



# Hollis Brookline High School

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## *Some thoughts from the Principal ...*

Once again this year, on behalf of the staff, I would like to express our appreciation to the PTSA for their luncheon/dinner that was provided on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the first night of Parent Conferences. Teachers were overjoyed upon arriving at the cafeteria to be greeted by tables set, decorations, and an outstanding buffet. I would also like to thank the PTSA for sponsoring a presentation in November by Officer Mello of the Hollis Police Department on the topic of Internet Safety and Social Networks.

After a mild November, the campus is transitioning into the winter season. This year, the superintendent will once again notify families of school closings or delayed openings due to inclement weather via the Alert Now system. The fall athletic teams have concluded and we will begin another season shortly. The fall play, *Arabian Nights*, was a huge success, and once again Ms. Tomlinson and her crew outdid themselves with this wonderful and innovative production. The set was beautiful and it was great to see the students supported by one of the largest crowds to see a fall play. If the weather cooperates this year, the Winter Concert is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Speech Contest will take place December 18<sup>th</sup>, Winter Ball on December 19<sup>th</sup> and the HB Idol Talent Show on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Now that we have utilized our new student information system, Power School, to distribute first quarter report cards, we are hoping to open the parent internet portal for second quarter progress reports. This means that rather than a paper copy of the progress report, parents will have the ability to view their child's academic progress online. If we adopt this procedure, you will be notified around mid-December via the Alert Now system as to when and how this will happen. This notification will be followed up with an account number and password that will be mailed to your home.

At the beginning of the year, it was reported that water tests came back showing a high level of antimony in our drinking water. As a result, we posted notification of this at each source of drinking water and have installed water coolers around the building. The acceptable level of antimony is 0.006 mg/L. A January 2009 test came back high (0.017 mg/L) which could have been caused by work that was done on the wells in the fall of 2008. Because of that high reading, we continue to test until our yearly average is below 0.006 mg/L. For the past several months the tests have come back within the acceptable level, which means that our water is acceptable to drink, but the posting remains until the yearly average comes down. We expect this to happen in a few months. The state has approved of our plan to continue testing the water supply with the expectation that the yearly average will fall below the acceptable level. The posting has been changed each month and a message has been updated on our website as well.

As you are well aware, our community was hit hard by the flu over the past month. Absentee numbers peaked around the second week of November with 150 to 175 students out each day. In addition, the staff was hit as well, and it did not help matters that this fell at the end of the first marking period. The absentee rate has returned to normal and hopefully we have seen the worst for the season.

At this time of year, and in increasingly difficult economic times, it is great to see our students and staff reaching out to help those less fortunate. The annual high school Giving Tree is up with students and staff stepping up to help others in need. Eighteen Thanksgiving baskets were prepared for the Shepherd's Fund by our Community of Caring and the Red Cross Club. The Cavalier Penguin Plunge team is gearing up for their annual dip in the Atlantic in early February for the benefit of Special Olympics.

The Guidance Department has been very busy this past month, sending out over 700 application packets to 186 different colleges for our seniors who met the December 1<sup>st</sup> 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>).

Our mid-term exam period is tentatively scheduled for January 19 – 22, 2010. January 19<sup>th</sup> will begin with a two hour exam period for period 1 classes, followed by shorten periods 2 – 7 ending at the normal dismissal time. On January 20 – 22 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 High School staff, I would like to wish the community a restful and enjoyable holiday break.



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**Tim Kelley**

## A Note from your PTSA

### Co-Presidents:

We hope the Thanksgiving break offered our HB community a chance to rest up and enjoy their families.

Last month, the school directories were printed up and delivered during student lunches. If you haven't received a directory you've ordered, please see Mrs. Champigny in the front office. If you didn't order one and would like one, we have a few extras so please ask us about it. We are attempting to "go green" and have the order form on our website: [www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/PTSA](http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/PTSA).

Thank you to our Staff Appreciation coordinators, Kristen Berry, Barb Bruinooge and Sole Hawekotte, as well as all the PTSA folks who helped with our Thanksgiving appreciation event during teacher conferences. Once again, our HBHS PTSA community provided all sorts of lovely soups, wraps, salads and desserts to treat our teachers as they stayed through the day and night to meet with parents. It is such a special feeling for us to receive this volunteerism from our parents, which then is so much appreciated by our educators and staff. Thank you all for your support!

Our Parent Ed Series coordinator, Darlene Kohler, has scheduled our very own Student Resource Officer, Tracy Dunn, to come and speak on January 12, 2010, on the topic of substance abuse and drug awareness among our students. Officer Dunn works in our school each day and is sure to offer parents plenty to think about. Then, on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, a presentation called, "Be Net Safe", will talk about the internet's social media/networking sites and where the children may be at risk while online. This particular presentation has generated interest at our elementary schools and we are exploring whether to offer this Parent Ed presentation at CSDA in Brookline to accommodate the elementary parents. We'll announce the location and time in January's newsletter. Stay tuned.

One of our most enjoyable monthly PTSA meetings of each year is coming up on January 14<sup>th</sup>. We invite to our meeting several 2009 HBHS graduates to come and talk to us about their first semesters away at college. Parents are encouraged to come and ask questions of these fabulous young people. The insight they offer is so interesting and valuable as we talk to our own graduating seniors about their upcoming transition to college.

The NHPTA convention was in November and attended by Marie Degulis, Jill Russell and Julie Forgaard. We each attended different workshops and will be reporting on their content at our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our HBHS PTSA organization received a "Gold Seal" award from the state as a PTSA in good standing again this year. Our organization is one that is recognized at the state each year and is seen as an example to strive for by the younger, budding, PTSA groups around our state. Let's keep up the good work!

The HBHS PTSA would like to ask that parents try to attend a few of the Co-op School Board and/or Co-op Budget Committee monthly meetings as we approach the upcoming annual meetings in March 2010. A PTSA goal this year is to have representation at each of these meetings so that we can inform our membership of issues that are discussed which may affect our school. This year, the budgets are being tightened and it is very important that all voters are informed as they cast their votes in March. Please feel free to ask Jill and Marie any questions you might have, as we have been paying attention!

The next Co-op School Board meeting is 12/16, 6pm at HBMS and the next Coop Budget Committee meeting is



12/21, 6pm, at HBMS.

The next HBHS PTSA meeting will be a social meeting at Marie's at 7pm on 12/10. We will have directions sent with our agenda and meeting reminder. Please come for friendship and information!

We wish all of our families a safe and merry holiday season. We are so lucky to live in communities where peace and good tidings are abundant.

Sincerely, your Co-Presidents,

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## HBHS Library News

The library held a silent auction of all old LP records just before Thanksgiving break. The staff and students had a wonderful time bidding on their favorite albums from the last century! The money earned will go toward CD's of various types of music.

Remember, encyclopedias, e-books and databases are all accessible from home via the library webpage. Just follow the instructions at the top of the right-hand column.

Barb Boucher

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2Q09 AT HBHS

Dec. 3	6:30pm Financial Aid Night HBHS Auditorium
Dec. 9	Booster Club Mtg.—7pm, Office Conference Room
Dec. 9	Women's Club Holiday Coffee 10-2pm, Faith Baptist Church
Dec. 10	PTSA Social Mtg.—7pm @ Marie Degulis' home
Dec. 10	Co-Op School Board Mtg. 6pm — HBMS
Dec. 16	HBHS Winter Concert—7pm HBHS Auditorium
Dec. 18	Fresh/Soph. Speech Contests (A.M.)
Dec. 19	Winter Ball
Dec. 21	Co-Op Budget Mtg.—6pm HBMS
Jan. 8	HBHS Idol Talent Show
Jan. 14	PTSA Mtg with HBHS Graduates Re: College experience
Jan. 19-22	Mid-term exams (Note: 1/20-22 Early release at 12:15)
Jan. 25	Early release 12:15
Feb. 4	College Info Night for families of Juniors 6:30-8:30pm
March 27	NHHEAF State-wide College Convention for Juniors & Parents 8:30am @ SNHU.

## HBHS Athletic Booster Club

### Mark Your Calendars!!

We are still looking for more people to participate in the Booster Club. Please join us for our December meeting on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. Please join us!

Go Cavs!!

Trish MacDonald, President

Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club

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### Hollis Woman's Club News

The Hollis Woman's Club is holding their annual Holiday Coffee next Wed, Dec 9th, from 10-2pm at the Faith Baptist Church on Wheeler Road. All are invited to come, have a bite to eat, visit with friends old and new, and peruse craft tables that members will display. You might find some great holiday gifts for yourself or others, or be inspired to try a new hobby! Membership information will be available as well. For more information on the club, visit their website at [www.holliswomansclub.org](http://www.holliswomansclub.org).

### From the HBHS Health Office

We are happy to report that our student absences seem to be back into a normal range for this time of year. The number of students visiting the health office daily is also following suit. We hope that this pattern continues. The protocol that we follow for dismissing students due to illness is nothing new; however, the criteria and guidelines were certainly pushed by the media and by the Department of Health and Human Services due to H1N1 and flu. Below are some guidelines to follow when determining when to keep your child home from school.

- **Keep your child home if he/she is sick until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever reducing medicine).**
- **A fever is a temperature taken with a thermometer that is equal to or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8 degrees Celsius).**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes. Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often and especially after coughing and sneezing.**

On another note, we would like to remind you of our No Medications in School policy. This policy includes over-the-counter medications as well as prescriptions. The health office stocks certain over-the-counter medications that students may access as needed during the school day with parent permission. All prescription medications should be locked in the health office and it is required that it be accompanied by a doctor's order and parent permission. There are circumstances that warrant a student to carry his/or her medication, whether it be an over-the-counter or prescription med. Parent permission is required and the doctor's order should state that this accommodation is needed. **All forms can be accessed from the health office or from the health office website which can be found on the HBHS website.**

We would like to give a big thank you to the PTSA for their efforts in bringing some extra supplies into the health office. Things such as juice boxes, crackers, cough drops, and tissues are among the things that are always needed. Thank you to Jill Russell for listening to our needs and for putting out the request to the members.

**Parents of freshman: If you have not yet handed in documentation of your child's physical exam please do so now. We will be doing a file review shortly and sending letters of request home.**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.sss.gov), or pick up a registration card at any post office. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Winslow in Guidance.



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Visit your PTSA at

[www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/parents/ptsa](http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/parents/ptsa), where you'll find the list of officers & committees, back issues of newsletters, and much more!

## ***From Your Guidance Department***

Our students are already halfway through second quarter and heading toward mid-terms. This time of year often brings a mix of emotions ranging from excitement to high levels of stress. We have been seeing these emotions presenting themselves in the guidance office. There are many issues that arise at this time of the year such as the pressures of the college admission process, academic concerns around classes, the holidays or family concerns. Patience and understanding are the keys to getting through this sometimes difficult time. With all of this spinning in the heads of students, they can feel overwhelmed and this can result in highly emotional responses to what may appear to be simple issues to someone else. Sometimes a long walk, watching a favorite movie, visiting a friend or just taking a deep breath can help ease the tension that mounts at this time of year. Please know that the counselors are here to help discuss concerns and give assistance if needed.

We wish you and your family all the joy and happiness of the season and a safe and healthy New Year!

### **Communication:**

Please be sure to check our website and read the daily notices ([www.hbhs.k12.nh.us](http://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. The Guidance section of the website has all the current information on scholarships, financial aid, college admission, guidance and career information and testing, along with the counselor contact information.

### **ICT Graduation Requirement**

All students, starting with the class of 2011, must complete a digital portfolio demonstrating ICT (Information and Communication Technology) proficiency. Students should be currently working on this graduation requirement, which needs to be completed by the end of Junior year. All Freshmen and Sophomores are also responsible for this requirement. Freshmen will start this year and have three years of artifacts included in their portfolios. Sophomores start this year and will have two years of artifacts. We are using Sakai as the platform for students to create the digital portfolio. If you go to Jannine Farrar's website <http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/farrarj/sakai.htm> you can find additional information.

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## **Senior News**

Any senior who has not met with his or her counselor to discuss post-secondary plans is encouraged to set up a meeting as soon as possible. Parents are always welcome to attend these meetings. Many deadlines are approaching, so please make a counselor appointment soon. If you do not get your college supporting document form to your counselor by December 4<sup>th</sup>, there is no guarantee information will be sent to the colleges before the vacation break (for a January 1 deadline). However, students should send their applications in to the colleges electronically or by mail even if they have not contacted their counselor before the break and meet with their counselor as soon as we return in January. Do not wait to apply! Many colleges will close their admissions cycle as soon as they have enough applications even though their deadlines are in March. If there are any questions, please contact your son or daughter's school counselor.

## **Receipts for Information Sent**

When information has been sent to a college, each student will receive a receipt stating what was sent to a college and the date it was mailed. Students should stop by the Guidance Office to pick up their receipts so they know exactly what was sent to colleges and when. Please keep these for your records. Receipts will only be given to the student if they have paid the \$3.00 per school postage fee. Mid-term report cards will be held if these fees are not paid.

### **Mid-Term Reports**

Mid-term reports will be sent out to all schools the student has applied to after the semester ends in January. There is no need for students to request this mailing be sent.

### **Financial Aid Information**

Financial Aid Night was held on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for parents of seniors. If you missed this meeting or if you have concerns regarding Financial Aid at this time, an appointment with college financial aid offices when visiting a college is a good way to learn about that particular college's financial aid opportunities. Another great source of information is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached at their website: [www.nhheaf.org](http://www.nhheaf.org) or by calling 1-800-525-2577.

Note: The FAFSA form cannot be submitted before January 1, 2010, but should be submitted as close to that date as possible. All colleges require the FAFSA form from families that are considering any type of financial aid including work study. Families can access this website by going to [www.FAFSA.gov.org](http://www.FAFSA.gov.org). Some colleges will require the CSS PROFILE. It can only be submitted electronically and can be accessed through the College Board website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Colleges have very strict deadlines for Financial Aid applications and it is important to adhere to the deadlines.

### **Graduation Check**

Every senior and parent received a letter in early September regarding graduation requirements. Another letter will be going home after the semester ends and report cards are distributed. It is vitally important that any senior who is missing a required course or has been unsuccessful in a required course meet with their counselor immediately to determine a course of action. The school policy is that each student carries 6.0 credits to be considered a full-time student. If a student has less than 6.0 credits they need to add a course to their schedule for second semester. Students needing to add courses must come to Guidance immediately.

### **Other College Admission Information**

As mentioned in previous newsletters the admissions process keeps all of us very busy, and each year we seem to go above and beyond previous years in sending out information to various colleges. To give the reader an idea of what the students, counselors, and teachers with recommendations have been working on here are some of our numbers:

For the class of 2010:

Packets sent (to date) 723

Number of different schools: 186

## ***From Your Guidance Department—Cont'd***

As you can see it has been busy! Suggestion: Make copies! Given the volume of paper and electronic information that colleges are receiving at this time of year, it is important to keep a copy of any information that you send during the application process.

Often, your student may receive a postcard, letter or e-mail from the Admissions office indicating that they did not receive the information from our department. It is important that your student has picked up the receipt from Guidance so that they know when we sent their materials out. We ask that students then contact the Admissions office at the college directly to ensure that the items have still not been received. Often, despite our best efforts to coordinate, our materials may be received before or after your student's application and it may require some tracking on the part of the college. If at that time the Admissions office confirms that they still have not received the information, your student should come to Guidance and see Mrs. Noel, our secretary. With each admission packet we mail, the college is sent a self-addressed, pre-stamped postcard. They sign off on the receipt of our information by returning the postcard to HBHS. This situation can be very unnerving and causes a high degree of anxiety but can be easily resolved by calling the college. It is important to note that colleges will not disadvantage a student because information is misfiled. For this reason, we advise all students to keep copies.

Early Decision and Early Action decisions should be coming out in late December and early January. Congratulations to those students who have already received notification and have been accepted to college! For those students who applied early and received notification that they have been deferred – remember that deferment still provides an opportunity to be accepted to the college. Students who have been deferred should see their counselor to determine what information they may want to send to further enhance their application.

For colleges with a February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for admission, the *Request for Supporting Documentation form* (pink form) needs to be submitted to the counselor by January 8<sup>th</sup>. Many other schools operate under rolling admission and will accept applications into early spring. Be aware that the earlier you get your application in, the better chance you may have to receive financial aid and on campus housing.

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### **Admissions Decisions**

This process is a long and grueling one for students but the fun part is hearing the positive college decisions. Please come to Guidance and let Mrs. Noel and your counselor know what your college decisions are. We are interested and excited about all decisions and have a special golden bell that must be rung every time the decision is accepted. When students give us this information it helps us counsel future applicants. We also want to hear if the news is not good so that we can help strategize on what to do next. As you know, there are four decisions that can be made - accept, defer, wait-list and deny. The answer most students want to hear at this time of year is, of course, an acceptance, but colleges often defer when evaluating early applications. As mentioned in the last newsletter, being deferred at this point in time is not a bad thing. Being deferred is not a denial and gives students the opportunity to send additional information such as mid-term grades and additional testing. Please do not get upset over a deferment in the process as it can ultimately lead to an accep-

ance. Please talk with your counselor if you have any questions.

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### **NCAA**

Senior athletes interested in participating on athletic teams at Division I or II colleges must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). The NCAA Clearinghouse will require that a transcript be sent through the mail. Guidance is happy to send the transcript to the Clearinghouse if you provide us with the NCAA forms (downloaded from the website) that need to accompany the transcripts. One form must be sent when you submit your initial eligibility form and another must accompany your final transcript when you graduate. Failure to submit these forms to NCAA will delay the athlete's ability to compete at the collegiate level so it is important to get these to Guidance as soon as possible.

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### **College Representative Visits**

We have had over eighty college representatives visit our school this fall. These visits allow juniors and seniors to speak to an individual about a college regarding their school, admission, or a particular program. The following schools visited HBHS: Airline Academy, Assumption College, Bay State College, Becker College, Bentley University, Boston University, Bryant University, Castleton State University, Champlain College, Chester College of New England, Clarkson University, Colby College, Colby Sawyer College, College of the Holy Cross, College of Saint Rose, Daniel Webster College, Drew University, Eastern University, Elmira College, Emmanuel College, Empire Beauty School, Endicott College, Fairfield University, Fisher College, Fitchburg State University, Franklin Pierce University, George Mason University, Gordon College, Green Mountain College, Hofstra University, Husson College, Ithaca College, Johnson & Wales University, Keene State University, Lakes Region Community College, Lasell College, Lesley College, Marist College, Marymount Manhattan College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mercer University, Messiah College, Montana State University, Nashua Community College, New England College, New England School of Communications, New York University, Newbury College, Northeastern University, Plymouth State University, Princeton University, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Regis College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rivier College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Savannah College of Art & Design, Southern New Hampshire University, Southern Vermont College, Springfield College, St. Anselm College, St. Joseph's College of Maine, St. Michael's College, Suffolk University, SUNY Canton, Thomas College, U.S. Military Academy—West Point, Unity College, Universal Technical Institute, University of Connecticut, University of Maine Farmington, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of New England, University of New Haven, University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, University of Rochester, University of Southern Maine, University of New Hampshire, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Western New England College, Wheaton College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

### **Junior News**

Counselors will be meeting with juniors to discuss their PSAT test results starting the week of January 4th.

## ***From Your Guidance Department—Cont'd***

Counselors will be sending out notices with a time and date for juniors to meet with their counselor. Counselors will go over the score report in detail so students will get the most out of this practice test and know how to prepare for the upcoming SAT. We thank you for your patience with this activity as we feel it is very important for students to understand the PSAT results so they will know what to expect when they take the SAT. Keep in mind that these scores are confidential and that colleges do not see them.

### **Junior College Information Night**

On February 4th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm, the Guidance Department will host an information night for juniors and their parents. This evening is designed to help families start the admission process. More information will be on the website and in the January newsletter. Parents are encouraged to attend this event with their students. Alternate (weather related) date is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **SAT Information, SAT Reasoning Tests and SAT Subject Tests:**

Registration for upcoming tests is ongoing through the College Board website. Deadlines are approaching quickly so be sure to attend to them. Registration for tests on:

- January 23 – deadline December 15
- March 13 – deadline February 4 (No Subject Tests are administered in March)
- May 1 - deadline March 25
- June 5 – deadline April 29

SAT's are not administered at HBHS but are available at Milford, Nashua, Souhegan and other local schools. Specific locations are online or in the registration booklet in Guidance. It is important to plan testing around busy sports and activity schedules in the spring. Check with coaches and club advisors as to what weekend dates games, meets and activities may be scheduled. Colleges like to see a junior SAT and a senior SAT score. Students should plan to take the SAT's at least twice during the college admission process. SAT prep courses are offered here at HBHS and at other agencies. Please see your counselors if you are interested in knowing what courses are available. Up-to-date information is also available on the daily announcements and the Guidance webpage.

### **Destination College**

The New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) is sponsoring its annual statewide college convention for high school juniors and their parents. This free event will be held at Southern New Hampshire University on Saturday March 27th beginning at 8:30 am. Pre-registration is required and can be done online at [www.destinationcollege.org](http://www.destinationcollege.org) starting in January. This is a great program that offers a variety of workshops for students and parents, motivational speakers, mini college fair and an opportunity to enter a scholarship raffle.

## **Sophomore News**

As with the Junior PSAT takers, counselors will be meeting with any sophomore student who participated in the fall testing. Sophomores who took the PSAT tests should come to Guidance starting the week of January 5th to sign up for a time to meet with their counselor.

A career symposium will be held in the spring for all sophomores. Stay posted for more information!

## **Freshman News**

### **Clubs and Activities:**

Hopefully you have been busy joining clubs and activities. It's not too late - please refer to the club sheet that was given out by the school counselors when they met with you in the fall. Feel free to email the advisors to check where and when clubs are meeting.

It's a great idea to make an appointment to meet with your counselor with any questions, concerns, or just to say hello! We stay with you all four years and look forward to working with you and your parents.

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## **For All Students**

### **Tutoring Assistance - For all students grades 9-12**

If your son or daughter is in need of assistance in any subject, National Honor Society members are available to help. Teachers and school counselors have lists of students and email addresses. Students can contact the NHS students directly in order to arrange for tutoring. This is a free service that is worth taking advantage of!

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## **Career Services News**

**Congratulations** to senior Alyssa Landolt and junior Tom Quinlan who each won \$250 scholarships in a drawing at this year's annual Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Career and Business Expo held on Thursday, October 22 at the Hampshire Dome.

**BAE** is hosting a series of **Engineering Career Days** through the end of the year. Interested juniors and seniors should see Mrs. Sullivan in the Guidance Office.

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The official Engineering Career Day website is at the following link:

<http://www.baesystems.com/Businesses/EIS/Careers/EngineeringCareerDay/index.htm>

**Spring Internships.** All juniors and seniors interested in participating in a spring internship opportunity should make an appt. with Mrs. Sullivan in the Guidance Office before December 15. Additionally, students who signed up last spring or this fall should meet to confirm their intentions of moving forward with the internship.

**Attention Parents! Spring Career Symposium.** Hollis Brookline High School is preparing for our annual spring career symposium held for our sophomore students. We recognize that we have a wonderful resource in our parents who are career experts in a fascinating variety of careers.

The morning event will include panel discussions with representation from five career clusters. Career clusters offer a context for learning by linking what students learn in school with the knowledge they need for future success. Your career expertise is needed as panel members.

The five career clusters we will represent are Arts and Communications, Business Management, Marketing, and Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing, Human Services, and Health Sciences.

Please contact Julie Sullivan, School to Career Counselor, at 465-2269 ext. 129 or [sullivanj@sau41.k12.nh.us](mailto:sullivanj@sau41.k12.nh.us) if you are interested in participating as a panel member for one of the career clusters listed above in the 2010 Career Symposium.



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