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# Hollis Brookline High School

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## *Some Thoughts from the Principal*

As a beautiful summer is coming to a close and the fall athletes report back for tryouts, it is time to welcome you all to the 2007-08 school year. We have been very busy over the summer months preparing for the opening of school and we are very excited about the upcoming year.

The building and grounds are in wonderful shape due to the efforts of our custodial crew, led by Mr. John Gray. The well worn carpeting in classrooms, guidance and library entrance has all been replaced. The building will be tight but we were able to schedule all the students into classes with little room to spare as every available classroom is being used for five out of the seven periods and only a few classrooms left open the other two periods. This was accomplished by utilizing the mini cafeteria and a special education area for classes four periods each day.

At the beginning of the summer the administrative team attended the Model Schools Conference in Washington, DC sponsored by the International Center for Leadership in Education. The focus of the conference is to challenge educators to look at education in the context of changes taking place in society and to consider the future in which students will live and work. The key is to establish a school community based on positive relationships and to provide all students with a rigorous and relevant education.

Throughout the conference it became clear to us that Hollis Brookline is well on its way towards becoming a "model school". The process is ongoing as we continue to work towards providing the best educational experience for the children of Hollis and Brookline. The experience all begins with a strong teaching staff, one that sets the bar high but is compassionate in establishing the means of assisting their students. You will not find a better staff than the one we have here at Hollis Brookline and we are very excited about the new additions that we are bringing on this year. In the newsletters to come, we will introduce you to the new arrivals to our staff.

The relationships that we all strive to establish are based on what will ultimately benefit the student. Communication is the key component for all of us. Our teachers will distribute classroom expectations at the beginning of the year, they can be reached by voice mail and email and expect that you as parents will partner with them to

provide the best educational experience for your child.

Enclosed with this newsletter is some important information about the start of the 2007-2008 academic year. Please review this information carefully with your son/daughter. Please note the open house on September 27<sup>th</sup> will begin at 6:30pm, which is earlier than in the past. At the open house you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to hear about classroom expectations. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for individual parent conferences which will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

For students to excel in school they need your parental 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.

As our mission statement implies, we all urge our students to take advantage of the broad range of experiences at our school, 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 the individuality and believe that an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect is essential to the educational process.

With the help of the entire school community, it is my intention that we live up to our mission and provide 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

## Parent Educational Series for 2007-2008.

September 11

Rachel's Challenge (See back cover)

October 17

504s vs. IEPs - side by side comparison

November 14

Teen Development

January 16 (snow date Jan. 23)

Who is Influencing My Child?

February 13 (snow date Feb. 20)

The Pressure to Succeed

April 2

College / Career - How to decide what path

## Rachel's Challenge

On September 11, 2007 Hollis Brookline High School will be hosting "Rachel's Challenge".

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her brother, Craig, was in the library that day and lost two close friends and narrowly escaped death himself. Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for the most life-changing school program in America.

A few weeks after the tragedy Darrell Scott, Rachel's father, spoke to Congress House Judiciary Committee regarding issues of school violence. His speech has become one of the most widely read on the internet. Shortly afterwards Mr. Scott founded "Rachel's Challenge", a non-violence school program. The universal message of kindness and compassion told by Rachel's story has been heard by students all over the world. This school program has prevented numerous suicides, drastically reduced bullying, and in four known instances prevented a planned school shooting.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Powerful audio/video footage of Rachel's Challenge will hold students spell-bound during a one-hour school presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others. This will be followed by a 45 minute training session involving both adult and student leaders. This is an interactive session that shows how to sustain the momentum created by the assembly. On the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Rachel's Challenge speaker will conduct a powerful session with parents and community leaders in the HBHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM.

## Hollis Boy Scouts Car Wash

Saturday, Sept. 8,

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hollis Brookline High School

front parking lot

*(Donations Accepted)*

Also, beginning at 11:00 AM, please join us for lunch by purchasing our

**famous italian sausage sub!**

A sub *and* a drink for only \$4.00



Visit the PTSA at  
[www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa](http://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!

# **Back to School**

## **Opening of School**

School will be opening on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Physical Exam Requirements for the 2007-08 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 Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please note that this is a new time. 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 12-minute periods to allow parents to follow their child's schedule. Open House gives parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and for teachers to briefly discuss their courses. (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. As we are growing in numbers, some freshmen will be asked to share a locker or may be assigned a half locker. Please remember that the lockers are provided with locks for the protection of school materials and student's private property. Please note that valuables and cash should never be left in a locker. 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 Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. They must be in color, glossy, and 2 ½ x3 ½. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brigitte MacMillan, 465-2269. Yearbooks may be preordered during Open House. See the Daily Notices for more information. All yearbooks must be preordered this year. The deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Parking Permits**

Parking permits will be required for all students driving to school. Parking spaces are limited. Last year's permit 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 August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup> and for juniors from September 10<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>. All cars parked in the parking lot after September 14<sup>th</sup> must have a parking permit. (Applications will be available in the Main Office and on the HBHS Web Site.)

## **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.

# HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Parents are cordially invited to attend our Open House on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at **6:30 PM** at the high school. (Please note the earlier starting time).

**Open House Schedule:** at 6:30 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. 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.

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

## Open House Schedule and Student Class Schedule

6:30 – 6:45	Presentation by the High School Administration
6:45 – 8:30	Open House

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

In the Cafeteria during study hall or senior option periods, you may obtain college admissions information (Hollis Brookline High School guidance staff will be there), you may preorder yearbooks, and the Jostens representative will be available to answer questions concerning class rings.

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

# Volunteer Sign Up

2007-2008

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 14, in an envelope marked "PTSA Volunteer Form".**

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Parent's (Volunteer's) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

\_\_\_ **Spring Field Day BBQ**

\_\_\_ **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 Erin Magee at 465-3233 or Trish MacDonald at 465-2898

**Thank you for being involved in our school.**



August 2007

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

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## PTSA Membership 2007-2008

Name of Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town

Zip Code

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

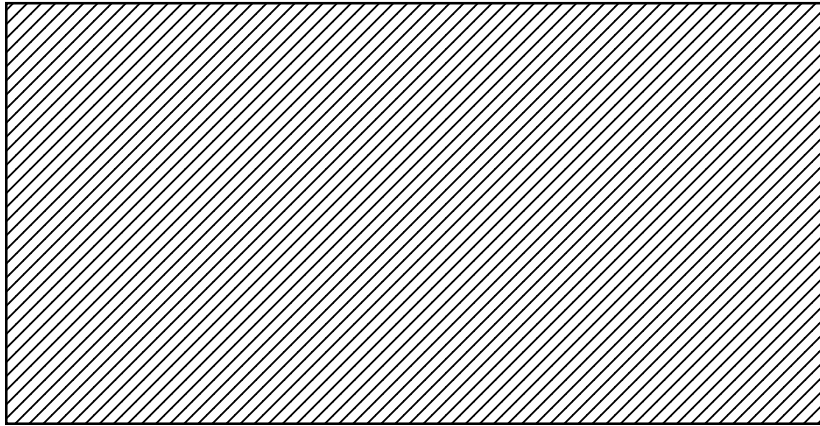




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The first PTSA meeting  
will be Thursday,  
September 20th **8:30 AM.**  
Hope to see everybody  
**there.**

**NOTE NEW TIME!**

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