



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

As another band of thunderstorms goes through the region, we realize that the summer is coming to a close and the fall athletes will report to tryouts next week, and it is time to welcome everyone to the 2008-09 school year. The building has been a very busy place these past two months as we prepare for the opening of school and we are very excited about the upcoming year.

The grounds look very lush, thanks to Mother Nature's natural lawn care, and the building looks better than ever due to the efforts of Mr. John Gray and his hardworking custodial crew. This week the third floor lobby carpet has been replaced by tile, including the Cavalier log, and benches will be installed along the walls. Part of this project was made possible through the fundraising efforts of our National Honor Society. The building will once again be tight, but we were able to schedule all the students into classes and study halls, with little room to spare.

We emphasize over and over that the key to establishing a school community is building positive relationships, and to providing all students with a rigorous and relevant education. This is an ongoing process, as we continue to provide the best educational experience for the children of Hollis and Brookline. The experience all begins with a strong faculty 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.

The relationships that we establish are based on what will ultimately benefit the student and communication is the key component for everyone. Our teachers will distribute classroom expectations at the beginning of the year, they can be reached by voicemail and email, and expect that you as parents will partner with them to provide the best educational experience for your child. We also hope to continue to distribute this newsletter and other school information via email and ask that you assist us in making sure that the email addresses we have on file are up to date.

Enclosed with this newsletter is some important information about the start of the 2008-2009 academic year. Please review this information carefully with your son/daughter. Please note the Open House on September 25th will begin at 6:30 p.m. At that time, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and to hear about classroom expectations, and also have the opportunity to sign up for individual parent/teacher conferences, which will be held during the evenings of November 20th and 25th.

Most will be happy to note that there have been no changes to the bell schedule this year. There have been some adjustments made within our student handbook that your child will receive at the beginning of the year. This document is also available on our school website under the "Student Information" tab. Please note that changes have been made with respect to the sections on Student Appearance (Dress Code, page 5), Electronic Devices (use of cell phones, page 6), Tardiness to School/Class (page 7), and Requests for Make-up work (page 7). We ask for your continued support as we work with your children in these and other areas of the Student Handbook.

For students to excel in school, they need support from both the school and the home. As parents, we ask that you 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(s) 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.

Our mission statement calls for 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 is 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 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!!!

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Visit your PTSA at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa, where
you'll find the list of officers &
committees, back issues of news-
letters, and much more!
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A Message from your PTSA Presidents

As the school year begins we want to welcome 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 the goal of including and informing as many HBHS community members as possible of our school's interests and activities. With PTSA School Volunteers, we help teachers provide an excellent learning environment for our students. For those want to be involved in our high school, there are many ways to contribute and we welcome any and all new ideas. Please join us at our monthly meetings; September 4th 8:30am, October 9th 7pm, & November 13th 8:30am. Check your monthly newsletter for the remaining PTSA meeting schedule.

Enclosed in the electronic HBHS 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 PTSA. It is through parental involvement that we can make a positive difference in the education and social choices of our students. Please join us bring a friend, and take an active role while enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of the HBHS school community.

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Opening of School—Welcome Back!!

School will be opening on Wednesday, August 27th with our Orientation Day for freshmen, transfer students, and foreign exchange students. This will be an early release day. New students, along with many upper classmen, will be attending a half day of school 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 dismissed at 12:04 PM. ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th.

Physical Exam Requirements for the 2008-09 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, please contact the school nurses Cathy Burbee or Susan Patz at 465-2269.

Open House

Parents are cordially invited to attend our annual Open House on Thursday, September 25th at 6:30 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 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. As we are growing in numbers, some freshmen 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.

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.

Parking Permits

Parking permits will be required for all students parking in the student parking lot. Parking is 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 28th through September 5th. Applications for Juniors will also be accepted at this time, and will be placed in a lottery. Names will be drawn for the remaining parking spots on Monday, September 8th.

No students will be permitted to park in front of the school except at the lower ball fields. All cars parked in the back parking lot after September 12th must have a parking permit. (Applications will be available in the Main Office and on the HBHS website.)

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.

School Pictures and Yearbook

Underclass photographs will be taken on Tuesday, September 23rd. 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, October 3rd. 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 or during lunches the two days following. See the Daily Notices for more information. All yearbooks must be preordered this year.

Welcome from the Guidance Department!

Meet your Guidance Department:

School Counselors- Kerry Gangemi, Casey Maynard, Brenda Poznanski, and Rich Winslow with combined school counseling experience of over 35 years!

Registrar- Barbara Graff. Please remember to update your phone numbers or email addresses with any changes that happened over the summer. She can be reached at graffb@sau41.k12.nh.us

Guidance Secretary- Teresa Noel

Career Counselor- Sandy Demarest

Student Assistance Program Coordinator- Rachel Gerard. Rachel's office will now be across from the main office in Room 152. The student assistant program is intended to help students with any barriers that are preventing them from achieving their best at HBHS.

School Nurse- Cathy Burbee. Many of our efforts are in conjunction with the school nurse. Her office is on the first floor and she can be reached at x137.

All entering freshmen need a current physical and immunizations on file. Over the counter medication need to be kept in the nurse's office unless we have a doctor's note on file allowing students to carry their own medication. All medications should be transported to school by a parent/guardian and not in a student's backpack.

Part-time School Nurse- We'd like to welcome Susan Patz to this new position!

504 Coordinator- Margaret Erskine. Mrs. Erskine is available Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Monday.

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

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

Guidance Tips

It is almost time to return to school and for many of you, this means waking up early again. It is helpful when you start your day with a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. We hope your summer was restful and enjoyable!

We can't emphasize enough how important it is to get involved with a club or sport at the high school. It is a great way to be a part of your school community, make friends with similar interests, and have fun. In addition, most colleges ask for club, activity, and extra-curricular involvement while in high school. They ask for years of involvement, which indicates your interest and commitment. You can also include your outside of school art, horseback riding, theater, music, dance, girl and boy scouts, work experience, etc.

In this issue of the newsletter, we hope to provide you with some helpful information as we start the new school year.

Add/Drop Policy- Schedules will be given on the first day of school. As explained in the program of studies, those who have an incomplete schedule or are in need of a graduation requirement receive first priority. This period normally begins three days after the first day of the new semester. The drop/add period extends for six days for the fall semester and four days for the spring semester. Students must see their counselor and not the classroom teacher to make the change. Wait lists are sometimes put in place to ensure fairness in the process, and students must attend the classes on their current schedule until changes have been made and a new schedule processed by the guidance department.

How to Make a Guidance Appointment

Students wishing a guidance appointment can fill out an appointment request form in guidance. Your counselor will send you your appointment. If it is emergency, please let Mrs. Noel know or check off on the slip that you need to see someone right away.

Parents wishing to make a guidance appointment should email or call their son/daughter's guidance counselor with the request.

College representatives

College representatives' visits at HBHS will run from the middle of September until the middle of November. Most representatives will be visiting on Mondays and Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity to meet with representatives from various colleges to learn more about the schools or ask additional questions. Seniors, juniors and parents are all welcome to come. Students can obtain a pass from Mrs. Noel and must have approval from their teacher if they would be missing a class. They are also responsible for missed work during this time. A calendar of dates and colleges will be posted on our website and in the next newsletter.

College Fairs

UNH and SNHU are hosting the annual NEACAC college fairs on their campuses. The UNH fair in Durham will be held Thursday September 25th from 7-9 pm and Friday, September 26th from 9-11:30 am. Southern New Hampshire University's fair in Manchester, NH will be Tuesday, September 30 from 7-9 pm and Wednesday, October 1st from 9-11:30 am. Over 250 colleges from all over the country will be in attendance. College fairs are a great way for students to obtain information about post-secondary opportunities. Not only is this a good time for seniors and their parents, but for juniors and their parents as well.

SAT Information

Registration for upcoming tests can be done through the College Board website (www.collegeboard.com). Sign up early to get your preferred location! SATs are not offered at HBHS but are available at Nashua, Souhegan, and other local schools. Specific locations are listed online.

SATs are offered:

<u>Test date:</u>	<u>Registration date:</u>
October 4	September 9
November 1	September 26
December 6	November 5
January 24	December 26
March 14	February 10
May 2*	March 31
June 6 *	May 5

*Dates most Juniors take the Critical Reasoning Tests.

Senior News-

Seniors and your parents will receive a letter from their school counselor indicating graduation requirements. If you are missing credit or are in need of adding a course, please be sure to meet with your counselor immediately.

Many of you have been busy looking at colleges over the summer! When you return to school, please be sure to meet with your counselor, especially if you are considering early action or early decision due to the earlier deadlines. We will be meeting with students in September after the College Night to coordinate our efforts on the college process.

Mark your calendars for College Night on September 17th at the high school at 7 pm in the auditorium. The Guidance department hosts this night 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. We will review the application process, forms used, transcript requests, and recommendations.

FYI: Financial Aid Night will be in December; more in-

formation will follow.

Deadline to sign up for the October 4th SAT test is September 9th! Please sign up on www.collegeboard.com if you plan on taking the test.

Junior News

The PSAT will be administered to all juniors on Wednesday, October 15th. 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 will be taking the test free of charge. Counselors meet with students individually in early January to go over the results and how to use the test to prepare for the SAT.

Sophomore News

Sophomores interested in taking the PSAT can inquire at other local high schools on Saturday, October 18th space permitting. We will provide you with more information in September.

Freshmen News

Freshmen will meet with their school counselor on the first day of school as well as in classes in September. We look forward to meeting you all!

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL
 OPEN HOUSE
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Parents are cordially invited to attend our Open House on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the high school.

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.

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

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>
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	_____	_____	_____

Guidance Counselors will be in their office area with sign up sheets for meetings. Yearbook representatives will be available to take preorders for the 2008-09 Yearbook.

Hollis Old Home Days
September 12 & 13 2008
"Keeping Traditions Alive"

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As many of you are aware, the Hollis Old Home Day Committee is involved in a fund raising effort to fund this years festivities. Signs have been posted to let residents know that we need money for the fireworks in particular, our biggest expense. Please join me in contributing to this effort that will provide our residents, young and old, with a night of fun and excitement.

Hollis Old Home Days is a two-day event that brings our town together by celebrating our local heritage, artistic demonstrators and family oriented entertainment. We did not have this event last year and many of this years committee members volunteered when they realized that, this was the only way to make sure we don't miss it again.

The fireworks are a wonderful part of the celebration and something that so many look forward to. If you agree, please give what you can, as soon as you can, so we can continue to plan for this fast approaching weekend. What better way to show our commitment to "Keeping Traditions Alive" than to contribute to this effort. Donations may be made to The Hollis Old Home Days, P.O. Box 744, Hollis, NH. 03049. or through the website, www.hollisoldhomedays.org

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the celebration.

With Sincere Thanks,
David Sullivan, Chairman

(Please use the slip below for your donation or for additional ways to support this event.)

Enclosed is my donation of _____ to help keep this tradition alive.

Reserve me _____ Hollis Cookbook(s) @ \$20.00 each

Reserve me _____ Hollis Afghan(s) @ \$40.00 each

Reserve me _____ Ticket(s) for the Chicken BBQ @ \$10.00each - \$7.00 over 65

Hollis Old Home Days Tee-Shirts will be available soon!

Please make checks payable to:

Town of Hollis Old Home Days P.O box 744 Hollis NH 03049

Student Directory Information Hollis Brookline High School 2008-2009

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 2008-2009 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 PRINT OUT THIS FORM, fill it in, and return it to the HBHS office by September 19, in an envelope marked "Student Directory". Make checks payable to "HBHS PTSA"

2008-2009 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 it 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 2008

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 PRINT OUT THIS FORM, 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 2008-2009

Name of Student(s) _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Name of Member _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

Street

Town

Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ e-mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Volunteer Sign Up

2008-2009

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 PRINT OUT, fill in this form, and return it to the HBHS office by September 19, 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)

Newsletter Distribution

(Monthly- help fold, stuff envelopes)

Fund Raising

Publicity

Hospitality

(contact local papers with press releases)

Membership

Staff Appreciation

School Store

Hannaford Box Tops/Soup Labels

Science Olympiad (December)

Library help (during school day, after school

Spring Field Day BBQ

one hour)

Drama

Costumes

Set work

Technical Support

Tickets

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marie Degulis 673-3855..

Thank you for being involved in our school.

<p>Welcome Back To School!!</p> <p>HBMS / HBHS August-September Luncheon Menu</p> <p><u>Student Lunch Is</u> <u>\$2.25.</u></p>	<p><u>MENU'S ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</u></p> <p>A variety of snacks & beverages are available for sale daily. Pizza, sandwiches, and salads are offered as daily alternates. Milk is available in whole, 1%, skim, & low-fat chocolate.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Chrysanthi's Pizza or Cook's Choice</p> <p>Chips Veggie Sticks & Dip Assorted Fruit</p> <p>(Freshman & Grade 7 Only)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ultimate Nachos! Beef, Cheese, & Beans Sour Cream & Salsa Rice Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Buffalo Chicken Wrap Pretzels Potato Salad Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>1</p>  <p>No School! Labor Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Golden Chicken Tenders Buttered Noodles Broccoli Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Chrysanthi's Pizza or Cook's Choice</p> <p>Garden Salad Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chicken or Cheese Quesadillas Rice Baby Carrots & Dip Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rotini & Meatballs Crusty Dinner Roll Green Beans Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Buttered Bread Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Foot Long Hot Dog Or Chili Dog Baked Beans Pickle Spears Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chrysanthi's Pizza or Cook's Choice</p> <p>Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Pasta Salad Chips Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Cheese-burger/Bun or Veggie Burgers Lettuce & Tomato Spicy Oven Fries Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Sauce Garlic Breadsticks Caesar Salad Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chicken Teriyaki Wrap Fried Rice Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Chrysanthi's Pizza or Cook's Choice</p> <p>Veggies Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chicken Rings Watermelon Slices Soft Baked Pretzel Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Meatball Subs Tater Tots California Veggies Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Golden Chicken Tenders Buttered Noodles Sliced Carrots Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Biscuits w/ Butter Sweet Green Peas Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chrysanthi's Pizza or Cook's Choice</p> <p>Chips Veggie Sticks & Dip Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Cheesy Breadsticks Green Beans Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Chicken Patty/Bun Crispy or Spicy Spicy Oven Fries Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Cook's Choice! Vegetables Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Chicken or Cheese Quesadillas Rice Baby Carrots & Dip Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Reminder- eligibility for free and reduced-price meals will expire automatically on September 30th <u>IF</u> we do not receive a new application by that date. Call Amy Cassidy 465-2269 ext 245 with questions!</p>		<p>Please be sure to include your student's first/last name and student ID # on all checks. Thank you!</p>