



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

The end of the school year is fast approaching, but the building is still extremely busy – we have much to celebrate. Graduation is right around the corner and everyone else will be taking final exams shortly! Sunshine and nice weather seems to be here to stay – a sure sign that the school year is coming to a close.

HBHS IS IN THE NEWS! HBHS is ranked number one in the state according to U.S. and World News!!!!
<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/new-hampshire>

THE COMMISSIONER'S CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD. On May 1st, I attended a press conference in Concord where it was formally announced that New Hampshire received the "Education Commission of the States (ECS) Frank Newman Award for State Innovation". At that same press conference, HBHS was awarded "The Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Award" due to our Blue Ribbon Status received in 2010.

FIELD DAY REPLACED BY COMMUNITY OUTREACH. The students at HBHS decided that in lieu of the traditional field day we will have a yearly fundraising activity to support someone or some organization in either Brookline or Hollis. This year they decided to support one of our own students, Tyler Ricard, with "Tyler's Walk" which will take place on May 22nd. Our Interact club, spearheaded by Cathy Cray and KC Maynard, is organizing this event. We are so proud of our students for giving of themselves selflessly to support Tyler. For the few students who are not able to participate in the walk due to physical limitations, we will have them involved in another manner (such as at the water stations). This activity has been done with the approval and support of Tyler and his family.

BAND TRIP TO TORONTO. Our Concert Band and Honors Jazz Band attended a four-day field trip to Toronto just prior to spring vacation. The bands played very well. The Concert Band was first out of five ensembles and the Honors Jazz Band was first of two. Even though there weren't that many competitors, the HB kids also distinguished themselves with special awards for outstanding performances. A senior, Connor Sandin, was also given an individual award as an outstanding soloist with the Honors Jazz Band.

NECAP AND AP TESTING. We are currently in the midst of the AP testing period. HBHS is administering 14 different AP exams this year between May 7th and May 15th. One hundred and eighty four students will be taking 368 AP Exams. The AP results will be reported in August. Science NECAP testing will take place on the mornings of May 17th and May 21st.

SUICIDE PREVENTION SPEAKER - FRESHMEN. A Suicide Prevention Speaker is coming to speak in freshmen Health classes on May 21st. The speaker is from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and will present information to students on suicide prevention. Students will learn about prevention along with early warning signs and how to respond to suicidal ideation.

SPRING SPORTS. Spring teams are in mid-season with wonderful performances by our teams – watch the daily notices for wins and daily standings. Spring Sports Awards Night has been scheduled for Monday, June 11th, so mark your calendars and help celebrate all these wonderful athletes.

END-OF YEAR-EVENTS. The April Newsletter contained a list of events for the end of the year and the final exam schedule. These have also been posted on the school's website. Please note that the dates for the spring play have changed – the play will now be held on Thursday, May 31st and Friday, June 1st.

CLASS DAY AWARDS CEREMONY. Final plans are in the works for our annual Class Day Awards Ceremony recognizing our students' academic accomplishments, which will be held on Monday morning, June 11th at 9:00am in the main gym. Students receiving awards other than recognition for grade point average of 4.0 or better will be receiving letters of invitation. We ask that students receiving these letters please sit in the front two or three rows of their class section. Parents are welcome to sit in a reserved section of the gym bleachers.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PTSA. The entire staff would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the PTSA who organized and all the fantastic parents who are involved and who bake. This group provided, yet again, a wonderful luncheon to celebrate teacher/staff appreciation week. They also help out many other times during the year with similar venues and with manpower for events, feedback and input on issues, and a myriad of other volunteer opportunities. We could not accomplish everything we do here without your help and support! Also, I would like to extend a warm thank you to Peg Teichman who has been doing our newsletter for the past 6 years.

HOST FAMILIES STILL NEEDED. Hollis Brookline Rotary is looking for families who would like to host an exchange student for the 2012-2013 school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a cultural exchange and make lifelong connections with a student from another part of the world. For the upcoming school year, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a lovely young lady from Denmark, Freja Gudmundsson. For information, go to <http://hollisbrookline.org/> and click on Rotary Exchange Student/Host family.

WE ARE IN THE HOME STRETCH. As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the teachers, staff, students and their families for a great year. It has been my privilege working with you. I am continually impressed and inspired by the caliber of teaching and the caliber of accomplishments that our students achieve. Let's have a strong finish to the year and cross our fingers for sunshine on June 16th as we celebrate Commencement for the Class of 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Matte

Health Office Snippets

Attention Parents of graduating seniors! If you need a copy of your child's most recent physical and immunization records let us know. Many of you may already have copies to meet college requirements. If not, we would be happy to provide you with what you need.

Allergy season is upon us! 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.

Summer Physicals. If your child will be getting a physical this summer, please provide the health office with a copy to update our records. If they require any medications or accommodations at school, this is the perfect time to get all the documentation needed while at the doctor's office. Please send any information in during the summer as we will be checking in on a regular basis.

Did you know? The health office had 1051 student visits in the month of April. This includes 16 school days. The following is a breakdown of health office visits by days of the week in April:

Monday-301
Tuesday-197
Wednesday-178
Thursday-239
Friday-136

Health Office Shortage! We need your help to finish this year! Items most needed are:

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. **Confidential Fax 603-465-2485.**

Phone 603-465-2269 x137.

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



Booster Club News

Congrats to all our spring sports teams, they are half-way through their seasons and are doing awesome!

We have a **NEW DATE** for an **OLD** event: **MAY 18, 2012** – **Annual Golf Tournament**. Our Golf tournament which has always been a fall event has moved to a **"Spring into Golf"** tournament. It will be held at the beautiful Overlook Golf Course in Hollis. 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! Have friends

home from college, encourage them to have a golf reunion, what better way to support their school and friends. You can visit our website to help sponsor this event or sign up your foursome at <http://www.cavsgolf.com>. Contact Tom Whalen @ hbcavsgolf@gmail.com if you have any questions.

June 2012— We will have our popular **Balloons for Graduates** again this year. Would you like to brighten the day of an upcoming Hollis Brookline graduate? Have you been wondering how to recognize your student's friends on graduation day? When they pick up their diploma, they can get a balloon bouquet from all those well wishers. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information or contact us. Graduation is June 16th, 2012.

The last days of school fill up fast. Mark your calendar now for the final Sports Awards night, **June, 11th, 2012 @ 6:30pm.**

Please join us at our next Athletic Booster Club Meeting on **June 6th, 2012 at 7pm in the HBHS office conference room.**

GO CAVS!

Cindy Van Coughnett, President
Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club
www.hbhsboosterclub.com

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

PTSA News

We are still looking for one or two more board members/chairs. If you want to get involved or perhaps know someone with an incoming freshman who might like to, please let us know. We have a great group of parents, staff, administrators and students who make the whole thing worthwhile.

We are planning to hold a chili cook-off at Old Home Days this year. Pull out your favorite recipe! More details will follow over the summer. We expect to have a set-up that will accommodate slow cookers on the site.

Thank you to all who helped make the May 8th Staff Appreciation Lunch so successful, especially our chairs, Kristen, Sole & Barbara. Terrific job!!

Maryanne Sango Shanley
President, HBHS PTSA

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

Hollis Woman's Club News

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.holliswomansclub.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.

ATTENTION STUDENTS! Need community service hours? The annual Hollis Strawberry Festival will be held on Sunday, June 24th from 2-4pm on the Town Common. We need students to help Friday afternoon for the hulling and also working the festival itself. Community Service hours and certificate will be available! Contact Lori Dwyer at 465-3190 if you'd like to help.

Parent Education Series

Prom & 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.

Buyer Beware Quiz

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. **T or F**
2. If a person under the age of 21 is caught trying to purchase alcohol, they face fines up to \$5,000.00. **T or F**
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.) **T or F**
4. If a person is caught possessing, manufacturing, selling or advertising for a false ID, they face fines up to \$200.00 or 3 months in jail. **T or F**
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. **T or F**
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. **T or F**
7. If you know of an underage party going on, you should do nothing about it. **T or F**

The answers to this quiz can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Enjoy a safe and happy prom & graduation season, and thank you for keeping our kids alcohol free!

From Your Guidance Department

The Guidance Department is pleased to announce that we are sponsoring **Tyler's walk**, in support of Tyler Ricard, an HBHS student with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The guidance curriculum focuses on three very important strands: academic, career and social/emotional issues. We hope that this walk helps lift the value and importance of character education. It will be wonderful for students to take a break from the demands of the school day, recognize their good fortune, and lend a hand to another student. In this case it is Tyler. Despite his staggering medical condition, Tyler puts a smile on his face, and with grace and determination comes to school every day. We hope that the parents and students of this fantastic community will support this event and help us celebrate Tyler, and at the same time return to Tyler some of the compassion, integrity and support of which he is so deserving.

Report Cards for the 2012-13 School Year

In an effort to go green, beginning in the 2012-13 school year, Hollis Brookline High School will be moving to paperless report cards. We will email you the report card closing dates in the fall, and you may view child's academic progress at <https://sau41.powerschool.com>. If you have misplaced your username and/or password, please contact the Guidance Office. Please note: to protect the integrity of your child's academic records, we cannot give usernames and passwords over the phone.

PowerSchool Tip. Parents, do you ever wonder if your child is late for class? Log into the PowerSchool parent portal and click on **Attendance History**. Attendance/tardy codes are visible, as well as the code key at the bottom of the screen.

Senior News

NAVIANCE – Family Connection. Seniors, please help us and update your college status in Naviance. Updating your information regarding decisions such as acceptances, waitlists and denials helps us review colleges' trends in the application process. Your outcomes will assist the rising seniors so they will have more information to construct a college list next year. *Most importantly we will use Naviance to send your final transcript to your selected colleges. This final transcript will include your graduation date and must be received by colleges and NCAA prior to admission. So please remember to update your Naviance account.*

Congratulations 2012 HBHS NH Scholars! Governor Lynch will recognize 95 Hollis Brookline High School students in Concord at the State House on May 23, 2012. These students have successfully completed a rigorous academic course-load above and beyond graduation requirements during their four years of high school. You can learn more about NH Scholars at www.nhscholars.org or in our *Program of Studies*.

Graduation is June
16th!! Hats off to our
Graduates!



Junior News

Juniors will be gearing up for the college application process. Parents will soon receive an email from Naviance with an attached Parent Information Sheet. We ask that you complete this and email it back to us or return a paper copy. This sheet provides counselors with valuable information regarding our students. We utilize this information in the college application process. Students should be providing teachers and counselors with college supplemental information forms as well. Forms can be found in the College Handbook online at www.hollisbrookline.org in the Guidance section under College Information.

Many students used April vacation to tour colleges and universities. We recommend juniors continue finalizing their college list and contact the Admissions Offices for tours. SAT and ACT test registration should also be completed. Students should be loading colleges into the *Colleges I am Thinking About* area in Naviance. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

Sophomore News

In April, all sophomores participated in the HBHS 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 panel members and parents who participated in this event to make it a great success.

On May 23rd at 6:30pm, the Guidance Department will hold its annual **College Evening Presentation for 10th grade parents and students** to get a jump on the college application process. Please mark your calendar!

Freshman

This spring, freshmen will be meeting with a representative from NAMI – to participate in the “*Is this more than a bad hair day*” classroom presentation. We continue to provide preventative information to students to educate and stay in front of the emerging issues of depression.

News for All Students

NH Military Service Academy Day - May 12. Senator Ayotte and Senator Shaheen invite New Hampshire students interested in attending any of the nation's military service academies to attend New Hampshire Military Service Academy Day on Saturday, May 12. The event will feature representatives from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, who will be available to provide information and answer questions from interested students.

New Hampshire Military Service Academy Day

Saturday, May 12, 2012

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

New Hampshire National Guard Headquarters

1 Minuteman Way

Concord

RSVP to RSVP@shaheen.senate.gov

Summer Hours. The Guidance Office has restricted hours during the summer. We will post days the days we are open and counselors that will be available 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>

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.



BUYER BEWARE Quiz Answers

1. True.
2. False. Fines are between \$300.00 and \$1,000.00.
3. True.
4. False. Fines 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.

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Calling all friends and family of
2012 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 along with your personal message immediately after graduation at the school, on Saturday, June 16th!






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 8th!

For questions, call or email Kristi Buckley-dkbuckley@charter.net or 465-3549

Graduate's Name:	Message:
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Your Phone:	
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