



# Hollis Brookline High School

January 2004 Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Winter weather is certainly upon us with snow, ice, and dropping temperatures. Along with the change in weather came a rash of illnesses among the staff and student body. Over the past several weeks we experienced a much higher absentee rate due to flu-like symptoms which really spread through the building. Due to the lost days, we felt it was in everyone's best interest to begin midyear exams a day later than originally planned. This will allow more time for make up and review. We feel this change is in the best interest of students and staff - especially those that were hit with this difficult virus. A copy of the exam schedule is printed in the newsletter. As usual, teachers are available for extra help during the afternoon hours and all facilities are available to students.

As we head into the second half of the school year, winter sports, and extra curricular activities are underway. Auditions are being held for our March musical, "Anything Goes" which will be presented on March 18-20. Mr. Rosenberg's US First Team is working diligently on their robotics projects for the upcoming competition. Once again, we have high levels of participation in wrestling, track, and basketball. We encourage parents and community members to attend these exciting events.

My best wishes for a healthy happy, and prosperous New Year!

Charles W. Flahive.



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It's hard to believe that it's 2004 already!! The PTSA has been hard at work supporting school events, meeting new staff, and planning for a new year of upcoming events. The Bridge Building dinner was well attended. As always, thanks to our volunteer cooks (parents of Physics students), there was an abundance of good food. Thank you to Jean Filer for all her hard work in organizing this event!

Our December meeting was held at the home of Jean Filer, where we enjoyed goodies, conversation with Asst. Principal Rich Manley, and meeting Kelley Sewell, a new staff member who teaches English and Journalism. Kelley brings not only teaching experience, but also twelve years of publishing experience to her job. She has great plans for a school newspaper and has arranged for some of her journalism students to have articles published in local papers. Welcome, Kelley! You have a lot to offer our students!

It's not too late in the year to get involved in the PTSA! We welcome new members and those who are looking for a way to be involved. Currently we are looking for someone to take over the newsletter from a parent whose children have graduated. We also need someone to chair the committee that will organize our next fundraiser-the lasagna dinner held on Saturday, March 20, prior to the evening performance of the musical "Anything Goes". If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cindy Ullrich at 672-3111, or Jean Filer at 598-1050. There are openings in the computer lab for volunteers. Please contact

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## Guidance News ~ January 2004

**STAY INFORMED:** Students should make sure to regularly read the daily notices (available on the HBHS website [www.hbhs.k12.nh.us](http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us)). Also, college, financial aid and general guidance information is posted on the first floor bulletin boards near Guidance.

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:** Be aware of deadlines for college applications. Key deadline dates for many colleges are January 1, January 15, February 1 and February 15.

**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:** The FAFSA financial aid forms are available online. Forms are available online ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) or from Guidance. They should be filed as soon after January 1 as possible. Remember to keep in touch with the Financial Aid Office at the colleges to which students are applying to be informed about any special financial aid requirements for those colleges. **DO NOT MISS DEADLINES, YOU WILL MISS OUT ON AID.** *Free financial aid information is available from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation. Hours are 8-5 Monday through Friday. Evening appointments may be scheduled. Call 1-800-525-2577 x119.*

**SCHOLARSHIP FORMS:** New forms continue to arrive in guidance. Watch daily notices and check out "Guidance" on the HBHS website for current information.

**SAT and I & II:** Late registration deadline for the January 24th administration is Dec. 31st. For most colleges this is the last opportunity to obtain scores for use in the admissions process for fall 2004 entry.

**JUNIOR MEETINGS**—School counselors met with juniors in December to review the results of PSATs. They will be meeting with juniors this winter to discuss the college admissions process.

**FRESHMEN:** In addition to individual meetings, counselors are meeting in small groups with their assigned freshmen to continue the transition process and reinforce the importance of establishing a solid academic profile. Students received a copy of the booklet, How To Get Good Grades.

**EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH** is a federally funded program for first generation college-bound students and students from lower income families. Eligible students are connected with financing opportunities for college, career awareness, and college application support. Typically a four-person household with an adjusted gross income of under \$40,000 (\$24,000 taxable income) would qualify. Sophomores and juniors who might be eligible for this program should contact their school counselor for more information. This is an excellent program, so don't miss out.

## New 2003 -2004 Scholarships and Contests Available in Guidance

American Chemical Society Scholars Program

- Eligible students are African American, Hispanic/Latino, or American Indian US citizens. High achievers (GPA 3.0 or better), demonstrating financial need, and intent to major in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or a chemically-related science and planning a career in the chemical sciences or chemical technology. Information online at [www.chemistry.org/scholars](http://www.chemistry.org/scholars)
- Award: \$2,5000 scholarship renewable for all four or five years if a 3.0 GPA is main

tained.

- Deadline: February 15, 2004.

AAA Travel High School Challenge

- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students put their geography and travel knowledge to the test. Check the website or guidance for more info [www.aaa.com/travelchallenge](http://www.aaa.com/travelchallenge).
- Award: Top scorer in each state competition receives \$1,000 scholarship and advances for a chance to win up to \$25,000.
- Online competition January 12-21, 2004.

## Scholarships ~ (cont)

### The American Legion Dept of NH Scholarship

- Evidence of acceptance to a four-year college or university. At least a “B” average. Application in guidance.
- Award: \$1,000
- Deadline: May 1, 2004.

### The American Legion Dept of NH Albert T. Marcoux Memorial Scholarship

- Parent must be a current legion or auxiliary. Evidence of acceptance to a four-year college or university. At least a “B” average. Application in guidance.
- Award: \$1,000
- Deadline: May 1, 2004.

### The American Legion Dept of NH Christa McAuliffe Field of Education Scholarship

- Evidence of acceptance to a four-year college or university leading to a bachelor’s degree in the field of education. Must have at least a “B” average. Application in guidance
- Award: \$1,000
- Deadline: May 1, 2004.

### The American Legion Dept of NH John A. High Child Welfare Scholarship

- Candidates shall be boys whose father or mother have been members of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary for three years immediately preceding the date of application or are the sons of a deceased veteran, and who are in their senior year in high school and are in need of financial assistance. Application in guidance.
- Award: \$1,000
- Deadline: May 1, 2004.

### The American Legion Dept of NH Raymond K. Conley Memorial Scholarship

- Must be a resident of NH for at least three years. Must be for a career in physical or mental rehabilitation area. At least a “B” average. Must

show acceptance to a four-or two-year college or vocational school. Application in guidance.

- Award: \$500
- Deadline: May 1, 2004.

### The American Legion Dept of NH Vocational Education Scholarship

- Evidence of acceptance to a two-year college or university leading to an associates degree needed. At least a “B” average. Application in guidance.
- Award: \$1,000
- Deadline: May 1, 2004.

### Bank of NH Local Educational Advancement Programs (LEAP)

- Available to high school seniors who are enrolling fulltime in a post-secondary institution. Based on financial need and merit. Applications in guidance or online at nhcf.org.
- Award: \$2,500
- Deadline: March 12, 2004.

### Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship

- Open to high school seniors who are US Citizens. Male and female students compete separately for identical awards. Leadership, ACT/SAT scores, transcript, and financial need all important.
- Award: First place awards of \$15,000 per year for four years through fourth place award of \$1,000 per year for four years.
- Deadline: 1/9/04

### Guardian Girls Going Places College Scholarship Program

- Girls 12-16 who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship, taking the first steps toward financial independence, and are making a difference in their school and communities. Student must be nominated by an adult. Essay needed. Information at [www.girlsgoingplaces.com](http://www.girlsgoingplaces.com)
- Award: \$10,000- \$1,000.
- Deadline: February 27, 2004.

## Scholarships ~ (cont)

### The Lemonade Series Writing Scholarship

- Grades 9-12. Story, essay, or personal narrative intended to describe how someone positively inspired you to change your life. Submit online at [www.dadslemonadestand.com](http://www.dadslemonadestand.com) or information in guidance.
- Award: Cash scholarship \$500 and published work
- Deadline: April 1, 2004.

### Mary P. Adams Scholarship from The Salvation Army

- Must be a resident of NH, in need of scholarship funds, working towards a degree in a field that deals with environmental preservation, wildlife, oceanography, or biology. You need to be willing to work at Camp Sebago in Maine as Nature Director, Waterfront Director, Pioneer Director, Counselor, or any related position.
- If you meet these requirements, you may receive a \$5000 scholarship in addition to the regular camp staff salary they receive for the summer. More information in guidance.

### National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Free Enterprise Scholars Award

- Created to identify and recognize young people who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit/initiative. Not based on financial need. Eligible students will enter a two-or four-year university, college, or vocational institute. Applicants must be nominated by a NFIB member. Online application and information at [www.nfib.com/education](http://www.nfib.com/education) or in guidance.
- Award: \$1,000 scholarship.
- Deadline: March 31, 2004.

### Professional Fire Fighters of NH

- Open to a student who plans to attend full-time college or university with a strong interest in fire emergency services.
- Award: \$400
- Deadline: April 30, 2004.

### Scholarship Tree Academic Bowl

- High school students have the opportunity to compete monthly against other high school teams. Every month, a \$3,000 cash award will be shared by the winning team members and their school. Visit [scholarshiptree.com](http://scholarshiptree.com). Also, Scholarship Quest- a unique scholarship awards program consisting of 20 competitions in music, art, drama, writing, journalism, computers, dance, and public speaking.
- First competition December 17, 2003.

### **Individual College Scholarships:**

**Please remember to contact individual college financial aid offices to inquire what is available!**

**New England Institute of Technology-** Offers juniors and seniors the opportunity to participate in a variety of high school competitions designed to encourage students to explore career choices and the employment skills required. Information can be found at [www.neit.edu](http://www.neit.edu) or in guidance. First place receives \$2,000 tuition scholarship, second place, \$1,500 and third place, \$1,000. Deadline March 16, 2004.

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## **PTSA News** (cont from front page)

Marsh Cone-Roddy at [marsha@hollistech.com](mailto:marsha@hollistech.com) if you would like to help out. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb 12, 2004, at 7 PM, in the mini café. Please join us. We will be discussing plans for the March Staff Appreciation luncheon, Post Prom and Graduation parties.

# HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## MID YEAR EXAM SCHEDULE

### 2003-2004

#### Tuesday, January 13, 2004

7:20 - 8:50 Period 1 Exam  
9:00 - 10:30 Period 2 Exam  
10:35 - 11:15 Lunch  
11:30 - Dismissal  
11:30- 2:24 Review & Tutorial Time as well as  
Make Up Exams

#### Wednesday, January 14, 2004

7:20 - 8:50 Period 3 Exam  
9:00 - 10:30 Period 4 Exam  
10:35 - 11:15 Lunch  
11:30 - Dismissal  
11:30- 2:24 Review & Tutorial Time as well as  
Make Up Exams

#### Thursday, January 15, 2004

7:20 - 8:50 Period 5 Exam  
9:00 - 10:30 Period 6 Exam  
10:35 - 11:15 Lunch  
11:30 - Dismissal  
11:30- 2:24 Review & Tutorial Time as well as  
Make Up Exams

#### Friday, January 16, 2004

7:20 - 8:50 Period 7 Exam  
9:00 - 10:30 Period 8 Exam  
10:35 - 11:15 Lunch  
11:30 - Dismissal  
11:30- 2:24 Review & Tutorial Time as well as  
Make Up Exams

*BUSES AT 11:30 all four days.*

- All classes and tests must be attended by all students.
- All make up exams must be scheduled with individual teachers.

### **Class Dues**

The HBHS Student Council is currently collecting class dues for numerous events such as proms and class trips. Students who do not pay their dues will be unable to attend these events. As many activities need to be planned and pre-paid, it is really important for classes to have their funds available in a timely manner. Dues will be collected in the cafeteria on January 29th and 30th. They can also be paid at any time to class treasurers or advisors. Early payments are greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Your Student Council

Class of 2007: Rachel Bridges, treasurer. Dues: \$5.00

Class of 2006: Kendra Ekstrom, treasurer. Dues: \$10.00

Class of 2005: Katie Sorenson, treasurer. Dues: \$10.00

Class of 2004: Danielle Ouellette, treasurer. Dues: \$10.00

Please check with your class treasurer for previous years' dues. Checks payable to Hollis Brookline High School.

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