcohol consumption and his decision to drive after drinking. Jeremiah will be presenting "Drinking and Driving – Choices vs. Consequences" on Tuesday, May 17 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

The seniors have many irons in the fire for these last few weeks. The Prom is being held at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Their senior trip will be a White Water Rafting Trip to Jackman, Maine on Monday and Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, to be followed by the Senior Awards Night on June 16<sup>th</sup> and Graduation on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Destination Map is up in the library and we are encouraging all our seniors to note what they will be doing next year.

Teacher appreciation this week was a resounding success due to the efforts of our PTSA. They provided their annual teacher appreciation luncheon on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the delight of all staff members in the building. PTSA is an amazing support organization for our school and we appreciate all their efforts volunteering in classrooms, helping with field day and the prom, hosting these wonderful delights for the staff, and providing a culminating event for our seniors following graduation. Thank you to all of you who are members and help out during the year.

Now that budget season is over, we are focusing on the master schedule and staffing for next year. All course selections are in the system and we are hoping to have tentative schedules out to students in early June.

The Hollis Brookline Rotary sponsors an Exchange Student each year and is looking for host families. The Exchange student lives with each Host Family for three months. We will be welcoming a young lady from Argentina for the next school year. Hollis Brookline Rotary Club is responsible for the welfare of visiting students, and it provides a monthly spending money allowance to the student and is available to provide other forms of support. To qualify for hosting, the family must live in either Brookline or Hollis. The family is responsible for providing the student with room and board, as well as with a family environment. For more information, contact Dick Mills at 465-3324 or by email at [rgmills@tds.net](mailto:rgmills@tds.net).

**Please note that on the early release day, Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will not have PLC time and classes will begin at the normal time of 7:15.**

Enjoy the spring and the wonderful sunshine at last!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Matte

**HBHS FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**  
**(tentative, pending School Board approval)**

**Monday, June 20, 2011**

7:20 — 9:20      Period 7 Exam  
 9:40 — 11:40    Period 6 Exam  
 11:40 — 12:10    Lunch

**12:10 - Buses Arrive**

12:10 – 2:24 Review, Tutorial Time &  
 Make-up Exams

**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

7:20 — 9:20      Period 3 Exam  
 9:40 — 11:40    Period 2 Exam  
 11:40 — 12:10    Lunch

**12:10 – Buses Arrive**

12:10- 2:24 Review, Tutorial Time &  
 Make-up Exams

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

7:20 – 9:20      Period 5 Exam  
 9:40 – 11:40    Period 4 Exam  
 11:40 – 12:10    Lunch

**12:10 - Buses Arrive**

12:10 – 2:24 Review, Tutorial Time &  
 Make-up Exams

**Thursday, June 23, 2011**

7:20 — 9:20      Period 1 Exam

**9:30 - Buses Arrive**

Make-up Exams

**Friday, June 24, 2011**

Make-up Exams—only students who must  
 make up exams need to attend

**GRADES CLOSE**

*Please note that all students MUST remain in the final exam for the entire two hours.*

*All lockers must be cleaned out by the end of the day on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
 BUSES AT 12:10 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; and at 9:30 on Thursday.*

***There will be NO bus transportation on Friday.***

All classes and tests must be attended by all students.

All make-up exams must be scheduled with individual teachers.

Students who need transportation home following make up/review/tutorial sessions may take their bus from the middle school.

Any request for an alternative exam date must be submitted in writing and administrative approval must be obtained.

**IMPORTANT DATES AT HBHS**

May 10	“Lyme Disease” documentary— 6:30-10pm HBHS
May 11	Booster Club mtg., 7pm HBHS
May 12	PTSA Meeting, 7pm HBHS
May 14	Senior Prom, Crowne Plaza, Nashua
May 17	HBHS Field Day
May 17/18	NECAP Testing (Juniors)
May 25	College Informational Mtg., 6:30pm (current Sophomores)
May 27	<b>Early Release: Classes begin at 7:15am</b>
June 3	Graduation balloon orders due
June 4	SAT Testing
June 6-7	Senior Class Rafting Trip (Maine)
June 11	ACT Testing
June 15	Class Day Awards Ceremony
June 16	Senior Awards Night
June 18	<b>HBHS Graduation Day</b>
June 20-24	Final Exams
June 21	<b>All lockers must be cleaned out</b>

## HBHS GRADUATION NEWS

HBHS students who are siblings of HBHS Seniors are invited to participate in the graduation ceremony by serving as an usher or as part of the processional. If interested, please sign up in the Main Office by Friday, May 20th. If there are more volunteers than needed, students will be chosen randomly to participate.

## HBHS LIBRARY NEWS

Now on display in the HBHS Library: Senior Destination Map, a listing of where seniors intend to be next year, including colleges, military, work and travel.

The Library webpage has a link to two (2) free audiobook websites: Librivox and Gutenberg. On these websites, students are able to download many FREE audiobooks. Also on the webpage, students will find sites to help them to create citations and sites that help in the proofreading of written work. Check it out!

## HEALTH OFFICE SNIPPETS

**SAVE THE DATE: May 10, 2011 at 6:30p.m.**  
**In the HBHS Auditorium.**



Viewing of **UNDER OUR SKIN**, Award-winning documentary screening, followed by a question and answer period with lyme expert David Hunter.

For those of you who have teenage children with Lyme disease, David Hunter is putting together a *teen support group*. Lyme can be a very lonely and isolating disease and so the intent would be for teens to meet once a month with other teens facing many of the same issues. If you are interested in more information email David Hunter at [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com) or contact the health office.

**POLICY CHANGE EFFECTIVE FOR 2011/2011 SCHOOL YEAR: Physical Exam requirements:** All students entering HBHS will have a complete physical exam every two years, normally in grades 9 and 11. Documentation from the medical provider will be kept in the student's health record. Anyone participating in athletics is required to have proof of physical prior to tryouts.

Please be mindful of our student population with *anaphylactic allergies to nuts and latex products*. HBHS is not allergen free, but we strive to create a safe environment for all our students.

**Concussions!** ImPACT testing is now available at Southern New Hampshire Rehabilitation Centers! **Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing** provides a baseline assessment for concussion management. Each appointment takes approximately 35 minutes and costs just \$10. To get your child's baseline test, call HEALTHMATCH at 603-577-2255.

Visit [hollisbrookline.org](http://hollisbrookline.org) to access the Health Office website which has our contact information, forms, and links!  
**Confidential Fax 603-465-2485 \*\*\*Phone 603-465-2269 x137.** Thank you. Cathy Burbee and Susan Patz.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PTSA

On Tuesday, May 3, we honored the teachers and 125 staff members in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Day with a sensational luncheon. Thank you to all who donated your time and talents! The staff appreciated it very much.

The S-team is proud to announce that it will be sponsoring its annual event for the Senior Class on Graduation night with a cruise in Portsmouth, NH with The Isle of Shoals Steamship Company from 8-11p. We are still looking for a few chaperones if you are interested.

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 is Field Day at HBHS. We are

still in need of volunteers to help set up, work, and clean up after serving all of the students a great BBQ lunch.

Our nominating Committee is still looking for new people to come and join the PTSA and serve. We have many openings for the 2011-2012 school year.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7pm in the cafeteria.

Please call or email us with any questions you have regarding any of the topics mentioned above.

Thank you for your support!

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Kristen Berry [Kbellep@aol.com](mailto:Kbellep@aol.com) 465-7447

## BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The 2010-2011 school year and sports seasons are quickly coming to a close. Congratulations to all the student athletes who participated on teams this year!!

Spring Sports Awards Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! We look forward to celebrating with our spring athletes and coaches!! We are always asking for photos from the different teams for each season's slideshow. If you are willing to share photos you have taken, please put them on a CD or memory stick (no camera cards) and get them to Jessie in the athletic office by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we will have our year-end Balloon fundraiser to celebrate our graduating students. All orders are due by June 3rd. Information and forms are in this newsletter. If you are available to help with the balloon pick-up, tagging the balloons or distribution on graduation day, please contact Kristi Buckley at: [dkbuckley@charter.net](mailto:dkbuckley@charter.net)

Many of you know the Athletic Booster Club's primary fundraiser for years has been the Annual Cavalier Golf Tournament held in the fall. The heart and soul behind that fundraiser has been Dan Lorden. Dan has given countless hours and provided great leadership in this role. As we begin to prepare for this fall event, Dan has stepped down as Chairman for this event. **Thank you, Dan**, for your generous support of the Athletic Booster Club over the years. We all hope you use your extra time to enjoy more golf!

This Annual Golf tournament is our MAIN fundraiser for the school year; please help us by spending a day on the Golf Course! This will allow us to continue to fund the 3 awards nights, items not in the school budget, and requests for needs that arise during the sport seasons. Our new Golf tournament chairperson is Tom Whalen, watch for more information in the June newsletter.

We are still in need of officers for the 2011-2012 school year. Several of our loyal and active members will be moving on as their students graduate this year. This is a great way to get involved with the sporting programs at HBHS. You can participate at many different levels. Please consider joining us at our monthly meetings, the second Wednesday of the month in the high school front office conference room.

**May 11th at 7:00 p.m.** is our next meeting, hope to see you there!

Go Cavs!!

Cindy VanCoughnett, President  
[cwvanc@gmail.com](mailto:cwvanc@gmail.com)

## **PTSA S-Team Post-Graduation Event**

The PTSA Support Team for Youth (S-Team) is planning an exciting post-graduation event for all seniors. This year the seniors will be treated to a cruise of Portland Harbor with the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company. Roundtrip transportation from the high school will be provided on comfortable coach buses. The PTSA is seeking donations to help defray the costs of this event, which is approximately \$50/person. Donations can be made to HBHS PTSA S-TEAM, PO Box 36, Hollis, NH 03049. Our goal is to ensure that all seniors have the opportunity to participate in a safe, enjoyable event to enjoy their accomplishments.

## **Parenting Education Corner**

Prom and graduation season is upon us. This can be a fun and exciting time for our teenagers. As parents, we want to do our best to promote safe, healthy and legal celebrations. It is with this in mind that we invite you to take the following Buyer Beware Quiz. A copy of the statutes can be found at [www.nh.gov/liquor](http://www.nh.gov/liquor).

### **Buyer Beware Quiz**

**(Answer all questions T or F; Answers on page 5)**

1. If a person under the age of 21 is caught in possession of alcohol, they face a minimum fine of \$300.00 for the first offense and \$600.00 for each additional offense.
2. If a person under the age of 21 is caught trying to purchase alcohol, they face fines up to \$5,000.
3. If a person under the age of 21 is caught transporting alcohol in a vehicle, they face fines and 60-day license suspension and possible vehicle forfeiture to the State. (This means you could lose your vehicle permanently.)
4. If a person is caught possessing, manufacturing, selling or advertising for false ID, they face fines up to \$200.00 or three (3) months in jail.
5. If a person under the age of 21 is caught with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.02 or greater, they face a minimum of a \$500.00 fine and 9 months to 2 years of license suspension.
6. Under the "Party Host Liability Law," a person who hosts a party where minors drink alcohol or use drugs may be charged with a misdemeanor, fined up to \$2,000.00, and/or spend a year in jail.
7. If you know of an underage party going on, you should do nothing about it.

Please enjoy a safe and happy prom and graduation season!

## **Hollis Woman's Club News**

It's not too late to join our group heading down to the Big Apple (NYC) on a luxury bus (day) trip on Saturday, June 11th! Sponsored by the HWC but open to anyone, this trip will leave the Tyngsboro Park & Ride at 6 a.m. and arrive NYC early enough to have hours to sightsee, hit some museums, or attend a matinee — the day is on your own! Seats are \$60 each and include a guidebook and map. Please email [Susan.Benz@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.Benz@gmail.com) or call 603-465-3607 if you are interested.

Have you wanted to find out more about the active Hollis Woman's Club but you were too afraid to just come alone to a meeting? Then please stop by our very informal coffee on Wed., May 25th, from 9:30-11:30 at the Hollis Social Library. All women in the community are welcome to come and find out more about our club. Children are welcome as well!

Members will be there to answer questions, talk about our many varied social activities, our fundraising, and some of our charitable activities.

To learn more, visit our website at [www.holliswomansclub.org](http://www.holliswomansclub.org), but please come to the coffee to hear first-hand about this active and exciting town club!

## **From Your Guidance Department**

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the close of the 2010 – 2011 academic year! Suddenly we find ourselves preparing to bid farewell to our seniors and welcoming the Class of 2015. We have found this senior class to be a resilient group of students, easy going in nature, as well as a determined, kind and respectful group of students. They have been a pleasure to work with and we wish them well in their chosen educational, employment or military endeavors.

### **Senior News**

We were happy to launch Naviance with this senior class. They were patient, thankful and amazingly receptive to learning this system with us. The graphs and predictor features of Naviance greatly assisted our students in selecting safety, target and reach schools. Prior to graduation, all seniors who applied to college through Naviance will need to update their status and select the college they plan to attend next fall. This will allow the guidance department to furnish their final transcript to selected colleges. These transcripts include the graduation date and must be received by colleges prior to admission. So please remember to update your Naviance account.

Senior students will have the opportunity to hear the presentation given by Jeremiah Johnson on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Jeremiah Johnson will speak about making good decisions in life and the detrimental outcomes alcohol can cause.

### **Junior News**

Juniors will be gearing up for the college application process. Parents should be submitting the Naviance survey. This provides counselors with valuable information regarding their children that is utilized in the college recommendation letters. Students should be providing teachers and counselors with college supplemental information as well. Forms can be found in the College Handbook online in the Guidance section under "College Information".

Many students used April vacation to tour schools and we recommend students continue to finalize their college list and contact admissions offices for tours. SAT and ACT test registration should also be completed. Students have all been given Naviance accounts and College Board accounts. Should you have any concerns please see your counselor.

### **Sophomore News**

In April, all sophomore students participated in the Career Symposium. Students were introduced to a panel of professionals who shared the intricacies of various professions as well as their career journey. We thank all parents who participated in this event to make it a great success.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, the Guidance Department will hold its very first College Evening Presentation for current 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students to get a jump on the college application process. Please mark your calendar!

## Freshman News

School counselors will be meeting with freshmen during the last two weeks of May. We review student progress, share their initial transcripts and explain Grade Point Average and rank. This is followed by a great College Board activity that reinforces the importance of their educational record and provides relevance to their future goals.

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## ATTENTION: 2011/12 Juniors and Seniors

As a reminder (from last month's newsletter), colleges like to see a Junior year SAT/ACT as well as a Senior year SAT/ACT. Here are the test dates for the 2011-12 school year. Registration deadline is typically six weeks prior to the test date.

### Anticipated SAT Test Dates for Fall/Spring 2011-12

Saturday, October 1, 2011  
Saturday, November 5, 2011  
Saturday, December 3, 2011  
Saturday, January 28, 2012  
Saturday, March 10, 2012\*  
Saturday, May 5, 2012  
Saturday, June 2, 2012

\*(no SAT Subject Tests are administered on this date)

### Test Dates for ACT Fall/ Spring 2011-12

September 10, 2011  
October 22, 2011  
December 10, 2011  
February 11, 2012  
April 14, 2012  
June 9, 2012

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## Summer Hours

Please know that the guidance office has restricted hours during the summer. We will post days and counselor assignments on the school website in June.

Please be sure to check the Guidance Department website and read the daily notices for all new information!

<http://sites.google.com/a/sau41.org/hbhs>

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## Buyer Beware Quiz Answers: (from page 4)

1. True
2. False. Fines are between \$300.00 and \$1,000.00.
3. True
4. False. Fines are up to \$2,000.00 or 1 year in jail.
5. True
6. True
7. False. Call police ASAP and/or safely try to prevent party from occurring.

## Selective Service Registration.

The Selective Service System is an independent agency within the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. The mission of the Selective Service System is to provide the number of men needed by the Armed Forces, within the time required, should Congress and the President decide to return to a draft, in the event of a national emergency. Registration is the process of providing the Selective Service with name, address, phone number, and other related information about one's self. It is a civic and legal responsibility for every young man to register with the Selective Service within the time period starting 30 days before, and ending 30 days after, their 18th birthday. Register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or pick up a registration card at any post office.



The Cavalier Chronicle, the HBHS student newspaper, is published the third Friday of every month. Be sure to ask your kids to bring their copy home to share with you. We welcome parent input for story ideas by the first of every month (perhaps your teen is doing something newsworthy outside of school but is too shy to let us know). Additionally, business owners are encouraged to advertise with us. Please email your mailing address, and we'll send you a packet with pricing, sizes, and publication schedule. Contact Lin Illingworth at [lin.illingworth@sau41.org](mailto:lin.illingworth@sau41.org) or call 465-2269 for more information

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Calling all friends and family of  
2011 HBHS Graduates!

Send a Graduation Balloon today!!!! Just \$5

Would you like to brighten the day of an upcoming Hollis Brookline graduate? Have you been wondering how to recognize your friends or your student's friends on graduation day? Send them a Graduation Balloon! The HBHS Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Graduation Balloon Fundraiser. It's easy...Just fill in your message for each graduate you would like to recognize, and we'll deliver a Mylar Graduation Balloon signed with your personal message immediately after graduation at the school, on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>!

Feel free to forward this form to out-of-town family and friends, too!

Please return \$5 for each balloon ordered to: HBHS Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 726, Hollis, NH 03049. Students may return forms with payment in an envelope marked "Balloon Fundraiser" to the front office.

**Orders must be received by Friday, June 3rd!**

Any questions call or email Kristi Buckley-[dkbuckley@charter.net](mailto:dkbuckley@charter.net) or 465-3549

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