

Hollis Brookline



High School

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MAY 2006 Newsletter

Some Thoughts from the Principal

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close and this marks the last newsletter of 2005-06. Many end-of-the-year events have already come and gone. The senior prom was held on May 12th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, with the majority of the Class of 2006 in attendance, a wonderful time was had by all. Graduation plans are in the works and a schedule of events has been posted on the school web site and mailed to parents of seniors. Dates to remember include: Senior Class trip to Cape Cod - June 13th & 14th, Senior Scholarship and Awards Night - June 15th, Graduation - June 17th and Boston Harbor Cruise - June 17th. Other end of the year activities include the spring play "Threes" written and produced by a student, Rob Vignisson" - May 19th & 20th; Foreign Language Night - May 25; Field Day, Class Elections & Yearbook Dedication - June 1st; Sports Awards night - June 8th; Underclass Awards Day "Class Day" - June 13th.

We are looking forward to hosting our second consecutive Class I State Track Meet on Saturday May 27th. When visiting the school please note that the PTSA has broken ground on a paver project located at the auditorium entrance which will eventually become a landscaped garden area for our community.

Our students continue to be recognized for their accomplishments. In April, Benjamin Sacks and Dara Fisher earned National Recognition in The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2006. This program is one of the most competitive national recognition programs for creative teenagers. As national Award recipients, these students, their families and teachers, Mr. Fox and Ms. Illingworth, have all been invited to either New York City or Washington DC in June to celebrate their achievements with other students from around the country.

Our performing arts students in Honors Choir, Jazz Choir, and Jazz Instrumental Combo successfully participated at The Music In The Parks Competition. The Honors Choir and Jazz Combo each won first place awards in their division, with a Superior Rating, competing against high schools from New York and New Jersey and the Jazz Choir received a 1st place Excellent Rating. We also received two top overall awards for best Mixed Choir and best Instrumental Jazz Ensemble. Eamon Fogarty received the top individual award for best Instrumental Soloist.

As our year comes to a close we are busy planning for next year. A new event that we hope becomes an annual tradition for incoming eighth grade students and their families is the 8th Grade Fair scheduled for June 7th from 6:30 - 8:00pm. During the evening we will showcase our building and all the exciting things that go on here. A committee made up of teachers and student council members have been reviewing the student handbook and will be making recommendations before the end of the year. The teaching staff continues to prepare for extended instructional periods that are on tap for next year. The school is very busy with a full slate of workshops offered throughout the summer. We are also in the process of hiring new staff and are pleasantly surprised to see the number of highly qualified candidates who are seeking employment in our district.

The guidance department continues to be a busy place as counselors put the finishing touches on college selection process for seniors and remind this group that their acceptances are based on a strong academic finish to

their senior year. As one group moves on another takes its place, on Saturday May 13th, our guidance director, Ms. Brenda Poznanski, ran a college application workshop for parents of juniors. This is one of many such programs that the department is running to familiarize parents with this process. With respect to the course selection process, we are integrating new student information system software which will allow us to schedule more efficiently and hope to deliver 2006-07 student schedules by the second week in June. Please bear with us as we integrate this new software system. Finally, I wish to thank Ms. Rhonda Carper and Ms. Carol Kreick for filling in for two of our counselors who were out on maternity leave this past semester. They went above and

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A Message from the PTSA

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to thank all of the Volunteers in our school. The time that our parents give to our school helps to make it the great place that it is. If you have not yet seen the wonderful patio and landscaping at the back entrance to the school, we encourage you to do so. This project has been under the direction of Marie Degulis. A big thank you goes to her and her crew of students, parents and teachers. This is truly a Parent-Teacher-Student endeavor. As we gather more funds, the project will continue to expand.

At our PTSA meeting on May 11, we were pleased to have Mr. Tim Kelley, Ms. Rachel Gerard (Student Assistance Program Coordinator) and Mr. Bob Zimmerman (School Psychologist) talk with us about drug use in our high school. Their talk was very informative. The most amazing point was that some parents do not accept that their student might be using drugs. We ask you, as fellow parents, if there is a possibility that your child is involved, do not ignore the situation. You need to address it with your student in order to help him or her. Thank you to Rachel and Bob for taking the time to help us to better understand the situation. We are fortunate to have them involved with our school and our students.

At our recent meeting we also voted on our new By Laws and elected our officers for next year. These people are: Lex Bundschuh and Trish MacDonald- Co Presidents; Dianne Bonta- Treasurer; Marsha Cone-Roddy- Secretary; Erin Magee- Volunteer Coordinator. Congratulations to these women and thank you for giving of your time to serve our organization.

We also want to take the opportunity to thank the out going officers. Jean Filer has served as President; Karen Bedell has served more years than I can count as Treasurer; Lisa Schmalz has served as Secretary and Cindy Ullrich as Volunteer Coordinator. It is through the dedication of these woman that our PTSA has run smoothly over the years.

Our next, and final, PTSA meeting of the year will be on Thursday, June 8, at 7:00p.m... We invite you to attend and let your voice be heard. Through participation we can make a difference.

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**Attention
HBHS Cavalier Football Players:**

Registration for the 2006 Season is scheduled for
Monday June 12th.

There will be a players meeting at 2:30 p.m. that
afternoon and a Parent Information/Registration
meeting at 7:00 p.m.

This parent information night is for registering all
returning and new players. Player fees and Cavalier
camp fees will be collected at the time of registration.
Player and camp fees are **approximated** as follows:
Player fee: \$125.00; Camp fee \$120.00

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!!

Go Cavs!!!

HBHS Cavalier Football

Weight Room Hours:

**M-W-F
2:30-4:00 p.m.**

**T-Th
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Beginning May 1, 2006 until end of school year

***Congratulations Class of 2006 and
Thank you to the Parents who have helped support us over the years.
Best Wishes to all of you!***

HBHS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the Month Principals Conference Room

*For more information contact Joyce O'Connor 930-4012 cell/ 672-2892 evenings or e-mail at
joc4936@yahoo.com*



All the Usual Stuff & More

Attention please!

We could use some help....



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!

The HBHS library is looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to help in the library after school from 2:30 to 3:30. Please call Ms. Boucher at extension 207 at the high school if you would be able to assist.



The Cafeteria is in need of kitchen substitutes. Parents looking for a way to help should contact Amy Cassidy at extension 245 for more information or e-mail her at assidya@sau41.k12.nh.us

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.



WANTED

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

The new HBHS book club is planning a used book sale in the fall to raise funds to purchase some books for the group to read during the year. Please help us out by donating books for us to sell. Books (in good condition) for any age group are appreciated.

See Mrs. Boucher or
Kate Flanagan
for more information.



The Cavalier Chronicle



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 Kelly Sewell, adviser, at sewellk@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269, ext. 414, for more information.

Guidance News

Note from the Director

What is it about April showers??? May certainly has proven to be the wettest month in history even causing school to be cancelled due to a rain day! However, all the rain has not dampened our spirits as we move toward the culmination of the school year. We are so proud of our seniors as we learn of their post graduate plans day by day. We wish all our seniors the best of luck as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. They have been a pleasure to work with. Congratulations to all the parents as well.

For the past two weeks the counselors have had fun visiting junior history classes talking with students about the college admission process. The students participated in activities and asked great questions. We can see from their enthusiasm that they are ready to get going.

On to the sophomores! During the last two weeks in May the counselors will be meeting with sophomore students in their history classes to talk about junior and senior years, planning ahead and discussing career and college goals. We look forward to spending some time with the 10th grade and learning more about them.

We are happy to have Mrs. Gangemi back from her maternity leave and extend a big thank you to Mrs. Carper for her help as she jumped right in to help us out while Mrs. Gangemi was home with her new daughter. We are starting our interview process for a counselor to replace Mrs. Kozlowski's year absence, this week. Again, we appreciate your patience while we shuffled staff and realize this may have caused some anxiety among students and parents. Mrs. Kreick who has been overseeing Mrs. Kozlowski's students has also done a fabulous job helping fill this void and we appreciate all her help and support of our students. Fortunately, she will be with us until the end of the school year. If you have any questions about the changes on our staff please contact me.

It is hard to believe my first year at Hollis Brookline High School is coming to a close. I would like to thank you all for the warm and sincere welcome I have experienced here and for the trust and patience you have shown. In many ways it seemed like the year flew by and at other times it appeared challenging, but through it all I have felt supported and encouraged by the parents, the faculty and staff and most importantly the students.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Schedules

Student schedules will be ready in mid to late June. We are undergoing a computer change and hope to have the schedules ready by this time. If you have any questions about your son's or daughter's schedules please let us know and we will assist you. Students should review their schedules carefully. Every student including seniors must be enrolled in six periods of classes per semester.

Please keep in mind that many insurance providers require students to be full-time students to be eligible for coverage.

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.

Summer Hours

The Guidance Office will be staffed throughout the summer one day a week from July 1st through August 14th. Please check the website for dates and times the office will be open. After June 30th, to schedule an appointment please contact Mrs. Patel in the Main Office at 465-2269.

Summer School

Students interested in attending summer school to make up work must have the course pre-approved by the principal. Students should see their counselor for more details.

Summer Enrichment Programs

The Guidance Office has information regarding summer courses, enrichment and experiential programs available to all students. Please check our expanding file of opportunities for students.

Information Sessions and Tours

For new members of our community, we are delighted to offer two Information Sessions and tour of HBHS each week when counselors will be available to provide information on programs offered at the high school and respond to individual questions. 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.

Communication

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Senior News

Congratulations to our seniors!!! Guidance will be asking seniors to fill out a survey in the upcoming weeks regarding their post secondary plans. Based on the students' responses to this survey the Guidance office will automatically send final transcripts to the colleges listed by the students. Please continue to let the counselors know college decisions; it is very helpful to us as we counsel students.

Receipts for Information Sent

When transcripts and recommendations are sent to colleges students receive a receipt stating what was sent and the date it was mailed. The cost for mailing information to colleges is \$2.00 or more depending on what needs to be sent. Each senior was asked to submit \$2.00 per college. Receipts are given only if this fee has been paid. We have a large number of students who have not paid their fees. Senior students with outstanding fees will not receive their cap and gown for graduation. Please contact Mrs. Noel in Guidance if you have any questions.

Financial Aid Information

NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord is a great source of information for financial assistance and can be reached by e-mail www.nhheaf.org or calling 1-800-525-2577. NHHEAF is also a great source for scholarship information.

Deadlines for local scholarships are coming quickly. Please be aware of deadlines and stop by often to see what is available. Some scholarships actually go unawarded because students do not fill out the applications.

NCAA

Remember, if a senior is interested in participating in athletics at a college, he/she must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The NCAA Clearinghouse will require that a transcript be sent through the mail. Guidance is happy to send the transcript to the Clearinghouse if you provide us with the NCAA forms (downloaded from the website) that need to accompany the transcripts. One form must be sent when you submit your initial eligibility form and another must accompany your final transcript when you graduate. If these forms are not submitted to the 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 to all junior history classes to discuss the college admission process and shared with students where they should be on the time line at this point in their junior year. Counselors encouraged juniors to meet with them to discuss college options and the admission process. With summer vacation upon us it is a perfect time to start visiting colleges. All appointments to visit college campuses can be made through the admission office of the college. By notifying the admission office, families can be assured a campus tour and possibly an interview if the college offers them. If you can't visit colleges during the summer, plan visits in early fall or go to local colleges after school during the week. Many admission offices are offering tours until 4 p.m. daily.

Take some time this summer to look through applications and think about the essays. Typically the essay is the piece that holds up an application. The more you do over the summer the easier senior year will be.

Parent Information Sheet

During the counselors' visits to classrooms the Parent Information Sheet (fondly called the "yellow sheet") was handed out to all juniors. This is homework for the parents! We ask that you complete the yellow sheet and return it to the Guidance office. This sheet gives us insight into your son or daughter as we put together the college recommendation.

Teacher Recommendations

Junior teachers are the best choice for writing college recommendations for students. It is in the best interest of the students and the teachers if students request their teachers to write recommendations before they leave for summer vacation. Recommendation request forms (blue sheets) were distributed to all juniors during the counselors' presentations. Students need to fill out the blue sheet and give it to the teacher they are asking to recommend them. The fall is a very busy time and teachers need time to write effective letters, giving them the opportunity to do them over the summer will be beneficial to all.

College Admission Handbook

The college admission handbook has been distributed to every junior student. We have one copy available per family so if you did not receive it please contact the Guidance office. The handbook allows students and parents the opportunity to learn more about what colleges are looking for, college entrance exams, essay writing, interviews, college visits, NCAA guidelines and financial aid and more.

College Information Night

The Guidance Department will host a college information night in mid September and a Financial Aid Night in early December. Be sure to watch for the dates in upcoming newsletters and on the website.

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 have passed but students can either pay a late fee or do standby testing. In either case please contact the College Board.

Subject Tests are administered in May and June.

SAT's are not administered at HBHS but are available at Nashua, Souhegan and other local schools. Specific locations are online (www.collegboard.com) and in the registration booklet in Guidance. It is important to plan testing around busy sports and activity schedules in the spring. Check with coaches and club advisors regarding weekend dates for scheduled games, meets and activities.

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.

Some students take advantage of SAT prep classes over the summer. Students can ask their counselor for more information about individual tutoring or find out information about enrolling in the following programs that are available:

St. Anselm's 647-7017

Kaplan – 1-800-KAP-TEST

Sylvan Learning Center 889-1919

Huntington Learning Center 897-1000

ACT

The ACT is another college entrance exam accepted by all colleges and universities. These tests are not offered as often as the SAT tests but will be offered in June at Alvirne High School. As with the SAT's the deadline for this test has past and students will need to access the ACT registration site for availability and late fees.

Services for Students with Disabilities

A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take the PSAT, SAT or ACT program tests with accommodations. The student should see their case manager ASAP. This information needs to get to the College Board or ACT early to ensure proper testing.

ASVAB

Results of the ASVAB test will be shared with students soon. All students should listen to announcements for the time and date. The website will have this information posted as well.

Sophomore News

Counselors will be going into History classes starting the week of May 22. Students will be doing activities and having discussions around goal setting, career options and the college process.

PSAT

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered at HBHS in the fall. For more information watch out website and the August and September newsletters. A reminder if a student needs testing accommodations they MUST see their case manager ASAP.

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beyond in their efforts and were a positive addition to the school community.

This first year as principal of Hollis Brookline High School has been a truly enjoyable one for me both professionally and personally. I am asked by many people my impressions of moving to this district and it all comes down to the fact that we have great kids, a dedicated and hard working staff and a supportive SAU, school board and community. The PTSA organization has been an incredible resource to me in my first year. Many problems that arise in this job are a result of communication failures and this newsletter has been an invaluable communication tool between the home and school. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the many volunteers who make it possible for this publication to arrive in your mailbox each month. As this first year comes to a close, I would like to repeat what was said back in the January newsletter, that it is a privilege and a pleasure to continue to work with your children each day. I wish you and your families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer.

Timothy Kelley
Principal

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Visit the PTSA at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa
where you'll find a list of officers &
committees
Back issues of newsletters PTSA
meeting minutes and so more!
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HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE **
2005-2006

Thursday, June 15, 2006

7:30 - 9:00 Period 8 Exam
9:15 - 10:45 Period 7 Exam
10:45 - 11:15 Lunch
11:15 - Dismissal
11:15-2:24 Review & Tutorial Time
 as well as Make Up Exams

Friday, June 16, 2006

7:30 - 9:00 Period 6 Exam
9:15 - 10:45 Period 5 Exam
10:45 - 11:15 Lunch
11:15 - Dismissal
11:15-2:24 Review & Tutorial Time
 as well as Make Up Exams

Monday, June 19, 2006

7:30 - 9:00 Period 4 Exam
9:15 - 10:45 Period 3 Exam
10:45 - 11:15 Lunch
11:15 - Dismissal
11:15-2:24 Review & Tutorial Time
 well as Make Up Exams

Tuesday June 20, 2006

7:30 - 9:00 Period 2 Exam
9:15 - 10:45 Period 1 Exam
10:45 - 11:15 Lunch
11:15 - Dismissal
11:15-2:24 Review & Tutorial Time as
 as well as Make Up Exams

- 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.
- ***BUSES AT 11:15 all four days.***

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

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

** Please note this may be subject to change due to the rain related cancellation of school.

How can you help fund technology at the high school?
It's really quite simple!



Hollis Brookline High School CIT committee is holding an on-going used cell phone and used ink cartridge drive. The items do not need to be in working condition. They will be recycled in an environmentally sound manner. There is no charge to recycle the cell phones. No accessories please. For more information please call Jennifer Verville at 465-2269. All proceeds will benefit technology at the high school.

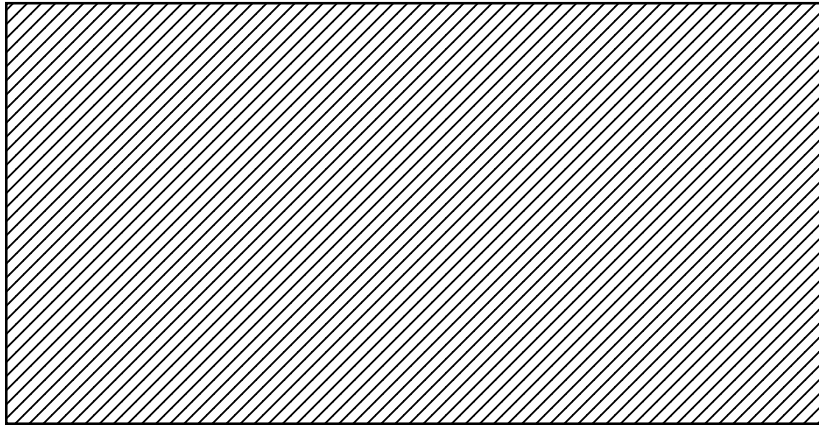
OR

On May 20th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. . . Dispose of your used electronic equipment and support technology at Hollis Brookline High School! Bring your used, unwanted electronic equipment to the high school and for a minimal charge we will dispose of your DVD players, hard drives, laptops, monitors, VCRs, cell phones, TVs, etc. The charge per item is \$5. There is no charge for recycling cell phones. Again, all equipment will be recycled in an environmentally conscientious manner and all proceeds will benefit technology at the high school. For more information please call Jennifer Verville at 465-2269.

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Congratulations . . .

Kudos to Dara Fisher, Eily Zeira, Laura Jackson, and Brittany Zagorianakos for winning SECOND PLACE in the Union Leader's High School Journalism Awards for their FEATURE in the November issue on drug issues at HBHS. They worked really hard to identify the extent of the problem, talk to the appropriate administrators at our school, and interview the HB Police Department. In addition to bringing the issue to the forefront, they also explored solutions and resources around our school, such as Peer Outreach and SAP.

I'm particularly pleased with this year's award, because it was for a writing category (last year we won for opinion, layout and editorial cartoons), and it also happens to honor the most hard-working members of The Cavalier Chronicle staff.

While I'm at it, two of our CavChron regulars, Dara Fisher and Benjamin Sacks, also won awards at the National level for the Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards. Ben got a SILVER for non-fiction writing, and Dara got a GOLD for a humor piece she submitted.

They will receive their awards in June at a ceremony at Carnegie Hall.
Be sure to congratulate them when you see them.

Kelly Sewell

