



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

The spring sports season has come to a close with several of our teams making the playoffs. We wish all the teams good luck as they complete their playoffs! HBHS has a wonderful athletic program and we are proud of the performances of all of our teams. **Spring Sports Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, June 14th in the gymnasium.** Congratulations to all of our athletes.

The performing arts department once again delighted all with their spring production of *RUMORS*. This comedy featured many of our talented students as well as our Physics teacher, John Boucher. All who attended experienced a great evening filled with laughter. Congratulations to our students, Mr. Boucher and Theatre Director, Elyse Tomlinson. If you missed it, you will be able to see this production in the fall during the opening days of September.

I hope many of you were able to experience the recent **Jazz concert** presented by the choir and band students under the leadership of Mrs. Bissonnette and Mr. Umstead, and will be able to join us for the **Improv and A Cappella Concert** scheduled this month. Our performing arts students and staff have worked very hard this year and presented many wonderful performances highlighting our talented student body.

Our US First team has been competing in some off-season events and has been performing extremely well. They have one more competition before they wrap up their year. Congratulations to the US First students, their mentors and their teacher/advisor, Sue Hay.

Seniors are busy finishing up their classwork, preparing for final exams and packing for their senior trip. Seniors will be leaving Monday morning June 6th and will return Tuesday evening June 7th after a wonderful experience White Water Rafting in Jackman, ME. While they are gone, the Science department will be presenting enrichment activities to the 5th graders of Hollis and Brookline. The 5th graders will be visiting the high school in the afternoons for presentations by our students. We hope to excite and encourage them to enjoy the sciences.

No PLC Time on Friday, June 10th as we will be running a Wednesday schedule to accommodate senior finals. All students should be in class by 7:15!

Scheduling is almost complete and students will be receiving their tentative schedules next week. Careful consideration has been made for our course offerings and the Master Schedule was built based upon the requests of students. Guidance Counselors will meet students to make changes for the following reasons **only**: Student did not meet a prerequisite; senior needing a course for graduation; or being scheduled for a course student did not sign up for. Any questions or concerns should be addressed with your student's Guidance Counselor or administrator, Mr. Rick Barnes for freshmen and Mr. Bob Ouellette for upper classmen.

Locker Clean-Out - With the end of the year quickly approaching, we would like to remind all students that lockers must be cleaned out by the end of the day June 21st. Anything left in lockers after that time will be removed by our custodial staff and properly disposed of. Each year, many books and materials are left in lockers and students are sent invoices for missing materials. It is the students' responsibility to return or pay for all materials that have been signed out to them.

Awards Ceremonies - The end of the year would not be complete without the annual Class Day Awards Ceremony to present academic awards to students. This will be held on **Wednesday, June 15th at 8:30am in the gymnasium.** We will also be holding the annual **Seniors Awards Night** to present scholarships on **Thursday, June 16th at 7:00 pm** followed by **Graduation on Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 am.** These are all very exciting culminating activities for the year 2010-11!

Virtual Local Access Network (VLAN) will be opened up to our seniors next week and underclassmen within a few weeks. This means that students can bring in their wireless laptops and tablets and utilize our new wireless network. It is important to note that students must abide by the Acceptable Use Policy they signed; we will be able to track sites being accessed, and all controls to block sites which are inappropriate will be in place. Basically, students will have wireless access but may use their own laptop or tablet. I've attached the directions for students to log on to the VLAN system.

The June Calendar is attached for your convenience. It is a busy month with a lot going on daily!

I have had a wonderful first year as Principal at HBHS and am looking forward to my continued work with the students, staff and families of Hollis and Brookline. I am very proud of all that our students and staff have accomplished this year, and am confident that as we move forward, even in these tight financial times, we will continue to provide an excellent education to our students and they will continue to rise to the high expectations we set for them.

I hope everyone takes time this summer to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. Mr. Barnes, Mr. Ouellette and I will be working throughout the summer to plan and prepare for next year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

**Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Matte**

HEALTH OFFICE SNIPPETS

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*. HB 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 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.

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 14th. Mark your calendars! We look forward to celebrating with our spring athletes and coaches!!

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 8th.

Once again we will have our year-end Balloon fundraiser to celebrate our Graduating students. 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

The 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. See his note in this newsletter.

We have begun work on a new website for the Athletic Booster Club, watch for more updates. If you have thoughts on what would be helpful to you on our website, please let us know. It is our hope that this will be actively used and full of information to keep you updated on events and schedules next year.

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 student graduates 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.

June 8th at 7:00 p.m. is our next meeting, hope to see you there!

Cindy VanCoughnett, President
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HBHS Booster Club Annual Golf Outing

The Hollis Brookline High School Booster Club will be hosting the Annual Cavaliers Golf Outing on September 12 at the Overlook Golf Course. All staff, parents and friends of HBHS are invited to attend. Please remind your favorite local businesses that they should support HB Athletics through this event. The Annual Golf Outing is the single largest fundraising activity the HBHS Boosters run each year. Next year will be a financially challenging one for all extra-curricular activities, so have fun and help out. Please contact Tom Whalen 603/318-5538, or hbhs.golftourneyinfo@gmail.com for additional information. Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

Hollis Woman's Club News

The temperature is climbing and the strawberries are ripening! The annual Hollis Strawberry Festival and Town Band Concert will be held this year on Sunday, June 26th, from 2-4pm on the Hollis Town Common. Sponsored by the Hollis Woman's Club and the Hollis Town Band, this event grows bigger each year, but the main feature — homemade strawberry shortcakes or sundaes topped with whipped cream — remain a perennial favorite for young and old! The town band will be playing old and new favorites and also raffling off a chance for a lucky winner to conduct the band to the Stars and Stripes Forever. Local artisans will be selling various arts and jewelry, and the favorite Sweet Shoppe and face painting booths will be open. Free children's games will also be featured — something for everyone! Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend this wonderful small-town event.

Students take note: Community Service hours are available — help is needed preparing strawberries on Friday afternoon before, as well as various tasks during the event itself on Sunday. To volunteer, please contact event chairwoman Krissy Wuerdeman at hwckrissy@yahoo.com.

PTSA NEWS

The PTSA will hold its final meeting of the school year this Thursday, June 9th, at 6:30pm at Kimber Harmon's home. We will be discussing the Senior Cruise on the night of Graduation (June 18th), as well as trying to fill the PTSA positions for the 2011-12 school year. We currently have openings for President, Vice President (or 2 Co-Presidents), and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in serving, please join us on Thursday, June 9th, or give us a call.

Have a great summer!

Jill Russell 672-0409
Kristen Berry 465-7447

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE

June 6 th & 7 th	Senior Class Trip to Jackman, ME. White Water Rafting
June 6 th & 7 th	5 th Grade Science Enrichment Visits
June 8 th	OBSERVE FRIDAY SCHEDULE
June 9 th	Senior Exams periods 1 & 5
June 10 th	OBSERVE WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
June 10 th	Senior Exams periods 6 & 7
June 13 th	OBSERVE THURSDAY SCHEDULE
June 13 th	Senior Exams periods 3 and ½ of 4
June 13 th	Video Club Film Festival 7:00pm
June 14 th	Senior Exams periods 2 and ½ of 4
June 14 th	Spring Sports Awards Night
June 15 th	Class Day Awards Ceremony, 8:30—10:00 am
June 16 th	OBSERVE MONDAY SCHEDULE
June 16 th	Senior Breakfast 8:15-9:45 am
June 16 th	Senior Awards Night 6:30/7:00 pm
June 17 th	A Cappella Concert 7:00pm
June 20 th to 24 th	Final Exams
June 21 st	Locker Clean-Out (after second exam)
June 24 th	Last Day of School

From Your Guidance Department

The mission of the Hollis Brookline Guidance Department is to provide a comprehensive program that encourages the successful academic, career, and social/emotional development of each individual. We believe through collaboration with families, school staff, and the community, we can assist students in reaching their full potential.

The counseling staff at HBHS works tirelessly, endlessly and compassionately with students. We provide a wide variety of services to meet the needs of each and every student in this school and those needs vary a great deal. Below is a bit of a laundry list of services we provide to inform the community of the numerous activities counselors are involved in on a day-to-day basis. In truth, we find ourselves spending a great deal of time transitioning transfer students, the incoming freshman, college planning (beginning in 10th grade and running through 12th grade), academic mediation, motivation and collaboration, scheduling, and important social/emotional counseling and referrals for those students who suffer from depression, anxiety and numerous other mental health issues.

After every activity, we issue feedback forms so parents and students can continually review our program and allow us to make changes increasing the relevance and timeliness. High school and adolescence can be tricky times for some students and glorious rides for others. We assist when appropriate and necessary and applaud those students that simply race by us waving. We thank you for your cooperation throughout the year and look forward to working with you in the future.

- Scheduling
- Vocational Programs coordination
- Freshman Orientation Day
- Transfer Student Orientation
- Senior credit letters
- Senior College Night for Parents and Students
- Small Group College Presentations for Senior Students

- PSAT Presentations and Administration
- Naviance set-up
- National Merit Applications
- St. Paul's applications and presentations
- NCAA registrations and update
- Schedule 75+ College Admission Representative Visits
- Oversee Progress Reports and Report Cards
- Transfer Student Lunch Group
- Fall Freshmen Class Presentations
- Hoby Award
- Financial Aid Night
- Grades 9 and 10 Course Selection Evening
- Update Program of Studies
- Junior College Small Groups
- Junior College Evening Informational Presentation
- Career Interest Inventory
- Mid-year Senior Graduation Check letters
- Course Selection Classroom Visits Grades 8 – 11
- Evening Course Selection Presentation
- Grade 8 Parent Breakfasts
- College Information Evening for 10th Grade Parents and Students
- AP Testing
- Boys State/Girls State
- Presidential Scholarships
- Senior Awards
- Book Awards
- Scholarships
- GPA Freshmen Class Visits
- Career Symposium
- Bullying Presentations
- Bullying Brochure
- Critical Incident Response Policy
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention Assembly
- Scheduling

Senior News

The guidance staff wishes our seniors the best of luck as they continue their life journey, whether it is in the direction of college, employment or the military. These well-deserving students will begin a new and exciting phase of their life. We will miss you! However, until June 18th, it is important that students and parents pay attention to the Power School Parent Portal grade book and not allow a famous condition called '*senioritis*' to deteriorate a grade and potentially graduation. Students must pass their classes and earn the necessary credits to participate in graduation.

Lastly students must update their Naviance accounts and select their intended college so we may furnish the selected college with an end-of-year transcript which includes a graduation date. Failure to do this may cause panic in July!

Juniors

We have spent the better part of our time this semester working with our junior students. The combination of a wonderful evening college presentation and small student college groups have sent many a student researching and visiting schools and hence down to our office. We couldn't be more pleased and excited as they begin to develop their future plans.

Junior students should make sure they contact college admission offices over the summer and schedule tours and visits. Prior to leaving school in June, they should complete and turn in the following forms: counselor recommendation form, 2 teacher recommendation forms, and check with their parents that the parent college survey form is completed in Naviance.

Juniors should know that both the Common Application and Naviance will be available to work on, to enter colleges, and start applications on August 1, 2011. Lastly, Juniors should make sure they have taken or are registered for the SAT or ACT exam required for most colleges.

Sakai Digital Portfolio/Senior Options .

Very important - Any junior student who has not finished the Sakai digital portfolio by June 17th will be assigned to a study every Friday morning from 7:15 until 8:00am until the portfolio is complete.

Sophomores

The **sophomore class** should all be enrolled in Naviance and should complete their career interest inventory. We suggest they complete the personality inventory as well. Sophomores attended the Career Symposium in April and recently attended our first ever College Evening Presentation for Parents and Students. This presentation was well attended and the feedback received was very positive. Hopefully this will allow the college process to unfold a little more slowly and naturally and not create such angst in junior year.

Freshmen

We have just finished our classroom and small group meetings with the freshmen class. We had a wonderful time playing the GPA game, reviewing transcripts, and more importantly, discussing the qualities of a good student above and beyond academics, such as the need for kindness and concern for fellow students. We hope our presentations helped create the foundation and connection between their work here and their future. We had a great many laughs as we worked together and were touched by the energy this class seems to possess.

Student Schedules

Counselors are busy working on schedules. Priority is sorted based on the following: graduation requirements, core course conflicts, and credit requirements. We are not able to select teachers or prioritize the timing of classes. Administration, Mr. Barnes for incoming freshmen, and Mr. Ouellette for grades 10, 11 and 12 students should be contacted for further conversation.

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>

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 or pick up a registration card at any post office.



The Cavalier Chronicle

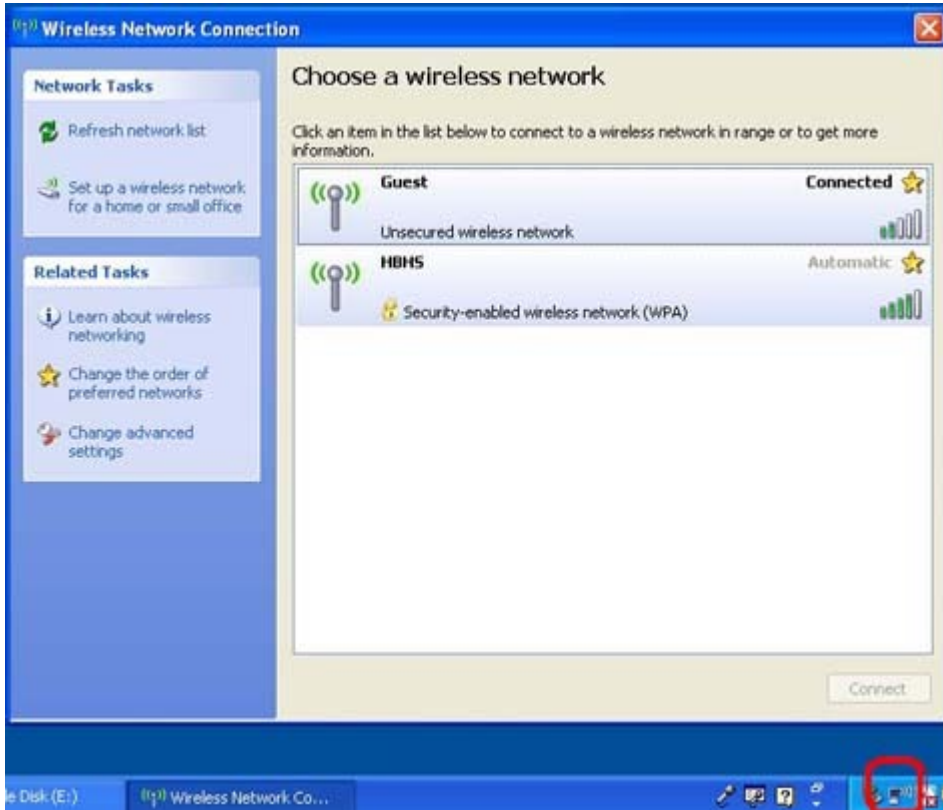
the HBHS student newspaper, is published the third Friday of every month. Be sure to ask your kids to bring their copy home to share with you. We welcome parent input for story ideas by the first of every month (perhaps your teen is doing something newsworthy outside of school but is too shy to let us 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 or call 465-2269 for more information



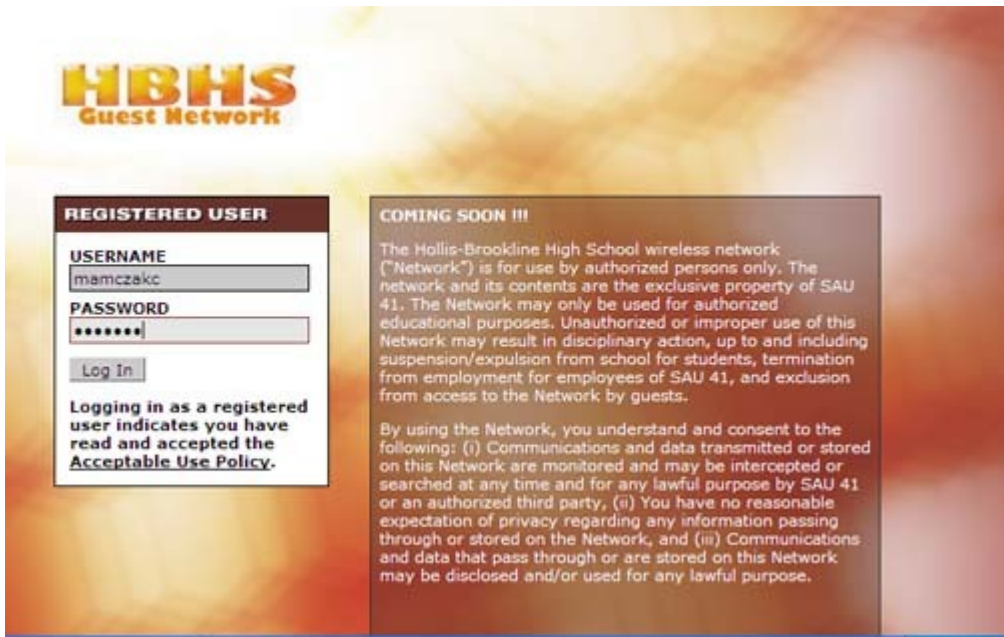
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2. Open a web browser (Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox). The orange captive portal screen will appear. Enter your domain username (lastnamefirstinitial) and password. Note the disclaimer.



3. You **may** see this message:

User Authenticated

In 3 seconds you will be automatically redirected to
<http://www.microsoft.com/isapi/redir.dll?prd=ie&pver=6&ar=msnhome>.

Click [here](#) to go there directly.

Click [here](#) to bookmark this page.

logout

4. You **may** see the iPrism message. Enter credentials if needed.



Notes:

All users of our guest network need to be members of our directory system who have signed an Acceptable Use Policy. Guest presenters and vendors will be given temporary accounts.

We would appreciate feedback here - [HBHS guest network feedback](#) - to help us plan and improve our wireless network.