



Hollis Brookline High School

October 2003 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Recently, we received the results from our NHEIAP testing held last May. Although we anticipated a positive response, we were extremely pleased with the outstanding performance of our current juniors. As you have probably heard, Hollis Brookline High School ranked as the #1 high school in the State of New Hampshire! We are extremely proud of our students, our staff, and the communities of Hollis and Brookline. Among the 190 students taking the test, six students placed in the Advanced (highest) category in all four areas and sixty-eight scored in Advanced or Proficient categories in all four areas. One of our goals was to raise the number of students placing in the two highest categories in all four academic areas. We achieved this goal beyond our expectations. Students will be receiving certificates of achievement, which will become a part of their permanent record.

Individual results were mailed to parents and we hope that you reviewed these results with your child. We will be analyzing these results with our Director of Curriculum, Carol Mace, and our teaching staff to make improvements to our curriculum and teaching strategies. Congratulations to everyone!

Thanks to Richard Mehlhorn, our HBHS web-site has been updated and expanded to include our daily notices, athletics, and other school activities. We encourage everyone to make use of this new asset.

Fall sports activities are in full swing with high levels of student participation in all sports. Our new football program has been highly successful with a team roster of fifty-one players. Under the direction of Coaches Milton Robinson and Tim Girzone, the squad has looked impressive in competition and displays a great spirit and determination. The Football Boosters have been very supportive and our spectator turnout very impressive. All of our teams - soccer, field hockey, volleyball, cross country, and golf, are enjoying their season. Our US First team is also gearing up for their competitions, as is the Math Team and several other clubs.

Our recent Open House was a huge success with an exceptional turnout. A "record number" of parents enjoyed following a mini schedule and meeting teachers. Our new faculty members; Mrs. Jennifer Given, Social Studies; Ms. Jennifer Samson, English; Ms. Jennifer Ridge, Spanish; Ms. Katherine Melanson, Science; Mrs. Kelly Sewell, English and Special Ed.; Ms. Dorothy Ball, Mathematics; and Mrs. Kerry Gangemi, Guidance have "settled in" and enjoying their new school.

We are extremely pleased with the progress and smooth opening we have experienced to date and look forward to another profitable and rewarding academic school year. Please feel free to contact the school with any suggestions and concerns. Your input is important to our school community.

Charles W. Flahive, Principal

**Cavalier
Football**

The Cavalier Football Club would like to invite you all to come and cheer us on. Our reunion game is Sat 10/4 and our last home game is Thursday 10/16. Spirit wear will be available through the AD's office and at all the games. Come join us!

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SENIOR SESSIONS: School counselors are meeting with seniors to review the college admissions process. Parents are always welcome to call their son's or daughter's school counselor with questions or to arrange a meeting.

JUNIOR MEETINGS—School counselors are meeting with groups of juniors to discuss preparation for the upcoming PSAT and SAT testing program.

SENIORS: If you haven't already done so, it's time to begin the college application process! Although many applications are not due until January or February, some must be submitted sooner. Check with publications or school counselors for deadlines. Most colleges now have applications available online. For hard copies of applications and viewbooks, email, write or call the Admissions Office of each college you are interested in. Colleges handle the application process differently. All will require an application; some will want an essay, some will want recommendations. Students considering Early Decision or Early Action should be filling their applications out SOON. If you have not had interviews or scheduled them for colleges requiring an interview, DO IT NOW!

COMMON APPLICATION: Many colleges and universities have agreed to accept the Common Application. Go to Commonapp.org to fill out and submit the Common Application completely over the Internet or to download a printable copy.

SENIORS: Please check with your counselor (one last time!) to make sure you will complete all credits you need to graduate in June 2004.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 PM. (For those unable to attend on this date, the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation is sponsoring a number of college overview sessions throughout the state. Call 1-800-525-2577 for details.) Visiting admissions experts will familiarize parents with the college admissions process, including a brief discussion of financial aid. Although this meeting is intended primarily for parents of seniors, students and parents of underclassmen are welcome.

COLLEGE FAIRS: Interested students from Hollis/Brookline High School attended a College Fair on September 26th. College Fairs give students the opportunity to obtain information about post-secondary educational opportunities. In the Spring, juniors may attend a college fair in Boston sponsored by the National Association of College Admission Counseling.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm. At that time, the financial aid process will be discussed in detail. Meanwhile, questions regarding financial aid may be answered by calling NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation at 1-800-525-2577 ext. 119 or the Financial Aid Office at the schools a student is considering attending. Materials addressing financial aid are available in both the Guidance Office and the library at HBHS. Also check out www.fastweb.com and www.finaid.org.

*FAFSA—The Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be delivered to high schools in late November or early December. This form may not be submitted before Jan. 1, but should be completed as soon as possible after that. This form is used to qualify students for federal funds. In addition, most colleges use it as a basis for awarding financial aid. Directions on filling out the FAFSA will be reviewed in detail on Financial Aid Night.

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CSS PROFILE: In addition to the FAFSA*, some colleges and scholarship programs require The College Scholarship Service PROFILE. The PROFILE is a customized financial aid packet asking specific questions generated from colleges requiring it. Check the registration form (available online at collegeboard.com, or in guidance) to see the list of colleges that require the PROFILE. **If any of your college choices is listed, register as soon as possible.** After registering, you will receive information about completing the a PROFILE application. If a college or program is not listed in the CSS Code List, then you do not need to fill out the CSS PROFILE form. If you are not sure if it is required or if there is an asterisk next to the name, call the college to confirm. **Colleges strictly adhere to financial aid deadlines and will not accept excuses such as “I didn’t know the college required this form.”**

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FOR COLLEGE COSTS: To estimate what your family will be expected to pay for college, try the EFC calculator at www.collegeboard.com/pay.

PSAT/NMSQT: On Saturday morning, October 18th, the PSAT (which also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for juniors) will be administered at HBHS to most juniors and any interested sophomores. The PSAT is a practice SAT. Students should sign up in the Guidance Department ASAP. Cost is \$20, payable in advance. Students should arrive at school at 8 am with two sharpened #2 pencils and a calculator.

SAT I & II: LATE registration for the November 1 testing is October 8. Registration deadline for the December 6 testing is October 31. These test dates are typically used by seniors. Registration materials and further information are available in Guidance. SATs are not administered at HBHS, but are available at Nashua High School and other local schools. Specific locations are listed in the registration bulletin. **Remember that students are now able to register online. The Web address is www.collegeboard.org.**

HOLLIS/BROOKLINE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The fall session for the Hollis/Brookline Community Education Program is scheduled to begin on **October 6**. Course categories include Arts/Crafts, Business, Computer Education, Dance/Exercise, Family Matters, Finance, Health, Music, World Studies, and our new category, “Travel-Day Trip Excursions”. Take time to enrich yourself with one of the many new courses being offered this fall!

The Hollis/Brookline Community Education evening program will run for eight weeks from October 6 through November 26. The program will operate on Monday - Thursday evenings between the hours of 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Classes vary in times and length of the course. A complete course listing was distributed as an insert in the September 5 Hollis/Brookline Journal. You can also view our web site at www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/hbce for the fall 2003 course descriptions and on-line registration. Be sure to register early! Classes fill up quickly.

Pick up a copy of the Fall 2003 Hollis/Brookline Community Education brochure at the **Hollis Village Store in the Village Marketplace** or the **Brookline Village Store** in Brookline center, and the Hollis or Brookline Library. Or contact Danielle Beaudette at 603-672-0283, or daniebeau@aol.com.

PTSA NEWS

The school year is well underway, and the HBHS PTSA has been busy from the start! We have just undertaken our first fundraiser-our food booth at Hollis Old Home Day-where, together with the Middle School PTSA, we sold hot dogs and hamburgers. This joint effort was a success, thanks to the hard work of many people. Our thanks go to Jean Filer, chairman of this event, Mary Grace DiGiacinto, Anne Dumas, Karen Bedell, and Christy and Al Gaskill for organization and set up; Pete and Lex Bundschuh, for the use and set up of their tent; and Pat Goyette (HBMS Principal), Kim Rizzo (HBMS Asst.Principal), and Charlie Flahive (HBHS Principal), for service with a smile. Thanks also to the brave souls who manned the grill: Dennis Goyette, Steve Schmalz, Rick Ullrich, Paul Deterling, Bill Quigley, and Chuck Bedell. To the aforementioned and all the other volunteers who gave so generously of their time to keep things running smoothly during the day and early evening-a heartfelt thank you-we could not have done this without your combined efforts.

Please consider joining the HBHS PTSA-we welcome new people and old friends-be a part of what is happening at your children's school!! We always need volunteers for the Computer Room and other events that come up during the school year.

The next PTSA meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, at 7 PM, in the small cafeteria. Our principal, Charlie Flahive, will be there to share his ideas and thoughts about our school. Please join us for this informative evening.

Cindy Ullrich and Jean Filer
PTSA Co-Presidents 2003-2004

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.

VISITING COLLEGE REPS SCHEDULED AT HBHS *

Wed. Oct. 1	Hamilton College (NY)	Fri. Oct. 24	Bucknell Univeristy (PA)
	Roger Williams University (RI)	Tues. Oct. 28	Endicott College (MA)
	Wells College (NY)		Colby-Sawyer College (NH)
Thurs. Oct. 2	Ceder Crest College (PA)	Wed. Oct. 29	Fisher College (MA)
Mon. Oct. 6	Virginia Wesleyan		Merrimack College (MA)
Tues. Oct. 7	Wentworth Institute of Technology (MA)	Thurs. Oct. 30	New England College (NH)
	McGill University (Montreal, Canada)	Mon. Nov. 3	Gordon College (MA)
	Rivier College (NH)		Stonehill College (MA)
Wed. Oct. 8	Maine Maritime Academy	Tues. Nov. 4	Regis College (MA)
Thurs. Oct. 9	Plymouth State College (NH)		Ithaca College (NY)
Tues. Oct. 14	New England School of Communication (ME)		Wagner College (NY)
Wed. Oct. 15	Husson College (ME)	Wed. Nov. 5	College of St. Joseph (VT)
Mon. Oct. 20	Assumption College (MA)	Wed. Nov. 12	Western New England College (MA)
Tues. Oct. 21	University of Vermont (VT)		St. Joseph's College (ME)
Wed. Oct. 22	St. Anselm's College (NH)		Castleton State College (VT)
Thurs. Oct. 23	Nascar Technical Institute (Several Locations)	Mon. Nov. 17	University of New Hampshire
			Wheaton College
			University of Rhode Island
			Dean College (MA)

*** October and early November in this issue. More visits scheduled in future months. Check guidance for visitation times.**

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