

Hollis Brookline



High School

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APRIL 2006 Newsletter

Some Thoughts from the Principal

We are truly into the spring weather as many are now able to spend more and more time outdoors. It is nice to see our spring athletes participating after school on our green fields and the sun sets later in the evening.

The passing of mud season also marks the end of district and town meetings. The operating budget was reduced by 1% at the district meeting; the Middle School has absorbed most of this cut. On behalf of the high school community I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Pat Goyette and her staff for making the necessary adjustments. When the board accepted Pat's proposal they expressed their gratitude for the collaboration that took place between our two schools. I saw some humor in the fact that it is easy to "collaborate" when someone else does all the heavy lifting but I humbly accepted their gratitude.

The arrival of spring also found more of our student's receiving their driver's license and the demand for parking stretched beyond our capacity. We are all impressed with the way the students and staff have adapted to the parking sticker system. It has restored a sense of order and legality to the parking lots.

Back in February a math exam was administered to about 25 students as part of the American Mathematics Competition. Four students: Paul Ullrich (grade 12), Chris Berind (grade 11), Henry Cone-Roddy (grade 11) and Patrick McDaniel (grade 9) - qualified to go on to the American International Mathematics Competition which was administered in March. We are proud to announce that freshman Patrick McDaniel has been invited to sit for the United States of America Mathematics Olympiad Exam on April 18th & 19th. **This is a remarkable honor for any high school. Only 18 New Hampshire students are advancing to this two day event, which is an unusually high number for our state. One student is from St. Paul's School, 15 from Philips Exeter Academy and two from NH Public Schools – Hollis Brookline High School and Oyster River High School.**

The Laramie Project was presented April 7th & 8th. This was a student directed play, based on interviews conducted in Laramie, Wyoming following the 1998 beating death of Mathew Sheppard. It was a very powerful presentation and congratulations to the director, senior Doug Dion.

Congratulations to Pat Marquette for another fine season providing speakers addressing topics of interest to parents of teenagers. The last event featured Robert Bryant, who addressed the topic of Bullying and Harassment. We were fortunate enough to have Robert on campus during the day to speak to our Wellness classes as well as address the staff after school. In an event separate from the parent education series, Robert Bryant also returned to our school at the end of April to address all of the students on the issue of drug abuse.

Events to look forward to in May include the NHEIAP state testing for sophomores on May 2nd and 3rd, the Senior Prom May 12th, 6:30 pm – midnight at the Raddison Hotel in Manchester and the annual Foreign Language Night on May 25th. We are proud to host the state Class I track meet for the second consecutive year on May 27th. The Spring Play, "Threes" will be presented on May 19th and 20th. The play is co-written by Elyse Tomlinson and senior Rob Vignisson. The graduation date has been set for June 17th at 10:00 am. A senior packet of information

will be mailed home and posted on the website shortly. This is a very busy time of year and we are attempting to keep an updated school event calendar as part of our web site.

Besides the normal amount of work the teaching staff put into preparing their lessons each day, they have also been busy addressing the recommendations of the visiting NEASC committee as well as preparing to conduct 80 minute classes, as part of next year's schedule. Through the faculty council, the staff is updating the student handbook and formulating a student attendance policy. Speaking of next year, with most of the course requests in, we are currently building the master schedule and hope to have the 2006-07 student schedules available by the beginning of June.

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A Message from the PTSA

The students at HBHS have given us so much to be proud of this year. It makes it really enjoyable to part of the PTSA here and to feel as though we are a part of all the accomplishments. The recent production of "The Laramie Project", the spring musical "How to Get Ahead in Business Without Really Trying", the upcoming induction ceremonies for Tri-M and the Language Honor Societies, as well as the recent Winter Sports Award Ceremony really showcase the talent and dedication our students exhibit. The less often recognized students involved in Art Club, Outing Club, the Green Group, Interact, First Robotics and a myriad other groups are also amazing representatives of our school. Many of these groups are helped behind the scenes by parents and community members, and our thanks go out to all of you.

You will soon see the results of the efforts of a number of school organizations at the rear entrance to the school, by the auditorium and the gym. The PTSA is continuing to work on the landscaping project, and this time we are incorporating the creative ideas and efforts of the Art Club, the Green Group, NHS and others. Marie Degulis is organizing the installation of a centerpiece for the groupings of trees and flowering shrubs. This centerpiece has been designed by our school artists. We will also be adding pavers for walkways, and we are awaiting word on a grant that we have submitted for additional funds for more plantings. There will be opportunities for volunteers in all of this, so stay tuned for more info.

Plans are currently underway for a cruise for the class of 2006 on the night of graduation. This cruise is a safe, fun, and substance-free way to spend the night after graduation with friends and fellow "alums", and is offered at no charge to the grads. The cruise is planned for the evening, giving time for family celebrations after graduation. We will be giving more information as graduation approaches, but please ask your senior sons and daughters to "save the date".

As always, we welcome one and all to our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the small cafeteria. Please let us know if you have any comments.

Your PTSA Co-Presidents,

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Scholarships

2005-2006 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN GUIDANCE

NOTE: THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST.

MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Community Christmas Card Scholarship

- Eligible student is any Hollis area resident who has been accepted to an approved program of his or her choice and is enrolled as a full-time student. Primary consideration will be given to those entering full-time vocational/technical programs. Applications in guidance.
- Amount: Varies.
- Deadline: May 19, 2006.

Delsignore Educational Scholarship

- Eligible students are HBHS senior students interested in pursuing a career in education or related fields. Applicants will be judged primarily on academics, school/community involvement and the essay. Minor emphasis on informal interview and financial need.
- Amount: \$500 or \$1,000.
- Deadline: May 5, 2006. Return application, essay, and transcript to guidance.

Jim Sands Memorial Marine Educational Scholarship

- Eligible students are high school seniors and college undergraduates currently studying in one of several marine sciences. Info at www.underwatereducation.org
- Award: Funds can be used to become SCUBA certified, advance SCUBA certification, or for academic expenses related to field of study.
- Deadline: May 1, 2006.

Longpine Hunter Club Scholarship in Memory of George C. Paro

- Eligible recipients must be a senior at HBHS accepted by a college, university, or institution of higher learning for the Fall semester, a HBHS resident currently attending college, university, or institution of higher learning, or a son/daughter of members of the Lone Pine Hunters Club. You must have a GPA of C or better and must be currently pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in the nature sciences (environmental, forestry/wildlife, biology, etc.).
- Amount: \$1000
- Deadline: May 26, 2006. Applications in guidance.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Statewide Student Aid

- Applicants are pursuing a four-year or graduate degree program. Download your applications at www.nhcf.org or pick up a copy in guidance. There is a \$20 processing fee and fee waivers are available through NHCF.
- Awards: Range from \$500 to \$2,500. Average award \$1800.
- Deadline: April 21, 2006 (to be received).

Nick Jennings Memorial Scholarship

- In honor of Nick Jennings. This scholarship will not necessarily be awarded to the candidate with outstanding scholastic achievements, but to a student that most exemplifies Nick's athletic involvement, artistic abilities, and his overall personality. Awarded to a high school senior who is a resident of Hollis or Brookline, has been accepted to an institution of higher learning, and has been involved in athletics and/or the theatrical or musical arts. Applications in guidance.
- Amount: \$1,000 (2 will be awarded)
- Deadline: May 31, 2006. Return to guidance.

Richard Maghakian Scholarship

- Eligible students are residents of Brookline, accepted at a college or university with a program focus of education.
- Amount: \$500
- Deadline: May 1, 2006.



All the Usual Stuff & More

Attention please!

We could use some help....



Mr. Quinn wants your used ink cartridges. Through the magic of technology, he's able to turn them into money which works towards improving the technology in the building. Just leave them in the office and he'll take care of the rest!

The HBHS library is looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to help in the library after school from 2:30 to 3:30. Please call Ms. Boucher at extension 207 at the high school if you would be able to assist.



The Cafeteria is in need of kitchen substitutes. Parents looking for a way to help should contact Amy Cassidy at extension 245 for more information or e-mail her at assidya@sau41.k12.nh.us

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Visit the PTSA at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa
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where you'll find a list of officers & committees
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Back issues of newsletters PTSA meeting minutes and
so more!
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The Cavalier Chronicle

The Cavalier Chronicle, the HBHS student newspaper, is published the third Friday of every month. Be sure to ask your kids to bring their copy home to share with you. We welcome parent input for story ideas by the first of every month (perhaps your teen is doing something newsworthy outside of school but is too shy to let us know). Additionally, business owners are encouraged to advertise with us. Please e-mail your mailing address, and we'll send you a packet with pricing, sizes, and publication schedule. Contact Kelly Sewell, adviser, at sewellk@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269, ext. 414, for more information.

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 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 on-line 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.



A book club fundraiser



A new book club has started at HBHS. We meet every Friday in the library conference during all lunches. We would like to raise money to purchase a copy of one book for each member for next year, so we will be having a used book sale in the fall. Please save any books (in good condition) that you no longer want. We will collect them at the library and announce the sale at the start of school next year.

See Mrs. Boucher or
Kate Flanagan
for more information.

Thank You to parent volunteer, Donna McLaughlin, for assisting with the art work displayed in the library and for her donation of some of the frames.

Guidance News

Please be sure to check our website and read the daily notices (www.hbhs.k12.nh.us) for all new information. We try to update both these sources of information on a weekly and sometimes daily basis.

Note from the Director

Spring is here and so is the fourth quarter. I can not believe how fast the school year has gone by leaving us with only 8 weeks left to the academic year! With this time of year come some exciting events and decisions and most importantly graduation. The class of 2006 has done a great job and has been a pleasure to work with and the guidance department is excited to see so many students moving on to some wonderful colleges, universities and life experiences.

As the juniors start the college search we are hosting a new college admission information session we hope parents will take advantage of, please read on for further details.

We appreciate your patience while we have been acclimating to our new group of counselors. We are so pleased with the transition and hope that you have had a chance to meet our new counselors Mrs. Kreick and Mrs. Carper.

Registration was a busy time and we appreciate all your support in getting the registration forms in to us in a timely fashion. The master schedule will be worked on in the next few weeks and we will be looking at balancing schedules and ensuring students have the right courses for a positive year ahead.

It is a stressful and anxious time for seniors as they try to decide where they should attend in the fall or if they will get off the ever elusive waitlist. Try to be patient it is a big decision with many unknowns attached to it. Students may appear undecided, uninterested and unpleasant. This is a normal reaction. Many of us feel the same way when a pending issue is hanging over our heads and we are getting a lot of input from everyone we know including the mail carrier! It will happen – the decision will be made and all will be well. It would help if we had a crystal ball to show students it will be o.k. but we don't, so please know the counselors are here if needed.

Have a great vacation!

Advanced Placement Testing

Advanced Placement Testing is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in May. During these weeks the counselors will be proctoring the tests. Registration for the tests was due March 31st. If a student is interested in taking the test but has not yet registered there is a \$50 late fee in addition to the \$82 cost of the test. Please see Guidance if you have any questions.

Summer Enrichment Programs

The Guidance Office has information regarding summer courses, enrichment and experiential programs available to all students. Please check our expanding file of opportunities for students.

Information Sessions and Tours

For new members of our community, we are delighted to offer two Information Sessions and tour of HBHS each week when counselors will be available to provide information on programs offered at the high school and respond to individual questions. The times and days are Mondays at 7:45 – 8:30 am. and Fridays at 12:30 – 1:15 pm. Please call the Guidance Office (465-2269 x128) to schedule a time to come.

Communication

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Senior News

In a about a week a letter from Mr. Kelley will be sent home to senior students who may be in danger of not graduating. This letter is to inform students and parents what students need to do to complete graduation requirements. If students are missing a graduation requirement or are in danger of failing a required course it is vitally important that they see their counselor immediately.

Receipts for Information Sent

When transcripts and recommendations are sent to colleges students receive a receipt stating what was sent and the date it was mailed. Our process allows students to know at anytime throughout the college admission process what was sent and when. The cost for mailing information to colleges is \$2.00 or more depending on what needs to be sent. Each senior was asked to submit \$2.00 per college they requested information to be sent to. Receipts are only given if the \$2.00 per college postage fee has been paid. We have a large number of students who have not paid their fee. Senior students with outstanding fees *did not* receive their third quarter report card on April 14th.

College Admissions

Congratulations to all students receiving acceptances to colleges. Please share with your counselor where you have been accepted and where you have not. Please let us know where you plan to attend. This helps us prepare for the end of the year report and forwarding final transcripts to colleges. We will automatically send final transcripts to the colleges the seniors tell us they are attending after the close of fourth quarter. To ensure the colleges get the final transcript it is very important we know what colleges students are going to attend. .

Colleges are hosting Accepted Student days on their campuses throughout April. This is a great time to see the college through the lens of an accepted student, not a potential admission candidate and often help students make their final decision. If the college does not host such an event, make some time to see the campus again on your own to help make the final decision.

The national date for submitting a non-refundable tuition deposit to your selected college is May 1st. This is a non-negotiable deadline for most colleges and universities. If you miss this deadline without contacting the college it may jeopardize your acceptance. To ensure your spot in the class, send a written confirmation and the required deposit to one college. Seniors should inform colleges they do not plan on attending by either e-mail or a phone call so that these colleges may offer admission to other students that may be on their waitlist. This does not hurt colleges' feelings but helps them offer other students an opportunity.

Many schools use a wait list in the admission decision process. If you are placed on the wait list by your first-choice college, be sure to deposit at your second choice school as there is no guarantee the college will take students from the wait list. In fact, in recent years colleges have been using the waitlist less and less.

Financial Aid Information

For most families financial aid information is confusing. NHHEAF has sent the guidance office a wonderful brochure that explains the financial aid award letters sent out by the colleges. Please stop by guidance if you are interested in this brochure.

NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord is a great source of information for financial assistance and can be reached by e-mail www.nhheaf.org or calling 1-800-525-2577. NHHEAF is also a great source for scholarship information.

Deadlines for local scholarships are coming quickly. Please be aware of deadlines and stop by often to see what is available. Some scholarships actually go unawarded because students do not fill out the applications.

NCAA

Remember if a senior is interested in participating in athletics at a college he/she must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The NCAA Clearinghouse will require that transcript be sent through the mail. Guidance is happy to send the transcript to the Clearinghouse if you provide us with the NCAA forms (downloaded from the website) that need to accompany the transcripts. One form must be sent when you submit your initial eligibility form and another must accompany your final transcript when you graduate. If these forms are not submitted to NCAA it will delay the athlete's ability to compete at the collegiate level so it is important to get these to Guidance as soon as possible.

Junior News

This is the time for juniors to start the college admission process. The guidance counselors encourage juniors and their parents to meet with them to discuss college options and the admission process. The week before vacation counselors will be going into junior history classes to discuss the admission process. With April vacation upon us it is a perfect time to start visiting colleges. All appointments to visit college campuses can be made

through the admission office of the college. By notifying the admission office, families can be assured a tour and an interview if the school offers them. If you can't make it to campuses during April vacation plan to visit local colleges after school during the week. Many admission offices are offering tours until 4pm. daily.

College Admissions 101

Mrs. Poznanski will be offering a detailed session on College Admissions to parents and students who would like to learn more about this overwhelming and sometimes confusing process. Mrs. Poznanski will review the college admission process from the search phase to the application and admission stage. Among other aspects of the college admission process this session will look at how to craft an appropriate list of colleges to explore, how to put a good application packet together and how admissions decisions are made.

When: May 13th

Time: 8:30–10:30

Where: HBHS

Cost: free

There are 30 spots available. Parents and students can register through the guidance office. Please contact Mrs. Noel at 465-2269 x128 or via e-mail at noelt@sau41.k12.nh.us. There is no charge for this program.

College Admission Handbook

A very comprehensive handbook explaining aspects of college admission was distributed at the Information Night on February 23rd. If you were unable to attend but would still like a book please stop by the Guidance Office to pick up a copy. We have one copy available per family. The handbook allows students and parents the opportunity to learn more about what colleges are looking for, college entrance exams, essay writing, questions to ask on tours and at college interviews, college visits, NCAA guidelines and financial aid and more. We strongly encourage junior students to have a handbook.

SAT Information

SAT Reasoning Tests and SAT Subject Tests: Registration for upcoming tests is ongoing through the College Board website. If students are having trouble accessing their account through the College Board please stop by Guidance to pick up a paper copy of the registration information. Deadlines are approaching quickly so be sure to attend to them:

June 3rd test – registration deadline April 28th

Subject Tests are administered in May and June.

SAT's are not administered at HBHS but are available at Nashua, Souhegan and other local schools. Specific locations are online (www.collegboard.com) and in the registration booklet in Guidance. It is important to plan testing around busy sports and activity schedules in the spring. Check with coaches and club advisors regarding weekend dates for scheduled games, meets and activities.

Colleges like to see a junior SAT and a senior SAT score and will take the highest scores of each section. Students should plan to take the SAT's at least twice during the college admission process.

St. Anslem's College offers a test prep course over the summer. Registration for this course can be made by calling the Academic Resource Center at 641-7017 or visiting their website at <http://www.anslem.edu/administration/arc>.

ACT

The ACT is another college entrance exam accepted by all colleges and universities. These tests are not offered as often as the SAT tests but will be offered two times in the upcoming months at Alvirne High School.

June 10th test – registration deadline May 5th

Students that need special services to take the SAT or ACT need to be sure to see their case managers as soon as possible to fill out the appropriate forms for testing.

College Fairs

New England Association for College Admission Counseling college fair will be held at Keene State College on Friday May 12th from 9 – 11:30am. This fair will host 250 colleges from mostly New England but from other areas as well. The list of attendees for all these fairs can be found in Guidance.

It is a good idea to bring a bag of some sort to carry college brochures and printed mailing labels to put on cards that college representatives will ask students to fill out. This is a great opportunity to explore several colleges at once site.

ASVAB

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational aptitude Battery) results will be shared with students in mid May. Watch the daily notices and the web site for more details.

Sophomore News

During the last week in May counselors will be visiting sophomore classes to talk with 10th grade students about future plans and where they are so far in their high school experience. This is a way for the students and the counselors to connect and learn more about the needs of the students and for the students to be informed of the opportunities available to them.

PSAT

In October juniors will have the opportunity to take the practice SAT (PSAT). This is a great opportunity for students to get an idea of what the SAT will be like. More information about the tests and when they are administered will be on the Web site and in future newsletters at the end of the summer.

Students requiring special accommodations for testing should see their case managers as soon as possible for the necessary paperwork needed by the College Board.

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Principal, continued from front page

In closing, I would like to share some thoughts while I watched the Spring Sports awards ceremony last month. I was struck by the many things that make Hollis Brookline High School a special place. The night began with a moving tribute to Coach by students and staff and an expression of appreciation and thanks from Coach's wife, Iris. The Athletic Academic Team Award (highest percentage of members achieving honor roll status) was presented to the Girls Basketball and Boys Swim teams and it was noted that every single member of the girl's varsity team made the honor roll the previous quarter. No small feat when one considers the length of the season, long bus rides on school nights and daily practices throughout the marking period. As the evening progressed, I began noticing that students recognized for their athletic achievements are involved in many other aspects of our school. A track star and a swimmer are also on the math team that competed throughout the season, an athlete was a tap dancer in the spring musical, one was a musician in the musical, and another had a role in the Laramie Project. These productions take as much time and dedication as the athletic endeavors. Many of our student government leaders were also recognized for their participation in athletics that evening. These kids are doing double and triple duty, making this place appear bigger than it really is and yet they still maintain their grades. They embody the Cavalier Spirit and make Hollis Brookline High School a special place for all of us.

Timothy Kelley, Principal

How can you help fund technology at the high school? It's really quite simple!



Hollis Brookline High School CIT committee is holding an on-going used cell phone and used ink cartridge drive. The items do not need to be in working condition. They will be recycled in an environmentally sound manner. There is no charge to recycle the cell phones. No accessories please. For more information please call Jennifer Verville at 465-2269. All proceeds will benefit technology at the high school.

OR

On May 20th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. . . Dispose of your used electronic equipment and support technology at Hollis Brookline High School! Bring your used, unwanted electronic equipment to the high school and for a minimal charge we will dispose of your DVD players, hard drives, laptops, monitors, VCRs, cell phones, TVs, etc. The charge per item is \$5. There is no charge for recycling cell phones. Again, all equipment will be recycled in an environmentally conscientious manner and all proceeds will benefit technology at the high school. For more information please call Jennifer Verville at 465-2269.



May 2006 Hollis/Brookline Coop



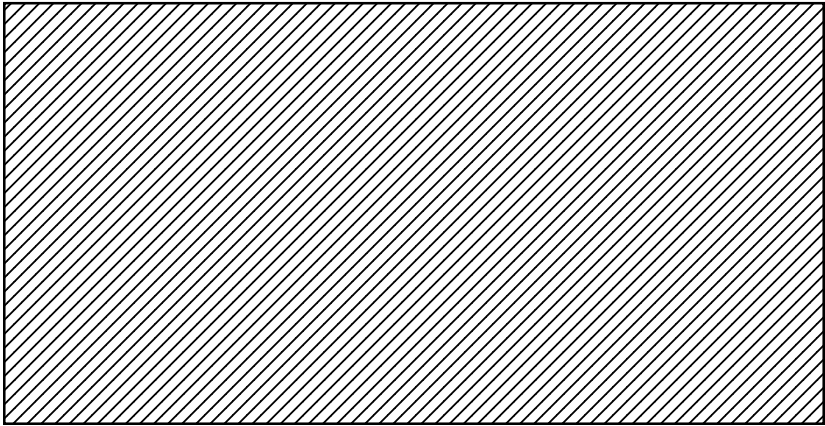
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chicken nuggets Rice Green beans Pears	2 Chicken caesar wrap Baked chips Mixed vegetables Fruit cocktail	3 Little Caesars Pizza or chicken salad sandwich Vegetable Fruit	4 Cooks Choice Vegetable Fruit	5 Sals Pizza Carrots Pineapple Soft baked pretzel
8 Chicken fryz Broccoli Sliced apples Breadstick	9 Sloppy Joes Corn Mandarin oranges	10 Little Caesars Pizza or egg salad sandwich Vegetable Fruit	11 Chicken alfredo with pasta Vegetable Fruit	12 Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun French fries Veggie sticks & dip Applesauce
15 Chicken & broccoli over rice Pears Wheat bread	16 Nacho bar w/seasoned meat & cheese Lettuce Tomato Fruit cocktail	17 Little Caesars Pizza or tuna salad sandwich Vegetable Fruit	18 Meatball sub Green beans Pineapple	19 Chicken patty on a bun- regular or spicy Veggie sticks & dip Sliced apples
22 Chicken tenders Rice Mixed vegetables Mandarin oranges	23 American chop suey Carrots & dip Peaches Dinner roll	24 Little Caesars Pizza or chicken salad sandwich Vegetable Fruit	25 Cooks Choice Vegetable Fruit	26 Teacher Workshop
29 Memorial Day	30 Chicken O's Spanish rice Vegetable Fruit	31 Little Caesars Pizza or egg salad sandwich Vegetable Fruit	Fresh fruit available daily	Please be sure to include your student's first/last name and student ID # on all checks. Thank you

Milk Choice Daily: Whole, 1 %, or Low-fat Chocolate **MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE** **LUNCH \$2.00 MILK \$0.50**
 Alternates: Pizza, Sub, Salad. This facility does not discriminate due to race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

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GO CAVALIERS!!!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!!

Registration for the 2006 Season is scheduled for Monday evening June 12th (time TBD). This is a parent information night as well as registration for all returning and new players. Player fees and Cavalier camp fees will be collected at the time of registration. Player and camp fees are *approximated* as follows: Player fee: \$125.00; Camp fee \$120.00

**Attention All HBHS Cavalier
Football Players**