



# Hollis Brookline High School

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

As we head into our annual winter break (February 22-26), students are busy preparing for Spirit Week and the annual Pep Rally held on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Students have made a number of changes this year with their goal to foster community building and service both in and outside the school. Assemblies have been added Monday and Wednesday in addition to the Pep Rally on Friday. A pasta/pizza dinner will be held on Thursday evening for students participating in Pep Rally preparations.

The results of the October NECAP tests came out recently and once again our school has placed at the top of the State. Our Junior class ranked first in the state in reading and second in math and writing. No other high school was as consistently impressive. The reading scores continue to be a source of pride as 86% were at the Proficient level or above. This critical measure has been increasing steadily over the years from 47% in 2001 and 67% in 2004. This is a result in which the entire SAU program should take pride. An additional academic honor worth noting is that all three of our National Merit Semifinalists, Rachael Filer, Tamara Liu and Kaleigh Ryherd, have been named Finalists.

Rehearsals are underway for the annual spring musical, *Curtains*, which is scheduled this year over two weekends, March 19 & 20 and 26 & 27. The winter sports season is winding down with many of our teams finishing strong and participating in their respective playoff tournaments. The winter season will conclude with the annual Sports Awards night on March 31<sup>st</sup> and with the Booster Club sponsoring a Karaoke Night on Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Our US FIRST team has been very busy preparing their robot for this year's "Break Away" competition. There are 41 students on the team this year and 21 advisors. They have been here most nights and weekends since the beginning of winter working long and hard preparing their robot for competition. Our robot will compete on March 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> at the Verizon Center in Manchester. The Wrestling Cavalier Classic, the largest home meet for our team, took place on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Red Cross Club is spearheading fundraising efforts to benefit the National Red Cross drive for Haiti. They are sponsoring a Murder Mystery Dinner at Alpine Grove on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The music department has been busy with Jazz All State on February 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, a Tri-M Chamber music concert at the Hollis Congregational Church on February 10<sup>th</sup> and the Solo Ensemble Festival which took place on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Following the winter break, we will begin the process to re-establish a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter at Hollis Brookline High School. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Stephen Wallace, National SADD Chairman and CEO, will speak to our students during the day and will offer a program to parents in the evening at our school. Please note a calendar adjustment which has been made with respect to the early release day scheduled for Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup>. That early release day has been moved up one day to Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

In honor of St. Patrick, the Co-op District Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. In light of the current economic environment, we have prepared a budget that is less than last year with an expected slight increase in enrollment and without negatively impacting the educational programs. However, classroom space continues to be a challenge with 43 classrooms for over 900 students and some classes scheduled in less than optimal locations such as the library and mini cafeteria. This, along with teacher workspace, storage and the cafeteria being challenges, are all issues that will need to be addressed at some point in the future, and as Principal, it continues to be my unpleasant responsibility to make our community aware of these difficulties and the potential impact it may eventually have on the quality of education and our accreditation.

We are pleased to announce that the United States Department of Education announced that Hollis Brookline High School has been nominated for the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools Award. This program is considered the highest honor an American school can achieve. The award distinguishes and honors schools for helping students achieve at very high levels and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap. Hollis Brookline is one of only three schools (K - 12, public & private) nominated from New Hampshire this year, and since 2002 only 4 New Hampshire schools have received this honor. The application is due at the end of February and schools will be notified in September.

In March, we will begin the course selection process and expect to have the Program of Studies posted on the school website prior to the break. During the month of March, guidance counselors will visit classrooms, distribute scheduling information and work with students to select courses for next year. There will be a Course Selection information evening held on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> for families of grades 9 - 11. Those with children entering from grade 8; will have their own course selection information night on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Following the grade 8 presentation, counselors will visit those students at the Middle School and assist them through the process. Students will register for their courses online through the parent portal. This will be our first experience with online registration using Power School so we ask for your patience. The school website will contain updated scheduling information throughout this process. We plan on distributing student schedules during the early part of June.

In closing, by now you are probably aware of my intention to retire as Principal at the conclusion of this school year. This has not been an easy decision, as it has been a wonderful experience to return to the community that has been our home for over 30 years. It has been a privilege to work with the children of Hollis and Brookline these past five years, and an honor to serve as Principal of the best high school in the state. You will not find a more positive, energetic, imaginative and enjoyable school community anywhere. I feel that I leave Hollis Brookline High School a better school than when I arrived five years ago, and that things are in place for the school to reach greater heights in the years to come.

**Tim Kelley**

## A Note from your PTSA

### Co-Presidents:

As we all look forward to Spring, we find ourselves asking "Can it be true? Are we already beyond the halfway point of our school year?" While the PTSA has accomplished a lot this year already, there are still many important issues, decisions and events ahead.

Thank you to all who joined us at the January meeting where we engaged a panel of eight H-B grads who are college Freshmen on semester break. The former students shared advice and many delightful stories from their first experiences at college.

A huge thank you again to our amazing staff appreciation committee who orchestrated a Valentine's Dessert Buffet for our staff on February 11. Many parents came through with donations of treats to fill out the buffet table and the teachers were feelin' the love. There will be one more event for this committee in May, so if you would like to be included you can get on the email list by contacting Kristen Berry at [kbellep@aol.com](mailto:kbellep@aol.com). We are looking for approximately 50 parents to donate drinks, food, or send in \$5.00 to be put toward paper goods to make this luncheon all it can be for our teachers and staff. Right now we have a smaller list of 30 or so that we seem to be counting on a lot this year, so think about adding your name to the list as a way to thank those who dedicate so much to our kids.

We started an after-school yoga class recently and if your student would like to join in, it is on Mondays from 3-4 in the mini café, and mats are required. More info is available on our PTSA website at [www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa](http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa). This is open to all staff, students and community members.

Our next meeting is on March 17<sup>th</sup> just prior to the Co-op District meeting in the back lobby entrance at 6:30 pm. The PTSA will be selling refreshments and we'll be voting on whether to change the S-team Graduation night Boston Harbor cruise to a different type of event this year. Please come out to the district meeting and be part of the voting process.

Finally, we would like to echo the sentiments expressed at our February meeting when Principal Kelley addressed our group about his retirement at the end of this school year. Never could we imagine a more dedicated and supportive administrator and friend to the PTSA. We appreciate his attending all our meetings and having an openness to discussing all the issues important to us as parents. He is always focused on what is best for our kids and has fostered a culture within the building that promotes excellence and good citizenship. We are grateful to him for this and more.

Have a great vacation week, and we'll see you at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Coop meeting!

Sincerely, your Co-Presidents,

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## HBHS Library News

The library strives to offer a wide range of resources and reading opportunities for all students and classes. However, during this semester, there will be times when access for students and/or classes is limited due to the fact that the library instruction room is now used for three classes every day. We will make every effort to bring print resources and laptops to the classrooms when the library is already reserved and not available for more classes.

**Barb Boucher**

## Hollis Women's Club News

### 2010 Scholarships

**Four-Year College or University.** Eligible students are female or male residents of Brookline or Hollis who will be attending a 4-year college or university. Applicants will be judged primarily on academics, school/community involvement, and the essay.

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Applications in Guidance Dept.

**Vocational Program or Community College.** Eligible students are female or male residents of Brookline or Hollis who will be attending a vocational program or community college.

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Applications in Guidance Dept.

Susan Benz

## IMPORTANT DATES AT HBHS

Feb. 22-26	WINTER BREAK
March 4	Students Against Destructive Decisions program (day event for students; evening event for parents). 7:00pm Auditorium
March 4-6	U.S. First Robot Competition Verizon Center, Manchester
March 6	Nat'l Red Cross Drive for Haiti Murder Mystery Dinner Alpine Grove
March 9	EARLY RELEASE
March 11	Course Selection Info Night Grades 9-11
March 17	Co-Op District Annual Mtg.
March 17	PTSA Mtg. 6:30pm, back lobby
March 19/20 and March 26/27	Spring Musical "Curtains"
March 27	NHHEAF State-wide College Convention for Juniors & Parents, 8:00am @ SNHU.
March 30	Course Selection Info Night Grade 8—6:30pm
March 31	Fall Sports Awards Night
April 2	3rd Quarter ends
April 9	Karaoke Night
April 13 (NOT April 14)	Early Release Day (note change)
May 7	Spring Career Symposium (Sophomores)

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!

## HBHS Athletic Booster Club Mark Your Calendars!!

Winter Sports Awards Night is set for Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>! We are looking forward to celebrating with all of our student athletes. If you have any pictures that you would like to share in our slideshow, please put them on a disc and get them to the Athletic office before March 25<sup>th</sup>. The more pictures we receive the better the slideshow!!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Karaoke Night will be held in the auditorium on Friday night, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your coaches and teachers to support the booster club by participating. Then come on over and cheer them on to victory!

The Booster Club is accepting nominations for officers for the 2010-11 school year. If you are interested, please attend our next meeting on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or contact me at the email address below.

Go Cavs!!

Trish MacDonald, President

Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club

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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](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

## From Your Guidance Department

Although it is snowing out as this newsletter is written, it seems this winter has been kind to us and we have avoided the ice storm and power outage disaster of last year. This uninterrupted winter has allowed us to stay on schedule with exams, second semester courses and upcoming course registration! In January, the counselors spent a great deal of time meeting with Junior students to review the PSAT results. This is a nice and gradual introduction into the college application process. Counselors next offered a Junior College Evening Presentation that was a great success. We are very fortunate to have so many parents and students attend, and are grateful for your participation. Mr. Holding gave a fabulous and hilarious presentation about the college essay to an audience of over 400 people. For those parents who missed either of these events, we have copies of the Power Point presentation on the Guidance website and copies of Mr. Holding's notes in the Guidance office; feel free to come to the Guidance office to pick up this information. Over the next two weeks, counselors have arranged to meet with their students in a small group format to delve further into the college search and review the process in more detail. The College Handbook was also completed and is available on the website and is a wonderful resource for parents/students and contains current information and specifically all the new test dates.

**Report cards** were distributed and parents and students have (I hope) used the user ID and password and have logged in to the parent portal. As people become more familiar with this feature, favorability seems to rise. Lastly, the counselors are sending home **credit check letters** to all Seniors that specifically review remaining graduation requirements in order to ensure that all Seniors can move successfully toward their June graduation. If there are any questions or concerns, please be sure to contact the counselor.

At this time of year colleges are anxiously awaiting midterm reports from the high school so they can make their final admissions decisions. We are just finishing the process of sending out mid-term grades to colleges so that students' college applications are complete. In this mailing alone we will send out over 1000 transcripts. We send the mid-term grades automatically to all the colleges that students have indicated to us that they have applied to. Please note that this report is just the first and second quarter grades, not the mid-term exam grade! For many students this is a relief. This is a massive undertaking that Mrs. Noel and the counselors are involved in, but necessary for the students.

Course registration for 2010-2011 academic year will begin right after vacation in early March. More information is contained in the body of this newsletter and important deadlines and parent programs are listed. The guidance office is always a busy place and this winter is proving to be no different!

Have a wonderful and relaxing vacation.

**2009 - 2010 Course Registration:** When students return from February break, they will receive registration information for the upcoming year. Outlined here is the schedule of events that will occur regarding the course registration process.

In accordance with Federal law and US Dept of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write:  
USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W,  
Whitten Bldg., 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington,  
DC 20250-2410

### Wednesday, March 10, 2010

**Counselors will hold course selection presentations for grades 9, 10, and 11 during the day!**

### March 11, 2010

**Course Selection Informational Evening for Parents**

<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>6:45 pm</b>
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>

### March 30, 2010

**Grade 8 Evening Course Selection Presentation**

### March 31, 2010

**Counselors will meet with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at HBMS**

**More information will be sent in a mailing!**

Students will receive a preliminary schedule at the beginning of June.

**Advanced Placement Testing:** Advanced Placement Testing will begin and occur during the first two weeks of May. Counselors will be going to all the Advanced Placement classes to discuss the tests and the registration process. Information will be placed on the website as well.

**Information Sessions and Tours:** We are delighted that so many families find Hollis Brookline High School a potential option for their children, and we are happy to answer any questions new members to our community have regarding the high school. However, due to the overwhelming amount of requests to talk with a counselor and tour the school, the Guidance department offers two time slots during the week for Information Sessions and Tours. Please call the Guidance Office (465-2269 x128) to schedule a time to come and visit.

**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.

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## **Senior News**

**College Admissions.** Admission decisions will be coming out periodically, but there will be many colleges notifying students at the end of March and early April. Congratulations to all students receiving acceptances to colleges! We ask that students please share with their counselors where they have been accepted and where they have not. This helps the counselors work with Juniors as they start their college process. Please let us know where you plan to attend. This helps us prepare for the end of the year report and forwarding final transcripts to colleges. We love hearing good news about students' successes, and of course the bell ringing is fun too! Any student who still wishes to make application should meet with their counselor as there are many schools with open deadlines and offer wonderful opportunities.

**Accepted Student Open Houses..** Colleges will be hosting Accepted Student days on their campus' in the spring. This is a great time to see the college through the lens of an accepted student not a potential admission candidate. These days often help students make that final decision. If the college does not host such an event, it is very helpful to make some time to see the campus again to get a clear idea about your choice. Colleges welcome potential students to visit classes and experience the life of a student on their campus. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Financial Aid Information.** Financial aid deadlines are here. Be sure to get financial aid information in as soon as possible. Any delay in this process can disadvantage a family from receiving aid. If you have concerns regarding financial aid at this time, an appointment with the college financial aid office is a good way to learn about that particular college's financial aid opportunities. All colleges require the FAFSA form from families that are considering financial aid. To fill out the FAFSA, use the government website [www.FAFSA.gov.org](http://www.FAFSA.gov.org). Again, for most colleges the FAFSA must be submitted between February 1 and March 1, 2010. Financial aid materials are available online either through the government website or the College Board website. Please check the Guidance website for more scholarship and Financial Aid information. Don't self-select yourself out of the financial aid process. You never know unless you apply!!

Some private colleges will require the CSS PROFILE. The PROFILE is only for private colleges and only certain schools use this form. It can only be submitted electronically and can be accessed through the College Board website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The PROFILE can be submitted at any time, but should be submitted before March 15<sup>th</sup> (always important to know the deadline the specific college has posted).

Another great source of information is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached by e-mail [www.nhheaf.org](http://www.nhheaf.org) or calling 1-800-525-2577. Financial aid materials are available in both Guidance and the library at HBHS. Again, please check the Guidance website for more scholarship and financial aid information.

**Scholarships.** Scholarship season is here and new scholarship opportunities are arriving daily in Guidance. A list of scholarships is located on the website and is updated as frequently as scholarship information comes in. Applications can be accessed electronically or found in the scholarship drawer in Guidance. Please be aware of the procedures in place to ensure scholarship information is sent out in a timely fashion and has the necessary information attached. We ask students to please fill out the purple scholarship request form that lists the name of the scholarship and what is needed to complete the scholarship packet. These forms are found in Guidance near the appointment slips. Students are asked to give the counselor at least 48 hours prior to the postmarked deadline for processing. Our website is the best source of information so please check it often.

**NCAA.** Senior Athletes interested in participating on athletic teams in college must register with the NCAA. This must be done online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). The NCAA Clearinghouse will require an official transcript be sent from Guidance. Guidance is happy to send the transcript to the Clearinghouse, but it is imperative that you inform your counselor. One transcript must be sent when you complete your initial eligibility and your final transcript will be sent when you graduate. It is also important to have your SAT scores sent directly to the Clearinghouse. NCAA will not accept a copy sent from the individual high school. Remember, if you do not complete your NCAA requirements it will delay the athlete's ability to compete at the collegiate level, so it is important to register and notify Guidance as soon as possible.

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

It is now the Juniors' turn to get into the college admission frenzy. Counselors are already busy meeting with Juniors and their parents discussing options and colleges to visit. With two vacations on the horizon, it may be helpful to start scheduling college visits. All appointments to visit college campuses can be made through the admissions office of the college or on the college's websites. By notifying the admissions office, families can be assured a tour and an interview if the school offers them. February and April vacations are perfect times to visit college campuses. It is very helpful for the student to see the college students on the campus, and it is more difficult to get a sense of the college in the summer when students are not present. Sometimes the hustle and bustle of the campus, or lack thereof, has a big impact on the decision of the student.

**College Admission Handbook.** The College Admission Handbook is now complete and will only be available online. If for some reason you do not have access to a computer, we would be happy to print a copy for you. It is hoped that going online will help ease school expenses. This handbook offers an enormous amount of information about the college admission process, and is best used as a resource tool. It is also has a sample of forms utilized in the process. The online version can be found on the Hollis Brookline website under the Guidance section.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2:30 pm.** Pre-registration is required and can be done online at [www.destinationcollege.org](http://www.destinationcollege.org). Reservations must be received by March 5th. 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.

**College Fairs.** College Fairs will be coming up in the spring, and it is a great time for students to gather information from a variety of schools at one time. Below are the times and dates of local fairs:

Southern NH College Fair  
Pinkerton Academy  
April 7, 2010, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's School College Fair  
Gordon Rink  
April 28, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Boston National College Fair  
World Trade Center  
April 27, 2010 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**SAT Subject Tests** are required by a small percentage of schools but always by the most competitive colleges. Students may want to think about taking these tests at the end of the year when they finish the corresponding class (i.e., Accelerated Biology students may want to take the SAT subject test in biology at the end of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade, and/or Pre-Calculus students may want to register for the Math II SAT subject test at the end of the academic year). Students may take three subject tests on one test date as they are each only one hour in length. Score Choice is also available for Subject tests.

**SAT Information.** SAT Reasoning Tests and SAT Subject Tests: Registration for upcoming tests is ongoing through the College Board website [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Deadlines are approaching quickly! Registration deadline is six weeks prior to test dates.

### **SAT Reasoning Test/Subject Tests Test Dates 2010**

Saturday, March 13, 2010\*  
Saturday, May 1, 2010  
Saturday, June 5, 2010

### **Test Dates for Fall/Spring 2010-11**

Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Saturday, November 6, 2010  
Saturday, December 4, 2010  
Saturday, May, 7, 2011  
Saturday, June, 4, 2011

*\*(No SAT Subject Tests are administered on this date)*

SAT's are not administered at HBHS but are available at Milford Nashua, Souhegan and other local schools. 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, and typically will take the highest scores of each section. Students should plan to take the SAT's at least twice during the college admission process.

Last year the College Board introduced a new Score Choice option. Below is the description from the College Board:

"The College Board has approved an important change to the current SAT score reporting policy. This new policy will give students the ability to send the SAT scores that they feel best represent their abilities to colleges and universities, at no additional cost. A student can send one, multiple, or all test scores to a college on a single score report. They will be able to send SAT scores by sitting (test date) and scores from individual SAT Subject Tests. Designed to reduce student stress and improve the test day experience, this new score reporting feature will launch in early 2009 and is schedule to be available to students who participate in the March 2009 test administration.

With this new score reporting policy, colleges will continue to set their own policies regarding which scores they want students to send and which scores they review.

This new score reporting feature will be optional. Unless a student actively chooses not to send a score, all of his or her scores will be sent, as has been the traditional practice. This will enable students to ensure that they are optimally representing themselves to colleges."

This means that a student can wait to send their scores, to see the results then decide which report they would like to send. There are a few things to consider with this option. Students must send all scores for that particular test day and it will cost extra to send them after the test day. Again, the majority of colleges take the best scores from all tests. Please check with the colleges as to what their policies may be regarding Score Choice.

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

**ACT Information.** Students can also take the ACT exam. Colleges look at the ACT and the SAT interchangeably, so there is no disadvantage to taking either or both. Some students find they do better on the ACT than the SAT, so it is worth investigating or asking your counselor about this test. Registration and general ACT information can be found on [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

### **ACT Assessment—Test Dates 2010**

April 10, 2010

June 12, 2010

### **Test Dates for ACT—Fall/ Spring 2010-11**

September 11, 2010

October 23, 2010

December 11, 2010

February 12, 2011

April 9, 2011

June 11, 2011

Optional Writing Test for the ACT is highly recommended.

## ***Sophomore News***

As with the Junior PSAT test takers, counselors have been meeting with any Sophomore student who participated in the Fall testing. If any student who took the test has not received their scores, please see your counselor as soon as possible. It is important for Accelerated students to consider taking the SAT Subject tests at the end of their Sophomore year. Please see the section on SAT testing in this newsletter.

Counselors will be meeting with 10<sup>th</sup> grade students during the second week of March to discuss registration for the upcoming academic year. Counselors will review the Program of Studies, online procedures, and general information to assist in the selection of their upcoming years' classes. Counselors will also meet individually with students at the student's request to go over their academic and career plans.

## ***Freshman News***

Counselors will be providing presentations to review course selection for our ninth grade students on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be reviewing high school graduation requirements, online registration procedures and general information, to allow students to be contemplating their academic four-year plan at HBHS. The counselors will be happy to meet with students individually to review their anticipated schedules after our group presentations.

## ***Student Assistant Counselor News***

The student assistance counselor, in consultation with the entire student services department, works to bring in preventative programs to cultivate in the high school a climate of respect and healthiness. To this end, groups are continually offered to address self-esteem issues, decision-making, and healthy relationships.

A new preventative program will be launched - **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** at Hollis Brookline High School on March 4<sup>th</sup>. A guest speaker, Stephen Wallace, National SADD Chairman and CEO, will speak to our students during the day. That evening a program will be offered to the parents of our school. We are hoping that stu-

dents will join this dynamic program to continue to raise our awareness and efforts in providing for each student a healthy high school climate. This is a great new initiative for our students to participate in and a helpful program for parents that will serve to keep our students safe. Please attend the informational evening presentation which will be held at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

## ***School to Career News***

**Engineering Career Days.** BAE is hosting a series of Engineering Career Days through the end of the year. Interested Juniors and Seniors can register on the BAE website. Please notify Mrs. Sullivan in the Guidance Office if you register to attend. Transportation may be provided if there is enough interest.

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

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

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

**New Hampshire Fire Explorer Training Academy.** For the past 19 years, the New Hampshire Fire Explorer Training Academy, in coordination with the Daniel Webster Council, has provided an exceptional opportunity for local youths with an interest in firefighting. This Academy is an intense physical and educational week-long residential program for young males and females to experience life as a firefighting recruit. During the week, cadets will travel to the New England Association of Fire Chiefs' Exhibition in Springfield, Massachusetts for a showcase of fire and EMS apparatus, technology and innovations. Upon return to the New Hampshire Fire Academy, cadets will participate in the same firefighting classes any adult recruit would be required to complete for certification.

The week-long Academy will take place from June 25 – July 2 at the New Hampshire State Fire Academy in Concord, NH.

Applications will be available online beginning March 1. For more information on the New Hampshire Fire Explorer Training Academy, please visit [www.nhexploring.org/nhfeta.htm](http://www.nhexploring.org/nhfeta.htm).

## ***Attention Parents!***

### ***Spring Career Symposium***

Our annual spring career symposium for all Sophomore students will be held on Friday, May 7. 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.