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### *Some thoughts from the Principal ...*

It has been a wonderful summer – full of great weather. I hope all of you had time to enjoy, relax and rejuvenate in preparation for another exciting year at HBHS. I am excited to be welcoming all of our new freshmen and transfer students and I am looking forward to seeing all the returning upperclassmen.

Many people have worked hard over the summer to prepare for the 2012-2013 school year. Bob Ouellette, Rick Barnes, and I have met regularly to ensure that we start off the year smoothly and with the best staff available for our students. We are very happy to be welcoming four new teachers, Ms. Rosy Gandhi and Ms. Renee MacDonald in Science and Ms. Erin Sheehan and Ms. Deborah Lemire in World Languages. Each brings a wide range of experience and skills that we are sure will be an asset to HBHS. I am continually impressed by the commitment and professionalism of our staff as well as how hard our students strive to do their very best to meet the challenges and expectations presented to them by their teachers. We have wonderful students who come from supportive and caring families. Together we share the wonderful opportunity of preparing these young people to face the future.

The building has been busy all summer with the ESY summer program and sports camps. Fall sports have already begun and we will soon be welcoming all students back into the building. Freshmen and transfer students will be arriving on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> for a half day of orientation and we welcome everyone back on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for our first full day of school. On Thursday, we will run a seven period Monday schedule and on Friday we will run a regular seven period day (no PLC's).

As we did last year, we are very pleased to be able to run our PLC Friday's with classes beginning at 8:00. The PLC Schedule will begin on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to participate in group meetings, study time, intramural activities in the gym, and will have access to computer labs and the Media Center from 7:15 until 8:00. Students who wish may arrive at 8:00 in time for classes that will begin promptly at 8:05.

Our dedicated custodial crew, led by John Gray, has worked tirelessly to clean and prepare the building for another busy year. They have stripped, waxed, pulled rugs, tiled and painted so that the building shines and sparkles for the new school year. They are a dedicated group who takes pride in a job well done!!

There are many important dates to put on your calendar. Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 beginning in the Auditorium. Please see additional information in this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about course and teacher expectations. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for conferences which will take place on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. School pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. All students must have their pictures taken for school ID's.

There will be some important information that will be sent home with your students the first couple days of school. Please be sure to review the information and return all forms to the school on the dates specified. Communications is an important part of a successful school year and we strive to keep you informed in multiple ways. There will be notices that will be sent home via email requiring us to have a secure email address for you. We also post information on our website daily under Daily Announcements, as well as regular postings with specific information. Please be sure to check the website for information regarding athletics, school events and programs.

In closing, we are committed to providing a supportive educational environment where all students have the opportunity to be successful. We continually strive to live up to our mission to provide each student with the education, skills, and self-confidence needed to succeed in whatever path they choose when they graduate from Hollis Brookline High School. If I, or any member of the staff, can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia L. Matte**

## Opening of School

School will be opening on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> with our Orientation Day for freshmen, transfer students, and foreign exchange students. This will be an early release day. New students, along with many upperclassmen, will be attending a half day of school with the goal being a smooth transition and adjustment to their high school experience. Students will be engaging in a variety of experiences that will ultimately lead to their success and confidence within our school community. Students will be dismissed at 12:04pm. **ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## Physical Exam Requirements for the 2012-2013 School Year

All incoming freshmen are required to have a physical exam in order to enter Hollis Brookline High School. Thereafter, every student is required to have a physical exam every two years. Please contact the school nurses, Cathy Burbee or Susan Patz, at 465-2269 if you have questions.

## Open House

Parents are cordially invited to attend our annual Open House on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There will be a brief presentation by the Hollis Brookline High School Administration, followed by an abbreviated schedule of a regular school day. There will be seven 12-minute periods to allow parents to follow their child's schedule. Open House gives parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and for teachers to briefly discuss their courses. Please see the form included at the last page of this newsletter.

## Locker Assignments

All students will have a locker. Returning students will retain the same locker they had last year. If you have any difficulties with combinations, please report them to the main office. Locker assignments will be given out on the first day of school. As we are growing in numbers, some freshmen may be assigned a half locker. Please remember that the lockers are provided with locks for the protection of school materials and student's private property. **Please note that valuables and cash should never be left in a locker.** You are responsible for the materials that are assigned to you for the year. All school materials must be returned by

the last day of school. Lockers are cleaned out at the close of each school year.

## Dismissals

While we understand that on occasion emergencies arise which require your student to be dismissed early, we ask that whenever possible you schedule your student's appointments at times which do not conflict with school hours. Students should never be dismissed because of a study hall that falls at the end of the day. When your student must be dismissed early, we ask that you please send a written note prior to the dismissal. **All notes should be submitted to the attendance secretary first thing in the morning.**

## School Pictures

Underclassmen photographs will be taken on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be available at the beginning of the school year and should be returned on picture day. Picture retake day will be announced at a later date.

## Parking Permits

Parking permits are required for all students parking in the back lot of the building. Last year's permit will NOT be honored and all students must apply for the new parking permit at a cost of \$40.00 for the year. Parking permits are limited and applications are available on our website under "student information". A copy of your driver's license is required with your application. Students will be assigned a numbered parking spot. Juniors or Seniors who did not apply for permits at the end of the last school year may apply in the Main Office on a first come, first serve basis for remaining available spots. Your ICT Portfolio must have been completed and all obligations met to receive a parking spot. No students will be permitted to park in front of the school except at the lower ball fields. **All cars parked in the back parking lot after September 2<sup>nd</sup> must have a parking permit.**

## School Supplies

As a general rule, it is best to wait until school opens to purchase supplies. Teachers have individual requirements for their classes and will announce their requirements during the opening days of class. Pens, pencils and paper are appropriate for all classes.

## Driver Education Classes

Driver Education classes are offered twice a year (fall and spring). Sign-up and detailed information are announced in the Daily Notices and on the school's website. Fall sign-up will occur from September 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. Students must be 16 before December 15<sup>th</sup> and a copy of your birth certificate is required. Classes are held on Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:40, with driving instruction offered during study hall blocks or after school hours. Students are accepted into the class oldest to youngest, schedules permitting. All students who sign up must attend the first class. There is also a mandatory parent information meeting usually held the Monday prior to the first class. Due to the fact that the State is no longer providing a subsidy, the cost of Driver's Education classes will increase to \$400.

## Health Office Snippets

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! As we begin this year, the Health Office is in need of the following items:

Juice Boxes                      Small water bottles  
Animal Crackers/Pretzels/Saltines  
Tea and Honey

Forms needed for all students this school year:

Emergency Contact/Health Information  
Over-the-Counter Meds Form  
Any updated physical and immunization records

If medications are required 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. HB is not allergen free but we strive to create a safe environment for all our students.

Visit [www.hollisbrookline.org](http://www.hollisbrookline.org) to access the Health Office website to find:

Health Office forms and information  
Fast Facts  
Physical Exam Requirements  
Various links

Please do not hesitate to communicate with us at any time. Our confidential fax is 603-465-2485, and our phone is 6043-465-2269 x137. Thank you!

## Yearbook Sales

Yearbooks will be on sale for \$75 beginning September 12, at Open House. You may purchase your yearbook at HBHS that night or you may order it online. You may order at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>, or you may bring in a check to Mrs. Bent in the Guidance office, same date. Please make checks payable to "HBHS" and write "2013 Yearbook" in the memo line. **Please, please, please be advised that the best way to ensure your student has a yearbook in June is to PRE-ORDER before January 15<sup>th</sup>!!** Quantities are limited for sale at distribution time and this year we had some very disappointed students! Forms will be posted at the beginning of school.

## Senior Portraits, Baby Ads and Quotes

**Senior portraits are due by October 5<sup>th</sup>.** Portraits must be in .jpeg format and submitted by email or by CD only. Please indicate senior photo and include your student's name on the subject line. They can be emailed to [www.hbhsyearbook.org](http://www.hbhsyearbook.org). Photos must be in color, 300dpi and 2-1/2" by 3-1/2". Hard copies of photos will NOT be accepted. Please remember head shot or head/shoulders are what we are looking for. We ask that students not have any props, pets or logos in the photo.

**Baby Ads are also due by October 5<sup>th</sup>.** You will be able to download an order form on the HBHS website under "yearbook" or contact Mrs. Bent, x123. Photos to be included in the ad may be submitted electronically or hard copy. Please be sure to include photos, check and completed form for submission. If you would like your original photos returned, you will also need to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**Superlatives and quotes** will be due the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>. Seniors need a computer account to do online quotes and superlatives. Members of the English department will support students in creating meaningful quotes, and the Writing Lab will be available for in-person or online help.

Please contact Sandra Bent should you have any questions.

## HBHS Athletic Booster Club

Where did the summer go? Our Fall sports teams are getting ready for their seasons and as in the past, we can expect another great year from our athletic teams.

**Our primary function as the Athletic Booster Club (ABC) for HBHS is to support the student athletic programs at the high school. We do that by supporting requests from the teams in areas that are not covered or fully included in the school athletic**

**department's budget. It is our goal to support each athletic program and make it the best possible experience for our students.**

This past year, the ABC contributed funds for our athletes with fundraising events that included the Annual Golf Tournament held in May, the Drive One 4UR School event sponsored by Ford, and the Balloon Fundraiser for graduation. We want to THANK YOU for helping make each of these events a success! We met the challenge of 300 participants in the Ford fundraiser which raised \$6,000 for the ABC.

This year we will kick off September with a NEW fundraiser. We will be selling cereal boxes. They are customized to our community, known as "Cavalier Crunch". Look for us at the Open House (9/12) and at Hollis Old Home Days (9/15). Much more to come on this fundraiser!

We are happy to say the ABC is growing again after a few lean years of volunteers. We need to have a parent from each team (Freshman, JV and Varsity) come to the meetings to keep us informed of the progress/needs during the school year. Each Coach will be asked to step up to join in our efforts.

Team Liaison responsibilities would be:

1. Organizes parent emails for communication for Coach and ABC.
2. Attends or provides a parent for at least one ABC meeting during the season. This would help communication, updates and requests to ABC.
3. Organizes list of athletes with updates for each Sports Award Program.
4. Helps gather Team Photos for slide show prior to Awards night(s).

We are also looking for Board members and Committee chairs (by-laws, Awards night, fundraising, golf tournament, etc.) for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. There are many ways you can help, we hope you will join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the high school conference room. Due to the Open House scheduled for Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Cindy Van Coughnett [cwvanc@gmail.com](mailto:cwvanc@gmail.com)  
HBHS ABC Website: [www.hbhsboosterclub.com](http://www.hbhsboosterclub.com)

## Hollis Woman's Club

Apple Pie Contest at Old Home Days! The HWC will be sponsoring the annual apple pie baking contest on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> as part of the Old Home Days celebration. There will be 3 entry divisions: Children (ages 12 and under), Students (ages 13-21) and Adults (ages 22 and up). The entry rules are as follows:

1. Only one entry per person.
2. No entry fee.
3. Entry must be a home-prepared, traditional two-crust apple pie, no mixes.
4. All entries must be submitted to the HWC table by 11am on Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. A recipe should accompany each entry, specifying the variety/varieties of apples used.
6. Decision of judges will be final.
7. All pies become property of the HWC and will be cut and sold by the piece following judging.
8. Ribbons will be awarded for the top three (3) entries in each division.

After the judging, drop by the HWC tent and buy yourself a piece of home-baked apple pie! Questions? Contact Noreen Polus, HWC President: [norpolus@yahoo.com](mailto:norpolus@yahoo.com).

Speaking of apple pie, mark your calendars for the Annual Hollis Apple Festival and Band Concert to be held on Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm on the Hollis Town Common. Featuring the usual homemade apple pies and crisps, all topped by Doc Davis ice cream, the festival will also include a wonderful concert by our local Hollis Band and the chance to buy raffle tickets to conduct! This event is a great way to do community service for students. If you are interested, please contact Lori Dwyer at [gizzmo2746@charter.net](mailto:gizzmo2746@charter.net).

## Athletic Department News

The HBHS Athletic Department will be putting a coaches survey on the athletic page of the school website this fall. This will provide athletes and parents the opportunity to provide feedback about their athletic experience. This feedback will be in the form of a "survey monkey". We appreciate your input.

Rhon Rupp  
Athletic Director

## Parent Education Series

**Got Drugs?** The next DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. The Hollis Police Department will hold their collection at the Brookline Safety Complex. This is a great way to dispose of unused or unwanted medicines and keep them out of the hands of our youth.

**Safe Homes** – The HBHS PTSA invites parents to participate in the Safe Homes Pledge. [What is Safe Homes?](#) The Safe Homes Pledge is a non-legally binding pledge publicly stating that there will be no underage use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs in your home or on your property. Promoted by HBHS PTSA and sponsored by Beyond Influence, the Safe Homes Pledge program is currently partnering with Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST) and is open to working with all.

What is Safe Homes not? The Safe Homes Pledge is not a legally binding document. This is a good faith effort in the mission of CAST to change the attitude that underage drinking and drug use are OK.

Why Safe Homes? The Safe Homes Pledge is a program to support youth and parents in the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug use. To learn more about how you can participate in the Safe Homes effort, please visit: [www.beyondinfluence.org/safehomes/](http://www.beyondinfluence.org/safehomes/)

**Team Leadership Training** – Community Action for Safe Teens ([CASTNH.org](http://CASTNH.org)) recently hosted a Teen Leadership Training at HBHS led by NH Teen Institute and New Futures Advocacy organization, with efforts to promote leadership activities, encourage teens to make healthy choices, and advocate for social change on a local level. We were fortunate to have 14 students from HBHS participate in this training and they are ready to move forward and encourage their peers to maintain a healthy, positive, drug-free environment at HBHS. Look for them at Freshman Orientation Day and at Hollis Old Home Days. Funding was provided for this program by the Milford Hospital Association.

CAST is a charter committee of the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club and 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. If you are interested in learning more about CAST or participating in any capacity, please contact Monica Gallant at 672-6115.

## PTSA News

Time to jump back into another busy school year! We hope you will consider joining the PTSA; you can find our website at the lower left-hand side of the HBHS home page, [www.hollisbrookline.org](http://www.hollisbrookline.org). There we have information about receiving news and updates via email, volunteering opportunities, a calendar, and past minutes. This year our first meeting will be on

Thursday, September 13 at 8:30am in the cafeteria. We'll be discussing general plans for the year and our booth at Old Home Days in Hollis, which begins on September 14. We'd love to see you at the meeting, but if you cannot make it and still want to help, drop one of the Board members a line or call. Also, the HB Co-Op meeting is on Wednesday, September 19, held at the HBMS MPR at 6pm. Public input is very important and is allowed at the beginning of the meeting, so let them know if you have an opinion on an issue.

Maryanne Sango Shanley  
PTSA President  
[marsasnsa@gmail.com](mailto:marsasnsa@gmail.com)  
603-809-7049

## Guidance News

The Guidance Department extends a **warm welcome** to all of our returning students and to all our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, transfer students and their families. We look forward to working with you throughout the 2012 - 13 academic year.

**Summer Work** -- A priority of the Guidance Department this summer was to review two HBHS prevention programs in the area of safety. School administrators along with the guidance staff, have formed a panel of school and community professionals to ensure that our curriculum and programs contain best practice when confronting one national health problem, namely substance abuse. The next meeting will be held in September and will draw from both the school and community and will include students, parents, community members, law enforcement, teachers, counselors, and administration. With the assistance of Donna Arias, Regional Coordinator from Beyond Influence, HBHS in conjunction with the Hollis Brookline community will develop a strategic plan to ensure that effective prevention programs are in place to serve the students here at HBHS.

Secondly, administrators and counselors from HBHS participated in a one- or three-day suicide prevention training offered by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) NH and the **Connect Suicide Prevention Project**. Additional prevention training will be held for both the middle school and high school staff on August 29<sup>th</sup>. It is our goal to ensure that as a school and a community we fully understand the magnitude of this problem and have appropriate protocols to help support our students. This initiative prepares our staff to meet the needs of all students and recognize the signs of depression and students at risk. Statistics report that over 34,000 people die by suicide every year

in the U.S. In many cases, these deaths can be prevented when loved ones recognize when a person is at risk and how to get them help. The Connect Suicide Prevention Program is a national Best Practice program developed by NAMI NH.

*(If you or someone you know is at risk of suicide, contact your community mental health emergency services or 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Both of these resources are available 24/7.)*

**Transfer Students** -- We have registered over 20 transfer students arriving to HBHS from all over the state, country, and world. Cathy Cray, SAP Counselor, along with the guidance counselors will hold a luncheon for transfer students on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Students will have an opportunity to meet with each other and HBHS volunteer students to orient our new students and help them feel comfortable prior to the first day of school. We can't emphasize enough how important it is to get involved in some activity, a club or a sport at the high school. It is a great way to be a part of the school community, make friends with similar interests, and have fun. In addition, most colleges ask for club, activities, and extracurricular involvements while in high school. So early involvement will get you a head start on the college admission process as well.

**Meet Your Guidance Department:**

**Counselors**

Sandra Bent

Julie Sullivan

KC Maynard

Kerry Dod, formerly Kerry Gangemi

Rich Winslow

**Student Assistance Counselor**

Cathy Cray

**Registrar**

Carol Tyler

**Secretary**

Teresa Noel

The assigned counselor will be listed on all students' schedules.

**Counselor Appointments** -- Please know that we love meeting with our students. Every year, our one regret is that we did not spend more time with the students! Please help us by encouraging students to schedule appointments with their guidance counselor, as we will be discouraging students from just dropping in. We, too, must assist in honoring their academic instructional time, and more importantly it allows us to give the student who has patiently scheduled an appointment to encounter no interruptions. If a student has an

emergency, please let Mrs. Noel know that you need to see someone right away.

Parents wishing to make a guidance appointment should email or call their son/daughter's guidance counselor with the request.

**Drop/Add Procedures** -- Schedules will be distributed on the first day of school. During the initial course registration phase, students are asked to make their selections carefully, since staff is hired and resources are allocated based on these requests. Once the master schedule is developed, course changes are very limited. In the event that there needs to be a schedule adjustment, there is a drop/add period at the beginning of each semester to ensure students get the courses they need in a fair and equitable manner. Those who have an incomplete schedule or are in need of a graduation requirement are seen immediately.

Drop/Add begins two days after the first full day of the fall semester and runs for an additional three days. Drop/Add will begin Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Full-year courses may only be dropped during the fall drop/add period. There is an additional drop/add period during second semester. Second semester drop/add begins two days after the start of the spring semester and runs for two days. Only second semester courses can be adjusted at this time. Students must see their counselor and not the classroom teacher in order to make the schedule changes. Wait lists are sometimes put in place to ensure fairness in the process, and students must attend the classes on their current schedule until changes have been made and a new schedule is processed by the Guidance Department. **Note:** Requests for class placement and/or specific teachers are not allowed. Students may not drop a full-year course after the fall semester drop/add period.

**College representative visits** -- College representatives' visits at HBHS will run from the middle of September until the middle of December. Representatives will be visiting Monday through Friday. Already over 35 representatives are scheduled and typically over 75 come to HBHS every year. This is an opportunity for junior and senior students to meet with representatives from various colleges to learn more about the college or ask additional questions. The list of colleges and dates is located on Naviance. Students will sign up online, print out their request, and obtain their teacher approval and signature indicating they are aware of this missed class. Students are responsible for missed work during this time. A calendar of dates and colleges is on NAVIANCE!

**College Fairs** -- UNH and SNHU are hosting the annual NEACAC college fairs on their campuses. The

UNH fair in Durham will be held Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm and Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:00 am. Southern New Hampshire University's fair in Manchester, NH will be Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am - 11:00 am. Colleges from all over the country will be in attendance. College fairs are a great way for students to obtain information about post-secondary opportunities. Not only is this a good time for seniors and their parents, but for juniors and their parents as well.

**SAT Information** -- Registration for upcoming tests can be done through the College Board website ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)). Sign up early to get your preferred location! SATs are not offered at HBHS but are available at Nashua, Souhegan, and other local schools. Specific locations are listed online.

#### **SAT Test Dates**

Saturday, October 6, 2012  
Saturday, November 3, 2012  
Saturday, December 1, 2012  
Saturday, January 26, 2013

Registration deadline is typically six weeks prior to test date.

#### **ACT Test Dates**

September 8, 2012  
October 27, 2012  
December 8, 2012

Registration can be done at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Writing Test for the ACT is highly recommended.

#### **Senior News**

Seniors and parents will receive a letter from their school counselor early September indicating their current status in regard to their graduation requirements. Please review this letter and if you are missing credit or are in need of adding a course, please be sure to meet with your counselor immediately.

Many of you have been busy looking at colleges over the summer! When you return to school, please be sure to complete and give to your counselor the recommendation request form, especially if you are considering early action or early decision deadlines. Small group meetings will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to review Naviance, Common Application, Essay, Standardized Tests and all pertinent information. Do not forget to look at the College Handbook, found online on the HBHS website under the Guidance tab, under College Information. This handbook can answer to allow you the opportunity to meet your teachers, counselors, administrators, find your locker, classrooms and friends and attend lunch in the cafeteria. Additionally, a club and activity fair and an ice cream social is held. Welcome class of 2016

many of your questions and help give you the information you are looking for in this process.

Mark your calendars for Senior **College Night** which will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the high school at 6:30pm. The Guidance department hosts this night for seniors and their parents to review and address remaining questions around the college process and the management of the application procedures. It is important for all seniors and their parents to attend.

This year the Guidance Department will hold **mini college sessions** to help students! Counselors will be available after school to assist students in the following areas: the common application, college search, reviewing the college essay and all aspects of the college admission process. Please note the dates below and feel free to drop by for assistance:

September 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 3:30 Room 141  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 3:30 Room 141  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:30 – 3:30 Room 141  
November 13<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 3:30 Room 141

FYI, **Financial Aid Night** will be held on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, more information will follow.

#### **Junior News**

The PSAT will be administered to all juniors on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT serves as a practice test for the SAT and as the qualifying tests for juniors to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. All juniors will be taking the test free of charge. Counselors meet with students individually in early January to go over the results and how to use the test to prepare for the SAT.

#### **Sophomore News**

Sophomores interested in taking the PSAT can sign up in guidance starting September 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a limit to how many sophomores we can test, but in truth we typically are able to accommodate those interested. The fee is \$15.00. Students can contact the local high school that offers the exam on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. These are the only dates you are able to take the PSAT exam.

#### **Freshmen News**

Freshmen will meet with their school counselor on the first day of school. We look forward to your arrival! Freshmen and transfer students will attend a half-day of school on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. This day is set aside

**HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

Parents are cordially invited to attend our Open House on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at **6:30 PM** at the high school.

**Open House Schedule:** at 6:30 PM there will be a brief presentation in the Auditorium by the Hollis Brookline High School Administration. After the presentation, there will be seven 12-minute periods of time simulating periods 1 through 7, following a Monday schedule. The schedule listed below includes 3 minutes of passing time between periods.

Open House gives parents the opportunity to meet teachers, for teachers to briefly discuss expectations and the content of their courses, and for parents to experience their child's daily schedule. Parents will also have the opportunity to sign up for an evening conference to discuss their child's progress or to learn about course content in more detail. These conferences are scheduled to be held on the evenings of November 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will have sign up sheets for these conferences available at Open House.



**Please ask your son/daughter to fill in his/her schedule below.**

**Open House Schedule and Student Class Schedule**

6:30 – 6:45      Presentation by the High School Administration  
6:45 – 8:30      Open House

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>
1	6:48-7:00		_____	_____
2	7:03-7:15		_____	_____
3	7:18-7:30		_____	_____
4	7:33-7:45		_____	_____
5	7:48-8:00		_____	_____
6	8:03-8:15		_____	_____
7	8:18-8:30		_____	_____

College admissions information is available in the Guidance Office during study or senior option periods. Hollis Brookline High School guidance staff will be there. There will also be an opportunity for you to preorder Yearbooks.