



Hollis Brookline High School

November 18, 2011
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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their patience as we all worked through the power outages over the Halloween weekend and start of November. Let's hope this is not a sign of things to come for this winter! Staff and students are back on track making up for lost time. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is only a week away! I hope you are able to spend some relaxing and quality time with family and loved ones over the holiday break.

All New England Choral and Band Festival - We are very pleased to announce that we have a record number of students who participated in the All New England Choral and Band Festivals at Plymouth State University on November 3. For the first time ever, we have students participating in the Choral Festival. In all, fifteen students participated, with eleven in Band and four in Choir. Those students are: Alyssa Marsan, Adam Ouellette, Nicole Kabel, Sara Klum, Lauren St. Hilaire, Julia Sherwood, Greg Partridge, Maggie Borkowski (in both), Alden Clark, Jacob Solon, Michael Ross, Katherine Bolling, Cara Quigley, and Elizabeth DeGroot.

Fall Play - The fall play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, will be held this weekend Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th at 7:30 pm. Our students, along with Ms. Tomlinson, have been hard at work on this performance. It is sure to be a must-see event!

Veteran's Day Assembly - On November 10th, HBHS marked Veteran's Day with a special assembly attended by students, staff, and many local veterans. As always, it was a moving and meaningful ceremony for our all who attended. We personally honored many of our veterans from Hollis and Brookline who were in attendance. Our keynote speaker was Julie Sullivan, school counselor at HBHS, who served during the Gulf War. During her time in the Gulf War, 2nd Lieutenant Julie Sullivan served as a fire control platoon leader.

Report Cards and Student Information/Contact Forms/Pictures & Directories - On Tuesday, Nov. 16, students will be bringing home their report cards and the contact forms. Please review the information on the contact form, update if needed (right on the form), sign it, and have your student return the form to the Main Office by Friday, November 18th. **Please have them return the form EVEN if there are no updates.** We are working hard to ensure that we have accurate information. Also, school pictures and student directories have been distributed. If you did not receive these, please have your student check in with the main office.

PLC Friday - Our teachers continue the important work they are doing on curriculum, instructions, and assessment in order to increase student achievement. Please note that if there is a delayed opening on a Friday, the PLC hour is cancelled and students report to school at the announced time.

Wireless for Everyone - Our new wireless system is up and running. Students may access our wireless system with their personal devices such as iPads and laptops. Students must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy they signed previously when accessing the wireless. The wireless filters are in place just as if they were on a school computer so students' access to the internet is limited to appropriate sites.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held on Thursday, November 17th and Monday, November 21st from 3:00-7:00pm. If you have not already signed up with your child's teacher for an appointment on one of these two dates, you may still do so. Please contact your child's teacher either by email or through voicemail here at the high school.

Budget Season - The high school budget is being prepared and is being reviewed and adjusted by administration and the Cooperative School Board. We will keep you all informed as we work through this process leading up to our District Meeting in March. I encourage each of you to stay informed and come out and vote during the March District Meeting.

Blood Drive - The HBHS Red Cross Club will hold a Blood Drive on December 13th in the mini-gym from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For the first time, it will be a "Stop and Give Blood Drive," a new initiative through the American Red Cross initiated by H-B alumna Laurie Gorham and her husband Pete to promote safe driving habits. Please see the Guidance section for details.

Athletics - It has been an exciting season with many of our teams reaching the playoffs. Below is a quick synopsis of each of the varsity sports. **Boys Soccer:** The Boys Soccer team made it to the Division II semifinal game before losing 4-2 to Lebanon. They finished the season with an impressive 14-3-2 overall record and the #3 seed in the tournament. **Girls Soccer:** The Girls Soccer team earned the #6 seed in the Division I soccer tournament, as the smallest school in the Division. After compiling a regular season record of 10-3-3, they ended their season with a 4-3 double overtime loss to Keene in the 1st round of tournament play. **Cross Country:** After finishing in 4th place in the Division II Cross Country meet, the Girls Cross Country team finished 7th at the Meet of Champions, where Meghan Philpot and Emma Newton both qualified for the New England meet. This marks the highest HBHS Girls Cross Country finish ever at the Meet of Champions. Sean Flannery led the Boys team this year, with a 38th place finish at the Division II Meet. **Cheerleading:** The Cheerleaders earned an 8th place finish in the Spirit State Meet on Sunday, November 6th. They have done an outstanding job of cheering at all of the football games throughout the season. **Field Hockey:** The Field Hockey team ended the year with a 7-7 record, with all losses coming by just 1 goal. They ended their season after falling to Goffstown in a hard fought battle in the 1st round of the Division II State Tournament. **Golf:** The Golf team finished with an 18-3 record and were 8th in the Division II State Golf Tournament, where Griffin Brown, Connor Moynihan and Jeremy Heard each qualified for the State Individual Tournament. Griffin Brown was also named 1st Team All State and earned the 2011 New Hampshire Golf Coaches Association Spirit of the Game Award. **Football:** The Football team competed in the playoffs for the 2nd year in a row, finishing the year with a 7-2 record, qualifying them as the 3rd best team in Division III. They lost to Bedford in the semifinal game on Saturday, November 12. **Volleyball:** With an overall record of 20-2, the Girls Volleyball team defeated Merrimack in the Division I State Championship game at Pinkerton on November 5th. This marks the first Division I championship in any sport throughout Hollis Brookline history. **Congratulations to the Team and Coach Balfour!**

As you know there is no school for students on November 23rd through November 25th for the Thanksgiving Recess. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Matte

Parent Education Series

Healthy Teen Movie Maker Project

Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST), with grant funding from Milford Hospital Association, is promoting adolescent health and substance abuse awareness through the **“Healthy Teen Movie Maker Project”**. The Healthy Teen Movie Maker Project offers a great opportunity for youth to share a positive, inspirational message about making good choices that do not involve using drugs or alcohol. The school districts that are invited to participate in this project are Hollis/Brookline, Milford, Souhegan and Wilton/Lyndeboro High Schools. Youth are invited to participate in a power-packed, hands-on, in-depth, one-day workshop presented by Media Power Youth on December 17th. They will engage in exciting media literacy activities focused on alcohol, tobacco and other substance use and then apply skills learned to develop, produce and disseminate a positive media message which will be used as an outreach tool to encourage peers to make healthy choices. This is a way that teens can really MAKE A DIFFERENCE in their school/youth communities on the issue of drug/alcohol use. Participation space is limited to 30 spaces for all schools combined - so if you are interested, please sign up today!

If you have any questions about the mission of CAST or would like to know how you or your child can be involved in this project, please visit www.castnh.org or contact Monica Gallant at 672-6115 or email mgallant4@aol.com.

Cathy Burbee, Full-time RN
Susan Patz, Part-time RN

Library News

Check out the new and updated HBHS Library webpage! It's a wealth of information and resources including a new magazine browsing link.

Barb Boucher

Health Office Snippets

The health office continues to need the following items:

Juice Boxes Small Water Bottles
 Animal Crackers/Pretzels/Saltines

A special thank you to all of you who have continued to come in with various donations! It is greatly appreciated!

Medications during the school day— If your child requires prescription medication during the school day, medical and parental documentation are required to be on file in the health office. Over-the-counter medications needed during the school day also require written parental permission. Medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, are not to be carried by students without medical/parental and health office clearance. Original containers are needed for all medications whether carrying or leaving them in the health office.

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

Does anyone have access to a functional otoscope that they would be willing to donate to the health office? We are in need of one and our budget cannot absorb the cost of it at this point.

Visit hollisbrookline.org to access the Health Office website to find:

Health Office Forms and Information, Fast Facts
 Physical Exam/Immunization Requirements
 Various Links

Please do not hesitate to communicate with us at any time. Confidential Fax 603-465-2485 ***Phone 603-465-2269 x137. Cathy Burbee, Full Time RN and Susan Patz, Part Time RN

Hollis Women's Club News

Holiday Open House— The Hollis Women's Club invites all area women to attend their annual Holiday Open House, to be held on Wed., Dec. 14 from 9am to noon at the Lawrence Barn on Depot Road in Hollis. Open to all, attendees can peruse various crafts and artwork offered by our artisan members, pick up some unique Christmas gifts, enjoy coffee and conversation, and learn more about the Hollis Women's Club and their activities. A volunteer donation of new, unwrapped toys will be collected for the Toys for Tots program. All are welcome!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 18	Student Contact Forms due to Main office
Nov. 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7pm
Nov. 18 & 19	“The Diary of Ann Frank”, school play 7:30pm Auditorium
Nov. 23	Teacher Workshop Day, no school
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess, no school
Dec. 8	Financial Aid night—6:30pm, Auditorium
Dec. 8	8:30am—PTSA Mtg.—HBHS Cafeteria
Dec. 13	8:00am—1:00pm Blood Drive at HBHS
Dec. 14	7:00pm— Booster Club mtg.—HBHS Conference room
Dec. 14	Hollis Women's Club Holiday Open House 9-12 Lawrence Barn
Dec. 17	Healthy Teen workshop- www.castnh.org
Jan. 1	FAFSA forms due (seniors)
Jan. 26	NHEAAF at HBHS to assist with completing Financial aid forms (Senior parents). Appointment required.
Feb. 8	6:30pm — College Info Night (Junior and Parents)

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS



Our Fall student athletes have completed another terrific season!! On Tuesday, November 15th we celebrated the accomplishments of more than 270 athletes at our annual Fall Sports Awards Night. What an AWESOME group of boys and girls. You should be proud of all of your accomplishments; it takes a special person to endure the hard work and efforts each and every one of you have shown to your sport this season.

Congratulations to all the HBHS 2011 fall season athletes. Many of the teams had successful seasons and had post-season appearances. A special CONGRATS to the Girls Volleyball team who went on this year to win the Division 1 Tournament.

Thank you to all of our fall coaches for the time and energy they give our student athletes. We truly appreciate all that they do!!

A huge thank you to all that helped with the gym set-up/tear down. Our school is fortunate to have custodians who are more than willing to help, Thanks to Jeff and his team for all their hard work.

Thank you to ALL the helpers that came out to make it another great event for the students. John Filer, we love you and the slide show you do for us every season! If you missed it this year, it will be posted soon to the NEW Athletic Booster Club website: www.hbhsboosterclub.com

If you have a student athlete who plays a winter sport and would be willing to help us out as a Sports Liaison for that team, please come forward to let us know, we would truly appreciate it. The job requires a small amount of your time, but is a huge help to the Athletic Booster Club.

The next HBHS ABC meeting is scheduled for December 14th @ 7:00 PM in the HBHS office conference room. Come and join us as we prepare for the Winter Season.

Cindy Van Coughnett, President

Visit your Booster Club at www.hbhsboosterclub.com, where you'll find the list of officers & committees and all that we do for our athletes, and much more!

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PTSA NEWS



November is the end of one busy season, getting up and running, and the beginning of a new one, figuring out what will be presented to the voters in March at the town meetings. We are winding down with the directories; the students should be picking them up during their lunch times. If you haven't gotten yours yet, ask if it's stashed in a backpack or locker.

The Co-Op Board (meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month) and Budget committees (meets the 3rd Thursday of the month) are now getting their information together to present the proposed budgets for FY 2013. We as parents and citizens of the district should be paying attention to what is being included and what is being excluded and why. Public input is usually held within the first half-hour of the meeting (which starts at 6pm), so if there is something you want to say, for or against any particular aspect of the budget, please take advantage of those opportunities to let your opinions be known. The Boards are representing you. Also, check your town calendars for the Town Budget meetings. It is very important to do the groundwork now. Waiting until February or March, when hot issues hit the press, is usually too late to affect any change.

The next PTSA meeting is Dec. 8 at 8:30am in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend. You can also email us with any questions or concerns.

**Sincerely,
Maryanne Sango Shanley
HBHS PTSA President**

Visit your PTSA at www.hbhsptsa.org, where you'll find the list of officers & committees, back issues of newsletters, and much more!

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THANKSGIVING

From Your Guidance Department

A bit of crazy weather has marked this fall. It is balmy when it should be cold and it is snowing when trees display full leaves. Many students and families were impacted by this unfortunate and ill-timed storm. Counselors know that parents and students camped in hotel lobbies, Starbucks and Panera, working on college applications to meet the November 1st deadline. On October 28 and 31st, counselors also piled into the one home fortunate enough to have power and uploaded and sent all of the students' supplemental information so as to not jeopardize their applications as well. We are aware that NEACAC issued the following statement to help those who missed the deadline: "Due to the historic snowstorm this weekend that left millions without power, we are asking that colleges and universities with November 1st deadlines remain flexible about accepting late applications from students in affected areas. NEACAC has put together a survey on their homepage asking for specific information from colleges and universities that are extending their November 1 deadline. The list is readily available online. Go to www.neacacnet.org to access the list. NEACAC invites colleges and universities to update this list. *Please note the list may not be a comprehensive listing of all institutions that have extended their early decision or early action deadlines. If you do not see the school on this list, please contact them directly or check the website, as new deadlines may be posted.* Counselors are happy to assist with any further questions.

This fall HBHS has witnessed great athletic events, community service projects, and our infamous trebuchet day. It is wonderful to see students engaged and forming a community filled with spirit and laughter. Despite our unusual start - spirit abounds, learning continues, and the HBHS community thrives.

Senior News

College admission deadlines have already arrived! The first major deadline was November 1st and will quickly be followed by November 15th. Although there are exceptions to every rule, seniors planning to go on to four-year colleges will be in a much better position if they get their applications completed by December 15th. Keep in mind, in order for the supporting documentation to be sent, students must list their colleges in Naviance and submit our *Supporting Documentation Request Form* to their counselor three weeks prior to the application deadline. Although we constantly stress the importance of adhering to deadlines, please be aware that last-minute applications may be too late to a rolling decision school or even schools with later deadlines. The deadline for Plymouth State and Keene State is April 1st, but they report they will likely stop accepting applications around February 1, 2012. *So once again, leaving applications to the last minute is not advised.*

Naviance — All students and parents have usernames and passwords in Naviance. Please be sure that the students log in as students, and parents log in with the parent usernames and passwords. We have had some issues when the account being used is in fact, the parents. Seniors must update their accounts with the following:

- when a college deadline has changed
- when an outcome has been received
- if you have decided not to apply. **Seniors need to notify their counselor as well!**

Additionally, teachers receive an email request from Naviance to write letters of recommendation, using the deadline you have entered in Naviance. While teachers juggle the 20 to 30 letters they are writing, accurate information is crucial

to meet time-sensitive deadlines. Please know that counselors will always notify teachers when we receive the supplemental form (still required), but it is in the student's best interest to simply update Naviance as your plans firm up.

College Application packages from the guidance office are sent electronically and are confidential. They contain the school profile, letters of recommendations, school report forms, and transcript. Standardized Test Scores, SAT scores and ACT scores must be sent from the ETS (Educational Testing Service). Students must access their scores from the following websites and have them sent directly to their selected colleges: www.collegeboard.com for SAT and www.act.org for ACT.

Admissions Decision - We, too, get very excited about the decision letters you receive. Please keep us notified and come to guidance and share your news! This information helps us counsel future applicants. Students and families are encouraged to view the **Scattergrams** component in **Naviance**. This is found in Family Connections - Colleges - Scattergrams. Scattergrams allows students to see the selection criteria for a college based on a student's GPA and standardized test scores. This is a very helpful tool to determine how you meet the entrance criteria of the college you have selected. Keep in mind that some colleges' acceptance rates are so low, perhaps 9%, that any student who is academically admissible will still need to list this college as a reach school.

Students should apply to at least one safety school and a financial safety school is a great idea as well.

As you know, colleges grant four decisions: **accept, defer, waitlist, and deny**. The answer most students want to hear at this time of year is, of course, an acceptance to the college, but colleges often defer when evaluating early applications. Being deferred at this point in time is not a bad thing. It is not a denial and it gives the student the opportunity to send additional information such as midterm grades and additional testing scores. This news should caution you to ensure you have a variety of schools on your list with varying admission criteria. Also know that this is the beginning stage in the process, as it can ultimately lead to an acceptance. Please talk with your counselor if you have any questions.

Senior Report Cards—Seniors who have applied to colleges prior to November 15th will have their first quarter grades sent to the colleges for which they have made submission. Colleges often wait for these grades before making a commitment to accept via Early Action or Early Decision. College admission representatives continue to emphasize the importance of a student's academic trend. Please assist us in reminding seniors that colleges will review their entire academic year (first quarter, mid-year and end-of-year grades) in the admission process.

It is also important to note that HBHS has **attendance** policies. Students who have more than 8 absences in a quarter will receive a grade of NG. This is certainly not helpful information for colleges determining whether or not the student can handle the particular rigor of their institution. We encourage students to pay close attention to this policy.

Financial Aid Information - Financial Aid Informational Night will be held on **December 8th at 6:30pm** in the High School auditorium. **It is very important for parents to attend this meeting as it will break down the financial aid process and provide helpful information regarding financial aid policies and criteria.** NHHEAF will have a representative at HBHS on January 26th at 6:30 to assist parents filing their paperwork. Appointments should be made in advance through guidance. The FAFSA form cannot be submitted until after January 1st. However if you are applying to private schools (particularly EA or ED) you may have an earlier deadline for submitting the CSS Profile. It is important for students and parents to check with the Financial Aid office at the schools you

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are applying to for specific information. Another great source of information is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached at www.nhheaf.org or by calling 800-525-2577. Please check the Guidance website for more scholarship and Financial Aid information.

Summary—The FAFSA form cannot be submitted before January 1, 2012 but should be submitted as close to that date as possible. All colleges require the FAFSA from families that are considering any type of financial aid including work study. Families are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA online which at www.FAFSA.gov.org. Some private colleges require the CSS PROFILE. The PROFILE is only for private colleges and only certain schools use this form. It must be submitted electronically and can be accessed through the College Board website at www.collegeboard.com. The PROFILE can be submitted at any time. Colleges have very strict deadlines for Financial Aid applications so it is important to adhere to the deadlines.

Scholarships—Are now located in the Family Connection section of Naviance. Select the Colleges tab to view a list of current scholarships. In the upcoming months the scholarship process will peak, so please familiarize yourself with this feature and check it regularly.

NCAA—Don't forget!!! Senior athletes interested in participating on athletic teams in college must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org. If these forms are not submitted to NCAA it will delay an athlete's ability to compete at the collegiate level.

NH Scholars Program—Last year HBHS participated in the NH Scholars Program. New Hampshire Scholars has outlined a core course of study for high school students (minimum requirements), based on recommendations made by the National Commission on Excellence in Education. By completing the NH Scholars core courses, students are better prepared for college-level work and attain 21st century workforce skills. The NH Scholars program and course requirements are outlined in the *Program of Studies* which is found on the HBHS website. Senior students who appear to be eligible for participation in this program will be receiving a letter shortly.

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, 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 a name, address, phone number, and other related information. 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, his 18th birthday. Register online at www.sss.gov or pick up a registration card at any post office. If you have any questions, please see your counselor in the Guidance Office.

Junior News

College Information Night for juniors and their parents will be held **Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 pm at HBHS**. This presentation will give students and families lots of time to start researching colleges and planning visits to various college campuses. Juniors have had the opportunity to meet with college admission representatives visiting HBHS. Juniors may also meet with HBHS School-to-Career Counselor, Julie Sullivan, to discuss job shadow and internship opportunities for their senior year.

PSAT—We are very excited to have offered all our junior students the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 12th. Results of the PSAT will be shared individually with students when we return from vacation in early January. Counselors will discuss how students can use these results as a stepping stone to the SAT/ACT and the college search process.

Services for Students with Disabilities — A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take PSAT/SAT tests with testing accommodations that support their disability. The student's case manager should be contacted for further details. These accommodations need to be applied for well in advance of the testing date, and the deadline is typically in August for the PSAT and a 7-week minimum advance notice for SAT testing.

SAT Testing and Registration Dates—Many students sign up to take the SAT tests in the second semester of their junior year. Juniors interested in taking the SAT Critical Reasoning Test and the Subject Tests are encouraged to go to the College Board website www.collegeboard.com to register for the SAT tests. Keep in mind that spring sports often conflict with test dates so plan ahead. Subject tests are taken separately from the Critical Reasoning Test so please plan out the timing of these tests to alleviate unnecessary stress. It is helpful to know that schools such as Boston University require both the SAT and SAT subject tests. Subject tests are only one hour in length and students may take three in one setting.

SAT Test Dates

January 28
March 10
May 5
June 2

Registration Deadline

December 30
February 10
April 6
May 8

ACT Information—In recent years the ACT has become increasingly popular with New England students. It differs in many respects from the SAT but primarily it offers a Science component. In addition, some colleges will accept the ACT in lieu of SAT subject tests which has also enhanced its popularity. The website for the ACT is www.act.org.

ACT Test Date

February 11
April 14
June 9

Registration Deadline

January 13
March 9
May 4

Sophomore News

Approximately 60 sophomore students signed up and took the PSAT. The results will be shared with students upon return from the December vacation. Last year we held our first *College 101 Evening Presentation* for sophomore students and their parents. We plan on holding this event again this year. It allows families to absorb this information in a more relaxed manner and allows greater time to begin planning the college process. We will keep you posted on the spring date for this presentation.

Freshmen News

School counselors have been visiting with freshmen in their Wellness classes. Topics such as positive decision making, goal setting, safety and respect were addressed. The students report that they have already settled into HBHS and are generally very happy. We will be meeting with freshmen periodically throughout the year.

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Freshman Students Complete Personality Inventory in Naviance—Mrs. Sullivan has been meeting with freshman Wellness classes to work on a unit on goal setting and career exploration. The results of this activity are available for students and parents to review in Naviance which is accessible through the HBHS website. Please encourage your students to share this information with you.

News for All!

Report Cards - Although we continue to print report cards, our Power School statistics indicate that 94.5% of student records have been accessed by parents and/or students during first quarter, with a total login count of 39,637 and a daily login number of 521 per day. 97% of seniors have accessed Naviance. First quarter grades closed for all students on November 7th. Report cards were issued on November 15th.

Change in Rank/Policy—The Hollis Brookline Co-Op School Board made a change in the class rank policy effective August 1, 2011. In order to electronically calculate rank to be compatible with our Student Information System, *Power School*, final rank will be calculated at the close of 4th quarter. Students should be aware of this change. To review the policy in full, please visit www.hollisbrookline.org, click on Co-op School Board, Co-op Board Minutes, Policies (left-hand column) and IKC Class Rank for a full review of the policy.

Parent Teacher Conferences—Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments with their student's teachers during our parent/teacher conferences Nov. 17th and 21st. If there is anything the counselors can do to support your child, please feel free to contact us. The guidance department contact information is as follows:

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Communication

In addition to reading this newsletter, please be sure to check out our website at www.hollisbrookline.org - click on the Guidance tab. We are continuously updating our information. As always, we are here to support all the students and families of the Hollis-Brookline community. Please feel free to email or call us with good news and/or concerns.

HBHS Red Cross Club Blood Drive - Dec. 13th

HBHS alumna Laurie (Gorham) and her unborn baby were victims of a hit and run accident last year. After receiving 30 pints of blood Laurie survived, but unfortunately her son Edison did not. Laurie and her husband are working with the American Red Cross to raise awareness of the importance of safe driving habits, to prevent future hit and run accidents. If you are able to give, we encourage parent donations, and students age sixteen and above are eligible to donate with parental permission. Students also need permission from teachers if they are planning to donate during a study hall or other class. All permission slips are in the nurses' office and will be available online at the H-B Red Cross Club website (accessible via the main H-B website).

Student-Athlete Regional Night—A regional presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, 11/16 at Pinkerton Academy in the Stockbridge Theatre @ 6:00 PM. You will hear from a tremendous panel of professionals, including a compliance officer, two coaches, and a D1 athlete. All students are welcome to attend; in fact, NHHEAF encourages regional high schools to send their students to this event. Everyone in attendance gets our new student athlete guide.

Career Services News

Students Participate in Southern New Hampshire Expo—HBHS students represented our Red Cross Club and Ms. Hay's Robotics class at the Southern New Hampshire Expo at the Hampshire Dome on October 20, 2011. The Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce organizes this event each year so area businesses can exhibit their products and services. The Chamber invites high school students from area schools to showcase various school activities and provides an opportunity for school groups to fundraise. Thank you to Ms. Foster and Ms. Hay for volunteering their time to take students to this afterschool event. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and represented HBHS in a positive manner, and congratulations to the robotics class who finished first in the VEX Challenge. We would also like to thank **Handicapped Pets of Nashua** for sponsoring our robotics booth.

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>

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 illingworthl@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269 for more information

