

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Opening of School

We are very pleased with the smooth opening of school despite the water and elevator issues. Staff and students are already in full swing. New students spent the morning of August 29th getting acclimated to the building, meeting their teachers and finding their lockers. Transfer students were invited to a luncheon sponsored by the Guidance Office allowing them to meet and connect with others also transferring to HBHS. All students arrived on Friday, August 30th for a full day prior to the long weekend. This week, students have been busy adjusting to the new schedule including the new CAVBlock period and settling into classroom routines. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

All water issues were resolved prior to the opening of school. Again, thank you for your patience. Our students' safety is our first priority. As for the Elevator problem – we are confident that this will be resolved very shortly. Our hope and expectation is that it will be in working order by Tuesday, September 10th.

Physical Exam Requirements for the 2013-14 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 11th at 6:30 PM. There will be a brief presentation in the auditorium 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 and expectations. (Please see the form included in this newsletter.)

Locker Assignments

All students are assigned a locker. Returning students will retain the same locker they had last year. Difficulties with combinations or opening lockers should be reported to the main office. Locker assignments were 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.** Students are responsible for the materials that are assigned to them. 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 Picture Date Moved

Photographs for underclassmen will be taken during CAVBlock Tuesday through Thursday, September 17, 18 & 19th. Order forms were mailed home with the original September 12th date. Please use these forms and return them on picture day. **Freshmen pictures will be taken on Tuesday, Sophomores on Wednesday and Juniors on Thursday. Seniors wishing to have their pictures taken on these dates will be called as follows: A-H on Tuesday, I-P on Wednesday, and Q-Z on Thursday.** Picture retake day will be announced at a later time.

SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURES

Senior photographs are due no later than October 1st. They must be in jpeg format and submitted by email or by CD only. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lin Illingworth at 465-2269. See our website for more information. **All yearbooks must be preordered. Ordering dates will be announced.**

ART DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The Art Department is looking for manual SLR film cameras that the students can use to take and develop their own black and white photos. If you would like to donate a camera, please drop it off in the main office. If you have any questions contact Brigitte MacMillan, extension 163. Thank you for your support.

Parking Permits

Parking permits are required for all students parking in the student parking lot in the back 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 the student's driver's license is required with the application. Students will be assigned a numbered parking spot. 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 6th must have a parking permit. Cars without a permit may be towed.**

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 9th through 12th. Students must be 16 before December 20th 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 a mandatory parent information

meeting usually held the Monday prior to the first class. Cost for the course is \$450 payable to Hollis Brookline High School.

EXCITING EARLY HIGHLIGHTS

We are very pleased to announce that the NHIAA will be awarding our school with the NHIAA/National Federation of State High School Associations Award of Excellence for exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship during the 2012-13 school year. Congratulations to all of our athletes, coaches and Athletic Director, Rhon Rupp.

Two HBHS students, Mollie Gillis and Grant Johnson attended New Hampshire Girl's and Boy's State and both were chosen to represent New Hampshire at Girls' and Boys' Nation in Washington, DC – this was a thrilling opportunity for them both! Congratulations Mollie and Grant!

And finally, last but definitely not least, we have been notified that Anish Thilagar earned the highest possible score on his ACT exam. This is significant and rare! Only one tenth of one percent of students taking this exam achieve this score. Only 781 students out of 1.66 million have done this! Congratulations Anish!!

What a fine way to start the 2013-14 year! We are excited for the year to come and Assistant Principals, Mr. Ouellette and Mr. Barnes and I and look forward to working with you and your students.

Sincerely
Cindy Matte, Principal