



Hollis Brookline High School

November 2003 Newsletter

Principal's Message

As we approach the end of our first marking term, the school remains "abuzz" with activities. Classrooms are alive and exciting and I am pleased to note that students are achieving at high levels. Seniors are finishing up their college applications under the watchful eyes of their counselors and teachers are busily writing letter of recommendations.

The staff is working on the NEASC Self-Study in preparation for the accreditation visit in the spring of 2005. Seven standards, i.e. Mission and Expectation for Student Learning, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Leadership and Organization, School Resources, and Community Resources comprise the main thrust for ensuring that schools measure up to high expectations for teaching and learning. Committees consist of teachers, School Board members, administrators, parents, students, and support staff. This is a lengthy process which consists of the self-study, NEASC visitation, a written evaluation of strengths and recommendations, and follow-up reports and programs which may extend for several years.

Under the direction of SAP Counselor, Jodi Callinan, students are sponsoring Red Ribbon Week to recognize and celebrate a drug-free lifestyle and make people aware of the dangers of drugs. In addition to distributing ribbons, assemblies will be held by outside speakers emphasizing the tragedies and destruction caused by alcohol and other drug use and urging students to avoid the pitfalls.

Our athletic teams are winding down their fall sports season and gearing up for tournament play in volleyball and girls' and boys' soccer. The first year of our football program was very successful with approximately fifty-one players participating. Congratulations and thanks go out to our players, coaches, athletic office, School Board, and Booster Clubs. Also, many thanks to the spectators who turned out to support and encourage our teams.

Report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 7th. Please feel free to contact teachers, guidance, or this office with any concerns or suggestions.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and know that your continued support and input is appreciated.

Charles W. Flahive

Spirit Wear Available in Time for the Holidays

The holidays are fast approaching and the Cavalier Football Club is again offering our spiritwear clothing with a new order form and different items. All our tees are on sale for \$8 and there are youth sizes still available. You can get order forms from Kim Smith's office, on line at email address: Marymech@aol.com subject: spiritwear or by calling Mary Gold at 465-3208. Hats make great stocking stuffers!!

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REPORT CARDS: Issued November 7th

SAT I & II: Late registration for the Dec. 6 SAT administration is November 12th. Registration deadline for the Jan. 24th SAT is December 22nd.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar (HOBY): Applications should be arriving in guidance soon for HOBY. One sophomore will be selected to attend this three-day weekend leadership conference held in early June. High school sophomores with demonstrated leadership qualities will be brought together with men and women who have distinguished themselves in business, education, government, the sciences, the arts, and the professions. Interested sophomores should seek more information from their school counselor.

IMPORTANT FOR SENIORS: Any senior needing a recommendation sent to a college to meet a January 1st deadline MUST inform his or her guidance counselor no later than December 3rd.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT: On December 10th at 6:30 p.m., a financial aid specialist from New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation will guide parents and students through the financial aid maze. Instructions for completing the FAFSA form will be explained in detail. The meeting will take place in the auditorium.

DON'T GET SCAMMED! The New Hampshire Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators warns those seeking money for college to avoid costly "scholarship services" that promise easy access to money or information for a price. They are offering nothing that can't be accessed for free. For more information on funding higher education and other free services offered to NH students, call the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation Resource Center at 1-800-525-2577 x119.

Sallie Mae's FREE online Scholarship Service at www.salliemae.com is a great way to quickly and easily find information on scholarships, grants and other types of "free money" for college.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: Available at www.fastweb.com and through clicking "Guidance" on the HBHS website.

COLLEGE ESSAYS: Looking for FREE feedback on your college essay from someone who doesn't know you? Mail or email it to Center for College Planning, 4 Barrell Court, Concord, NH 03302 (collegeplanning@gsmr.org). New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation provides this service.

BULLETIN BOARDS: The Guidance Department maintains bulletin boards across from the nurse's office on the first floor. Students should check these boards for information regarding college open houses, summer enrichment opportunities, college scholarship offerings, etc. Don't forget to check the Guidance section of the HBHS website to find regularly updated scholarship information, also.

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING TOOL: Hollis-Brookline High School pays for a site license that permits students and parents to access college and career information either at school or through their home computers. To access this very useful site, go to the Hollis-Brookline HS website (www.hbhs.k12.nh.us), click on Guidance, click on Bridges Planning, and follow instructions.

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COMMON APPLICATION: Seniors wishing to streamline the college admissions process should check out the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). The concept is simple: Students complete one Common Application form, photocopy it, and send the form to any of the participating colleges. The procedure simplifies the college application process and eliminates duplication of effort. The Common Application is the recommended form of 241 selective colleges and universities for admission to their undergraduate programs. Many of these institutions use the form exclusively. All give equal consideration to the Common Application and the college's own form.

VISITORS: Representatives from the following colleges and universities will be visiting HBHS during the month of November.

Nov. 3	9:00	Gordon College (MA)
	11:30	Stonehill College (MA)
	1:30	Regis College (MA)
Nov. 4	8:00	Ithaca College (NY)
	9:00	Wagner College (NY)
	10:00	College of St. Joseph (VT)
	11:00	Western New England College (MA)
	1:15	St. Joseph's College (ME)
Nov. 5	9:00	Castleton State College (VT)
	1:30	Mitchell College (CT)
Nov. 12	10:30	University of New Hampshire (Durham and Manchester)
	11:30	Wheaton College (MA)
	12:30	University of Rhode Island
	1:30	Johnson and Wales University (RI)
Nov. 13	9:00	NH Technical Institute (Concord)
Nov. 17	9:48	Dean College (MA)
Nov. 21	9:30	University of Maine at Farmington

Scholarships

Throughout the school year, opportunities for scholarships become available. Interested students should watch the notices and check regularly with guidance for information. The bulk of scholarships arrive during the second semester. A few, including some highly competitive national ones, have fall deadlines. Seniors interested in ROTC scholarships should begin the application process as soon as possible. Scholarship information also appears on the Hollis-Brookline website (www.hbhs.k12.nh.us) under Guidance.

Coca-Cola Scholarship

- Looking for seniors that are very strong in extracurricular activities as well as academics.
- Award: \$20,000 over four years.
- Deadline: October 31, 2003.

Society of Automotive Engineers Scholarship Program

- Available to high school seniors who intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science (refer to the individual scholarship descriptions).
- Award: the scholarships range from \$400 to full tuition.
- Deadline: December 1, 2003.

William Loeb Memorial Fund

- For high school senior NH residents (two years or more) who have evidenced a high degree of involvement in their community and school.
- Award: \$1,000.
- Deadline: March 1, 2004.

Scholarships for Specific Colleges – Please see guidance for more details.

- *Davidson College* – Available to students with intellectual and personal success and leadership. Deadline November 15, 2003.
- *Skidmore College* – Scholarship open for musically talented seniors interested in pursuing liberal arts. Four-year scholarship of \$10,000 each year. Deadline January 15, 2004.
- *Washington University in St. Louis* – Full and partial four year scholarships for candidates strong in service and leadership, as well as academic excellence. Deadline October 15, 2003.

AFS Awards for Excellence

- Scholarships available to those with 3.5 average or above, leadership, and community service.
- Scholarships make it possible to live and study abroad.
- Deadline: December 2, 2003.

Atrium- Dodds Scholarship Fund

- Eight scholarships are available to local area high school seniors who are a son/daughter of Atrium Medical Corporation employees.
- Award: \$3,000
- Deadline: March 31, 2004.

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Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship

- Available to high school JUNIORS who are active in their community as well as at school.
- Award: Up to \$25,000
- Deadline: January 9, 2004.

Kaplan/Newsweek

- Essay competition
- Award: range from \$1,000 to \$5,000
- Deadline: March 1, 2004.

Prom Guide

- Available to seniors. Looking for seniors to be on the cover of Prom Guide.
- Award: Scholarship money, cover of magazine, and appearing on online commercial.

Veterans of Foreign Wars – Voice of Democracy

- Available to students in grades 9-12.
- Theme: “My Commitment to America’s Future.” Involves an essay written and recorded for entry.
- \$25,000 first place scholarship.
- Deadline: November 1, 2003.

Scholarships for Specific Colleges – Please see guidance for more details:

- **Boston University** – Trustee Scholarship Competition for outstanding academic performance and leadership. See guidance counselor for more details. Deadline December 1, 2003.
- **The Citadel**- Joseph D. Aiken Scholarship Fund for students from New England who are admitted to the Citadel. Award of all college expenses for three years.
- **Clemson University** – Competitive scholarship ranging in value from \$500 to full tuition based on high school record and standardized test scores. Please see your counselor for more details.
- **Davidson College**- The Bearden Art Scholarship for students with exceptional promise in studio art with a preference given to African-Americans. Deadline November 1, 2003.
- **Ithaca** – Park Scholar Award for students who have demonstrate academic and creative achievement in communications, co-curricular activities, and community service. Deadline January 15, 2004.
- **Skidmore College** – Scholarship for students who excel in the sciences and/or mathematics. Awards of \$10,000 per year. Deadline January 15, 2004.

National Honor Society to Hold Induction Ceremony

December 2, 2003 is the date chosen for the induction of the newest members of the National Honor Society at HBHS. The ceremony will be held in the high school music room at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event.

PTSA News

The new Student Directory and PTSA membership cards will be coming soon to everyone who joined or ordered a directory. We appreciate your support in becoming members (remember, since we are a PTSA, students are welcome to join, too), and hope that you will appreciate the benefits of membership.

Attendees of the PTSA October meeting were treated to a talk with Charlie Flahive, HBHS Principal. He shared information about upcoming school events, status of the New Hampshire State Testing results, and fielded questions from attendees. We hope to have staff members and teachers at each meeting to give parents the opportunity to learn about school events and issues. All parents are welcome to come and enjoy!

The next PTSA meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 pm** in the small cafeteria on the second floor.

Upcoming PTSA events include support for the Bridge Building contest, a Junior Class dinner to honor the great job done on the NH State Test, and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

If you have any questions about these events, or are interested in joining the PTSA, please contact Jean Filer at 598-1050 or Cindy Ulrich at 672-3111.

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