



Hollis Brookline High School

December 2003 Newsletter

Principal's Message

We know that winter is upon us when our fall sports conclude and basketball, wrestling, and Spirit Squad tryouts get underway. All of our teams enjoyed successful seasons with "special congratulations" to the girls' volleyball squad for an undefeated season and clinching the Class I Championship. Seniors are completing the college application process and will soon be finalizing their post-high-school plans. Several may be entering the military or entering the work force.

A huge "Thank You" to our PTSA for a fabulous Teacher Appreciation Day on November 19th. HBHS and SAU staff members were treated to epicurean delights as the faculty lounge was decorated for a luncheon of soups, hot appetizers, salads, deserts, and cider.

We are in the process of preparing our Program of Studies for the 2004-05 academic year. Every department is examining curriculum, and developing several new courses. We plan to increase our AP offerings as well as new or expanded programs in math, social studies, and foreign languages. Our entire staff is also working on our NEASC Self-Study in preparation for the 2005 visitation. Standards Committees have been formed consisting of faculty, administration, support staff, parents and students. Ms. Janet Allison of the NEASC addressed our community on November 5th to further explain the accreditation process and the activities that lie ahead.

The School Board recently gave approval for our 2nd science/environmental studies trip to Disney World during the April vacation. Also, preliminary plans are underway for an April trip to Costa Rica under the direction of the Foreign Language Department. Both promise to be valuable and enjoyable educational experiences. More information can be obtained from Science or Foreign Language staff members. Our spring musical - "Anything Goes" is planned for the weekend of March 20th. Save the date for another fun-filled, performance by our talented thespians.

Again, our thanks for all the support we receive from the Hollis/Brookline communities. We continue to solicit your input as we all work together to provide the best education possible for our students.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!
Charles W. Flahive,
Principal



The holiday season brings lots of activity to the PTSA, just in case anyone was lacking for things to do! The Staff Appreciation Committee recently hosted a luncheon for teachers, staff, administrators, and school board members that received rave reviews. The consensus was that it was the best lunch ever. The variety of soups, salads, breads and desserts was greatly appreciated, so thank you to everyone who contributed, and to **Lisa Fait, Alison Ferrell and Kathy Trasatti** for their hard work in organizing the event. We would also like to thank Charlie Flahive for bringing new HBHS

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Guidance News ~ December 2003

SAT I & II: Registration deadline for the Jan. 24th administration is Dec. 22nd. Seniors: This is the last test date to receive scores in time for most colleges requiring SAT scores in the admissions process.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: On December 10th at 6:30 p.m., financial aid experts will review the financial aid process. Detailed instructions on how to complete the FAFSA form will be covered.

FAFSA: FAFSA forms should be submitted as soon after January 1st as possible. It is not necessary to wait until a student has selected his or her college of choice before submitting this document. Forms are available in Guidance or may be accessed on the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS: Seniors are reminded to continue college visits and interviews. Also, keep application deadlines in mind. Many occur in January and February.

PARENTS OF FORMER STUDENTS: The Guidance Department and PTSA will again sponsor a meeting for seniors with former students during early January (tentative date is Jan. 9th). If your son or daughter will be home at that time and is willing to participate in a panel to discuss experiences since high school—job, college, etc., please have them contact the guidance department at 465-2269. Thank you.

FRESHMEN: In addition to individual meetings, counselors are meeting in small groups with their assigned freshmen to continue the transition process and reinforce the importance of establishing a solid academic profile.

New 2003 -2004 Scholarships and Contests Available in Guidance

American Legion High School Oratorical Contest –

- Open to all 9-12 grade students in NH. Requires an oration (8-10 minutes) on some phase of the US Constitution.
- Awards vary district to district with the chance to go on to a national contest.
- District contests will be held by January 31, 2004. If interested, see Kerry Gangemi in guidance.

Ayn Rand Essay Contest

- Open to 9th and 10th graders- an essay contest on Anthem. Open to 11th and 12th graders- an essay contest on The Fountainhead. Submit essays online www.aynrand.org/contests or mail.
- Cash awards vary from \$30 to \$10,000.
- Deadline: March 18, 2004.

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program

- Available to seniors who come from a farm family and plan to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. Applications in guidance or online at www.monsanto.com or www.nafb.com.
- Award: \$1500
- Deadline: February 15, 2004.

Ed Wentzell Child Nutrition Scholarship

- Open to those pursuing a career in food service and/or a member active in school food service. Applications available in guidance.
- Deadline: February 15, 2004.

Scholarships ~ (cont)

John Olver, Freedom's Way Heritage Essay

Contest

- Open to juniors and seniors. Essays must be written about one of three themes of Freedom's Way and must have been submitted for a grade in a secondary school class.
- Award \$100
- Deadline: January 31, 2004.

Mr. Tux Scholarships

- Available to all students
- Award: Ten \$3500 scholarships to ten high school students. Applications available at all Mr. Tux locations
- Deadline: 5/1/04

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships

- Several scholarships available specific to individual majors being pursued for college. American history, political science, history, government, economics, historic preservation, nursing, occupational therapy, pre-med.
- Various awards and deadlines. Please see guidance for more details.

NH JCI Senate Scholarship Program

- Open to high school seniors. Application including personal statement and references required.
 - Award: \$1,000
- Deadline: January 10, 2004

NH Association of Educational Office Professionals Julia T. Pingree Student Scholarship

- Senior pursuing education in a business related program that has or will have completed four or more semesters in high school from among the following: computer classes, keyboarding/typing, shorthand/speedwriting, accounting or bookkeeping, marketing, office practices and procedures, business law, business communication. Applications available in guidance. Application, essay, and three

letters of recommendation needed. Applications chosen from the in-state applications are forwarded to the National Scholarship with a similar application. The National Association of Educational Office Professionals Marion T. Wood Student Scholarship applications are also in guidance.

- Award: \$1,000 for the Julia T. Pingree Student Scholarship
- Deadline for both: February 16, 2004

The 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community

Awards

- For any middle level and high school student who has demonstrated exemplary community service after 9/1/02.
- Award: amounts vary
- Deadline: October 31, 2002

Scholarships for Specific Colleges – Please remember to contact individual college financial aid offices to inquire what is available!

- **DeSales University**-Talent Scholarship Audition Day 12/13 (Theatre) and 1/24/04 competing for scholarships in Dance and TV/Film. Please see guidance for application.
- **Ithaca College**- Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Program. Application must be submitted to Ithaca by December 15, 2003. Scholarship materials including essay due February 1, 2004.
- **Johnson & Wales**- National Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Scholarship Competition. Essay and resume due by January 30, 2004.
- **Thomas More Faith and Reason Scholarship Essay Contest**. Half tuition for four years. Deadline February 5, 2004.
- **University of New Hampshire Theatre and Dance Scholarship** – awards of \$500 and \$1000. Deadline: April 21, 2004.
- **Wells College**- Open to young women with 90% GPA in college preparatory classes and 1150 or higher on the SAT. Please see guidance for more details. Deadline February 1, 2004.

School Delays and Cancellations

The Hollis and Brookline Schools have an organized plan in place to make decisions about school delays or cancellations. Inclement weather developing in the early morning hours and creating unsafe road conditions is reported, by police officers on patrol in both communities, to the Communications Center in Hollis.

Road crews are dispatched by the DPW in Hollis and Brookline's Road Agent to provide treatment and to monitor driving conditions.

Decisions about school bus travel must be made by 5:30 in order to notify bus drivers who must report to work by 6:00 AM, to inform staff who leave as early as that hour for school and to report the decision to radio and television stations. That decision is made following several conversations between the Superintendent of Schools, the bus contractor and the police and highway departments in both communities. The US Weather Bureau and a regional weather service are further accessed for information.

A two hour delay provides the highway departments with additional time to prepare the roads for travel; however, for the above reasons final decision for the day must be made by 7:30 AM to allow the high school and middle schools to open at 9:15 and our elementary schools at 10:15.

A no school decision means the roads are declared unsafe for travel for even an abbreviated school day.

For delays and closings, tune to the following radio or television stations:

WBZ TV, Channel 4
WBZ Radio, 10.30 AM
WCVB TV, Channel 5
WMUR TV, Channel 9
WQLL, 96.5 FM
WZID, 95.7 FM
WHOB, 106.3 FM
Local Cable Channel

1st Annual Old-Fashioned Luminary Lighting

Brookline
Sunday, December 6th
6:00-8:00pm



Sponsored by the
Brookline Recreation Commission
Holiday Music ~Church Carolon ~
Refreshments~Children's Craft Center
Bring a food item to donate to SHARE for
neighbors in need this holiday season



Math Team Excels !

The HBHS Math Team has competed in two meets so far this season. The team is currently in 1st place overall in the Medium Schools division after placing 1st at the October meet and 2nd at the November meet. While all teams had great performances, sophomore Paul Ullrich has had two stellar performances and is ranked the highest scoring sophomore in the entire league (all divisions included). Our next meet is December 10th at Salem High School.

On October 23rd, four of HBHS's top mathematics students - Mike Klisz, Zac Cone-Roddy, Tim April and Mike Hyde - traveled to Worcester, MA to compete in the WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) Invitational Mathematics Meet. The meet consisted of an individual competition and team competition. Scholarships were awarded to the highest scoring individuals and teams. Though up against stiff competition, our team placed in the top 30 of 95 schools and Zac Cone-Roddy earned a \$1,000 scholarship to WPI for being our team's highest scorer.

Stacey Plummer & Susan Mooers



The Annual Bridge Building contest will be held on December 18 in the HBHS auditorium at 6:00 PM. Several area schools will be participating this year (NH, Mass and possibly Maine). Spectators are welcome to come see students compete in the ritual “crushing of the bridges” to see who has the strongest design. Come join the fun and learn a little something about bridges at the same time!

Holiday Concert

The annual HBHS Holiday Concert will be on Monday, December 15, at 7:30 PM. Performing on this program will be Concert Band, Jazz Band, Honors Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Honors Choir, and Jazz Choir. Please join us for Holiday Music and more. As always admission is free.



NH Jazz All-State

The following students were selected through competitive auditions to perform in the All-State Jazz Choir; Eric Brassard, Bass, Ross Matthei, Tenor, and Jessica Tomer, Alto. Kara Maloney, Soprano, was selected to the Honors Choir. These students will perform in the NH All-State Jazz Festival to be held at Timberlane High School in February.

Spring Musical “Anything Goes” auditions

Auditions for the annual spring musical will be held January 7, 8, 9, at 2:30 PM in the Auditorium. Performance dates are March 18, 19, 20, 2004.

Tri M Music Honor Society

Tri M members are preparing selections for their annual Holiday program for Greenbriar Nursing Home December 18 2:00 PM.

Students will be singing at the Brookline Luminary event on December 7th from 5:30 - 8:00 PM.



The HBHS Library has recently purchased a subscription to www.audible.com. We can now choose many of our audio books online via this service and download the titles to CD. All are welcome to browse the site and submit titles of interest.

PTSA News (con't from front page)

English teacher Jennifer Samson to our November meeting. We hope to have a new teacher at most of our meetings to give parents and teachers a chance to get to know each other.

December brings the **Bridge Building Competition**, and a request for more volunteer cooking. HBHS hosts this annual event, which is attended by teams from schools all over New Hampshire and Massachusetts. To support the hungry competitors, the PTSA hosts a dinner and we need volunteers to supply salads, lasagnas and other main dish meals, and desserts. If you are able to help, please call Jean Filer at 598-1050. The competition will take place on **December 18**.

Two events of interest in January include a **College Student Panel** and a Parent Enrichment program focusing on Drug and Alcohol awareness. The College Student Panel gives parents of high school students an opportunity to meet with current college students, and get questions answered about any facet of college life that interests (or scares) you. A date will be announced soon. The **Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program**, held at HBMS and hosted jointly with the HBMS PTSA, will bring together professionals in such law enforcement organizations as the Hollis and Brookline Police Departments, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the New Hampshire State Police, many of whom are parents of HBHS students, to share their experiences in keeping our students safe.

The next PTSA meeting will be a holiday get-together at Jean Filer's house at 41 Hannah Drive in Hollis on **Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm**. We plan to have a fun evening with a chance to relax during the holiday rush. If you are able to attend, bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and a wrapped gift (under \$10) for a fun Yankee Gift Swap.

If you have any questions about these events, please call Jean Filer at 598-1050 or Cindy Ulrich at 672-3111.

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