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Hollis Brookline High School

► ***Some Thoughts from the Principal***

Summer has once again passed way too quickly and as the calendar reaches August and the athletes arrive for fall tryouts, I find myself welcoming you to the 2006-2007 school year.

We have been very busy over the summer months preparing for the opening of school. The building looks wonderful thanks to the efforts of John Gray and his hard working staff. Many members of our talented staff have spent their summer planning curriculum, attending workshops and taking graduate courses. Our teachers and support staff here at HBHS are dedicated professionals who are anxious to help students succeed. Enclosed with this newsletter is some important information about the start of the 2006-2007 academic year. Please review this information carefully with your son/daughter.

There are a number of new faces that will be joining our community and I would like to highlight a few in this opening newsletter.

Mrs. Cynthia Matte has been appointed as Assistant Principal, replacing Mr. Richard Manley, who was selected as Principal of North Middlesex High School last month. Mrs. Matte comes to us from the Nashua School District, where she has held a number of high school administrative positions over the past 10 years.

Mrs. Sandy Demarest has been appointed as School to Careers Counselor. This position will oversee academic internships, job shadow program and career exploration. Mrs. Demarest has a lot of experience in these areas as she successfully developed a similar program at Merrimack High School.

Officer Tracy Dunne has been appointed to serve as our first School Resource Officer. Officer Dunne has been a positive presence in our schools over the past few years and is looking forward to initiating this program in our district.

In the newsletters to come, we will introduce you to the other new arrivals to our staff.

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's academic progress and by contacting 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.

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► ***A Message from the PTSA***

As the school year begins, we want to welcome our old friends and new. The Parent Teacher Student Association is here for you. With our Newsletter, we help provide communication between school and home. With our in School Volunteering, we help teachers provide an excellent learning environment for our students. With our Landscape Committee, we help beautify our school. With our Parent Education Series, we try to keep parents up to date with current issues. With our Staff Appreciate Committee, we try to show our teachers and the entire school staff how much we appreciate them.

Enclosed in the Newsletter, are several PTSA generated forms. These include: Student Directory, Membership, and Volunteer. We ask that you look them over, fill them out, and return them to the HBHS office as soon as possible.

We encourage you to join our PTSA. It is through parental involvement that we can make a difference in the education and social choices of our students. **Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please, join us, bring a friend, and take an active role in our school.**

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It's That Time Again . . .

► Opening of School

School will be opening on Wednesday, August 30th 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. **ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST.**

► Physical Exam Requirements for the 2006-07 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.

► Open House

Parents are cordially invited to attend our annual Open House on Wednesday, September 20th 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 seven 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. (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. All school materials must be returned by the last day of school. Lockers are cleaned out at the close of each school year.

► 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 to the attendance secretary first thing in the morning.

► School Pictures and Yearbook

Underclass photographs will be taken on Friday, September 29th. Order forms will be available at the beginning of the school year and should be returned on picture day. Picture retake day will be announced at a later date. Reminder to seniors: Senior photographs are due no later than Friday, September 22nd. They must be in color, glossy, and 2 ½ x 3 ½. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brigitte MacMillan, 465-2269. Yearbooks may be preordered during Open House.

► Parking Permits

Parking permits will be required for all students driving to school. Parking spaces are limited. Last year's stickers will not be honored and all students must apply for the new parking permit which will cost \$40.00 per year. Permits will be issued on a first-come first-served basis to seniors from September 1st through September 8th and for juniors from September 11th through September 15th. All cars parked in the parking lot after September 15th must have a parking permit. (Please see the application in the newsletter.)

► School Supplies

As a general rule, it is best to wait until school opens to purchase supplies. Teachers have individual requirements for their classes and will announce their requirements during the opening days of class. Pens, pencils and paper are appropriate for all classes.

► Some Thoughts from the Principal *(continued from page 1)*

So that we are all on the same page, let me remind you that we all urge our students to take advantage of the broad range of experiences available at HBHS which will encourage them to strive for their maximum intellectual, artistic, emotional, social and physical development. Our mission to inspire lifelong learning and achievement applies to the entire school community and we remind all that we value individuality 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. 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 Kelley
Principal

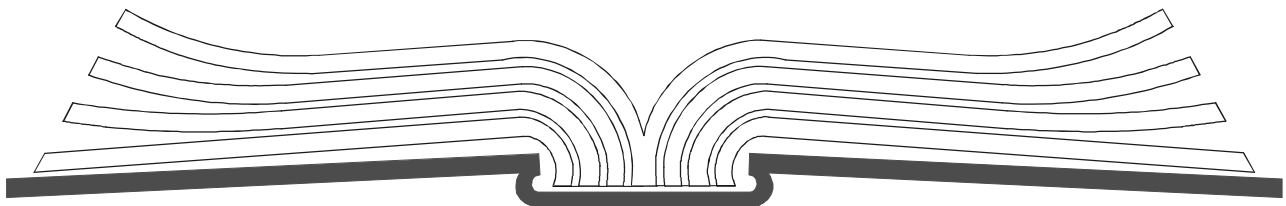
Visit the PTSA at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa
where you'll find a list of officers &
committees
Back issues of newsletters PTSA
meeting minutes and so more!



WANTED BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS



The new HBHS book club is planning a used book sale this fall to raise funds to purchase some books for the group to read during the year. Please help us out by donating books for us to sell. Books (in good condition) for any age group are appreciated. See Mrs. Boucher or Kate Flanagan for more information.



Guidance News

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back!!! I hope you all have had a wonderful summer with the great weather and plenty of opportunities to relax and rejuvenate for the new school year. I am energized to start the school year and know we will have a great year. As you have become accustomed to this past year there is another change in the guidance office. We are happy to have Mrs. Lisa Futrell as a new member of the Hollis-Brookline High School Guidance Staff. Mrs. Futrell is with us for the year as Mrs. Kozlowski enjoys her twin sons. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Futrell as she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience as a school counselor with special expertise in working with freshman students. Mrs. Futrell is excited to start her work with the wonderfully welcoming students, parents, faculty and staff of HBHS. I have told Lisa she will love working in Hollis Brookline, it is a great place to work!

Looking forward to a great academic year.

COMMUNICATION

Guidance regularly disseminates information on programs, career and college opportunities, scholarships, testing information, deadlines etc... through the daily notices and the website. Students and parents are reminded to read the notices daily! E-mail is a preferred mode of communication for the counselors because we can usually return e-mails faster than phone calls. By all means keep calling but e-mail works more efficiently. The counselors' e-mails are:

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futrelll@sau41.k12.nh.us

poznanski@sau41.k12.nh.us

winslowr@sau41.k12.nh.us

For Guidance appointments please feel free to contact Mrs. Noel our guidance receptionist. She can be reached via phone 465-2269 x 128 or e-mail at noelt@sau41.k12.nh.us

COUNSELOR'S CASE LOADS

We are trying to make it easier for students and parents to know what counselor is assigned to what student. This year we are breaking up the 9th grade class by alphabet and will continue to do this with each new 9th grade so that the counselors will be working with the same portion of the alphabet. The national standards in school counseling provided by the American School Counselors Association suggest this method of breaking up the alphabet is the most fair and efficient way to divide counselor case loads. Students with the last names starting with the letter noted will have the counselor whose is listed next to the letter.

A - B – Poznanski

C – G – Futrell

H- Pe – Gangemi

Ph – Z - Winslow

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.

COURSE LOAD

Students enrolled in grades 9-12 are required to carry a minimum of 6 classes per semester to be considered full time students.

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.

Seniors will be receiving a graduation letter from their counselor at the beginning of September. This letter will include a credit check and courses needed to graduate. If there are any questions please contact the guidance counselor.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

As of August 25th students are asked to keep their current schedules for a short time period with no changes until the drop/add period begins. If the student is a senior and needs a graduate credit or if a student has less than 6 credits he or she should contact the guidance counselor immediately. The period for adding and dropping classes is September 8th through September 15th. Students are advised to make an appointment with their counselor to ensure they are available. Appointments can be made for this period in the Guidance Office as soon as school opens.

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 2007. 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 (PSAT) will be administered to ALL JUNIORS at HBHS on Wednesday October 18th. 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. All juniors are will be taking the test free of charge. Interested sophomores can also take advantage of this testing opportunity but will be charged \$13.00. Sign up for those sophomores interested in taking the 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 2006-2007:

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 14	September 12
November 4	September 29
December 2	November 1
January 27	December 20
March 10	February 2
May 5*	March 29
June 2*	April 27

*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.

Results of the PSAT will be available after the 1st of the year. At that time counselors will meet with students to go over the test results.

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 Wednesday September 27th at 7pm. 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 at HBHS and the management of the application procedures. It is very 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.

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. Check the College Admission Handbook and the handbook on the website for more information regarding college visits and interviews.

COLLEGE VISITATION

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

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Parents are cordially invited to attend our Open House on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the high school.

Open House Schedule: at 7:00 PM there will be a brief presentation in the Auditorium by the Hollis Brookline High School Administration. After the presentation, there will be seven 12-minute periods of time simulating periods 1 through 7, following a Monday schedule and adding period 7. Parents are requested to follow their student's Monday schedule from period to period or to select a few periods from the schedule and visit those classes. The schedule listed below includes 3 minutes of passing time between periods.

Open House gives parents the opportunity to meet teachers, for teachers to briefly discuss expectations and the content of their courses, and for parents to experience their child's daily schedule. If you would like a conference to discuss your child's progress or to learn about course content in more detail, please make an appointment for another time. There is not enough time to do this at the Open House. Some teachers will have sign up sheets for conferences available at this time.

Please ask your son/daughter to fill in his/her schedule below.

Open House Schedule and Student Class Schedule

7:00 – 7:15 Presentation by the High School Administration
7:15 – 9:00 Open House

Period	Time	Course	Teacher	Room
1	7:18-7:30	_____	_____	_____
2	7:31-7:45	_____	_____	_____
3	7:48-8:00	_____	_____	_____
4	8:03-8:15	_____	_____	_____
5	8:18-8:30	_____	_____	_____
6	8:33-8:45	_____	_____	_____
7	8:48-9:00	_____	_____	_____

College admissions information is available in the Cafeteria during study or senior option periods. Hollis Brookline High School guidance staff will be there.
Yearbooks may be preordered and the Jostens representative will be available to answer questions concerning class rings.

Student Directory Information

Hollis Brookline High School

2006-2007

The Hollis Brookline High School Student Directory is being offered to HBHS students and families for \$5.00/copy. This Directory is an invaluable resource, with phone numbers and addresses of the students. Every student's name, telephone number, mailing address and parents'/guardians' names will automatically be included in the 2006-2007 HBHS Student Directory.

If you do not want the above information listed in the directory, please indicate on the form below. Unless otherwise notified, we will assume that you would like your student's name, grade level, telephone number, mailing address, and parents'/guardians' names included in the Student Directory.

Please return this form to the HBHS office by September 15, in an envelope marked "Student Directory". Make checks payable to "HBHS PTSA"

2006-2007 Hollis Brookline High School Student Directory

_____ **I do not want my student listed in the HBHS Directory**

_____ **Parent's Signature**

As you would like to see in the Student Directory:

_____ Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name

_____ Mother's Name _____ Father's Name

_____ Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code

_____ Phone Number

I would like to order _____ Student Directories

Amount Enclosed (@5.00/Directory) _____



August 2006

Dear Families,

The Hollis Brookline High School PTSA (Parent, Teacher, and Student Association) invites you to become a member and make a difference in the educational experience of your student. Please take a moment to complete this PTSA Membership form.

Our PTSA's mission is to provide that important link between school and home. Students perform better when parents are actively involved in their learning experience. I encourage you to join the PTSA. It is with the help of committed parents that the staff, teachers, and administration of HBHS can give our students the best High School education and experience possible. Your membership in the PTSA gives you a voice and a vote. **The cost of the annual membership is \$5.00.** This is an individual membership and students are encouraged to join along with their parents.

To join, please send payment with this form to the HBHS office in an envelope marked "PTSA Membership". Please make check payable to "HBHS PTSA".

Thanks for Supporting our PTSA

PTSA Membership 2006-2007

Name of Student(s) _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Name of Member _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

Town

Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ e-mail _____

Amount Enclosed _____

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Volunteer Sign Up

2006-2007

Your HBHS PTSA wants to include you in as many activities as possible. Your involvement helps the HBHS staff offer our students excellent programs and enhances parent-teacher relations.

Please fill out this form and return to the HBHS office by September 15, in an envelope marked "PTSA Volunteer Form".

Parent's (Volunteer's) Name(s) _____

Parent's (Volunteer's) Name(s) _____

Student's Name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Student's Name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

(Best time to call: a.m./p.m./anytime)

Volunteer Opportunities

___ Enrichment
(Develop evening enrichment programs)

___ Fund Raising

___ Hospitality

___ Membership

___ Spring Musical Lasagna Dinner

___ Baking

___ Computer Lab

(Supervise, no experience needed)

___ Drama

___ Costumes

___ Technical Support

___ Set Work

___ Newsletter Distribution

(Monthly- help fold, stuff envelopes)

___ Publicity

(contact local papers with press releases)

___ Staff Appreciation

___ Landscape (let's get that garden going)

___ Physics Class Bridge Building Dinner

(December)

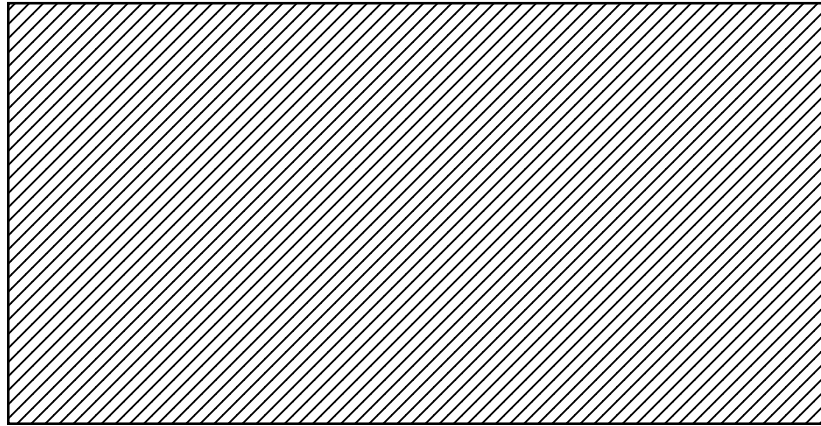
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lex Bundschuh (465-3142, UNOFAM@aol.com).

Thank you for being involved in our school.

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For those of you who will be buying school supplies before school starts, all math classes require a calculator. Students enrolled in Basic Math, Consumer Math, Transitional Math, Algebra I or Geometry should have a TI-30 II or TI-34 II. Students enrolled in Algebra 2, Probability/Statistics, Precalculus, or Calculus are asked to bring a TI-84+. (These calculators have considerably more speed and memory than the TI-83+.) Please remember that a more complicated calculator is not always a better one. If you have any questions prior to the opening of school regarding calculators, please feel free to call Ms. Ball (x323). We ask your help in attaining FREE EQUIPMENT offered by Texas Instruments. The school is able to submit the "proof of purchase" from the packaging of graphing calculators to receive free calculators and display panels that we use in the classroom. If you would be interested in helping, please have your student bring the proof of purchase to his/her math teacher.

▶ Mathematics Department News

The HBHS Library welcomes our new AV Technician, Michael Bagdaz. Mr. Glowacki (Dr.Z) retired after 20 years with us. We look forward to working with Mr. Bagdaz who will also supervise the tech crew.

The library has subscribed to two new databases from Facts on File. They include a health database and a science database, both enabling students to access a wide range of current information on a great many topics. Databases are accessible from off-campus. Check these out on the library web page.

▶ New in the Library