



Hollis Brookline High School

June 2005 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As our school year begins to wind down, we are filled with excitement, pride, and apprehension. Our seniors will be participating in their rafting trip "up north", the PTSA sponsored harbor cruise, and graduation, scheduled for June 18th. The Class of 2005 can be justly proud of their many accomplishments over these past four years and the recognition they have brought to themselves and to Hollis/Brookline High School. Over the next few weeks they will be saying goodbyes to friends as they head to college, the work force, or the military. Although change creates a feeling of apprehension, the community has prepared them well for whatever lies ahead. They are our future, soon to become positive contributors in a myriad of occupations, as parents, and as leaders. However, wherever they may chart their course, their memories go with them.

Our sophomores recently completed the New Hampshire Educational Assessment tests in Language Arts and mathematics. We are confident that once again our students will score well and HBHS will be ranked among the top schools in the State. Also on the testing scene, more of our juniors and seniors than ever took the Advanced Placement Exams in English and US History. Next year we will be offering new AP courses in English Composition and Chemistry. We continue to build a stronger curriculum which will enhance the opportunities for our graduates to continue their studies at the most highly competitive colleges in the country. Our core curriculum, mission statement, assessment strategies, student and teacher expectations, writing, and school-wide rubrics will be the focus for the next year's Staff Development.

Extra-curricular activities continue with our upcoming Field Day on June 3rd and tournament play for our spring sports. Students recently enjoyed an outstanding Prom at the Castleton with over 300 in attendance, our track dedication to "Coach", and our hosting of the Class I State Meet at this beautiful facility. Our Foreign Language Recognition Night welcomed 194 students into the French, Latin, and Spanish Honor Societies. A big thank you to Mrs. Wheeler and her Foreign Language teachers for a well-planned program.

As I approach the end of my tenure as your Principal, I would like to thank everyone for the friendship, support, and encouragement I received these past three exciting years. Our school continues to experience positive growth with a stronger and expanded curriculum, additional faculty, and a new mission statement. We never say goodbye, only good luck, good health, and keep in touch.

Charles W. Flahive

Spring Awards Night

Monday June 13th

6:00 pm in classrooms
for individual sports

Please call 465-2269 x 380 if
you have any questions.



SAT PREP COURSE

OFFERED AT HBHS

Hollis Brookline High School will offer an SAT Preparatory Course in the Fall of 2005 for seniors taking the SAT I in November or December and in the Spring of 2006 for Juniors taking the SAT I in May or June. The fall course will begin on September 20th and run Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5 - 7 pm for 7 weeks. The spring courses will begin on February 21st and run Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5 - 7 pm OR 7 - 9 pm for 8 weeks (minus vacations). The cost of the course is \$250 per student and this fee covers materials, instructor fees and two scored SAT exams.

The course is taught by Stacey Plummer (Math) and Lin Illingworth (Verbal). Sign-ups for the fall course will begin on September 6th and sign-ups for the spring course

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Guidance News

WELCOME: The Guidance Department is pleased to welcome **Brenda Poznanski** as Director of Guidance. Brenda brings a wealth of knowledge from her years of experience as a counselor at Pinkerton and Souhegan High Schools. She offers substantial expertise in college admissions, having served as Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Bentley College for several years prior to her graduate studies in school counseling. Furthermore, as an adjunct member of the Rivier College faculty, Brenda taught for nine years in the Graduate Counselor Education program. Brenda looks forward to working with students, parents, and staff in the Hollis-Brookline school community.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS: When students receive schedules for next year, they should be reviewed carefully. Students enrolled in grades 9-11 are required to carry a minimum of 6 classes per semester to be considered full-time students. Seniors are required to carry at least 5 classes each term. Note: Many health insurance policies require students to be full-time students to be eligible for coverage.

SOPHOMORES: Counselors are meeting in early June with sophomores in World History classes. The purpose of the classroom meetings is for students to focus on goal setting for the future.

INCOMING SENIORS: Taking time during summer to download applications for review and visit some campuses can reduce the stress of senior year. At schools requiring interviews, the interview slots fill up quickly. Schedule your fall appointments this summer, if possible, to avoid missing out.

SUMMER HOURS: Counselors are available through July 1st and from August 15th on. During July and early August, the guidance office will be open one day per week. To schedule an appointment, contact Sarla Patel in the main office at 465-2269.

FREE YEAR ROUND COLLEGE INFORMATION RESOURCE: The NHHEAF Network Center for College Planning offers free assistance with college admissions year round. The Center, located in Concord, NH, is dedicated to providing students and families with valuable information about the

college planning process from savings options and college admissions requirements to applying for financial aid and scholarships. They review and provide feedback on college essays, also. For details, check out their website at www.nhheaf.org.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: The guidance department sponsors both a college information night and a financial aid night in the fall. Watch the fall newsletters for specific dates.

SUMMER SCHOOL: By attending summer school, students may make up courses they have failed. For information on summer school programs in the area, speak to someone in guidance.

SAT PREP: For students who would like to prepare this summer for the 2005-2006 SAT tests, the following resources are available:

KAPLAN: Contact 1-800-KAP-TEST
St. Anselm College: Contact 641-7000
XLR8 Educational Services: Contact 883-5600
Sylvan Learning Center: Contact 889-1919
Huntington Learning Center: Contact 897-1000
Club Z: Contact 429-14

PSAT: The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered at Hollis-Brookline High School on Saturday, October 12, 2005.

SAT: Dates for the 2005-2006 school year are:

October 8, 2005 (*REGISTRATION DEADLINE Sept. 7, 2005*)
November 5, 2005
December 3, 2005
January 28, 2006
April 1, 2006
May 6, 2006
June 3, 2006

ACT: Dates for the 2005-2006 school year are:

September 24, 2005 (*REGISTRATION DEADLINE August 19, 2005*)
October 22, 2005
December 10, 2005
February 11, 2006
April 8, 2006
June 10, 2006

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

A student with a documented disability MAY be eligible to take SAT and ACT program tests with accommodations (e.g. extended time). The student's school counselor should be contacted for details ASAP.

For more information on SAT and ACT, check the websites, www.collegeboard.com and www.act.com, respectively. Registration may be completed online.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH: The Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program to connect students from lower income families and first generation college bound students with financing opportunities for college, career awareness, and college application support. 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.

ADVICE FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND: To get the inside scoop on college life, read the following this summer: Once Upon A Campus by Supurna Banerjee (excerpt: "A professor will not flunk you if he knows your name."), A College Student's Guide to Getting By on Less by Supurna Banerjee (excerpt: "Pay off your credit card every month. If you can't do that, mail your card to your parents to keep until you have paid it off."), and Sharing Spaces: Tips and Strategies on Being a Good Roommate, Surviving a Bad One, and Dealing with Everything in Between by Heather Alexander (excerpt: "Note to roommate: it is NOT okay to hit snooze twenty times in a row starting at six A.M.!").

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2005 FOR HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL FUTURES.



SAT PREP COURSE (CON'T FROM PAGE 1)

will begin on February 6th. To sign-up, students must bring a completed registration form and check for \$250 to the main office. Students and parents can pick up registration forms in the main office or request them by email from Stacey Plummer at plummers@sau41.k12.nh.us. If you have any questions please email Stacey Plummer or call the school at 465-2269.

Yearbook Update

The yearbooks are in and they look absolutely incredible. The yearbook will be dedicated on field day June 3rd and will be on sale at lunch. They will also be sold during all three lunches on Monday, June 6th and Tuesday the 7th and will be \$50.00 if they were not pre-bought.

As the first year advisor it has been an amazing learning experience and I could not have done it without the help and support of so many people. It has been extremely rewarding to work with such a dedicated staff of students. First I would like to thank Andrew Gagne for his commitment and leadership as the editor in chief and I am thankful to have him again next year. I would also like to thank Jen Curtis, Lauren Carelli, Corrine MacDonald, Lauren Nauman, Liz Hardy, Liz Rivard, Charlie Decker, Alyssa Tinkham, Annie Bross, Elizabeth Kalenik, and Nicole Monaco for their efforts in making the 05 yearbook an outstanding publication.

Reminders:

Senior pictures are due September 23rd. If you are submitting a digital image, do not print it on a printer or even the Kodak machine. It will not reproduce as a quality image. Bring the picture file to a lab (Photographics, Walmart, etc.) to process the image chemically.

Also in September at open house you can pre-order your yearbook for \$40.00

October

Senior quotes, superlatives and remember due online

November

Baby pictures and advertising due

December

Last pre-order sale with personalization

Yearbook is always looking for quality candid, please submit to Mrs. MacMillan.

2006 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST!

Design a cover and win a yearbook. 7.5 x 10.5 submissions are due by June 15th to Mrs. MacMillan in room 163. The cover can be an illustration, collage, photography or computer illustration.

Viva Las Vegas!

Student opinions on this year's 'Viva Las Vegas'-themed prom ranged from great to "Totally awesome!" Prom-goers arrived in style and en masse at Castleton of Windham, NH, where they dined, danced, and said farewell to one of their beloved 2005 advisors, Jon Cannon, who set off the next morning to California and a new career as a Clue Crew Member for Jeopardy! This year's court included Nicole Avery-Walton, Joe Dulac, Chris Peterson (Court Jester), Katie Sorenson, Drexel Maust, Jana Loux-Turner, David Golia, Jennifer Curtis, Erica Getto (Class of 2005 President), Shane LaCoss (Student Body President), and was crowned by Bill Cudney and his lovely queen, Chelsea d'Andrea.



Slam poetry has taken H/BHS writers by storm, resulting in a spring Poetry Slam at the school and a recent public performance at Barnes & Noble of Nashua. Senior Chris Peterson infected students with his love of the spoken word form through writing classes, and many students have

stepped up to the plate to show themselves as both talented writers and powerful performers. The spring slam, gratefully funded by the Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club and SMR Architectural Hardware, introduced National Slam Poet Mike McGee to students, and was followed by readings from over a dozen teen performers. Inspired by this, guest poet Eric "Zork" Alan arranged for a book signing and performance at Barnes & Noble which included teen poets Ben Fickett, Amanda Hickerson, Jess d'Arbonne, and Erica Getto of H/BHS, as well as high school readers from Chelmsford, Pelham, and Souhegan. This is just the start of what promises to grow into yet another branch of H/BHS students' myriad of creative energies.

SCIENCE

Mr. Clark's SAT II Biology Prep class is well underway. Seventeen students are meeting six Thursday evenings in preparation for the June 4th exam. Good luck on the exam to all these hard working students.



During April vacation, Biology teachers Steve Connors and John Kittredge lead a trip of twenty-nine sophomores to Florida to participate in several educational experiences at Disney World and Discovery Cove. Lessons at Animal Kingdom and Epcot were combined with a marine mammal lesson at Discovery Cove as each student was able to swim with a dolphin. A good time was had by all involved.

The students on the Mt. Lafayette trip went up even though the rain was coming down. Rain or shine the students and trip leaders made the climb and studied the affect of the exercise on heart, rate and blood pressure. The students in Mr. Connors' and Mr. Kittredge's accelerated Biology class produced a formal project to report their findings. They left HBHS with smiles on May 24th regardless of the weather.

The chemistry classes are beginning their final project which entails choosing a molecule that relates to their life or the life of someone they know. They are also required to write a research paper make an accurate model to hang from the ceiling in room 304 or 371. Students study such molecules as ibuprofen, Vitamin B, oleic acid, and creatine. Miss Melanson and Mrs. LaBrosse look forward to the new additions to the classroom decor. In addition, the student's presentations allow them to become the experts and share new found knowledge with their peers.



**Save those
ink cartridges !**

The CIT committee (technology committee) is doing a fundraiser this year by collecting used computer ink cartridges. We are asking that anyone who has used cartidges at home or work donate them by bringing them to Room 141 at the high school.



Notes from Performing Arts Department

The Music Department competed in the Six Flags Music Competition held at Holyoke High School on May 14-15, 2005. We are pleased to announce that the Jazz Choir took first place honors, and earned a superior rating, while the Jazz Instrumental Combo came away with an excellent rating. In addition, the Overall Outstanding

Awards for Instrumental Soloist and Accompanists went to four students: Becky Callahan, Matt Fuller, Todd Ferrell, and Ryan MacIntyre. The festival drew over 1500 student-musicians from schools throughout New England and as far away as Pennsylvania. Please pass on congratulations to these fine musicians when you see them. Their efforts, as well as their accomplishments, were outstanding!

Thanks to a grant from the CIT committee, the Music Department will be obtaining 4 midi workstations as part of an effort to incorporate music technology into the curriculum. With the new workstations, consisting of computers with piano keyboards, student musicians can begin to notate, compose, and arrange music using Sibelius, a state of the art software program. The students are excited about having this opportunity to enhance their creative impulses.

We would like to thank the administration and the Hollis/Brookline communities for all of their support for the Performing Arts Programs. We hope to continue our success at providing fine programs featuring our very talented students here at HBHS.

Friday June 10
Improv Night 7:30 PM
HBHS Auditorium

Hollis Brookline High School

FOOTBALL TEAM SIGNUPS



The HBHS Football Team will have parent/player signups on Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 PM in the HBHS Cafeteria. Please plan to attend if you are interested in playing on the football team this fall.



LIBRARY

Check out the Summer
Reading List on the
Library website.

[http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/
library/library.htm](http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/library/library.htm)

The HBHS Library will be subscribing to Smithsonian Folkways for the 2005-06 school year. This site offers a vast array of music, foreign language and scientific audio selections. Take a look and hear a sample at their web site: <http://www.folkways.si.edu/index.html>

The year has come to a close....where did the time go? We bring another school year to an end, and have lots of thanks to the people that in the past year made Hollis Brookline High School a better place. The volunteers that get things done are not always noticed, but they do a great job.

The newsletter gets out every month thanks to the work of Christy Gaskill and Donna Cormier, who publish and print it for us. Computer volunteers staff the computer rooms in the school every day to make sure that technology is available to all students, and Marsha Cone-Roddy organized the staffing of those rooms. Our Staff appreciation was ably spear-headed by Lisa Fait, Allison Ferrell and Kathy Trasanti, making sure that our teachers and other staff members knew how much we love them by feeding them well! The new landscaping at the rear entrance was accomplished due to the organizational skills of Marie Degulis. Pat Marquette has done an awesome job of orchestrating a Parent Education Series this year. And of course the month-to-month running of the PTSA and activities we take on could not happen without the amazing organizational skills of Treasurer Karen Bedell and Secretary Lisa Schmalz. There are also many unsung heroes who have attended the meetings, helped with the day-to-day chores, and provided moral support. Cindy Ullrich and I would like to tell you all how much we appreciate everything you have accomplished this year.

This month's PTSA meeting will be on a Wednesday this month instead of Thursday - June 8. It will be a pot-luck supper at Cindy's house. If you are interested in attending, email one of us (jhfskier@cs.com or runreal@aol.com) to RSVP and for directions. We'd love to see you, and celebrate the year. Jean Filer



English Department

In preparation for this year's Junior Presentations, students have compiled a list of all the books and plays they have been assigned to read over the last three years. The list includes The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Crucible, In Our Time, To Kill A Mockingbird, Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar, A Lesson Before Dying, Ender's Game, Daisy Miller, The Turn of the Screw, The Grapes of Wrath, The Diary of Anne Frank, Great Expectations, The Catcher in the Rye, The Great Gatsby, Wuthering Heights, Snow Falling on Cedars, Native Son, The Glass Menagerie, Cry the Beloved Country, Of Mice and Men, The Old Man and the Sea, O Pioneers!, Lord of the Flies, The Secret Life of Bees, Death of a Salesman, Summer, Ethan Frome, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Winesburg, Ohio, Our Town, The Hobbit, Spoon River Anthology, The Odyssey, and others.

Each student will prepare to assume the identity of any one of the characters they have met during the course of their reading, and will then compose five powerful questions which they will answer "in character." They will also have to respond to a further question - unprepared - which will be put to them at the end of their presentation. Students will be scored according to their degree of preparation and ability to command the interest and attention of their audience; they are invited to use any costume or props that will improve their presentation.

Several years ago the English department at HBHS added Harriet E. Wilson's Our Nig; or Sketches from the life of a Free Black to its U.S. Literature reading list. This novel, the first by an African-American in this country, traces the experiences of Frado, an indentured servant to a white family in nineteenth-century Milford, New Hampshire.

Next fall the English department will join other area high schools in a read-a-thon to help raise money for a park and statue honoring Wilson. Located in Milford, the park will provide our students with a place to reflect on the significance of Wilson's Milford experiences. Details concerning the read-a-thon will be forthcoming in September. We urge full participation on the part of students, parents, and other interested individuals.

**HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
2004-2005**

Thursday, June 16, 2005

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

Monday, June 20, 2005

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Last Day of School/Grades Close
All Make Up Exams must be completed.
No Buses at end of day.

Friday, June 17, 2005

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

Tuesday June 21, 2005

7:20 - 8:50 Period 2 Exam
9:00 - 10:30 Period 1 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.
- Any request for an alternative exam date must be submitted in writing and administrative approval must be obtained.

*Won't you please consider
sharing your home with an
exchange student from Spain?*



During the coming school year (2005-06), Carmen, from Alicante, Spain, will attend Hollis-Brookline High -- she will, that is, if a warm and loving Brookline or Hollis family accepts her as their "daughter" during at least some part of the ten month period when she will be with us.

When she comes to America, and to Hollis or Brookline, Carmen, who is among other things an avid basketball player, will be having her very first experience outside of her native Spain, and she will be doing it entirely on her own! That is quite some adventure for a sixteen-year-old. She will need to become part of a family here that will provide her with room, board, and a reassuring anchor point for her life as she undertakes to tackle school and ten months of life in America! Rotary handles travel costs, spending money, and most other expenses.

Particularly if you have a daughter who will be in HBHS next year, please consider offering your home to Carmen, even if only for a few months. It is not unusual for an exchange student to spend time with two, or even three, families during the ten-month stay.

This school year the Roths, in Hollis, were the surrogate family for the full stay of Sakhi Deshpande, the current Rotary exchange student. They will be glad to tell you all about their experiences as a host family. PLEASE CONTACT: Dave Roth, 465-3427

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