



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

Happy Summer - Another year is quickly coming to a close! I hope that each and every one of you has a wonderful and relaxing summer. It is my hope that we can all find time to spend some quality time with family and loved ones. I know the staff and students at HBHS are looking forward to some well-deserved time away. Let's hope we have great weather!

Spring Sports - Another exciting Spring Sports season has come to an end! As always, it was a wonderful season filled with many thrilling games. Congratulations to our Boys' Lacrosse Players, Coach Zimmerman, the rest of the coaching staff for defeating an excellent Pelham team in the Division III Boys Lacrosse Finals 9 - 8 in overtime and being crowned the DIVISION III BOYS LACROSSE STATE CHAMPIONS!

Athletic Survey Feedback—Our Athletic Department, along with the HBHS Athletic Booster Club, would like all athletes to provide constructive feedback about their experience with their teams this past year,. Please see the "Feedback Wanted" article at the end of this newsletter for details on how to complete this survey.

Tyler's Walk - On May 30th, the entire school population participated in Tyler's Walk and raised over \$6000 in support of one of our own students, Tyler Ricard, who is fighting hard against Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. It was absolutely amazing to see nearly 1000 students and staff gathered at the track after the walk dressed in Tyler's favorite color navy blue shirt. Our musicians entertained us with live music and the Rotary provided water and ice cream for all!

Awards Ceremonies - The end of the year would not be complete without the annual Class Day Award Ceremony to present academic awards to students. This will be held on Monday, June 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. We will also be holding the annual Seniors Awards Night to present scholarships on Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 pm followed by Graduation on Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 am. These are all very exciting culminating activities for the year 2011-12.

PLC - We will hold our final Friday morning PLC on Friday, June 8th. On Friday, June 15th we will begin finals for underclassmen at 7:15. We have continued to work on improving curriculum and programming during our PLC time on Friday mornings.

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 19th. 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.

Tentative Schedules - Tentative schedules were given out to students on Friday. Please note that schedule changes will only be made if a student is missing a course, has not met prerequisites, or would like an alternate course. Requests for specific teachers and/or periods will not be considered. Please note that these schedules are tentative and may change over the summer.

Saying Goodbye - Each year we must say goodbye to staff members who are moving on. It is always sad, but we wish them all the best in their new adventures. This year we say a fond farewell to Mrs. Elizabeth Dragoumanos, Mr. Rod Brown, Mrs. Kristen Desborough, Mr. John Boucher and Mr. Michael Tenters. We are sure wherever they go, they will be wonderful members of their new school communities.

Hollis Brookline High School is a very special place and I would like to thank every member of the HBHS community and its families for a wonderful year. Enjoy the summer with some relaxing time with family and loved ones! Have a wonderful summer!

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Matte



**Enjoy a restful,
fun-filled summer!
See you in September!!**

Health Office Snippets

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.

Good luck to all the graduating Seniors! We wish you the very best in all your future endeavors!!!

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

PTSA News

Thanks to all who helped make this year a successful one! It was a great group effort. Good luck to the graduates, and we look forward to working with new and returning families in the fall.

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!

Booster Club News

The 2011-2012 school year will soon be over. We had some great successes this year and congratulations go out to ALL the student athletes who participated on teams this year!!

HBHS had 4 Team Championships this year!! Way to go, CAVS!!

Girls Volleyball
Wrestling
Bowling
Boys Lacrosse

We wish all of our graduating Seniors the best of luck in their journey beyond the HBHS halls.

May was a busy month for the ABC. We had two big events: The Ford Drive and the Annual Golf Tournament. A huge **THANK YOU** to both Lisa Schmalz and Tom & Krista Whalen for taking the lead in those events. The ABC Board and the students cannot thank them enough for all of the support and efforts these individuals have given to make those events a **SUCCESS**.

Thank you to all the students and parents that came out to support both of these events— we could not have done it without YOU.

We are still looking for active members to participate in our club. There will be board positions opening for 2012-2013 school year. We are building and growing, please join us in our support of the HBHS Athletes. Our FALL kickoff meeting will be Tuesday, August 14th, 2012 @ 6:00pm. Location TBD.

Cindy Van Coughnett, President
Lisa Schmalz, Vice President
Regina Kozsan, Treasurer
Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club
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Be sure to check out our HBHS Athletic Booster Club website at: www.hbhsboosterclub.com.

Hollis Woman's Club News

Mark your calendars for the annual Hollis Strawberry Festival and Band Concert to be held Sunday, June 24th from 2-4pm on the Town Common. Come and enjoy strawberry shortcakes and sundaes, all topped with homemade whipped cream! Browse among the artisans, kids games and face painting, and listen to the free Hollis Band concert. A raffle will be held for a chance to conduct the band to the song, Stars and Stripes Forever — always a big honor! **Students, are you looking for community service hours?** Hulling strawberries on Friday at the church or working the festival on Sunday is a fun way to contribute! For more information, please contact Lori Dwyer at 465-3190. Sponsored by the Hollis Woman's Club and the Hollis Town Band.

Parent Education Series

Community Action for Safe Teens* (CAST) is a group of concerned youth and adults that collaborate to make "Healthy Choices" that involve remaining drug and alcohol free. Some of the recent activities that students from HBHS participated in were the creation of the Healthy Choices Videos in December and most recently, the Project Sticker Shock campaign in which the teens applied stickers to multi-packs of alcohol that said, "Thank you for Keeping Our Kids Alcohol Free!" at local grocery stores. This was a very successful campaign and we received accolades from Don Warner, sales manager of Bellevance Beverage relative to the professional manner in which the campaign was conducted. We couldn't have done it without the youth who are dedicated to such an important cause. CAST is always looking for new members—youth and adult—that will help us raise the awareness that most kids do make healthy choices and helping teens realize that staying drug free is quite cool. If you or your child is interested in receiving more information, please contact Chairwoman Monica Gallant at 672-6115 or email mgallant4@aol.com. The next CAST meeting is Wednesday, June 20th at 8:30am in the Milford SAU Office (Milford High School). Feel free to join us!

*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 awareness and action. CAST serves the communities of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Lyndeborough, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton.

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 Hollis Brookline 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, understanding the 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.

issue feedback forms so parents and students can continually review our program and allow us to make changes to enhance effectiveness. High school and adolescence can be tricky times for some students and glorious rides for others. We thank you for your cooperation throughout the year and look forward to working with you in the future.

- Scheduling
- Vocational Program 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 and update
- National Merit
- St. Paul's
- NCAA
- Schedule 75+ College Admission Representative Visits
- Transcripts
- 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 – Personality Interest Inventory
- Mid-year Senior Graduation Check letters
- Course Selection Classroom Visits Grade 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 Class Visits
- Career Symposium
- Bullying Presentations, Bullying Brochure
- Critical Incident Response Policy
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention

Senior News

The Guidance staff wishes our seniors the best of luck in their post-secondary plans! These well deserving students will begin a new and exciting phase of their life. We will miss you!

The Guidance office will send a final transcript home with the end-of-year report card. Additionally we send an official transcript to your selected college in Naviance.

Junior News

Junior students should be concentrating on their college journey. Students should contact college admission offices over the summer and schedule tours and visits leading to the development of their college application list.

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 to ensure the parent college survey form is completed.

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, 2012. Lastly, Juniors should make sure they have taken or are registered for the SAT or ACT exam required for most colleges.

Sophomore News

The Sophomore class attended the Career Symposium in May and recently attended the 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. We will be in your classrooms in the fall following up with a fun activity that continues to prepare students for post-secondary plans.

Sophomores also met with the staff at Bridges to attend bullying prevention presentations.

Freshman News

Freshmen classes were visited by the staff of Bridges to partake in bullying prevention presentations. They were also visited by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for depression and suicide prevention presentations. We hope these presentations help to create an environment that fosters kindness and respect.

Student Schedules

Counselors are busy working on schedules. Tentative schedules were issued on June 8th. Students who wish to make a change should email their counselor or fill out an appointment slip in Guidance. Priority is based on the following: graduation requirements, core course conflicts, credit requirements and grade. Counselors are not able to select teachers or prioritize the timing of classes.

Summer Hours

Summer hours will be posted on the Guidance website. We look forward to seeing you in August, have a great summer!

Feedback Wanted!

Our HBHS Athletic teams have a proud tradition of excellence and sportsmanship. To continue that tradition, we are asking our athletes to provide constructive feedback to help improve our programs through a simple online survey that asks questions about your experience. The survey is available on the Athletic Dept. website or at this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VW5TZP9>

Please take a few minutes to tell us about your season. We would like to hear your honest and fair evaluation of the program. There is room in each area for additional comments and we ask that you use constructive feedback to help improve the program. The quality of your responses will determine if this survey can be a valuable tool.

Your individual answers are confidential and your name will not be included in the feedback provided by the Athletic Department to the coaches. Your name on the survey is necessary only to verify that the person responding was actually a participant in the sport. Any survey without a name on it will have to be discarded.

If there is a significant issue that should be addressed by the Administration, you should confidentially contact the school. Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our programs!