



Hollis Brookline High School

March 16, 2012
www.hollisbrookline.org

Some thoughts from the Principal ...

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the members of the community who came out to vote at the COOP District Meeting. Education is our priority and a budget that supports that is much appreciated. We will continue to be mindful of how we use the funds allotted to us and do our very best to provide the best possible educational opportunities for your children.

Spring has sprung!! The recent weather has had us all looking for robins and daffodils. As usual we are very busy at HBHS. Course registration for the 2012-2013 academic-year for grades 9, 10, and 11 has now closed and the scheduling process is well underway. We will soon be registering the incoming 8th graders. The information evening for 8th grade parents will be held on March 28th beginning in the auditorium at 6:30pm. On April 3rd we will hold a short breakfast to answer questions for parents of incoming freshmen at 7:30am in the cafeteria. Following 8th grade registration, we will be able to begin building the schedule for next year.

March marks the end of the winter sports and the beginning of spring athletic events. We held the Winter Sports Awards evening on March 12th celebrating the participation of over 250 athletes on winter sports teams. US First participated in the annual US First Robotics competition held at the Verizon Center on March 1st through 3rd. Team 1073 performed very well and they are looking forward to their next competition in Hartford CT. The two HBHS Destination Imagination teams participated in the regional DI tournament at Alvirne HS on March 10th and both won first place in their respective challenges. They also received the only two Renaissance Awards presented at the tournament. Renaissance awards are presented for outstanding design, engineering, execution, and performance. The sophomore team included: Naom Eshed, Mandy Graves, Emily Choate, and Melissa Oitinnen. The freshmen and senior team included: Alex Baryames, Chris Baryames, Heather Bourassa, Anna Giles, Mandy Kabel, Evan Moloney, and Nathan Rogers.

The annual high school musical performance this year is "Legally Blonde". Performances of this lively musical will be held on March 23rd and 24th and on March 30th and 31st. Please see more detailed information regarding times and tickets later in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for Mr. HBHS to be held on April 13th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. This is a fun-filled evening where you can see ten of our young men vying for the coveted crown of Mr. HBHS. They are escorted by our lovely young ladies and share their talent, answer some interesting questions, and compete in a variety of events. It is always very entertaining!

Safety and security for the building and our students is an ongoing concern. I would just like to reiterate what was sent earlier. As you are aware, HBHS had a security issue last week. As we review our security procedures, we want to let you know about changes which have been put in place. The Main Office front door will be locked at 7:30am each day and all who need to enter the school after that time must use the intercom system (instructions are posted) located on the left of the doors. The rear entry doors to the third floor lobby will be locked at the beginning of second period. This will allow seniors with options to enter the building. Anyone entering the school after that time must enter through the Main Office.

The doors will be unlocked at 2:20pm each day. The doors will be locked again at an appropriate time depending upon after school activities. At no time should any student open a locked door to allow any person to enter. Ensuring the safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Please note that the first violation will result in a detention, the second violation will result in a Saturday detention and a parent meeting. Any further violations will result in an out-of-school suspension and parent meeting. We will continue to review the overall security of HBHS and there will be further discussion regarding school security at the Cooperative School Board meeting in the near future. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Matte**



Health Office Snippets

Parents and students, please remember when bringing in medications whether prescription or over the counter they must be in their original packaging with all necessary documentation.

It has come to our attention that many students are calling or texting their parents directly when they are ill or injured and are looking to be dismissed. Please have your child check into the health office for assessment and possible dismissal if it has to do with illness or injury.

New Hampshire Healthy Kids programs income guidelines are changing due to an increase in the Federal Poverty Level effective March 1, 2012. Families may be eligible for a lower premium through the Healthy Kids Silver program, or even free coverage through the Healthy Kids Gold Program. Families are encouraged to review the new income limits, and re-apply if their income seems to qualify for a lower premium. If you have any questions, contact the health office.

We often receive valuable resources and information from our Public Health Nurse Coordinator, Maria Butler. This past week she sent information on a great website on genetic conditions in children. Check it out at <http://www.gemssforschools.org/> Also sent was some important information on private well water testing from the NH Department of Environmental Services. Check that out at <http://desnh.gov/index.htm>

The Health Office continues to need donations of the items listed below. We truly appreciate the ability to provide snacks for our students to help them learn self-management skills, making the connection between mind and body. Food is good medicine.

- Juice Boxes
- Small Water Bottles

A big thank you to all who have donated!!

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.

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. Our Confidential Fax is 603-465-2485 ***Phone 603-465-2269 x137.

Cathy Burbee, RN *Full Time
Susan Patz, RN *Part Time

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS



Winter Sports Awards Night was held on Wednesday, March 12th. What a great night! **Congratulations** to all of our award recipients! And a big **CONGRATS** goes out to our Bowling and Wrestling State Champs! **GO CAVS!**

Spring sports are about to begin! Our best wishes to all of the Spring Sport athletes and coaches! We look forward to celebrating with you at our final Sports Awards Night in June! Parents, please consider volunteering to be the Athletic Booster Club representative for your student's team!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events....

MAY 11, 2012 – Ford Test Drive Fundraiser. Anyone 18 years of age or older can come to the high school and test drive a car courtesy of Best Ford Car in Nashua, NH. Ford Corporation will donate money to the HBHS ABC for each test drive! More information will be posted in the weeks to come.

MAY 18, 2012 – Annual Golf Tournament. Time to pull out the clubs and get your foursome together for a round of golf! What a fun way to enjoy the outdoors and support the HBHS ABC! Emails will be sent out soon with the details!

Please join us at our next Athletic Booster Club Meeting on Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm in the HBHS office conference room.

Cindy Van Coughnett, President

Be sure to check out our HBHS Athletic Booster Club website at: www.hbhsboosterclub.com.

Parent Education Series

4th National DEA Prescription Drug Takeback
Saturday, April 28, 2012
10am—2pm

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Did you know:

- 8% of students drove a car or vehicle while drinking?
- 65% of students have had at least one drink of alcohol?
- 26% of students had their first drink of alcohol (other than a few sips) at age 14 or younger?
- 37% of students have had at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days?
- 37% of students during the past 30 days binge drank between 2 and 20 or more days?

(Source: 2011 YRBS High School Data for Souhegan, Milford, Wilton/Lyndeborough, and sample from Hollis-Brookline high schools.)

Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST) is looking for new members. The mission of CAST is to support and strengthen families, reduce the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and encourage healthy choices by teens through increasing community action and awareness. CAST serves the communities of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Lyndeborough, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton. To find out more, contact Monica Gallant at 672-6115 or Paula Troie at 249-6792.

“Legally Blonde, The Musical” at HBHS!

Hollis Brookline High School proudly presents this adaptation of the original movie “Legally Blonde”. Elle Woods, UCLA Sorority President and a fashion design major with a 4.0 GPA becomes an Ivy League law school legend. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone “serious,” Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law School. Along the way, Elle proves that being true to yourself never goes out of style.

A very talented cast will bring life to this heartfelt and zany story through beautifully sung ballads, big dance numbers, sensational court scenes, sorority sister hallucinations, and a hilarious and eclectic group of characters from start to finish, or rather, places to curtain. *Legally Blonde the Musical* is based on the movie “Legally Blonde” and features music and lyrics by Laurence O’Keefe and Nell Benjamin, with book written by Heather Hach.

Performances at HBHS are March 23rd at 7:30pm, March 24th at 2pm, March 30 at 7:30pm, and March 31st at 7:30pm. For ticket information or questions, please contact hbhstheatre@gmail.com or Joyce Woodrow at 465-3328. Also, tickets can be purchased online for \$10/adults or \$8 / students and seniors, at: <http://hbhstheatre.ticketleap.com/legally-blonde>.

Hollis Woman’s Club News

It’s that time of year again to clean out your closets, go through your drawers and buy table space at the annual Hollis Woman’s Club Yard Sale! Held this year on Saturday, April 14th from 9am-1pm at the Lawrence Barn on Depot Road, the sale will be a treasure trove of wonderful necessary items to buy and sell. If you would like to reserve a table for selling, please contact Jeanne Cleveland at 465-2097 or jeanne3584@yahoo.com for all the details. Otherwise, mark your calendars and come and shop for interesting and unique items at this annual event!

The HWC announces that applications are now available for their annual \$1,000 High School Scholarships. There is a 4-year college scholarship as well as a Vocational Scholarship awarded. Applications can be found at the “Documents” page of www.holliswomensclub.org and are due no later than April 20, 2012.

Join your friends and neighbors and come take a luxury bus to the Big Apple on Saturday, June 2nd. Your itinerary is your own, but maps and day trips will be provided. We leave the Tyngsboro Park and Ride at 6am and leave NYC for the return trip home at 7pm. Plenty of time to sightsee, take in a matinee, or shop! Contact Susan Benz at Susan.Benz@gmail.com or call 465-3607 to reserve your seats. Seats are just \$65 per person.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 23-24	“Legally Blonde” school play
& Mar. 30-31	(see times at left column)
March 24	NHHEAF College Convention @ SNHU pre-register at destinationcollege.org
March 28	Incoming Freshman Parent Info Night 6:30pm, HBHS Auditorium
March 28	AP Testing registration forms due
April 3	Parent Breakfast at HBHS Café, 7:30am
April 6	Registration deadline for May 5 SAT
April 11	EARLY RELEASE DAY
April 12	Booster Club mtg., 7:30pm, Main office
April 13	Mr. HBHS—7:00pm, HBHS Auditorium
April 14	HWC Yard Sale, 9-1pm, Lawrence Barn
April 20	HWC Scholarship Applications due
April 23-27	SPRING VACATION
April 28	Drug Takeback Day, 10-2pm
May 1	College Admission deposits due
May 7-18	AP Testing
May 8	Registration deadline for June 2 SAT
May 11	Ford Test Drive Booster Club Fundraiser
May 18	HBHS Booster Club Annual Golf Tourney
June 2	HWC NYC bus trip (info under HWC News)



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.



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 a 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. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Winslow in Guidance.

From Your Guidance Department

Course Selection and Registration. Spring is course selection time in the Guidance office. By the time you receive this newsletter, the counselors will have met with all current HBHS students and explained the online registration process, reviewed the *Program of Studies*, discussed graduation requirements and emphasized the importance of careful planning for future courses.

This year, the teachers entered recommendations electronically. Students were able to log in and follow the road map in core classes. Students and teachers have held many meaningful conversations. It may be wise for students to share all of the courses they are intending to enroll in with their teachers. Sometimes the teacher will address the overall rigor in the students schedule and/or outside time commitments as they all factor in the course selection process.

Counselors advised students to be thoughtful and careful about their course selection because the master schedule is built from their requests. If they change their minds or opt for other courses after they submit their selections we run the risk of not having an accurate count of what students are requesting. We try our best to balance students' schedules and give everyone a fair opportunity, but it is really up to the students' seriousness and concern in this process that makes building the master schedule successful.

It is our goal to place all students in classes that are challenging and where they will meet with success. We encourage students to find the balance that will bring them both academic and social/emotional health.

Detailed instructions are as follows:

Course Registration Process for incoming Grades 10, 11, 12. The registration process began on February 21st and closed on March 8th. Students printed out their own form and had teachers initial their selections. Parents are required to sign the bottom of the form. All forms must be returned to the 3rd period class on Friday, March 16th. All students must register for a minimum of 6 credits and a maximum of 7 credits.

Advanced Placement Testing

Advanced Placement Testing will start May 7th and will run through May 18th. All the AP students have been given the registration forms and booklets. Students should review the *AP Bulletin* carefully as they must indicate they are familiar with the rules prior to taking the exam. Students need to return the registration form with the registration fee to Guidance by **March 28th. This is our deadline for ordering tests!!!!**

Senior News

College Acceptance Letters. As April 1st draws near, so do college admission decisions. Understandably this can present disappointing moments for some students, while for others it may be the ultimate reward for four years of hard work and effort. As the parents struggle with all that this decision entails so do the students. There is a great deal of *change* involved, and patience and understanding can help. If you have any concerns or questions, call the colleges but also contact the Guidance office for advice during this time.

Accepted Student Open Houses. Colleges will be hosting Accepted Student days on their campus' in the spring. This is a great time to see the college through the lens of an accepted student, and not a potential admission candidate. If you have any questions regarding Financial Aid, it is important to make an appointment to visit with the Financial Aid office when you are on campus.

Deposit Date. The national deposit date is May 1st. This is a non-negotiable deadline for schools. If you miss this deadline without contacting the college, it may jeopardize your acceptance. To ensure your spot in the class, send a written confirmation and a deposit to one college. Seniors should inform colleges they do not plan on attending by either e-mail or a phone call so that these colleges may offer admission to other students that may be on their waitlist. This does not hurt colleges' feelings but helps them offer other students an opportunity.

Waitlist. Many schools use a waitlist in the admission decision process. Although the college of your choice may be the one you are on the waitlist for, be sure to deposit at another school as there is no guarantee the college will use the waitlist.

Financial Aid. If you are struggling to understand your financial aid award, a great resource is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached by e-mail www.nhheaf.org or calling 1-800-525-2577.

Scholarships. Please check the scholarship section on the Naviance website for updated scholarships. Many of the local scholarships are arriving daily. They will have April, May, and June deadlines. These applications are either located in guidance or can be completed online.

Please remember to fill out a **Scholarship Request Form** if you need supporting documents for your scholarship applications. Many scholarships include letters of recommendation, transcripts, test scores, etc. If you would like the application packet to be sent with the materials from guidance, please attach your completed applications. If not, we will mail our supporting information separately.

NCAA. Students planning on participating in Division I or II college athletics **MUST** register online and notify their counselor. Students and families should be familiar with all NCAA requirements. Regional athletic evening presentations are available – consult NHHEAF calendar. Go to www.NCAA.org for general information and www.eligibilitycenter.org to register.

Junior News

The **College Information Evening** was held in February. For those parents and students unable to attend, you will find the Power Point presentation on the guidance website. Small group student presentations started Monday, March 12th and will conclude on Friday, March 16th. Students will review all the essential components of the college application process as well as the HBHS protocols. We encourage juniors and their parents to make appointments to meet with their counselor to continue the college admission conversation.

With April vacation on the horizon, it is a great time to start scheduling college visits. All appointments to visit college campuses can be made through the admissions office of the college or through the college websites. April vacation is a perfect time to visit college campuses.

College Admission Handbook. The College Admission Handbook is updated and now available on the HBHS website, under Guidance – College Information. This handbook is a wonderful source of information that gives students and parents the opportunity to learn more about what colleges are looking for, college entrance exams, essay writing, interviews, college visits, NCAA guidelines, financial aid and more. We strongly encourage junior students and parents to review the handbook.

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From Your Guidance Department—Cont'd Junior News (cont'd)

Military Academies. Students interested in applying to any of the military academies for fall of 2013, please be sure to see your counselor as soon as possible. The admission process is more complicated than applying to most colleges; you will need more documentation and there are strict deadlines. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the student to have the conversation with your counselor early in the process.

SAT Prep Opportunities. Many students feel overwhelmed by the testing process. There are many test prep programs out there that can help a student feel more comfortable about testing. HBHS offers a wonderful prep course both in the spring and fall; however, for those students who have missed the spring opportunity, here are some programs that may be helpful:

- **St. Anselm College SAT Prep**
AcademicResourceCenter@anselm.edu
603-641-7017
- **NH Virtual Learning Academy**
www.vlacs.org

SAT II – Biology Prep Class with Mr. Clark:

- Who:** Students (9th - 11th grade) who are preparing to take the **June 2 SAT II Biology Exam.**
- What:** Six weekly review sessions to review the test content, format and test-taking strategies.
- Where:** HBHS, room 309.
- When:** Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 pm on April 18, May 2, 9, 16, 23, and May 30.
- Why:** Students applying to colleges requiring SAT II scores may wish to attend a review course before taking the exam. For more information go to www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/lc_two.html
- Cost:** \$100 (includes Kaplan: SAT II Biology E/M 2012-2013 test prep book)
- Register:** Mr. Clark or Mrs. Wilkins at the main office by March 16th

Sophomore News

Bullying and Harassment. Sophomore students will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop on bullying and harassment on April 13th. These sessions will be conducted in the English classes and will be presented by the **Bridges** professional staff. We continue to provide education and raise awareness so that no student experiences the pain of bullying and all students learn to report and take action against it.

Career Symposium. Once again, this spring the Guidance department will hold a career symposium for all sophomore students. It is scheduled for Friday, April 20th, from 7:30-9:45. To best prepare our students and to assist them in making informed career and life choices, we continue to expand the services in the school-to-career arena. If you would like to assist us by volunteering to be on a panel, please call Julie Sullivan in the guidance department. The commitment on your part would require no more than a few hours in the morning and would help personalize careers in a way that data cannot substitute for.

Freshmen News

Freshman students will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop on bullying and harassment on March 19th and the 26th. These sessions will be conducted in the wellness classes and will be presented by the **Bridges** professional staff. We continue to provide education and raise awareness so that no student will experience the pain of bullying and all students learn to report and take action against it.

Eighth Grade Students – Rising Ninth Graders!!!!

The high school guidance department is busy working on your 8th grade son or daughter's transition to the high school. We know this is both an exciting and anxious time and it is our hope that you find the following information helpful until we are able to meet with you in March.

Our Registration Information Night for 8th Grade Students and Parents will be held March 28, 2012 at 6:30 at HBHS. This evening presentation gives you a chance to hear about the registration process, graduation requirements, timeline, and pertinent information from each department chair. Following the presentation, you have an opportunity to meet with individual department heads. On March 28th, the guidance department will also introduce the registration process to the eighth graders at the middle school. Online course registration begins March 28th and students will be able to choose their freshmen classes through April 4th.

Your son or daughter's **current** English, Math, Science, and World Language teachers will enter their course recommendations electronically. Over the years we have learned how much we trust your child's middle school teachers' recommendations. There are ongoing conversations that happen between the high school and middle school departments to ensure correct placement. We are confident that the middle school teachers know your child's abilities as well as the high school curriculum to best give input on their placement. Students will print out their own course registration sheets and will return them to the main office. Please contact your child's core teachers at HBMS directly with any questions regarding placement.

Following our evening presentation, parents are invited to attend a Parent Breakfast at the high school to meet with administration and guidance to ask any follow-up questions they may have. This breakfast will be held at 7:30 am on Tuesday, April 3rd in the high school cafeteria.

Students will be touring HBHS and meeting with high school counselors as arranged by the middle school during the first two weeks of April. Mrs. Goyette will announce these times and dates.

The first day of school in the fall is Orientation Day at HBHS for freshmen and transfer students. This abbreviated day allows your child to find their classes, meet their teachers, try their locker combinations, and attend a club and activity fair. Attendance at all transition events has proven to be a positive experience for students and families.

Welcome class of 2016!

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