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Some Thoughts from the Principal

A healthy and happy new year to all. As the first semester comes to a close, our students are busy preparing for mid year assessments scheduled for January 22nd – 25th. Please remember that there will be an additional early dismissal on the first day of second semester, January 28th. A separate letter has been sent home outlining the exam and bus schedule and it has been posted on the web site. Exam grades are listed on the report card and included in the calculation of the final grade. This is done for a number of reasons; the mid term and final assessment are cumulative tests, which we allocate a significant amount of school time and as a measure of course competency they deserve to be highlighted on a student's yearly academic report. The student's official high school transcript will list the quarter and final grades but the semester exam grades are not included.

In last month's newsletter, it was acknowledged that Marie Degulis of the PTSA secured a grant that will help us purchase an additional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for our school. I failed to point out that the grant was funded by the Xilinx Community Fund, of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Marie worked with J. W. Brooks of Xilinx who is also a Hollis Brookline parent. This is not the first grant that our school has received from Xilinx and we appreciate the support they have shown to our community.

If you visit the school over the next few months, you may notice a quilt that is being raffled off by our National Honor Society. This beautiful work of art, created by our own Cindy Dougherty, is a collection of Hollis Brookline athletic team T-shirts and will be on display at events at the gym and auditorium over the next few weeks. The National Honor Society has been fundraising this year to fund improvements to the third floor lobby, between the gym and auditorium. The plan is to replace the carpet with flooring which will include our school emblem.

Last month the National Honor Society sponsored a Volunteer Fair, where many organizations presented opportunities for our students to become involved in community service and the annual Speech Contest for our freshmen and sophomore classes was held in the auditorium. We appreciate the efforts of Mr. Williamson, of the English department, for spearheading the speech contest and National Honor Society advisors, Mr. Connors and Ms. McElroy, for organizing the fair. Auditions for the spring musical "Footloose", are complete and rehearsals are underway for the March show. Our annual Cavalier Wrestling Classic is set for Saturday February 9th. The US FIRST Robotics Game has been established, I understand that we should watch

A Message from Your PTSA Presidents

Happy New Year!! We know that this newsletter will not get out before our January PTSA meeting, so we want to encourage you if you did not attend the meeting, to read the minutes when they are posted on-line. Principal Kelley attends most if not all of our meetings to keep us up to date on what is happening in the school. He also takes the time to listen to parent concerns and patiently answer their questions. The January meeting will have our annual College Freshman HB Alums talking to us about their first semester college experiences and how we as parents can best help our Seniors prepare for their first year in college. Principal Kelley will also update us on the issues facing the voters in March.

We are pleased to announce that the HBHS PTSA along with Suave and our National PTSA will be distributing a small thank you to our PTSA volunteers. Erin wrote to Suave after receiving an email from the National PTSA and they have sent us 100 "Back to Beauty" kits as a token thank you for all that you do. Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings to receive your kit.

Our February meeting is scheduled for Valentine's Day, Thursday-February 14th at 8:30 a.m. Our Staff Appreciation crew will be working on a Dessert buffet for the staff that day, so drop of a goodie and come on in and join us!

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Visit the PTSA at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa
where you'll find the list of officers &
committees, back issues of newsletters,
PTSA meeting minutes and more!

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out for a large red ball over the next few weeks leading up to their competition February 28th – March 1st.

Plans are underway for the participation of the Cavalier team in the Annual Penguin Plunge held on Sunday February 3rd at Hampton Beach for the benefit of Special Olympics of New Hampshire. Once the team is organized, look for informational links on the school web site. It is all for a great cause and I understand is great preparation for viewing the super bowl later in the day. For those who appreciate a more comfortable activity to preparation for the super bowl, do not forget the Super Bowl Brunch, sponsored by the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club at the Alpine Grove. Our Interact Club works with Rotary on this event and throughout the year. Rotary continues to be a strong support of our school and community.

As it is the time of year, when school budgets are developed, a number of issues are examined to determine if we are being efficient with the considerable resources allocated to provide a quality educational experience for your children. It is obvious to anyone who analyzes the budget that the biggest expense is the cost of salaries and benefits. As part of our preparation of the high school budget we looked at the New Hampshire Department of Education website, which collects data from around the state, to see how we compare with other districts with respect to the average teacher student ratio. We compared teacher student ratios among Class I and other districts that challenge us academically state wide. We developed a list of 26 districts and found that in 1998 the Coop district ranked 3rd with a student teacher ratio of 12.5 with the state average of 15.4. Over the years since that time we have surpassed the state average and gravitated to the bottom of this list. In 2007 we ranked 23rd out of 26 (13.7 students per teacher) while the state average is now 12.8 students per teacher. The difference may not seem like much but when considering the enrollment in the Coop, every additional teacher lowers the ratio by only one tenth. While we believe that maintaining the high quality education that our children receive is to keep class sizes reasonable, the data indicates that we are not wasting the resources that the voters have made available to us. As we move forward with the budget you will continue to hear that reasonable class sizes combined with quality teaching will maintain the level of education that people in our communities are accustomed to.

Once second semester begins, we will begin the process of course selection for next year. This will begin with the publication and distribution of the Course of Studies. Please pay close attention to this document once it is released as it contains very important information. An electronic version of the document will be available on our web site, prior to winter break. During the month of March guidance counselors will visit classrooms, distribute scheduling information and work with students to select courses for next year. The school website will contain updated scheduling information throughout this process. We plan on distributing 2008-09 student schedules by the beginning of June.

Timothy Kelley, Principal

HB Athletic Booster Club News

HBHS Athletic Booster Club Website

A New HBABC web site on the HBHS Athletic link is up and running thanks to the efforts of Kayleigh Ryherd. There are links to the HBABC's Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes, the respective Sports Reps, Newsletter Articles, a Donation Form and the Inspirational Player Profile. If you have a moment, please click onto the site. Your comments are always appreciated. We look forward to this being a better communication tool between the HBABC and the high school community.

Tom Brady Autographed Football Raffle

Tickets for the Tom Brady autographed football raffle have been printed. This is an authenticated Tom Brady autographed Limited Edition Super Bowl XXXIX football. The tickets are 1/ \$5.00 or 5/\$20.00. There will only be 1,000 of these tickets sold. The tickets can be purchased from any Booster Club member/ Sports Rep. The drawing will be held on the evening of February 8th, during the half time of the HB boy's home basketball game vs. Kingswood. Principal Tim Kelley will do the honors of drawing the winning ticket. You do not have to be present to win. For more information, please contact Eileen Kelly @ 465-6755 or Erin Magee @ 465-3233.

Winter Awards Night

Please make note of Tuesday, March 18th, for the HBABC/HBHS Winter Awards Night. The evening will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a meeting of the coaches and their teams and team parents in their designated classrooms. The coaches will recognize individual players and pass out certificates, pins, etc. At approximately 6:45 P.M., the coaches, team members and parents will convene to the auditorium. The Sports Reps will then individually introduce the teams on to the stage and the three special award recipients will be presented their trophies. The grand finale, the slide show of the candid shots taken throughout the season, will complete the program.

Finally, our next HBABC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008 @ 7:00 PM in the High School conference room. We always welcome new members.

Dan Lyons

Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club

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CAREER CONNECTIONS

“When adolescents see how a task applies to their own lives, they are more likely to become engaged in taking responsibility for learning”

(Shepard Shoop. A new Twist: Fostering Creative Career Exploration in Young People)

Career Symposium 2008

Hollis Brookline High School sophomores will soon be jumpstarting their career by attending the 2008 Career Symposium. The Career Symposium will take place on Friday, April 18, 2008. The Career Symposium provides an opportunity for all sophomores to learn about career options and prepare them for further educational and/or career planning. The symposium will provide panel discussions with speakers from five career clusters. Career Clusters offer a context for learning by linking what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they for future success.

The symposium will include five simultaneous panel discussions among five career cluster areas. Speakers will be asked to highlight the fundamental skills needed for further development towards, or within, their occupation. Speakers will challenge students to consider lifelong learning, and how to explore their own potential for personal growth. Students will select two of five career clusters in the following areas:

- **Agriculture/Natural Resources:** Strands within this cluster include: Business Management, Business Communication, Financial Services, Accounting, Computer Application, Computer Networking, Marketing, Sales and Desktop Publishing.
- **Business and Information Systems:** Strands within Strands within this cluster include: Business Management, Business

Communication, Financial Services, Accounting, Computer Application, Computer Networking, Marketing, Sales and Desktop Publishing.

- **Arts and Humanities:** Strands within this cluster include: Journalism, Law, Graphic Communication and Printing, Video Production and Broadcasting.

- **Math, Science and Technology:** Strands within this cluster include: technical, industrial, mathematics scientific and engineering fields of study. Topics in this cluster include electronics, computer-aided drafting, robotics, machine technology, mathematics, and scientific or technical research and development.

- **Health and Human Services:** Strands within this cluster include healthcare, customer service, cosmetology, fashion design, tourism, education, social work, hotel management, food service or nutrition.

The goal is to provide exposure and career information to students to improve their understanding about the demand industry and learn more about possible career and education options. There will be about 5-7 professionals on each panel in a wide range of careers. If you or someone you know has the expertise in one of the career clusters and would like to be part of the symposium please contact Sandy Demarest, 465-2269 ext. 129 or demarests@sau41.k12.nh.us

Let's work together to help our students navigate their future!

HBHS Internship Program

Students are currently signing up for internships for the second semester. Opportunities in the areas of medical, business, culinary art, and education are available. Other career interest areas are also possible. The first step is to stop by the Career Office located in Guidance and make an appointment with Mrs. Demarest. Opportunities are also available for job shadowing, informational interviews or general career information/resources. It is never too early to start career exploration!



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 e-mail 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.

Attention please!

Mr. Quinn wants your used ink cartridges. Through the magic of technology, he's able to turn them into money which works towards improving the technology in the building. Just leave them in the office and he'll take care of the rest!



Guidance News

Note from the Director:

Happy New Year! So far 2008 in the Guidance Department has been off to a busy start. With PSAT distribution, college admission decisions, midterm reports, college applications, scholarships, report cards, new schedules for semester 2 and planning for spring activities we have been on the run. Mrs. Noel has been busy sending students notes regarding time and date to meet with counselors to discuss PSAT results, future planning and credit checks and Mrs. Graff has been working on getting transcripts ready for the juniors and the colleges while the counselors are meeting with students every ten minutes! Needless to say there is a flurry of activity going on. The counselors have felt the PSAT discussions have been going well and enjoy the time they are spending with students introducing the college process and talking about graduation credits. In a few weeks we will be talking about registration for future classes giving the counselors another opportunity to discuss academic planning with our students. Registration for 2008-2009 will begin in March and more information will be coming in future Newsletters.

With midterm exams upon us counselors are certainly aware of the pressures students are feeling at this time. Most students feel they need more time, sleep and energy to get through this hectic and anxious time. Dealing with stressed students can be difficult and can cause the whole family to be turned up side down. It is helpful to allow them to be anxious or nervous realizing these are very real emotions and although they need to get through it they also need to feel that it is part of life that there are times that are more demanding than others. This affirms their feelings and moves them through the potential inertia that can settle in. Check in to let them know you are thinking of them and that you are there if they need you to get a cup of hot chocolate or an extra pencil. Students need to feel that they are supported and midterms and finals are not insurmountable. This type of testing is a typical college activity and is good preparation for the future. Please know we are here and if your son or daughter needs help the Guidance staff is available to assist in any way we can.

We wish all students the best of luck on their exams and a wonderful second semester!

Communication

Please be sure to check our website and read the daily notices (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. Our Guidance section of the website has all the current information on scholarships, financial aid, college admission, guidance and career information, testing along with the counselor contact information.

Drop/Add Period

The drop/add period will begin on January 28th and end February 1st. Students must see their counselor in order to

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drop or add a course. Students are not allowed to drop full-year courses. All students must carry 6 courses each semester.

Registration for 2008-2009 Academic Year

It is hard to believe but registration for next year classes will begin in early March. The counselors will visit classes starting the week we return from February vacation. The Program of Studies will be available on line in late February for students and parents' information.

Summer Programs

The guidance office is already receiving information on fantastic opportunities for student in the summer. We have information on leadership programs in Washington and WestPoint, academic programs at Harvard and Yale, enrichment programs from art and music schools as well as environmental programs. Please stop by guidance to investigate these great programs.

Information Sessions and Tours

We are delighted that so many families find Hollis Brookline High School an option for their children and we are happy to answer any questions new members to our community have regarding the options at the high school, however, due to the overwhelming amount of requests to talk with a counselor and tour the school, the Guidance department has tried to come up with a logical solution that will service the community. We are offering two time slots during the week for Information Sessions and Tours. The times and days are Mondays at 7:45 – 8:30 am. and Fridays at 12:30 – 1:15 pm. Please call the Guidance Office (465-2269 x128) to schedule a time to come.

Senior News

Seniors will be receiving letters from their counselors at the end of January that addresses any graduation requirements that might need to be attained. Please read these letters carefully and let us know if you have any questions. *Remember all seniors must carry 6 courses each semester.*

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 that they know exactly what was sent to colleges and when. Please keep these for your records. Receipts can be picked up in the Guidance Office but will only be given to

the student if they have paid the \$3.00 per school postage fee. *Students will not receive their report card if they owe money for postage.* Please see Mrs. Noel if you have any questions.

College Admission Information

As mentioned in other newsletters: given the volume of paper and electronic information colleges are receiving at this time of year it is very important to have copies of all the information you have sent to colleges. Colleges often misfile and/or lose information due to the amount of information that they receive.

As mentioned before in other Newsletters; colleges tend to send out cards, letters or e-mails stating they have not received the information from the high school. Before panic sets in please be aware of the following explanation. Because students send their applications directly to colleges and universities, there is often a lag time between the arrival of the high school information and the application. There are instances when the high school information arrives in the admission office before the application and visa versa. When a college receives an application they typically look to see what information has come with the application and check that off. Any other information that is not with the application will be requested—whether it is already in the admission office or not! This is confusing for the applicant especially if they have requested the information to be sent to the college more than a month before. Again, do not panic—usually the information is in a file at the college or university and they have not matched it up with the application yet. When you receive a notice of this sort please call the college and ask them to look for the information telling them when it was sent from the high school (based on the receipt—that is why it is so important for students to pick up their receipts). More often than not they have the information somewhere in the admission office. We very rarely get information sent back to us so there is a good chance it is at the college. This year we have been sending out cards along with the transcript that requires the colleges to sign off on receiving the admission packet we send from HBHS. We have been getting them back fast and furiously so if there is a question after checking with the college admission office please check with your counselor. This situation can be very unnerving and causes a high degree of anxiety but is easily rectified by calling the college. Colleges will not disadvantage a student because information is misfiled. This is why copies can come in very handy when information is lost.

Midterm Reports

Midterm Reports are a part of the application process and many college applications, especially the Common Application, have a specific form that must accompany midterm grades and be completed by the counselor. Because this is a common form that most colleges use the counselors have developed a form to send along with all midterm reports. Midterm reports are automatically sent to the colleges students have applied to. Please note: If a student has a made decision to attend a college and does not want midterms sent to other schools please let us know as soon as possible.

Acceptances to colleges should be shared with the counselor. We keep records of these decisions so we would appreciate students letting us know the admission decisions. Not to mention we get very excited and students must ring the acceptance bell!

Financial Aid Information

Families can submit the FAFSA form now and should try to get this done as soon as possible. Although it can be done on a paper copy and mailed, the government and financial aid experts encourage families to submit the FAFSA on line. Over 98% of filers from last year submitted on line. If you have concerns regarding Financial Aid at this time, an appointment with college financial aid offices 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 on-line, use the government website www.FAFSA.gov.org.

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. The PROFILE can be submitted at any time. Colleges have very strict deadlines for Financial Aid applications so it is important to adhere to the deadlines.

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 or calling 1-800-525-2577. Financial Aid materials are available in both Guidance and the library at HBHS. Please check the Guidance website for more scholarship and Financial Aid information.

FastWeb is a great source for financial aid information and FAFSA concerns. The website is www.fastweb.com.

Don't self-select yourself out of the Financial Aid process. You never know unless you apply!!

Scholarships

A list of scholarships is located on the website and is updated every Friday. Applications are available in Guidance.

NCAA

Senior Athletes interested in participating on athletic teams in college must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The NCAA Clearinghouse will require that 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. If these forms are not submitted to NCAA it 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.

Junior News

Counselors have been meeting with juniors to discuss their PSAT test results. We thank you for your patience with this activity and feel it is a very important meeting for students that helps them understand the PSAT and what is ahead for SAT testing. Keep in mind that these scores are confidential and that colleges do not see them. The College Board is offering a fairly new service to PSAT test takers call "MyRoad". This program can be accessed through the student code number located on the score report handed out to students when the students go to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Junior College Information Night

Please note the change in date

On Tuesday, February 12th* from 6:30 – 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. Students are encouraged to attend this event with their parents.

College Admission Handbook

A new college admission handbook is in the works for juniors but our current handbook is on the website under college information if you wish to start early. The new college handbook will be distributed at the Junior College Information Night in February.

SAT Information

SAT Reasoning Tests and SAT Subject Tests: Registration for upcoming tests is ongoing through the College Board website. If students are having trouble accessing their account through the College Board please stop by Guidance to pick up a paper copy of the registration information. Deadlines are approaching quickly so be sure to attend to them.

Registration for tests on: March 1 – deadline January 26 (No Subject Tests are administered in March)

May 3 - deadline March 12

June 7 – deadline April 16

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 and on the College Board Web Site.

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 will take the highest scores of each section. Students should plan to take the SAT's at least twice during the college admission process. Student can also take the ACT. 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

SAT Prep courses are offered here at Hollis Brookline High School and at other agencies. Please see your counselors if you are interested in knowing what courses are available. Registration for the Hollis Brookline SAT prep course will start the first week in February in the main office. Please check the daily announcements and the link on the Guidance web page for more details.

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 16th from 8am to 2:30 pm. Pre-registration is required and can be done on-line at

www.destinationcollege.org. Reservations must be received by March 7th. 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:

Boston National Fair Bayside Expo Center 6pm
Tuesday, April 8th

Pinkerton Academy Hackler Gymnasium 6pm.
Thursday, April 10th

Sophomore News

As with the junior PSAT takers counselors have been meeting with any sophomore student who participated in the fall testing. Sophomores who took the PSAT tests should come to Guidance as soon as possible to sign up for a time to meet with their counselor.

Counselors will be meeting with 9th and 10th grade students during the winter to discuss their academic and career plans.

Freshman News

As with the 10th grade students counselors will be going over the academic requirements for graduation as we start to head into the registration season (early March). The meetings are designed to help students plan what they want and need to do to graduate and get the most out of their high school education.

Study Guide

With the help of the various department chairs, the counselors have put together a Study Tip Guide for 9th grade students as they embark on their first experience with midterm exams. We will be distributing these to the students as well as posting it on line. Hopefully it will be a handy guide for students as they prepare for their exams.

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 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 on-line 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.



School Study Tips and Your Learning Style

by the Special Education Department

Effective study strategies can help students achieve good grades on quizzes, tests, and exams. Study strategies can be simple yet effective. It is important that students develop study strategies that match their own learning style. Study methods that work well for one person may not work well for another. Most study strategies are classified under three main learning styles: visual, auditory, or kinesthetic. Students may not use one style exclusively, and there is usually overlap in learning styles. Visual learners relate more effectively to information that is written i.e. notes pictures, webs, diagrams, etc. Auditory learners relate more to the spoken word and tend to pick up information through lectures or by reading aloud or hearing information read aloud. Kinesthetic learners learn more effectively through actual hands-on activities, imitation, and practice.

The following are some helpful tips to improve study skills at school and at home. Students will need an environment that allows for full concentration. This includes an environment that is free from distractions and has good lighting. Paying attention during class, taking notes, and reviewing class notes daily during study hall or at home will prepare students as they move from middle to high school and onward to post secondary education. Keeping an organized binder for each subject is one method of organizing class notes, past tests, handouts, and assignments for review. Developing memorization methods such as lists, flash cards, acronyms/acrostics, and mnemonics may aid with recall of information. The following web site (www.smithhomework.us/studyskills) provides additional mnemonics/strategies for improving memory based on the different learning styles. Working with other students may also be a useful strategy. Study groups allow students to access other students as a resource. By working together, students may quiz each other or help review information in a different format. Do not procrastinate. Long-term planning is the key! Often times we tend to put off studying until the night before the quiz/test. Know your own memory. Break up information into small chunks and study a couple of days prior to a quiz or test. Most importantly, don't forget to log on to the school's web site at www.hbhs.k12.nh.us. Many teachers at HBHS have worked hard to post on their individual web sites various study skills tools such as homework/project assignments and due dates, study guides for tests and quizzes, vocabulary sheets, rubrics, and useful links. Parents and students are encouraged to view the teachers' sites on a daily and/or weekly basis to access these useful tools.

There are a lot of creative ways to study and prepare for upcoming quizzes, test, and exams if you put your mind and memory to it. Developing study skills/strategies that work for you in high school will also help prepare you for post secondary education and even job employment. Use the time and resources that you have now, in high school, to earn good grades and to develop memory and study skills for the future.

Tri M Spreads Holiday Cheer

On December 17, Greenbriar Nursing Home in Nashua was ringing with holiday cheer and glorious melodies. The Hollis/Brookline chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society pleasantly entertained the seniors at the nursing home with voices, pianos, flutes, and guitars. The group presented a multitude of acts such as madrigals (a type of song frequently sung during the Renaissance,) made-for-the-radio original pieces, and commonly known holiday music. These acts were both enjoyable to perform and exciting to hear.

The trip to Greenbriar Nursing Home is a favorite of the Tri-M Honor Society. The Nursing Home is the perfect place to perform without pressure and the perfect place for the students to express themselves. It is an experience that the musicians never forget; the joyous expressions on the seniors' faces are priceless. The trip is more than rewarding. Of course, the students do take a quick stop at the 99 Restaurant after the long day, but the music never stops; the bus rides have a tendency to be concerts in themselves.

Not everything for the members of this Tri-M chapter is as easy as singing a song or playing the piano. All the students were elected to the Honor Society because of their academic achievements, musical successes, and dedication to community service work. Their continuous job is to be a role model, a leader, and to inspire other students to keep music alive. The next performance for the Tri-M Honor Society is set for February 13 at the Hollis Congregational Church. The Chamber Music Concert will include performances from all members of the Society. Please come and enjoy an evening of music.

Parent Educational Series for 2008

February 13 (snow date Feb. 20)

The Pressure to Succeed

April 2

College / Career - How to decide what path

The Pressure to Succeed

We want our children to succeed. We want our children to make good choices and take advantage of it all, to have it all. When is it too much? As parents, as a society, are we pushing them too hard? How do you as a parent set goals that are within their reach and healthy for your child? What happens when we have pushed too hard or they push themselves too hard? Lynne LoPilato from Granite State Child and Family Counseling will help us navigate through this dilemma. The Hollis Brookline PTSA S-Team will sponsor this entertaining and educational workshop, free and open to anyone in the community, on **Wednesday, February 13th**, at 7 p.m., at the Hollis Brookline High School. A snow date has been set for February 20th. For more information you may contact Pat Marquette at 673-1957.



HBHS Performing Arts Calendar



**All events in HBHS auditorium unless otherwise indicated
Please check for updates**

- M-Tu January 7-8 Talent Show Auditions 2:30 PM
- M-Tu January 14-15 Dress Rehearsals-Talent Show 2:30-4:00 PM
- Th January 17 Arts Festival/ Talent Show 6:00-9:00 PM*
- Th-F-Sa February 7-9 Jazz All State Festival Pinkerton Academy, Derry
- W February 13 Chamber Music Concert 5:00 PM - Hollis Congregational Church Tri M Honor Society
- Saturday February 16 Solo and Ensemble Festival UNH
- Saturday February 16 Dinner Dance HBHS Cafeteria/Jazz Band 6:00-9:00 PM
- M-Tu-W-Th-F March 3-7 Footloose-set, cast, crew, orchestra rehearsals*
- M-Tu-W-Th March 10-12 Footloose-Dress rehearsals*
- F-Sa March 14-15 Footloose 7:30 PM
- Th-F-Sa April 3-5 All State Festival/Location TBD
- Th-Su April 17-20 Music Dept Trip Washington DC/ Concert Band and HonorsChoir 12:00 PM
- Th April 24 Spring Concert HS Concert Band and Choirs/Tri M Induction Ceremony 7:00 PM*
- Sat May 10 Jazz Choir/Jazz Band Music in the Parks Competition and Field Trip
- Tu May 20 All District Band Festival, HBHS gymnasium
- Wed May 28 HBHS Jazz Night/Jazz Bands and Jazz Choir*
- M-Tu June 2-3 Spring Concert MS Bands and Choirs 7:00 PM*
- Friday June 6 Improv Night 7:30 PM
- Wednesday June 11 HBMS Jazz Band Concert*

* these events will require tech



The Music and Art Department will be presenting an **Arts Festival/Talent Show** on Thursday evening, January 17, from 6-9 PM. Come see exhibits of student art work followed by a performance of our fine and talented musicians. The cost is \$5.00. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of Tri M students and art department.

Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance into the NHMEA Jazz All State Festival-Shae Peebles(Jazz Choir) and Molly Furlong (Jazz Band), as well as those students accepted into the NHMEA All State Festival. Shae Peebles, James Howard, Erin Oitinen (Choir) and Matt Casazza, Madeline Whitaker, and Molly Furlong (Band).

Students in the music department who will be competing in Washington D.C. this Spring are selling cookie dough and brownie dough from **Classic Cookie Dough**. The sale will be going on from January 8th-18th. If you do not know a music student and would like to order cookie dough, please contact Trish MacDonald at 465-2898 or trish_macdonald@charter.net Thanks for helping out our music students

Music/Art Department Tidbits

**10th Annual Cavalier Invitational
Dual Meet Tournament**
February 9, 2008
Hollis Brookline High School Gym
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Food, Fun, Raffles!
Admission is \$3.00 adults; \$1.00 kids/students

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