



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

As we begin the month of November, the first quarter is about to close, the fall sports season is coming to an end, and tryouts for winter teams have begun. Our varsity programs were very successful this fall with most teams advancing into the playoffs, and as I write this, we are anticipating both girls' soccer and volleyball teams competing in the semifinals.

As the winter season approaches, we are attempting to improve the process of dropping students off in the back lot in the morning. We ask that when parents drop off students in the back parking lot, they be mindful not to block the entrance to the rear student parking lot as it causes the traffic to back up causing students to be tardy. Rather, please pull into the back lot and drop students off along the median strip. The bus loop in the front of the building is another option for morning drop-off only.

If you have a child who is a senior, you are well aware that they are busy completing college applications as deadlines are quickly approaching. College representatives have been visiting our school weekly since September. Please remember that since the Guidance Department is coordinating the delivery of all application materials, their deadline is a few weeks earlier than the one posted by the college. Recently, our Guidance Department registered our school in the Rensselaer Medal Program. This allows us to award the Rensselaer Medal to a deserving student at the end of their junior year. If the medalist is accepted to and attends RPI, they will be offered a \$15,000 per year scholarship for four years.

We are pleased to announce that a number of our musicians have been recognized for their talent. This includes Jeff Quinn, Zifan Yang, Max Calkin, Tamara Liu, Becky Kabel, Kellie Dickerson, J.T. Trull, Alicia Pillion and Zach Wallin. These students have been selected to the All New England Band Festival. In addition, two band students made it into Jazz All-State, as both received the highest scores in the State on two instruments. Max Calkin on both acoustic and electric bass and J.T. Trull on both baritone sax and tenor sax. This is an impressive showing for a school of our size.

We will hold our annual Parent Conference Day(s) on two evenings prior to the Thanksgiving week, November 19th and 24th from 3:00 – 7:30pm. If you did not sign up for an appointment at Open House, you may still do so by contacting your child's teacher to arrange a conference time. Thanksgiving recess is November 25th – 27th.

Recent events at the high school include the induction of 24 students into the National Honor Society on the evening of October 1st. The evening was organized by members, officers and the advisors, Ms. Kristen Roy and Mr. Rob Huckins. We have also had 18 French-speaking exchange students from Casablanca, Morocco visiting our school, staying with host families and shadowing our students. On Friday, November 6th, The 2nd Annual Fall Feast is scheduled. This is an evening of dinner and entertainment presented by the Culinary Club and Choirs beginning at 5:30pm in the cafeteria.

Next week, the PTSA will be sponsoring a presentation by Officer Mello of the Hollis Police Department on Internet Safety and Social Networks on Monday, November 9th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Our annual Veteran's Day Assembly will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 10th and that evening is the Fall Sports Awards night. Picture Re-take Day is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 12th.

In the weeks that follow, the Fall Play, "Arabian Nights" will be presented on the weekend of November 20th & 21st at 7:30, Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm, the Winter Concert, Wednesday December 16th at 7:00pm, and Freshmen and Sophomore Speech Contests on the morning of Friday December 18th.

All of these events have been posted on our school calendar, <http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/SchoolCalendar.htm>, found on the school website.

Tim Kelley



A Note from your PTSA

Co-Presidents:

Congratulations to Don Brooks who won the Back-to-School Basket from the PTSA. Everyone who joined PTSA prior to our meeting last month was entered into a free drawing for this amazing basket. Always willing to lend a hand and support our school, Don and his wife Ginny are proud grandparents of Corey Phillips, and Samantha, Alex and Joe Brooks. Our PTSA is excited to see more involvement from Dad's and Grampa's lately!

However, since last year we have seen an overall drop in membership and volunteer sign-ups (down 26 %). In addition, 465 directories were pre-ordered last year and only 162 have been pre-ordered this year. If you have not pre-ordered and would still like to obtain a directory, we will have some extras available at the school for students to purchase for \$5.00. Special thanks to Anne Dumas for handling memberships and directories this year. She makes it look easy, but we know how time-consuming it is. And we would like you to know that student Emily Fisher won the cover contest this year and was presented a \$25.00 gift card...Thank you Emily for your eye-catching design.

The Parent Ed series is being coordinated this year by Darlene Kohler (249-8843). If you have any ideas for topics or you'd be willing to assist Darlene, we could use your help. We have already had 2 wonderful speakers and plan on 2 more after the new year. Stay tuned to the PTSA website for lots of timely info, meeting notices, and forms for membership, directories, and volunteering in or out of school... it's worth a bookmark! www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa

Our traditional Thanksgiving dinner for Staff Appreciation will be served on November 19th, the first day of parent conferences, from 4-6 pm in the cafeteria. Thanks to our parents who have offered to send in family favorites and delectable creations, we are able to feed 100 staff members and they love it! Of course we couldn't pull it off without the boundless energy and inspiration of Kristen Berry and her crew, Sole Hawekotte and Barb Bruinooge. Kristen is collecting all our recipes to provide to the staff, so don't forget to send yours in with your dish or email Kbellep@aol.com with it.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a warm and cozy Thanksgiving holiday break. We remain grateful for our school community of dedicated professionals, supportive parents, unique students and the well-tended facilities where all this learning and growth happens. As always, your input and comments are welcome...keep in touch!

Sincerely, your Co-Presidents,

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HBHS Athletic Booster Club

Mark Your Calendars!!

Most of our teams have finished up their seasons and we are hard at work on our Fall Sports Awards Night. We will celebrate all our fall athletes on Tuesday evening, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. We will be holding this ceremony in the gym as we did last year to accommodate the large number of athletes that participate in fall sports.

Congratulations to the HBHS Cavalier Football team for their first ever-winning season (5-4)! It is wonderful to see the program growing. Our Girls Soccer team and the Vol-



leyball team are still in the playoffs. Much luck to both teams!

We are still looking for more people to participate in the Booster Club. Please join us for our December meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room. We welcome your fresh ideas!

Go Cavs!!

Trish MacDonald, President

Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club

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Hollis Woman's Club News

The upcoming Hollis Woman's Club 'Hollis Hoedown' is gearing up to be a great family event! Held this year on Saturday, Nov 21st, from 6:30-9:30 at the Lawrence Barn on Depot Road in Hollis, the dance is open to all ages. You don't even need to dance to have a good time, but with renown caller Frank Woodward and his musicians, it will be hard to resist the toe-tapping beat! Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Teens, \$5 for Children, and free for those 3 and under. Refreshments will be available for sale, and there will be a costume contest with prizes for those children 6th grade and under who dress in 'country' costume. Tickets are available by linking to the order form on www.holliswomansclub.org, or calling Jeanne at 465-2097. You don't want to miss this great family event!

HBHS Library News

On Thurs, Nov., 12th at 8:30 the PTSA will meet in the HBHS library for an overview of databases and ebooks available for research from on and off campus. Please join us for an informative session that could change the way your child does research.

Barb Boucher

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2Q09 AT HBHS

Nov. 6	Culinary Club Feast/Choirs— 5:30pm, HBHS Cafeteria
Nov. 9	“Internet Safety” presentation by Officer Mello —7:00pm HBHS Auditorium
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day Assembly
Nov. 10	Fall Sports Awards Night — 6:30pm — HBHS Gymnasium
Nov. 11	Veterans Day—NO SCHOOL
Nov. 12	PTSA Meeting—HBHS Cafeteria
Nov. 12	School picture retake day
Nov. 18	HOBY Application Deadline
Nov. 19	Staff Appreciation Dinner
Nov. 19&24	Parent Conferences 3:00-7:30pm
Nov. 20&21	“Arabian Nights” school play 7:30pm, Auditorium
Nov. 21	Annual Hollis Hoedown — Lawrence Barn 6:30-9:30pm
Nov. 25	NO SCHOOL-Teacher Workday
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 3	6:30pm Financial Aid Night HBHS Auditorium
Dec. 9	Booster Club Mtg.—7pm, Office Conference Room
Dec. 16	HBHS Winter Concert—7pm HBHS Auditorium
Dec. 18	Fresh/Soph. Speech Contests (A.M.)

From Your Guidance Department

One of our favorite days of the year occurred last Friday: Trebuchet, Halloween, and Fall Sports Recognition assembly. It is an awesome experience to walk around the hallways of HBHS and see such enthusiasm and vitality in our students. Shy students dressed in full costume, groups of students united thematically in costume, all forming a community filled with frivolity and gaiety is simply a wonderful day. Not to be misleading, the physics component of the Trebuchet project is one of the best examples of rigorous and collaborative learning, and it is a great opportunity for students to observe other students actively engaged in learning. The school counselors snuck out of their offices, too, but only momentarily, as we needed to quickly return to the business of sending out college application packages. It seems this year we have had more early action requests than in the past. We recognize that the college application process is cumbersome and, combined with a season of illness, we are sure many of the seniors and their families are feeling some stress. Remember we are here to answer the simplest and most complex of questions. If you have not begun this process, please schedule a meeting with your counselor. The "application deadline creep" seems to spring up on us and we want to make sure that all of our students and families are feeling comfortable in this process.

Senior News

College admission deadlines have already occurred! The first huge deadline was November 1st and is followed by November 15th. The Guidance Department sent out a total of 360 packets for the November 1st deadline. Seniors planning to go on to four-year colleges will be in a much better position if they get their applications in the mail or sent electronically by December 15th. Keep in mind, in order for the supporting documentation to be sent, students must submit the pink *Supporting Documentation Request Form* to the counselor three weeks prior to the application deadline. NOTE: The UNH regular application deadline date is February 1st. The deadline for Plymouth and Keene is April 1st, but report they will likely stop taking applications around February 1, 2009. So leaving applications to the last minute is not advised.

Application packages contain the school profile, teacher(s) and counselor recommendations, school report forms, transcript and report card (after 1st quarter grades are issued). SAT scores and ACT scores must be sent from the ETS (educational testing service). Students can access their scores from the following websites and have them sent to their selected colleges - www.collegeboard.com for SAT and www.act.org for ACT.

First quarter grades will close for all students on November 6th and report cards will be issued on November 13th. Seniors who have applied to colleges prior to November 13 and notified the Guidance Department, will have their 1st quarter grades sent to the colleges they have indicated. Colleges often wait for these grades before making a commitment to accept students. College admission representatives continue to emphasize the importance of a student's academic trend. Please assist us in reminding seniors that colleges will review their entire academic year (first quarter, mid-year and end-of-year grades) in the admission process.

Receipts for Information Sent - When information has been sent to a college from the guidance department, each student will receive a receipt stating the date and information sent. Students should stop by the Guidance Of-

fice to pick up their receipts. Students with outstanding postage fees cannot obtain their receipts until the balance has been paid. Additionally, report cards will be held until these fees are paid.

Admissions Decision - We, too, get very excited about the decision letters you receive. Please keep us notified and come to Guidance and share your news. This information helps us counsel future applicants. We also want to hear if the news is not good so that we can help strategize on what to do next and add other potential schools to your list. As you know, colleges grant four decisions: accept, defer, wait-list, and deny. The answer most students want to hear at this time of year is, of course, an acceptance to the college, but colleges often defer when evaluating early applications. Being deferred at this point in time is not a bad thing. It is not a denial and it gives the student the opportunity to send additional information such as midterm grades and additional testing scores. Please do not get upset over a deferment at this stage in the process as it can ultimately lead to an acceptance. Please talk with your counselor if you have any questions.

Financial Aid Information - Please mark your calendars - Financial Aid Night will be held on December 3rd at 6:30pm in the High School auditorium. It is very important for parents to attend this meeting as it will break down the financial aid process and provide helpful information regarding financial aid policies and criteria. If you have concerns regarding financial aid at a particular school, make an appointment with the financial aid office when visiting a college. Another great source of information is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached at www.nhheaf.org or by calling 800-525-2577. Financial Aid materials are available in Guidance and the library at HBHS. Please check the Guidance website for more scholarship and financial aid information as it is updated weekly.

Note: The FAFSA form cannot be submitted before January 1, 2010, but should be submitted as close to that date as possible. All colleges require the FAFSA from families that are considering any type of financial aid, including work study. Families are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA online which is at www.FAFSA.gov.org. Some private colleges require the CSS PROFILE. The PROFILE is only for private colleges and only certain schools use this form. It must 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.

Scholarships - 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 basis.

NCAA— Don't forget!!! Senior athletes interested in participating on athletic teams in college must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. If these forms are not submitted to NCAA, it will delay an athlete's ability to compete at the collegiate level.

From Your Guidance Department—Cont'd

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, 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. 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, his 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 your counselor in the Guidance Office.

Junior News

College Information Night for juniors and their parents will be held Thursday, February 4th. This will give students and families lots of time to start researching colleges and planning visits to various college campuses. Students are encouraged to attend this event with their parents so they can learn about the many components of this cumbersome process. Juniors are also encouraged to continue meeting with the college admission representatives that are visiting HBHS. Juniors also can take the opportunity to meet with HBHS School-to-Career Counselor, Julie Sullivan, to discuss job shadowing and internship opportunities for their senior year.

PSAT — We are very excited to have offered all of our junior students the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 14th. Results of the PSAT will be shared individually with students when we return from vacation in early January. Counselors will discuss how students can use these results as a stepping stone to the SAT and the college selection process.

Services for Students with Disabilities — A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take the SAT or ACT tests with testing accommodations that support their disability. A student's case manager should be contacted for details as soon as possible.

SAT Testing and Registration Dates — Many students sign up to take the SAT tests in the spring semester of their junior year. Juniors interested in taking the SAT Critical Reasoning Test and the Subject Tests are encouraged to get on the College Board Website (www.collegboard.com) to register for the SAT tests. Keep in mind that spring sports often conflict with test dates so plan ahead. Some students will also want to take the subject tests, so please plan out the timing of these tests to alleviate unnecessary stress. It is helpful to know that schools such as Boston University require both the SAT and SAT subject tests. Subject tests are only one hour in length and students may take three in one setting.

Exam dates for the spring are as follows:

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DATE
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

Sophomore News

More than 100 sophomore students signed up and took the PSAT. The results will be shared with students upon

return from the December vacation.

Freshman News

On October 14th, while the juniors were hard at work taking the PSATs, the senior class continued to work collaboratively with the freshman students in a continuum of this year's SALT experience. This large group watched the movie *Pay it Forward*, and seniors led discussion groups following the film. Hopefully this collaborative work will be continued throughout this year to bring a sense of community to the school and to fully explore the role of camaraderie and leadership in the building.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents are encouraged to schedule appointments with their student's teachers during our parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 18 and 24. If there is anything the counselors can do to support your child, please feel free to contact us. The Guidance Department contact information is as follows:

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Communication

In addition to reading this newsletter, please be sure to check out our website and read the daily notices at (www.hbhs.k12.nh.us). For complete information click on the Guidance tab. We are continuously updating our information. As always we are here to support all the students and families of the Hollis Brookline community. Please feel free to email or call us with good news and/or concerns. Hopefully we will all avoid the flu and enjoy our Thanksgiving Holiday!

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.





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