



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

Teacher Appreciation Week followed spring vacation this year, and our staff returned to a "make-over" of their staff rooms, courtesy of the Interact Club. Students celebrated the week with tokens of appreciation as well as another incredible luncheon provided by the PTSA. A number of dishes were dropped off earlier in the day, and I only wish everyone could experience the gratitude of our staff first-hand.

At the conclusion of third quarter, we named the valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class, and we are pleased to announce that Teagan Daly is the valedictorian and Kimberley Glover the salutatorian of Hollis Brookline High School's Class of 2009.

Friday evening, May 8th marked the induction of the initial Hollis Brookline High School Hall of Fame class. Inducted were: Vicki Parady-Guay presented by Steve Chamberlin, Don Hunt presented by Art Lyford, Lou (Coach) Korcoulis presented by Don Boggis, Bob McGettigan presented by Michael Fox, Dusty Rich presented by Rhon Rupp, and Carroll Spaulding presented by Bill Sullivan. Mrs. Iris Korcoulis accepted on behalf of her late husband. The event was well attended by community members, family and friends. It was inspiring to hear the stories from the recent and not so recent past, including playing basketball at the Hollis Town Hall and hammering nails back into the floor prior to tip off. Many thanks to Bob Ouellette for getting this event off the ground. We look forward to the annual tradition in future years.

Eight members of the Debate Team had the honor of attending a Security Council Briefing at the United Nations in New York City this past Monday. It was a marathon trip that left school at 4:30am and returned at 10:00pm the same day. The Security Council topic was the Middle East, in particular the Israel - Palestinian conflict in the Golan Heights. Six of the fifteen council members sent their foreign ministers to this important meeting, witnessed by our students. This list of speakers included U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov of Russia, and U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice. Following lunch in the UN cafeteria, students were debriefed for an hour at the US Mission by Kirk McBride, Deputy Political Counselor for Special Political Affairs to the United Nations. The day ended with a tour of the United Nations building.

As we reach the end of another school year, many end-of-the-year events are quickly approaching. The senior prom will be held on May 29th at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua. Graduation is slated for June 13th; a schedule of events has been posted on the school website and mailed to parents of seniors. Additional events for seniors include: Faculty - Senior Class trip - June 9th & 10th; Senior Scholarship and Awards Night - June 11; and Boston Harbor Cruise for Graduates - June 13th.

End-of-the-year dates for all students include: Class Day - June 11th; All District Choral Concert Festival on May 21st; Jazz Night on May 27th; Improv Night on May 20th; Combined Choral Concert with Nashua High South on May 28th; and Spring Sports Awards Night on June 16th. Final Exams for grades 9 - 11 are scheduled for June 16th - 19th.

We have recently completed administering our annual Advanced Placement Tests and have administered the highest number of exams to date, 310. Again this year, due to space limitations on campus, we utilized the Lawrence Barn and a local church to administer these three-hour tests. On May 20th & 21st, the Science portion of the NECAP test will be administered to our Juniors during the first two periods of the day.

Field day will take place on May 28th (rain date May 29th). We will again run field day with regular classes meeting for the first four periods, followed by field day activities. The day will begin with a school-wide barbeque with the assistance of the PTSA and Hollis Brookline Rotary Club. Students are expected to be in attendance for their morning classes to participate in field day activities. While we understand that some question the importance of time taken away from academics and others feel that the day serves to develop school spirit as a tradition here at Hollis Brookline High School, we feel that the half-day represents a reasonable compromise.

The closing of the academic year also marks the retirement of three members of our faculty. Kathy McGowan is finishing her 21st year in education and 9th year as a case manager within the Special Education department. She will be remembered as a strong and effective advocate for her students. Nancy Hilliard is finishing her 16th year in education, 3rd year at HBHS as Chair of the Social Studies Department. She will be missed as a leader within her department, as well as a compassionate teacher in the classroom. Finally, Michael Williamson is retiring after 29 years in education, the last 10 as an English teacher at HBHS. Michael has been invaluable within the department, spearheading the speech contest yearly, establishing school writing rubrics, and has been recognized nationally for his role in the Advanced Placement Program. All of these faculty members will be missed by the Hollis Brookline High School community.

As one year comes to a close, we find ourselves busy planning for next year and anticipate distributing tentative 2009-10 schedules to students in June. Teacher names and rooms will not be on these tentative schedules as we are still hiring new staff and facing the challenge of finding classrooms throughout the building.

We wish to remind everyone that over the summer, from July 1st through August 13th, the main office of the high school will be on a reduced schedule. A receptionist will be on duty and the building will be open to the public Monday - Thursday from 8am to 12noon. We will resume regular hours for the school year on August 14th.

I believe that this is the last newsletter of the year. On behalf of the faculty and staff at Hollis Brookline High School, I would like to thank you for the opportunity of working with your children each day. This is a special place due to the talented students, dedicated and hard-working staff, and a supportive SAU, school board and community. The PTSA organization is a great resource and the newsletter has been an invaluable communication tool between the school and your homes. I look forward to next year, and wish you and your families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer.

Tim Kelley

A Message from your PTSA Presidents

Our last PTSA meeting was 5/14 and we had a lot of laughs thinking and talking about our volunteers this past academic year. What a wonderful group of parents and students we have to work together with and to enjoy. Thank you to all of you for supporting our events this year. From baking and cooking, organizing and calling, up to and including digging in the dirt around our patio, we were able to move smoothly through the year and smile while doing it. Erin and I have totally enjoyed ourselves and you all. I am pretty sure the HBHS academic community feels the same way we do, too, about our PTSA volunteers!

The year has flown by and, alas, we have to give a farewell to two of our long-term, dedicated, 'over the top' volunteers whose last children are graduating. A huge THANK YOU to Donna Cormier, who has been the glue each and every year for our organization. She is organized and energetic and caring. And to Marsha Cone Roddy, your ideas and discussion over the years has been fun. And like Donna, Marsha has volunteered with enthusiasm and a smile for a very long time for very many tasks. We will always remember both of you for your service, and we wish you peace in the years beyond HBHS.

As we approach graduation, the Boston Harbor Cruise is scheduled, and we have had a fabulously successful Field Day BBQ. Thank you to all who helped out on this rainy day. It was a lot of fun. Our patio has been cleaned up and flowers planted, and we are looking forward to Old Home Days already!

We wish you all a safe and healthy summer. Our new PTSA staff will be back in full swing in August, so please contact either Co-President if you have something to share.

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HBHS Athletic Booster Club

The 2008-2009 school will soon be done and with it three successful sports seasons. Congratulations to all the student athletes who participated on teams this year!!

Spring Sports Awards Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th. We look forward to celebrating with our spring athletes and coaches!! We are looking for photos from the different teams for our slideshow. If you are willing to share photos you have taken, please put them on a disc and get them to Jessie in the athletic office by June 10th.

Thanks to everyone who purchased balloons for our first ever graduation balloon fundraiser. Look for us again at this time next year!

The 20th Annual Cavalier Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 14th at Overlook Golf Club. We have added a Women's division for prizes this year. The brochure for the tournament is at the end of this newsletter. Please help out the Booster Club by spending a day on the Golf Course!

We are still looking for active members to participate in our club. There will be Board positions opening up next year and we are looking to get more people involved to keep the Booster Club viable. Please consider joining us at our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school conference room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Trish MacDonald, President
Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club
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American Red Cross Blood Drive Hollis Brookline High School Mini-Gym Monday, June 8: 8am-1pm

Sponsored by HBHS National Honor Society.

All participating donors will receive a newly-designed Red Sox/Red Cross t-shirt.

Positive id required: www.newenglandblood.com

The Cavalier Chronicle, the HBHS student newspaper, is published the third Friday of every month. Be sure to ask your kids to bring their copy home to share with you. We welcome parent input for story ideas by the first of every month (perhaps your teen is doing something newsworthy outside of school but is too shy to let us know). Additionally, business owners are encouraged to advertise with us. Please email your mailing address, and we'll send you a packet with pricing, sizes, and publication schedule. Contact Lin Illingworth at illingworthl@sau41.k12.nh.us or call 465-2269 for more information.



Selective Service Registration



The Selective Service System is an independent agency within the Executive Branch of the Federal government. The mission of the Selective Service System is to provide the number of men needed by the Armed Forces, within the time required, should Congress and the President decide to return to a draft, in the event of a national emergency. Registration is the process of providing the Selective Service with a name, address, phone number, and other related information about one's self. It is a civic and legal responsibility for every young man to register with the Selective Service within the time period starting 30 days before, and ending 30 days after, their 18th birthday. Register online at www.sss.gov, or pick up a registration card at any post office. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Winslow in Guidance.

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

From Your Guidance Department

It is mid-May and yet we remain very busy here in the Guidance Department. We are so excited to hear about the plans and the college acceptances our **Seniors** have made and received. The senior students walk proudly down the hallways, having replaced their HBHS Cavalier clothing with their future college colors and emblems. Our morning school announcements remind all senior students of their upcoming events (which sound fantastic), as well as their senior obligations. It is a great time for them in their life, and we in Guidance never tire of giving them advice so they will end their year in good standing and remain successful.

The **Juniors**, however, lie in wait to take over the school. The combination of a wonderful evening college presentation and small student college groups have sent many a student researching and visiting schools, and hence down to our office. We couldn't be more pleased and excited as they began to develop their future plans.

The **Sophomores** have now all met with our School-to-Career Counselor and have participated in a career interest inventory. On June 10th this project will come to a conclusion with the Career Symposium, led by our School-to-Career Counselor, Sandy Demarest. The sophomores will also be meeting individually with their school counselors over the next few weeks so we can revisit our existing relationships and forge better communication for the upcoming years.

Lastly, we have just finished our classroom and small group meetings with **Freshmen**. We had a wonderful time playing the GPA game, reviewing transcripts and, more importantly, discussing the qualities of a good student above and beyond academics, such as the need for kindness and concern for fellow students. We hope our presentations helped create the foundation and connection between their work here and their future. We had a great many laughs as we worked together, and were touched by the energy this class seems to possess.

May is also a time to reflect back on the work this department has accomplished and the people who make it run smoothly and effectively. We are pleased to have very few changes in staff this year. We did welcome a new registrar, Cale List, who came to HBHS after the start of the school year. Her strong computer knowledge and skills have been ever so helpful as we continue to push out our progress reports, report cards and transcripts. We also hired a new Student Assistance Counselor, Cathy Cray, who has been a tremendous help in providing support and encouragement to our students so they can successfully complete the end of the school year.

The Guidance Department is proud of the many accomplishments and activities we have completed. To name a few:

- Updated School Profile
- Updated College Handbook
- Updated NCAA information
- Revised Freshmen Orientation Day
- Small Group College Visits
- College Informational Evening for Seniors and Parents
- Processed 1,086 college applications
- Scheduled 68 College Admission Representative Visits
- Transfer Student Lunch Group
- Fall Freshmen Class Presentations

- PSAT, followed by individual student meetings
- Financial Aid Night
- St. Paul's Informational Session and Interviews
- Grade 9 and 10 Course Selection Evening
- Updated Program of Studies
- Junior College Small Groups
- Junior College Evening Informational Presentation
- Career Interest Inventory
- Course Selection Classroom Visits, Grades 8 – 11
- Evening Course Selection Presentation
- Grade 8 Open House
- Grade 8 Parent Breakfasts
- Individual Sophomore Meetings
- AP Testing
- Senior Awards
- Book Awards
- Scholarships
- GPA Freshmen Class Visits

Career Symposium

It has been a wonderfully busy and productive year. It is at this time of the year that we review our programs and plan ahead so that we can update our services and continue to make advancements in both curriculum and technology. We would like to thank all the people who make our jobs easier and pleasant, including a wonderful faculty and staff that is talented beyond words and supportive of our students. Our deep appreciation goes to our loyal and kind secretary, Mrs. Noel. Without her organizational skills, smile, and to-task attitude, we would surely be at a loss. As we reflect upon our work done and our work yet to do, we hope that you, too, will review the accomplishments, struggles, and successes that your child has experienced. We are indeed lucky to have such close-working relationships with the parents of this community. Please know that we feel very fortunate that you stand by us, with open arms ready to scoop up your children when they meet with frustration, as well as applaud (to a deafening decibel) when they are triumphant. We would not want it any other way. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming months and years.

Please be sure to check the Guidance Department website and read the daily notices for all new information!

www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/guidance/guidancehome.htm

Hollis Brookline High School Seeking Industry Experts for Career Symposium

Call for Participation – Industry Experts

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Hollis Brookline High School will have a Career Symposium for all sophomores to learn about career options and prepare them for further educational planning. The morning will include panel discussions with representation from five career clusters. Career clusters offer a context for learning by linking what students learn in school and the knowledge they need for success.

Please contact Sandy Demarest, School to Career Counselor at 465-2269 ext. 129 or demarests@sau41.k12.nh.us if you are interesting in participating in the 2009 Career Symposium or if you know of other potential participants. Please respond by April 17th.

Experts from industry to represent the following position title or related position in the career cluster are needed. If you do not see your career area represented but are interested please contact me. There is some flexibility with cluster areas.

Arts and Communication:

Stage Director
Photographer
Editor's Assistant
Newscaster/Reporter
Graphic Designer
Magazine Editor

Business Management, Marketing and Technology:

Fashion Merchandiser
Advertising Representative
Accountant
Computer Support Technician
Business CEO
Economist
Human Resource Manager

Engineering and Manufacturing:

Mechanical Engineer

Machinist
Electrical Engineer
Automotive Technician
Video Game Developer
Software Engineer
Aviation professional

Human Services:

Lawyer
Judge
Police Officer
Social Worker
Special Education Teacher
Anthropologist
Psychologist

Health Sciences:

Registered Nurse
Dental Hygienist
Doctor
Radiology Technician
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Surgical Assistant

Architecture and Construction:

Architect
Surveyor
Contractor
Plumber
Electrician
Designer

20th Annual Cavaliers Golf Tournament

WHERE: The Overlook Golf Club, Route 111, Hollis, NH 03049

WHEN: Monday, September 14, 2009
 7:15 AM Coffee & Baked Goods
 8:30 AM Shot Gun Start Scramble
 2:30 PM Luncheon, Alpine Grove

WHY: To benefit the Hollis-Brookline Athletic Booster Club

COST: \$125.00 per person - Includes green fees, carts, prizes, coffee & baked goods, and luncheon



PRIZES: First, Second, Tenth and Twentieth Place - Closest to Pin - Longest Drive



OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Hole Sponsorship (Signs at Tee) \$100.00 each
- Table Sponsor (Luncheon) \$50.00 each
- Gifts and donations for raffle table
- Donate items for the Auction

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Dan Lorden at 603-465-2532 or 603-566-6810 (cell)
 Bob Dion at 603-465-3129

Don't be left out! Participation is limited - Sign up Early!!!

Number of players _____ @ \$125.00 each

Hole Sponsorships: _____ # of Tees @\$100.00 each

Donation: _____

	Name of Player	Address	Phone Number	Email
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Enclosed is a check in amount of \$ _____

Tax deductible - proceeds benefit the Hollis-Brookline Athletic Programs. Mail registration with check made out to Hollis/Brookline Athletic Booster Club to: Dan Lorden, P O Box 726, Hollis, NH 03049