



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

On behalf of our staff I would like to thank the PTSA for their luncheon/.dinner that they provided on November 20th, the night of Parent Conferences. Teachers were overwhelmed when arriving at the cafeteria to be greeted by classical music, tablecloths, decorations and outstanding food.

The campus remains a busy place as the cold weather arrives and activities move indoors. Our winter sports seasons have begun, with many teams participating in Holiday Tournaments over the break. The Winter Concert is scheduled for December 18th; the Speech Contest will take place December 22nd, Arts and Talent Show on January 15th and the Winter Ball on January 24th.

For the second year in a row, Hollis Brookline High School has received recognition from US News and World Report magazine, being named as one of the top high schools in the country. Using criteria such as state testing, proficiency rates of all students, including the least advantaged, and a challenging college-ready curriculum, they determined the top 100 out of over 21,000 and designated them as Gold Medal schools. The next 500 earned Silver Medal status and 1,300 Bronze Medal. New Hampshire had 15 high schools recognized, none at Gold, three at Silver and twelve Bronze. Hollis Brookline was recognized as one of these three silver medal high schools in the state and one of the top 600 in the country according to this study.

At this time of year, and especially in difficult economic times, it is great to see our students and staff reaching out to help those less fortunate than themselves with such activities as, "The Giving Tree", adoption of families by the National Honor Society and Interact. Sixteen Thanksgiving baskets were prepared by our students and staff. There is also an Eagle Scout Project that involves collecting food, and the American Studies class is involved with community service. Ms. Melim is preparing for her fundraising ascent of Mount Washington this January, and The Cavalier Penguin Plunge team is gearing up for their annual dip in the Atlantic on Super Bowl Sunday for the benefit of Special Olympics.

From time to time we receive information and make determinations as to the best way to respond. This becomes challenging when dealing with false rumors, in that the level that we address the situation can give it more of a life. Last month, we received word that a student planned some violent life-threatening actions at the high school on a particular date. We talked to the student who was the subject of this information and it became clear that he was unaware, so we followed up with the student who originally made the statements and he admitted that he fabricated the whole thing. We issued consequences to this student, and due to the seriousness of this fabrication, involved the Hollis Police. I also immediately notified the staff, Superintendent and Board. In alerting the staff, I asked that they provide correct information if they heard this brought up in class. This all took place within a day of originating the original rumor; however, the date mentioned was still a week away. The administration fielded a few phone calls from parents, as did the police. I also received some calls at home, which I have no problem with, especially if it involves the safety of your child. We always review and assess how to best address situations and encourage your input. We strongly believe that communication is the best form of security, and in this case tried to balance this with fueling a rumor. I hope that you know that we take the safety of your child very seriously and if there are questions or concerns to please make us aware.

The Guidance Department has been very busy the past month, sending out over 700 application packets to 224 different colleges for our seniors, who met the December 1st deadline. These packets include a copy of our school profile, which is a very impressive document, compiled by our guidance staff. A copy of the profile can be found on our school website (<http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/Administration/AdminFiles/Profile.pdf>).

At our recent academic assembly, we recognized the outstanding achievements of our students. Those recognized at the assembly and not mentioned in the previous newsletter include: Seniors with perfect scores (800) on SATs include Ryan Heden (Math Subject), Dylan King (World History), Allison Langley (Critical Reading) , Patrick McDaniel (Math, Physics, Math 2) , Tollan Renner (Math 2), Kylie Witt (Critical Reading) and Andrew Doberstein(Critical Reading). We also had an unusually high number of current seniors achieve the highest score on their Advanced Placements tests taken last spring: Allison Langley (English), Andrew Doberstein(Calculus), Daniel Michon(English), Ellen Major(English), Emily Kalenik (Chemistry, Calculus), Ian Grant (English), Jenny Grossman(Calculus), Joshua Cone-Roddy(Calculus), Laura Lumbard(English), Mark Firmani (US History, English), Matthew Bonta (Calculus), Matthew Reynolds(English, Calculus), Patrick McDaniel (US History, English, Calculus, Physics, Statistics, Spanish), Stephen Price(English), Teagan Daly (US History, English, Calculus), Tollan Renner(Calculus) and Vincent Bennett (US History, English). There were other students recognized that will be highlighted in upcoming newsletters.

The Fall play, *Scapino*, was a huge success, and once again Ms. Tomlinson and her crew outdid themselves with this wonderful and innovative production. A special thanks to Ms. Pepper of the Art Department for her beautiful set design.

Our midterm exam period is tentatively scheduled for January 20 – 23, 2009. January 20th will begin with a two-hour exam period for period 1 classes, followed by shorter periods 2 – 7, ending at the normal dismissal time. On January 21 – 23, two 2-hour exams are scheduled, followed by lunch, and bus dismissal at approximately 12:15pm. Teachers will be available for make-up and/or extra help until 2:30pm, and students may take their bus from the Middle School if they stay until that time. In addition, we will run an abbreviated schedule on the first day of second semester, Monday, January 26th, dismissing at approximately 12:15pm. Teachers will be available for make-up exams that day until 2:30pm. A more exact schedule will be mailed home as we approach second semester, including snow cancellation contingencies.

In closing, and on behalf of the Hollis Brookline Staff, I would like to wish the community a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

A Message from your PTSA Presidents

Get out your coats, hats and gloves!! Winter is here and we are all getting ready for the holidays and snow. Thank you Donna Cormier for your tireless effort in getting out our yearly PTSA phone directory. If your student did not pick up his or her directory from Donna in the school cafeteria, it can be picked up in the office. There are a few extra copies that can be purchased for \$5 from the office. The PTSA Staff Appreciation dinner in November was a huge success. Thank you Kristen and Lisa and everyone who donated sandwiches, soups, salads and deserts for the dinner. It was very much appreciated after a long day at school then conferences running late into the evening.

Book club is reading The True Story of Hansel and Gretel for our December 11th meeting. In January we will be hosting a local author, Michaeline Della Fera and reading her book A Taste of Death.

The **January 8th** meeting is a yearly favorite. If you have not attended our College Freshman question and answer night you are missing out on a fun and informative evening. Some of last years HBHS seniors will be at our meeting telling us about their first weeks in college. Did they feel prepared? What did they pack for school and what did they WISH they had packed? What surprised them about their first few weeks away from home and being in college? All parents and students are welcome to attend. The meeting will be at 7pm in the school mini cafeteria.

Please contact Erin or Marie if you have any questions or comments. Happy Holidays!!

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Class of 2009 Fundraiser

On Thursday, January 15th, a senior class fundraiser is being held at Barnes and Noble on Daniel Webster Highway in Nashua. A portion of your purchase made online or at the Nashua store will go to the graduating Class of 2009, in support of their Senior year activities. Voucher tickets can be obtained at the store or at the High School.

Hollis Woman's Club News

All area women are invited to attend the Hollis Woman's Club monthly meeting on Wed., Jan.14, at Faith Baptist Church, 43 Wheeler Rd. Members and guests will gather at 11 a.m. to socialize, and the business meeting will begin at 12 p.m. Babysitting is available for \$5 per family at noon, so please pre-register for this service by contacting Ellen at 465-7981. Our speaker is Julia Greenspan, ND, of Greenhouse Naturopathic Medicine, LLC, who will discuss "Keeping Your Frame Strong: Natural Treatments to Support Bone Health." Our January Charity is Girls Inc. For more information about this active club and its 13 activity groups, visit www.holliswomansclub.org or contact President Jane Taylor at 465-2849.

HBHS Athletic Booster Club-December 2008

Winter has definitely arrived and with it the Winter Sports Season. On behalf of the HBHS Athletic Booster Club, I would like to wish all of our Winter Coaches and athletes the best of luck with their season. We look forward to celebrating a successful season with all of you at the Winter Sports Awards Night!

The HBHS Athletic Booster Club is planning a fund-raising event during the winter months so that we can continue to help out our teams with their requests. We are also very conscious of how important scholarships are to our graduating seniors with the current economy. Our major fundraiser, the Golf Tournament, did not bring in the funds that we have seen in the past. We need to add a couple of new fundraisers this year so that we can continue to honor requests and provide scholarships in the spring. On March 27th, we will hold a Karaoke night in the high school auditorium. We are looking for any of our coaches as well as teachers and staff to participate. Please encourage your coaches to team up for a song or do a solo!!! Watch for more information on this event after the holidays!

Speaking of the holidays, the Booster Club wishes the Hollis Brookline High School Community a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!!!

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The Cavalier Chronicle, the HBHS student newspaper, is published the third Friday of every month. Be sure to ask



your kids to bring their copy home to share with you. We welcome parent input for story ideas by the first of every month (perhaps your teen is doing something newsworthy outside of school but is too shy to let us know). Additionally, business owners are encouraged to advertise with us. Please email your mailing address, and we'll send you a packet with pricing, sizes, and publication schedule. Contact Lin Illingworth at illingworthl@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269 for more information.

Selective Service Registration

The Selective Service System is an independent agency within the Executive Branch of the Federal government. The mission of the Selective Service System is to provide the number of men needed by the Armed Forces, within the time required, should Congress and the President decide to return to a draft, in the event of a national emergency. Registration is the process of providing the Selective Service with a name, address, phone number, and other related information about one's self. It is a civic and legal responsibility for every young man to register with the Selective Service within the time period starting 30 days before, and ending 30 days after, their 18th birthday. Register online at www.sss.gov, or pick up a registration card at any post office. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Winslow in Guidance.



Career Cluster of the Month

(from your Guidance Department)

- Are you good at working with numbers?**
- Are good at working with other people?**
- Are you a natural leader?**
- Are you entrepreneurial?**
- Do you have a talent for organizing and planning?**
- Are you precise, responsible and creative?**



If you answered yes to two or more of these questions above, you would enjoy exploring the business and administration career cluster. This cluster includes jobs such as accountant, human resources manager, management analyst, marketing manager and a small business entrepreneur. This is just a sample of the careers in this cluster. Jobs in the business and administration career cluster involve planning, organizing, directing, performing, and evaluating business functions essential to effective and productive business operations.

Career Pathways in Business and Administration. A career pathway is an area of concentration within a career cluster. Each pathway contains a group of careers requiring similar academic and technical skills as well as similar industry certifications or postsecondary education. The business and administration career cluster comprises six pathways: financial management and accounting, human resources, administrative and information support, business analysis, management, and marketing and communication.

To further enhance a student’s knowledge about this career cluster or other career clusters work-based learning opportunities are available for all students at Hollis Brookline High School. Now is the time to start thinking about internships or job shadowing for second semester beginning at the end of January. Please see Mrs. Demarest in the guidance office to start planning your future career. For more information, please contact Mrs. Demarest at demarests@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269 ext. 129.

The number of jobs is projected to grow as fast as average for all occupations. Applicants will face keen competition for the limited number of top-level management jobs through 2016. Better opportunities are expected for lower-level management jobs. Demand should be strong for facility managers.

Employment change. Employment of administrative services managers is projected to grow 12 percent over the 2006-16 decade, [about as fast as the average](#) for all occupations. Demand should be strong for facility managers because businesses increasingly realize the importance of maintaining, securing, and efficiently operating their facilities, which are very large investments for most organizations. Cost-cutting measures to improve profitability, streamline operations, and compete globally will continue to be addressed by many public and private organizations, resulting in more firms outsourcing facility management services or hiring qualified facility managers who are capable achieving these goals in-house. Administrative services managers employed in management services and management consulting should be in demand. The proliferation of facility management outsourcing should result in employment growth in facilities management firms as companies increasingly look to outside specialists to handle the myriad of tasks that have become increasingly complex and expensive. Some of the services outsourced include food service, space planning and design, janitorial, power plant, grounds, office, safety, property, video surveillance, maintenance and repairs, and parking management.

Job prospects. Applicants will face [keen competition](#) for the limited number of top-level management jobs; competition should be less severe for lower-level management jobs.

Despite average job growth, continuing corporate restructuring and increasing use of office technology may result in a more streamlined organizational structure with fewer levels of management, reducing the need for some middle management positions. This should adversely affect administrative services managers who oversee first-line managers. However, the effects of these changes on employment should be less severe for facility managers and other administrative services managers who have a wide range of responsibilities, than for other middle managers who specialize in certain functions. In addition to new administrative services management jobs created over the 2006-16 projection period, many job openings will stem from the need to replace workers who transfer to other jobs, retire, or leave the occupation for other reasons.

Job opportunities may vary from year to year because the strength of the economy affects demand for administrative services managers. Industries least likely to be affected by economic fluctuations tend to be the most stable places for employment.

Projections data from the National Employment Matrix

Occupational title	SOC Code	Employment, 2006	Projected employment,	Change, 2006-16		Detailed statistics	
				Number	Percent		
Administrative services managers	11-3011	247,000	276,000	29,000	12	PDF	zipped XLS

NOTE: Data in this table are rounded. See the discussion of the employment projections table in the *Handbook* introductory chapter on [Occupational Information Included in the Handbook](#).



Hollis Brookline Middle and High School

January Lunch Menu



Monday 12/29/08	Tuesday 12/30/08	Wednesday 12/31/08	Thursday 1/1/09	Friday 1/2/09
<p><u>MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!</u></p> <p>Student lunch is \$2.25</p>	<p>Please include your students name on all checks!</p>	<p>Holiday Vacation!!</p>		
Monday 1/5/09	Tuesday 1/6/09	Wednesday 1/7/09	Thursday 1/8/09	Friday 1/9/09
<p>Mozzarella Sticks w/ Dipping Sauce</p> <p>Soft Baked Pretzel</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Popcorn Chicken</p> <p>Herbed Rice</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chrysanthi's Pizza</p> <p>Sweet Corn</p> <p>Apple Crisp</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuits</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>Cranberry Sauce</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Steak & Cheese Sub</p> <p>Peppers & Onions</p> <p>Pretzel Bag</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>
Monday 1/12/09	Tuesday 1/13/09	Wednesday 1/14/09	Thursday 1/15/09	Friday 1/16/09
<p>Hot Dogs/Bun or Turkey Hot Dog</p> <p>Potato Rounds</p> <p>Celery Sticks & Sunflower Butter</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Pasta w/ Meatsauce</p> <p>Caesar Salad</p> <p>Dinner Roll</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chrysanthi's Pizza</p> <p>Capri Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Sweet & Sour Chicken</p> <p>Brown Rice</p> <p>Broccoli Florets</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Cook's Choice</p> <p>Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>
Monday 1/19/09	Tuesday 1/20/09	Wednesday 1/21/09	Thursday 1/22/09	Friday 1/23/09
<p>Oven Baked Chicken</p> <p>Buttered Noodles</p> <p>Peas & Carrots</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Assorted Hot Wraps!</p> <p>Spicy Oven Fries</p> <p>Lettuce & Tomatoes</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chrysanthi's Pizza</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> <p>Pretzel Bag</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken Patty~ Crispy or Spicy</p> <p>Seasoned Rice</p> <p>Baby Carrots & Dip</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Pulled Pork Sandwich or Sloppy Joe/Bun</p> <p>Cole Slaw</p> <p>Chips & Pickles</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>
Monday 1/26/09	Tuesday 1/27/09	Wednesday 1/28/09	1/29/09	Friday 1/30/09
<p>Crispy Chicken Tenders</p> <p>Pork Fried Rice</p> <p>Capri Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Beef Taco w/ Cheese</p> <p>Salsa & Sour Cream</p> <p>Refried Beans</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chrysanthi's Pizza</p> <p>Caesar Salad</p> <p>Honey Carrot Coins</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Rotini w/ Cheese Sauce or Chicken Broccoli Alfredo</p> <p>Garlic Breadstick</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas</p> <p>Seasoned Rice</p> <p>Garden Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p>

Pizza, and a variety of snacks and beverages is available for sale daily. Daily assortment of sandwiches on rolls, croissants, bagels, wraps ... Freshly made assortment of salads.

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