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May 31, 2013

Some thoughts from the Principal ...

Summer is coming! With 90 degree weather expected for a couple days we will certainly have a taste of what is to come. Another year is quickly coming to an end and we hope that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer planned.

Spring Sports - The spring sports season is quickly coming to a close with the NHIAA tournaments beginning this week. All of our spring sports teams made their respective tournaments and are looking to make a championship run, with the exception of the Boys Volleyball team having one more regular season game left.

- The Baseball team finished the season with an 11-5 record and as the #4 seeded team in the tournament. They will host #13 St. Thomas on Thursday, May 30th.
- The Softball team enters the NHIAA tournament as the #3 seed with an 12-4 record. They will host Kennett on Wednesday, May 29th, in the 1st round of tournament action.
- The Track team competed in the Division II State meet, with the Boys finishing in 18th place, and the Girls finishing in 11th. The 4x800 meter relay team of Meg Philpot, Sarah Crampton, Colleen Plesac and Emma Newton qualified for the Meet of Champions, as well as Kyle Lorden in the 400 meter race, to be held on Saturday, June 1st, at Londonderry High School.
- The Boys Lacrosse team finished their regular season at 13-1 and as the #3 seed heading into the tournament. They will host Manchester West on Tuesday, May 28th, and look to repeat as the D-III champions this year.
- The Girls Lacrosse team finished the season at 8-6 and the #6 seed in the NHIAA Division I tournament. They will travel to #3 Londonderry on Wednesday, May 29th.

Spring Sports Awards Night will be held on Monday, June 10th at 6:00 pm.

Nathan's Walk - On Tuesday, May 28th, the entire school participated in Nathan's Walk to raise funds in support of a member of the class of 2016. Please see the article under Guidance for more news about this wonderful event.

Music Trip to Cleveland - HBHS students represented us well once again on this year's Music Department trip to Cleveland over the Memorial Day weekend. They brought home 1st place trophies for choir, concert band and jazz band. Alyssa Marsan received an individual award for her jazz solo and Justin Nierendorf was recognized as the best student choir accompanist. Other highlights included great HBHS student performances at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and an amazing concert by the Cleveland Orchestra. Congratulations to the students and their teachers, Dave Umstead and Julie Carbone.

Theatre events – Don't miss this year's Spring Play, *The Dinner Party*, presented by the HBHS theatre department on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st at 7:30 pm in the auditorium, as well as their presentation of *Improv* on Friday, June 7th.

Senior Class Trip – Approximately 130 members of the Class of 2013 will be venturing north to Jackman, ME for a whitewater rafting trip on the Kennebec River on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11th and 12th. They will be accompanied by HBHS staff and will enjoy a wonderful time at Moose River Outpost swimming, canoeing, toasting marshmallows at the bonfire and rafting down the river.

Awards Ceremonies - The end of the year would not be complete without the annual Class Day Awards Ceremony to present academic awards to our students. **Class Day Awards** will be presented on Monday, June 10th at 9:00am in the gymnasium. **Senior Awards and Scholarships** will be presented on Thursday evening, June 13th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Parents of students receiving awards at these ceremonies will be sent a letter of invitation. **Graduation** will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00am.

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 on 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. A reminder to all seniors, you will not be able to pick up your cap and gown for graduation until all obligations have been met.

2013-14 Schedules – Tentative schedules were given to students on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. Please note that these are tentative as we will continue to balance classes, adjust teaching schedules and assign classes to meet graduation requirements. Due to necessary changes, your student's final schedule may be adjusted.

A Fond Farewell – Each year we must bid adieu to staff members who are either retiring or moving on. This year we say a warm goodbye to Ms. Rosy Gandhi, Mrs. Renee MacDonald, Ms. Anne Young Gendreau, Mrs. Barbara Boucher, and Mrs. Janis Bigelow. It is always sad to see friends leave but we wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Summer Hours: Even though the school year ends and students are gone for the summer, we are still here working to prepare for the upcoming year. Administrators will be working throughout the summer and the main office will be open from July 1st through August 12th (Monday through Thursday) from 8am – 12:00pm. The Guidance office will post their hours and we will be happy to schedule meeting times on their posted dates. As a general rule someone will be available in the guidance office on Wednesdays throughout the summer.

Thank You – Think back to when your high school students were just entering elementary school.....well, that is when Peg Teichman began putting together the school newsletters every month! A huge thank you to Peg who has worked tirelessly for the past eleven years keeping parents informed!

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia L. Matte

Upcoming Events at HBHS

Please mark your calendars:

May 31 & June 1	<i>The Dinner Party</i> school play 7:30pm – HBHS Auditorium
June 7	<i>Improv</i> night – HBHS Auditorium
June 10	Class Day Awards – 9:00am, HBHS Gym
June 10	Spring Sports Awards Night – 6:00pm HBHS Auditorium
June 11-12	Senior Class Trip – Maine Rafting
June 13	Senior Awards Night – 7:00pm HBHS Auditorium
June 15	GRADUATION – 10:00am
June 21	Last day of school
June 23	Hollis Strawberry Festival 2-4pm, Hollis Town Common



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!!!

Help us get through the '12/'13 school year! **We need small water bottles and juice!** We appreciate the many donations that we have received!

Visit 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. Confidential Fax 603-465-2485. Phone 603-465-2269, x137. Thank you.

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

Newsletter Coordinator Needed!

Do you have 2-3 hours a month to spare?? All you need to do is send out a "send me your articles" email each month then collect them by email (very little "prodding" necessary) and cut/paste them into a preformatted publication that YOU can edit. Because I have a senior who will be graduating this year and he's my last child in the schools, I will be resigning this

position in June. I will work with you to get you started, not to worry!! Please contact Peg Teichman at 465-4126 or email nhpegt@gmail.com. Thanks!

HBHS PTSA

Big thanks to all who helped with our final Staff Appreciation event of the 2012-2013 year, it was a great success. It is really nice to be able to make the gesture to our fine group of teachers and staff at the high school.

We have received information about another exchange student for next year, a 17-year-old boy from Italy. For more details please contact Linda at linda_coffey@hotmail.com.

Consider a PTSA officer role next year. The time commitment is very small compared to the positive effect you can have on our school and communities, it's worth the investment.

Maryanne Shanley
HBHS PTSA President

HBHS Athletic Booster Club

Golf Outing. Thanks to the many parents and sponsors who helped and participated in this year's golf outing. It was a tremendous success and we enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at the Overlook.

Graduation Balloons. There's still time to send a congratulatory balloon and message to your favorite graduating senior! The graduates really enjoy being recognized in this way and it's a simple way to show them you're proud of them for their accomplishment. Forms are available in the front office or at our website: www.hbhsboosterclub.com, or contact Kristi Buckley.

Cav Crunch Wrap-up. Students, make sure you contact Lisa Schmalz with your final counts of cereal sales. The winners will be announced at the Spring Sports Awards Night (Monday June 10th, 2013 6:00pm).

HBHS (NEW) CREW TEAM

The HBHS Crew Club is a new and official club @ HBHS. They are supported by the Hollis Brookline Cavaliers Crew organization. <http://www.hbcrew.org/about-us.html>.

The HB Crew was formed in the winter of 2013 to

support the students of Hollis Brookline High School and the surrounding community. It is supported by Hollis Brookline Cavaliers Crew (HBCC), a non-profit organization that provides the team with the coaching, equipment, and facilities needed to operate. With generous donations from other New England-based crew teams, individual families, and companies, HBCC was able to piece together the equipment needed to offer crew to HBHS for the 2013 spring season.

The coaches for HB Crew are Eric Horton (also the SAU41 Business Administrator), with Bob Sengstaken, Michael Patz and Marcia Beckett as assistant coaches. Thanks to the warm welcome by members of Lone Pine Hunters Club, HBCC has found a home at a beautiful facility, just a short drive from HBHS. Lone Pine is located on Rideout Road in Hollis, NH, and backs up to the Nashua River, just downstream of Runnell's Bridge.

On Saturday, May 4, the team competed successfully in their first regatta: it's a dream come true! Next up for the team: More fun-filled scrimmages and regattas, plus *Hollis Brookline Cavaliers Crew's 1st Annual Spring Fundraiser, RIVERFEST @ Lone Pine Hunters Club. SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8 from 10:00am - 3:00pm (rain date Sunday, June 9)*. Come learn to row with the crew, take boat rides on the Nashua River, enjoy live music and a BBQ lunch hot off the grill + treat yourself to ice cream and baked goods! A raffle is also currently underway for a Perception 10ft 2013 Kayak + 2 EMS 3 day kayak rentals, so be on the look out for HB Cavaliers Crew selling raffle tickets at Harvest Market in Hollis. Check out our flier at the end of this newsletter!

Visit www.HBCrew.org to learn more about Hollis Brookline Cavaliers Crew.

SAFE CELEBRATIONS

High school proms, graduation and parties are exciting times that youth should be able to enjoy and remember for a lifetime. Help them make it safe and memorable by following these tips and guidelines:

1. Know Your Teen's Plans Who, what, when and where, with contact information, and tell them to update you if the itinerary changes so you're aware of their whereabouts.

2. Check In With Your Teen Via Text. Teens are more likely to reply to a text, since it is discreet. You can send messages like "Hope ur having a gr8 time!" or "U OK?" before and after the event.

3. Review your rules and expectations. Help your

teen enjoy their party without drinking or using drugs. Set clear rules and establish consequences and incentives.

4. Hire someone to chauffeur the youth to the event. Better yet, chip in with other parents to rent a limo or a van to transport them. (Think "party bus.") Decorate the inside of the vehicle; you can even use the same theme as the event. Stock it with CDs or MP3 players.

5. Remember you are the parent, not just their friend. Do not serve (or worse, sneak) alcoholic beverages to any youths who stop by your home to pick up or drop off your son or daughter. (Remember, most are minors, even if they're in college.) In NH, adults are legally liable for serving alcohol to underage drinkers. And, yes, a simple beer or wine cooler counts as alcohol.

6. Let them call with no questions asked. This way, if your teen feels unsure about their travel arrangements or something feels unsafe, they know they can call you. (Source: Drugfreeh.org)

An Invitation to Participate in a Chinese Cultural Exchange Program

Thinking about the need for globalization of student learning and perspective, you might be interested in a program that brings that experience to our area. This summer you have the opportunity to participate in a two-week Chinese Cultural Exchange program. We are looking for host families and local student ambassadors to be part of the fun and learning.

From August 3rd to the 16th, thirty Chinese students, ages 14-17, will be visiting our region for the two week language/cultural immersion piece of their longer cross-country US tour. *Spiral International*, based in Burlington, Vermont, coordinates several such programs in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Getting to know young people from China is an experience with numerous benefits for everyone involved. The Chinese participants come from large cities, where most live in high rise housing, often in polluted urban centers. Typically, they have never been swimming, never climbed a mountain, and never wandered through the woods. Imagine the thrill of such experiences for them. And imagine the excitement for our students as they share their scenic New Hampshire environment with these explorers.

Hopefully, you are excited by the prospect of such an experience. Obviously, this is an unusual opportunity to become familiar with the culture and future leaders of one of the world's fastest growing economies. Like you, their parents want our Chinese visitors to be prepared for the new global economy. And like you, they hope to see their children off to fine American universities.

Activities are designed to be fun - everyone making international friends as the Chinese participants are immersed in American culture and the American students discover things about the Chinese. Based at HBMS, there will be daily field trips— from exploring a horse ranch in Peterborough to touring Cambridge and Harvard University.

The Chinese guests arrive late Saturday, August 3rd, so the hosts have them that night and Sunday. During the two weeks they are here, they will be at the school and on field trips weekdays from 9 to 3, then home with the families at night. On the one weekend, they are free to enjoy activities with their host families. They depart from the school on Friday, August 16th.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our summer inter-cultural exchange, contact me at kerby.elliott@hotmail.com —or check out the website: hbspirial.weebly.com.

Kerby Elliott, English teacher
Hollis Brookline Middle School

Hollis Woman's Club News

Mark your calendars for the Annual Strawberry Festival and Band Concert, to be held this year on Sunday, June 23rd, from 2-4pm on the Town Common. Indulge in some homemade strawberry shortcake and sundae treats, while enjoying our local band playing your favorite traditional music as well as some new selections! Buy a ticket for a chance to conduct the band to the Stars and Stripes Forever!

While jointly sponsored by the Hollis Woman's Club and Hollis Town Band, volunteers are needed to help make the festival a success. **We need students to help with the hulling on Friday, June 21st starting at 9am at the Congregational Church, as well as help the day of the festival.** Contact Katie Dougherty at catherinedougherty@gmail.com or Lori Dwyer at gizzmo2746@charter.net to sign up! All proceeds from the festivals go to student scholarships and local charitable organizations.

News from your Guidance Department

The Guidance Department is pleased to announce that we had a very successful **Nate's walk on May 28th!**

Nate Etchells attended HBMS last year as an 8th grade student. In 2009, Nathan was eleven years old and diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. In 2011, Nathan completed his many inpatient chemotherapy treatments with the hope of beating his cancer. Six months later Nathan found a lump behind his ear and doctors discovered that Nathan's Leukemia had relapsed. From April 2012 to September 2012, Nathan spent all but one week in the hospital for chemotherapy and radiation treatments in preparation for a bone marrow transplant. Nathan's 10-year old brother, Austin, volunteered to be the donor. In September 2012, Nathan's bone marrow transplant took place. Nathan remained in the hospital because his immune system was weak and his blood counts were very slow to recover. Nathan left the hospital right before Thanksgiving 2012 to return home, but he has been in isolation at home due to his newly developing immune system.

Nathan has missed his entire freshman year at HBHS but has maintained his academics through the Virtual Learning Academy. Nathan is expected to return to HBHS for his sophomore year!

On May 28, from 10am-12pm, HBHS students took a break from the demands of the school day and lent a hand to their fellow student, Nate. Despite his staggering medical condition, Nate puts a smile on his face, and with grace and determination embraces every day. HBHS students completed the walk, listened to music, participated in organized games and enjoyed a picnic lunch at the center of the track. Students were asked to consider donating their lunch money. All proceeds will go directly to Nate's medical expenses. Families may also contribute to this fabulous cause. In an effort to build upon our team spirit, introduce good character education activities and demonstrate support for one of our own students, students wore their favorite sports shirt to show our support for Nate.

Senior News

New this Year: Senior students are required to visit Guidance to complete their senior check-out form and update their Naviance account. Seniors can stop by the Guidance office between classes, during options, and before or after school. The check-out process will only take a few minutes but is necessary for the Guidance office to gather accurate information as well as submit final official transcripts to selected colleges. This check-out process is required before caps and gowns are released.

Schedules

Tentative student schedules will be distributed to 9th through 11th grade students within the next week or so! Please remember that our first priority in making scheduling adjustments is to the student who has a class conflict, is missing a graduation requirement, or is short credits. Schedule adjustments are not made for teacher requests or class placement in the academic day.

NH Scholars

Congratulations to our 84 seniors who achieved NH Scholar status this year. They traveled to the State House on May 22nd where they were addressed by Gov. Maggie Hassan. NH Scholars students also will be recognized at the senior award night and again at graduation.

Career News

BAE Systems Women in Technology Program. This program runs on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 for 16 weeks starting in October. It introduces female students to various engineering disciplines and allows them to network with women in engineering and management. Interested students should meet with their counselor or contact Julie Sullivan, School to Career Counselor.

NH Police Cadet Training Academy. Students interested in a career in law enforcement are invited to apply to the NH Police Cadet Training Academy. This program runs from June 22 through June 28. Additional information and applications can be found at http://nhchiefsofpolice.com/Cadet_academy.htm.

Free Admission!



Free Parking!

Presents our first annual

River Fest

*Saturday, June 8th
10 am till 3 pm*



*Lone Pine Hunters Club
114 Rideout Road
Hollis, NH*

*Learn to Row with the
HBHS Crew Team!*

*Boat Rides on the Nashua
River!*

Burgers and Hotdogs!

LIVE Music!

Win a Kayak!

*Ice Cream and
Baked Goods!*

Info at:

HBCrew.org

Rain date Sunday, June 9th