



Message From the Principal - Timothy Kelley

It is my pleasure to welcome you as students, parents and staff to the 2005-2006 school year. Hopefully the summer has been enjoyable for you and your family. As we have spent the summer preparing for our opening, it has given me the opportunity to meet many of the talented staff members of this wonderful school. It is no secret that we have some great teachers and support staff here at HBHS who are anxious to help students succeed. Enclosed with this newsletter is some important information about the start of the 2005-2006 academic year. Please review this information carefully with your son/daughter.

For students to excel in school they need your support. Be positive, yet firm, in your encouragement and support of your son/daughter. Support and reinforce the importance of education by staying in touch with both your student and his/her teachers. I look forward to working with you and your student and wish you the best for the upcoming school year. With your support we can create a rigorous, relevant and respectful learning environment where all students can succeed.

One of the first signs I encounter upon entering this beautiful building is the mission statement, which states:

We will inspire lifelong learning and achievement, provide a broad range of experiences which will encourage students to strive for their maximum intellectual, artistic, emotional, social and physical development, and that we will value the individuality of each member of the community and believe that an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect is essential to the educational process.

With the help of the entire HBHS community, it is my intention that the school lives up to its mission and provides each student with the education, skills, and self-confidence to be successful in the post secondary experience of their choice.

I urge students to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to you at HBHS and receive a first-rate education in our fine school. If I or any member of the staff can be of assistance to you, please contact me in the main office or in the halls.

Go Cavaliers!

Timothy J. Kelley
Principal

Physical Exam Requirements for the 2005-06 School Year

All incoming freshmen are required to have a physical exam in order to enter Hollis Brookline High School. All juniors participating in athletics are required to have a physical exam prior to the start of their season. Questions? Contact the school nurse Cathy Saunders at 465-2269.

Opening of School

School will be opening on Wednesday, August 31st with our Orientation Day for freshmen, transfer students, and foreign exchange students. These students, along with many upper classmen, will be attending a full school day 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 able to purchase lunch and busses will be running a regular schedule. ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Guidance News

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR: As I contemplate the end of summer with the cool day today I am energized to start the school year as a new member of the Hollis-Brookline High School Guidance Staff. I realize that I am coming into this position following the incredibly capable and dedicated service of Mrs. Kelley, but I am excited and anxious to work with the wonderful students, parents, faculty and staff of HBHS. I have been in school counseling for the past ten years and prior to this I was fortunate to have worked for more than ten years in college admissions. Having this experience in both sides of college admissions has helped my work with students tremendously yet I find that each student and family I work with enables me to learn more that I can then use to help other students. My vision of school guidance is one of helping and nurturing but the most important aspect is to guide students through the sometimes difficult "maze" of the high school years. I am happy to be a member of the fine Guidance team and hope we all have a wonderful academic year.

COMMUNICATION: Guidance regularly disseminates information on programs, career and college opportunities, scholarships, testing information, deadlines etc... through the daily notices. Students are reminded to read the notices daily!

COURSE LOAD: Students enrolled in grades 9-11 are required to carry a minimum of 6 classes per semester to be considered full time students. Seniors are required to carry 5. Note: Many health insurance policies require students to be full time to be eligible for coverage. It is important to consider a full schedule with minimal study periods if a student is interested in being considered a solid candidate for admission to most colleges and universities.

SCHEDULE CHANGES: After August 31st, schedule changes will be made starting September 7th. The only changes that will be made prior to this date is for students who do not have a full schedule. Please see your counselor immediately if your schedule is not full.

SENIOR CHECKLIST: It is important that each senior check with his or her counselor (again) to make sure all graduation credits are in place for June 2006. If you have not done this please stop by the Guidance office and make an appointment with your counselor

PSAT: The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test will be administered at HBHS on Saturday October 14th. 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. Juniors are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT and interested sophomores can also take advantage of this testing opportunity. Sign up for PSAT will take place in the Guidance Office during the first weeks of school. Please watch the daily notices and check the Guidance website for days and times.

**Critical Reasoning (SAT I) and Subject Test (SAT II) Dates
For 2005-2006:**

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 8	September 7
November 5	September 30
December 3	October 28
January 28	December 22
April 1	February 24
May 6*	March 31
June 3*	April 2

*Dates most juniors take the Critical Reasoning Tests.

Note: not all Subject tests are offered at every administration; check the SAT Bulletin or the College Board Website (collegboard.com) for detailed information regarding testing.

The SAT is not administered at HBHS, but is available at Nashua High School and other area high schools. Registration information is available in Guidance but it is preferable to register online. Juniors typically sit for the May and/or the June administration of the test then again in the fall of their senior year. Seniors who have not taken the test or who wish to repeat the test it is important to register for an early fall test date. Subject tests are required by some competitive colleges therefore it is in the best interest of the student to take subject tests at the completion of the highest level of the subject. It is important to plan testing ahead of time. Counselors will review with all students PSAT, Critical Reasoning and Subject Test programs with students individually and in group sessions.

SAT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take PSAT/SAT tests with testing accommodations that support their disability. The student's case manager should be contacted for details as soon as possible.

COLLEGE NIGHT: Please mark your calendars for Tuesday September 27th. The Guidance Office will host a College Information Night. This is an opportunity for seniors and their parents to become familiar with the college process and the management of the application procedures. It is important for all seniors and their parents to attend.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: The Guidance Department is planning a Financial aid Information Night in early December. Please check the Guidance website and the daily notices for the date and time.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Throughout the school year, opportunities for scholarships become available. Interested students should watch the notices and check regularly with Guidance for information. The bulk of scholarships arrive during the second semester with local scholarship opportunities becoming available in February and March. A few, including some highly competitive national scholarships have fall deadlines therefore interested students should check with the guidance

office during September and October. Seniors interested in ROTC scholarships should begin the application process in early fall.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH: This is a federally funded program designed to connect students from lower income families with financing opportunities for college, specified college counseling, college application support and career awareness. Typically families that qualify for this program have a household of four with an adjusted gross income of under \$40,000. Sophomores and juniors that are interested in this program should contact their school counselor for more information. This is an excellent program so if you think it may be appropriate for your family situation please contact your counselor as soon as possible.

COLLEGE INTERVIEWS: Seniors who have not visited colleges yet should plan to do so immediately. Colleges are typically open for interviews and tours Monday through Saturday but require a reservation. Call early as they fill up quickly in the fall.

COLLEGE VISITATION: College Representatives will be visiting HBHS throughout the fall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 1:00pm. A schedule will be posted on the Guidance website as well as in the daily notices.

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Open House

Parents are cordially invited to attend our annual Open House on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM. 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 eight 9-minute periods and a 16-minute open period 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. Sign-up sheets for conference appointments will be available in individual classrooms. (Please see the form included in the 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 for new students. 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. Please use the locks.

18 Year Old Students

Please be advised that, regardless of age, all notes must be signed by parents. 18 year old students will not be allowed to write their own notes.

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 first thing in the morning.

School Pictures and Year Book

Underclass photographs will be taken on Thursday, September 15th. Order forms will be available the first week of school and should be returned on picture day. The studio will be providing each student with an HBHS photo I.D. card. Picture retake day for students who were absent or unsatisfied with their pictures will be held on Tuesday, October 25th. Reminder to seniors: Senior photographs are due no later than Friday, September 23rd. They must be in color, glossy and 2 ½ x 3 ½. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Brigitte MacMillan, 465-2269. Yearbooks may be preordered during Open House or during all three lunches for a one day sale of \$40 on September 22nd and 23rd.

Mathematics Department News:

For those of you who will be buying school supplies before school starts, the following is a list of items which will be needed for your math class. ALL MATH CLASSES REQUIRE: a three-ring binder with dividers for note taking and homework and a calculator. Calculator minimum requirements for specific courses are listed below. For a graphing calculator we recommend the TI-84+ and for a scientific calculator we recommend either the TI-30 II or the TI-34 II, since these are the calculators used to demonstrate the various functions in class. Calculators are used in courses where appropriate. There are times when a calculator is not allowed. Please remember that a more complicated calculator is not always a better one. Students should be comfortable with the operation of their calculator.

5 Function Calculators	Scientific Calculators	Graphing Calculators
Basic Math	Algebra I-A	Algebra II
Consumer Mathematics	Algebra I-B	Advanced Algebra II
	General Algebra II	Probability & Statistics
	Informal Geometry	Discrete Mathematics
	Algebra I	Pre-Calculus
	Geometry	Honors Pre-Calculus
	Advanced Geometry	Calculus
		AP Calculus AB

We ask your help in attaining FREE EQUIPMENT offered by Texas Instruments. By bringing in the barcode from Texas Instrument graphing calculators, the Mathematics Department would receive free calculators and display panels to use in the classroom. If you would be interested in helping, please have your student bring the barcode off the package to her/his math teacher. THANK YOU!!

FROM THE THEATRE

Another opening - Another Show! The stage is set, the costumes are ready; yee haw! The Performing Arts Department of HBHS kicks off this school year with two nights of the play, **Greater Tuna** on Friday & Saturday, September 9th & 10th at 7:30 PM. tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. **Greater Tuna** is the hilarious comedy about Texas' third smallest town, where the Lion's Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies. Come and see the HBHS students' tribute to Texas. See ya'll there!

HBHS PTSA News

Another school year starts with anticipation for new and exciting things to come. New students at HBHS will get to experience a new environment, new teachers, but the same old friends. Returning students will experience the familiar and the new, and as parents, we will face new experiences as well. We are all looking forward to welcoming our new Principal and Superintendent to the school system, and the PTSA will be providing opportunities for parents to become familiar with the new faces. We also hope to provide opportunities to reacquaint parents with the existing staff.

Our meetings, which are held monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at HBHS are open to all, and will hopefully provide an opportunity to become familiar with the school and its many faces. High School is a time for students to spread their wings and become independent, but as parents we still want to stay involved as much as possible. Please join us, either by becoming involved with PTSA events, or just coming to meetings to learn and to socialize. Membership and volunteer forms are enclosed in this newsletter.

Upcoming events include our annual booth at Old Home Days, and our first monthly meeting on **Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 7:00 pm** in the small cafeteria at HBMS. Hope to see you then!

Jean Filer and Lex Bundschuh, Co-Presidents