



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

We have just begun the forth quarter and continue to encourage all of our students, especially our seniors, to finish their year academically strong. Underclassmen have completed their course selections and seniors are in the process of finalizing plans for next year. Please remember that there **IS** school for students on Friday May 22nd, originally a workshop day, rescheduled as to make up for time lost this winter. The Commissioner of Education approved our request to waive two days lost due to the state of emergency in December, which has allowed us to set graduation on Saturday, June 13th and the last day for grades 9 – 11 as Friday June 19th. The Senior Prom is set for Friday May 29th at the Radisson Hotel, in South Nashua, and the senior trip on June 9th – 10th to Boston and Six Flags. A senior packet of information will be mailed home and posted on the website soon. This is a very busy time of year and we are attempting to keep an updated school event calendar as part of our website.

This past summer Bob Ouellette initiated a process where the school community will recognize and honor educators, administrators, coaches, and community members who have made significant contributions through service, participation, or involvement in athletics in the high school. On Friday May 8th, the Hollis Brookline High School Hall of Fame will induct five individuals into its initial class: Vicki Parady-Guay, Don Hunt, Lou (Coach) Korcoulis, Bob McGettigan, Dusty Rich and Carroll Spaulding

We are proud to announce that the following seniors were recently named by Governor Lynch as 2009 Granite State Scholars: Vincent Bennett, Matthew Bonta, Caroline Booth, Teegan Daly, Christina Dussault, Mark Firmani, Kimberly Glover, Ian Grant, Allison Harrow, Josephine Johnson, Emily Kalenik, Allison Langley, Laura Lumbard, Erin Marquis, Patrick McDaniel, Tolan Renner, Matthew Reynolds, Jenna Testa, Alexander Werne and Kylie Witt. In addition, the awesome Math Team recently won the state title for Class I Schools held in Plymouth. Their performance actually put them at the top of ALL New Hampshire schools, Class L and private, by a comfortable 46-point margin. Congratulations to the team and their advisors, math teachers Stacey Plummer and Sue Moers.

Between the winter and spring sports seasons, there are a number of events running throughout the day. Sports Awards and Karaoke Night, both sponsored by the Athletic Boosters, were held in the last week of March, and Guitar Night, which was sold out, was held on April 3rd.

The Arts department is a busy place this month with the Spring Concert and Tri-M Induction Ceremony on April 22, the spring play on May 15 & 16, Improv Night on May 20, District-Wide Choral Concert on May 18, District-Wide Band Concert on May 21, Jazz Night on May 27, and a combined choral concert with Nashua South on May 28. On Thursday, April 16th we will hold our annual Mr. HBHS contest. The Honors Choir and Concert Band will be traveling to Philadelphia, PA April 17th – 19th to participate in the Heritage Festival Music Competition.

We welcome a number of people who have joined our staff for third and fourth quarter: Catherine Cray as Student Assistance Program Counselor, Ann Russell in Spanish, Crystal Chen in Science, as well as para-educators: Daneille Lavoie, Kathi Lewis and Chrysanthi Gerekos.

During the month of May we will be administering the NECAP Science state test for juniors and Advanced Placement subject testing. Online course selection has been moving along smoothly. Grade 8s – 11 computer entries are complete. Parent Information nights on course selection were held on March 5th for grades 9 & 10 parents and March 31st for grade 8 parents. Our counselors met with grade 8 students during the first week of April in the Middle School. We also offered two informational “coffees” with the administration and guidance department for grade 8 parents, and on May 7th will hold our annual evening open house for Grade 8 students and their families, where we will offer student-led tours, as well as information on academics, athletics and clubs. It is hoped that these opportunities will ease the transition for next year’s freshmen class. We are on schedule for informing teachers of their course assignment for next year by the end of May, and distributing student schedules by the beginning of June.

Please take a look at our website, if you have not done so in a while. We appreciate the work of webmaster and Physics teacher, John Boucher, who is responsible for installing a school-wide calendar of events. The Google Calendar is complete, easy to follow and has been positively received by students, staff and parents. It is a great way to keep track of all the events that happen on campus.

In closing and on behalf of all our staff, I would like to express our appreciation for all the work that the PTSA continues to do in support of our students, staff and programs offered at the school. On Saturday, March 28th, ten teams competed in this year’s State Science Olympiad Competition hosted by Hollis Brookline, under the direction of science teachers Gina Bergskaug and John Boucher. Besides the many staff people who gave up their Saturday to help manage the participants and correcting, the PTSA facilitated the lunch for over 150 people and assisted as proctors, engineering experts and “go to” people for our teams. In addition, the PTSA is once again stepping to the plate (pun) on Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4 – 8, as well as assisting at the student field day barbeque on May 28th. It means a lot to our school community to see the support of the families of our students.

Tim Kelley

New Calendar on HBHS Website

We are happy to announce a new online calendar that is available to view immediately. You will find 4 different color coded types of information: (BLUE) School Calendar, (RED) Sports, (BROWN) Club information and (GREEN) Performing Arts. This can be found at: <http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/SchoolCalendar.htm>.

If you want to filter the information so that only one group of activities is showing, read the direction at the top of the page. We hope you enjoy the new format!

A Message from your PTSA Presidents

It is very hard to believe that we are preparing for the end of yet another school year! The snow is gone and flowers are beginning to poke through. We at PTSA are getting organized for a spring full of fun.

There will be another Staff Appreciation luncheon for our school professionals on May 7, 2009 from 10:30-12:30pm. Please look for the email requesting fun foods for this event. They love this special treatment and we think they deserve it, too. The patio out back by the auditorium will be getting cleaned up by our Green Group. It should look beautiful for the Senior Prom on May 29th as well as for Graduation on June 13, 2009.

In the meantime, we are looking for a few volunteers to help out at the Field Day BBQ on May 28th at 10:15 am. Please contact Erin or Marie if you have a couple of hours that morning. As well, we would like a couple parents who have Juniors to volunteer to attend a lovely Boston Harbor Cruise with our graduated seniors on the evening of June 13th. The event is sponsored by S TEAM donations and is provided as a substance-free alternative so our seniors can celebrate their new status safely. Again, Erin or Marie would love to hear from you if a night out in Boston Harbor might be interesting to you. The students are so much fun to spend this time with.

Finally, next month we will vote on next year's PTSA executive board. The nominees have been publicized in our previous meeting minutes. The vote will take place at our May 14, 2009 meeting, which will be at 7pm at Erin Magee's home. Please come and be involved in our PTSA. The work we do is enjoyable and appreciated by our school. The friendships we make with other parents are enlightening and so much fun. Being a member of our PTSA has great benefits all around!

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HBHS Athletic Booster Club

Winter Sports Awards Night was held on Wednesday, March 25th. Congratulations to all our Award Recipients!!!

Our first Karaoke Night was held on Friday, March 27th. A huge thanks to all of the teachers, coaches, and staff who participated in the event! It was a lot of fun for those who participated as well as those who were lucky enough to be there. It was a huge success. We hope to have more participants and a larger audience next year.

Spring Sports have begun and our best wishes to all of the Spring Sports student athletes and coaches. We look forward to celebrating with all of you at our final Sports Night in June!!

Would you like to brighten the day of an upcoming Hollis Brookline graduate? Have you been wondering how to recognize your student's friends on graduation day? Send them a Graduation Balloon! The HBHS Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Graduation Balloon Fundraiser. It's easy...Just fill in your message for each graduate you would like to recognize, and we'll deliver a Mylar Graduation Bal-

loon signed with your personal message immediately after graduation at the school on Saturday, June 13th! Please return \$5 for each student balloon ordered to: HBHS Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 726, Hollis, NH 03049(See Form at the end of this newsletter). **Orders must be received by May 22! An order form is on page 5 of this newsletter.**

Any questions, please call or email Tammy Campbell-Tamcamp@aol.com or 465-3445.

We are still looking for active members to participate in our club. There will be Board positions opening up next year and we are looking to get more people involved to keep the Booster Club viable. Please consider joining us at our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school conference room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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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 email your mailing address, and we'll send you a packet with pricing, sizes, and publication schedule. Contact Lin Illingworth at illingworthl@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269 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 a 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 online 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.

From Your Guidance Department

Note from the Counselors – Spring is always warmly welcomed by school counselors as students excitedly enter our office and share the great news of their college acceptances and plans for the future. With only faint memories of the winter's snowy weather and power shortages, we bid goodbye to third quarter and hello to the final quarter of the school year. Every year we remain amazed how fourth quarter literally speeds our way and 'spring like' it will unfold all the end of the year's events and celebrations.

Course Registration – (Grades 9, 10, 11) As you receive this newsletter, we will be finishing up the yearly process of course selection. With a successful evening presentation to the parents of 8th grade students and an evening presentation to the parents of 9th and 10th grade students, all prior to the onset of electronic course selection, we have attempted to provide families with lots of information to assist students in making appropriate course selections. This being the third year utilizing the online process, we had only very minor glitches and overall it went well. We always appreciate your patience and your thoughtful selection and attention to this activity. It is such an important part of what we do, and with the master schedule being worked on in the next few weeks we will be well on our way to setting up schedules for the upcoming year.

Counselors have been visiting classes, meeting individually with students, taking concerned parent phone calls and answering a lot of e-mails regarding course selection. We are happy to answer questions from both students and parents. As we now review the course selection sheets, students did a wonderful job gathering teacher recommendations and having those sometimes uncomfortable conversations about the correct placement for next year. We are confident that these conversations will be very helpful to students as they begin next year in the most appropriate rigorous course that they will be successful in. Should you have new or lingering concerns, please feel free to continue these communications even though the process of selecting the courses is over. It is an important part of each student's progress at HBHS.

Over April vacation the master schedule will be developed and we hope to have tentative schedules distributed in June.

SAP/HBHS Resource Officer – (Grades 11 & 12) Catherine Cray, LCMHC, (newly hired SAP counselor) in conjunction with Officer Dunne, Hollis Police Department, will be presenting to senior and junior students only an assembly on Tuesday, April 21st, 12:30 to 1:30 pm. This prevention program consists of an assembly sponsored by the NH Liquor Enforcement Agency and the HBHS Alcohol Coalition. The guest speaker, Jeremiah Johnson, is a NH State Prison inmate who is serving a sentence for negligent homicide...the result of alcohol and the decision to drive after drinking. Jeremiah will be presenting "Drinking and Driving – Choices vs. Consequences". This assembly is timed to occur before the end of year celebratory events such as prom and graduation. Due to the subject matter, both SAP and School Counselors will be available after to provide support.

Senior News

Spring is also a decision-making time for students, especially seniors who are pouring over acceptance letters, reviewing financial aid packages, visiting schools one last time, and developing a list of pros and cons that will enable them to make their final decision. We remain impressed with our senior students and the staggering list of schools that they have been accepted to (all of which will be listed in the HBHS profile for next year!). With patience, careful consideration, and perhaps some difficulty, 'the decision' will happen and the senior class will be in that wonderful place of embracing what they have come to know so well and must say good bye to, to looking forward to a new experience, one that will be decid-

edly new and filled with great new opportunities.

Accepted Student Open Houses - Colleges are typically hosting Accepted Student days on their campus' in the spring. This is a great time to see the college through the lens of an accepted student and not a potential admission candidate. Open Houses can be one more opportunity for students to gather information and visualize their two feet on the campus to assist them in this final college decision process. Colleges welcome potential students to visit classes and experience the life of a student on their campus. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions regarding Financial Aid, it is important to visit the Financial Aid office as well when you are on the campus.

Deposit Date - The national deposit date is May 1st. This is a non-negotiable deadline for schools. 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 a 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.

Waitlist - Many schools use a waitlist in the admission decision process. Although the college of your choice may be the one you are on the waitlist for, be sure to deposit at another school as there is no guarantee the college will use the waitlist. In fact, colleges are using the waitlist less and less.

Financial Aid - If you are struggling to understand your financial aid award, the best resource is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached by e-mail www.nhheaf.org or calling 1-800-525-2577.

Scholarships - A list of scholarships is located on the website under Guidance – Scholarships, and is updated as scholarships are received. Applications are available in the Guidance office or directions are provided to appropriate websites. The deadlines are quickly approaching and often there is corresponding paperwork that must be submitted with the applications, such as transcript, SAT scores, teacher and counselor letters of recommendation. There is a scholarship request form located in guidance that should be filled out for each scholarship application that has corresponding paperwork required. This purple scholarship request form should be given to the counselor several days in advance of the scholarship deadline. Remember, recommendations are confidential and need to be sent through the Guidance Office. We are fortunate to have such generous local sponsors, please make sure you visit the website.

NCAA - Senior Athletes interested in participating on athletic teams in college must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The NCAA (Clearinghouse) Eligibility Center will require that a transcript be sent through the mail. Guidance is happy to send the transcript to the Eligibility Center 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. SAT scores must also be sent from the original test site. 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.

Please be sure to check the Guidance Department website and read the daily notices for all new information!

www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/guidance/guidancehome.htm

Junior News

On March 27th and March 30th, counselors met in small group forums to review the college admission process. Emphasis was placed on the timeline, SAT tests, and the College Search. However, lots of information was shared regarding the Common Application (which they will encounter down the road), College Deadlines, and GAP year alternatives. With the April vacation on the horizon, it is helpful to start scheduling college visits. All appointments to visit college campuses can be made through the admissions office of the college. By notifying the admissions office, students can be assured a tour and can inquire as to the possibility of an interview if they so choose. Please refer to the College Admission Handbook for interview questions, how to schedule a visit, and important timeline information.

College Admission Handbook - The College Admission Handbook has been updated and distributed to all junior students either at the Junior College Evening presentation or in the small group format. This handbook is a wonderful source of information and has all the forms needed to get through the maze of paperwork students face their senior year. It also has a list of helpful websites. The handbook allows students and parents the opportunity to learn more about what colleges are looking for, college entrance exams, essay writing, interviews, college visits, NCAA guidelines, financial aid and more. We strongly encourage junior students to use the handbook.

Military Academies - Students interested in applying to any of the Military Academies for fall of 2009 please see your counselor as soon as possible. The admission process is more complicated than applying to most colleges and needs more documentation and has more deadlines to meet. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the student to have the conversation with his or her counselor early in the process.

SAT Information - The college admission handbook includes a lot of information on testing, SAT Reasoning Tests and SAT Subject Tests. Registration for upcoming tests is ongoing through the College Board website www.collegeboard.com. SAT's are not administered at HBHS but are available at Milford Nashua, Souhegan High School and other local schools.

Colleges like to see a junior SAT and a senior SAT score. Students should plan to take the SAT's at least twice during the college admission process. Students can also take the ACT. Colleges look at the ACT and the SAT interchangeably, so there is no disadvantage to taking either or both. Some students find they do better on the ACT than the SAT so it is worth investigating or asking your counselor about this test. Registration and general ACT information can be found on www.ACT.org

Score Choice - This is new this year and will allow students to have SAT scores sent in one of two ways. Students can elect to have all scores sent (where colleges will typically select the highest individual score for each test) or students can elect to send scores via test date. This option of score choice also pertains to subject test scores that have been taken in the past. More information can be found on the College Board website.

Please note: SAT Subject Tests are required by a small percentage of schools but always by more competitive colleges. Students may want to think about taking these tests at the end of the year of the year they finish the class (i.e.: Accelerated Biology or Pre-Calculus students may want to take the SAT in biology or math at the end of 9th/10th grade).

It is important to plan testing around busy sports and activity schedules in the spring. Check with coaches and club advisors as to your availability to avoid potential conflict.

Advanced Placement Testing: Advanced Placement Testing will be offered starting May 4th. Students will receive a detailed letter about the exams, room assignments, and times of the exams, supplies and expectations. This letter will be sent home the week before April vacation. Please be sure to

look for this mailing.

AP Testing Schedule:

May 4	12 noon	French
May 5	7:15	Computer Science
	7:15	Spanish
	12 noon	Statistics
May 6	7:15	Calculus
May 7	7:15	English Lit
May 8	7:15	US History
		Studio Art
May 11	7:15	Biology
	12 noon	Physics
May 12	7:15	Chemistry
	12 noon	Psychology
May 13	7:15	English Language

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.

Sophomore News

The emphasis this spring for the sophomore class is career focused. Mrs. Demarest, School-to-Career Counselor, has begun the process of presenting, in each English class, a career search program entitled, **Kuder**. Students will be learning and reviewing different career strands and more specifically their interests and abilities in each area. Resume building and interview skills may be touched upon as well. The culmination of this project is a career panel presentation that will be held June 10th. Students will hear from a number of professionals in two career strands so they can become more familiar with an area of interest and glean specific information from the presenters and their chosen profession. Guidance will also be meeting with sophomores. We are currently examining our spring programming, but are hoping to take some time to meet individually with each of our sophomore students this spring.

Freshman News

Counselors will be visiting freshmen classes in wellness classes on May 15th and 18th. In the fall, counselor visits consisted of setting up the year in a positive manner with some reflection on future goals, joining activities, healthy decision making, and specifically shared parts of college applications. This activity was formulated so students could make the connections from their actions and decisions today to their goals of tomorrow. The spring visits will consist of playing the GPA game, reviewing transcripts, and meeting with their individual counselor.

Incoming Students/Transfer Students

Information Sessions and Tours: We are delighted that so many families find Hollis Brookline High School a potential option for their children, and we are happy to answer any questions new members to our community have regarding the high school. Due to the overwhelming amount of requests to talk with a counselor and tour the school, the Guidance Department offers two time slots during the week for Information Sessions and Tours. Please call the Guidance Office (465-2269 x128) to schedule a time to come.

Spring Vacation - It is always wonderful to have a vacation stretched out before us! Although many students will be hitting sandy beaches, others will be visiting colleges, and still others working and saving up for expenses coming down the road. May you enjoy your family and friends as we wish you a very happy and safe vacation!

Hollis Brookline High School Seeking Industry Experts for Career Symposium

Call for Participation – Industry Experts

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Hollis Brookline High School will have a Career Symposium for all sophomores to learn about career options and prepare them for further educational planning. The morning will include panel discussions with representation from five career clusters. Career clusters offer a context for learning by linking what students learn in school and the knowledge they need for success.

Please contact Sandy Demarest, School to Career Counselor at 465-2269 ext. 129 or demarests@sau41.k12.nh.us if you are interesting in participating in the 2009 Career Symposium or if you know of other potential participants. Please respond by April 17th.

Experts from industry to represent the following position title or related position in the career cluster are needed. If you do not see your career area represented but are interested please contact me. There is some flexibility with cluster areas.

Arts and Communication:

Stage Director
Photographer
Editor's Assistant
Newscaster/Reporter
Graphic Designer
Magazine Editor

Business Management, Marketing and Technology:

Fashion Merchandiser
Advertising Representative
Accountant
Computer Support Technician
Business CEO
Economist
Human Resource Manager

Engineering and Manufacturing:

Mechanical Engineer

Machinist
Electrical Engineer
Automotive Technician
Video Game Developer
Software Engineer
Aviation professional

Human Services:

Lawyer
Judge
Police Officer
Social Worker
Special Education Teacher
Anthropologist
Psychologist

Health Sciences:

Registered Nurse
Dental Hygienist
Doctor
Radiology Technician
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Surgical Assistant

Architecture and Construction:

Architect
Surveyor
Contractor
Plumber
Electrician
Designer