



Hollis Brookline High School

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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Hollis Brookline, I would like to express our appreciation to those who attended our annual Open House held on Thursday September 25th. On that evening the building was alive with parents moving from class to class, meeting their child's teachers, in an atmosphere that was positive and uplifting. This year our annual Parent Conference days) will be held Thursday evening, November 20th and Thursday evening, November 25th. 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.

We have recently spoken to our seniors with respect to something they call "Senior Skip Day", an unauthorized holiday that students have give themselves periodically throughout the year, and apparently some families believe that this has actually been sanctioned by the school. Obviously this is not true and we ask for your support to ensure that your child is here every day. Absences can be frustrating for a classroom teacher as they only have 182 days to work with their students each year. In the case of seniors, the state mandates a minimum of 175 days. We administer exams to seniors early, and have Senior Week activities leading up to graduation exercises at the end of the year. They have been warned that the length of their year, including Senior Week activities, could be impacted if there are days throughout the year where the absentee rate for seniors climbs higher than normal. Your continued support in this area is appreciated.

On October 6th - 8th our juniors took the NECAP statewide assessment in Writing, Reading and Mathematics. There is a Science component of the test that will be administered next spring. The results will be used to measure our school's Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by the No Child Left Behind Act. Additionally, on October 17th the junior class will take the PSAT test during the school day. We began offering this test two years ago to all juniors during the day as a means to assist students in their college planning, prepare them for the SATs, and to provide more of an opportunity to participate in the National Merit Scholarship program. In light of the NECAP test now involving juniors and the close proximity of these two tests, we are reevaluating the continuation of this program next year and revert to offering this test at HBHS on a Saturday morning, as in the years prior to 2006.

As pointed out in last month's newsletter, seniors Andrew Doberstein, Allison Langley, Laura Lumbard, Patrick McDaniel, Tollan Renner and Kylie Witt were named National Merit Semifinalists, and this past week, we received word that twelve additional seniors have been honored as National Merit Program Commended Scholars. They are: Julie Coffey, Teagan Daly, Ian Grant, Josephine Johnson, Emily Kalenik, Dylan King, Christopher Knecht, Daniel Michon, Sophie Pallies, Seamus Peebles, Matthew Reynolds, and Elise Rollman. In addition, Seamus Peebles was named a semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, recognizing outstanding Black American high school students to colleges and universities.

Recognition of the achievements of our students with respect to the Advanced Placement testing arrived over the summer. Last spring, 282 Advanced Placements tests were administered to our students. This statistic alone may result in our again being cited on Newsweek's list of top high schools in the country. While the number taking the tests is important, we are more interested in the actual results, and are pleased to announce that our students have again done remarkably well due to their hard work and talented instructors. Sixty of our students achieved a perfect score on AP tests, including English (17); US History (4); Calculus (19); Chemistry (6); Computer Science (1); Biology (6) and Statistics (4).

On the evening of October 2nd, 54 of our students were inducted into the National Honor Society. The wonderful evening was organized by members, officers and the advisors, Ms. McElroy and Ms. Staub. The event, held in the auditorium, was highlighted by a talk by Superintendent Hodgdon.

Hollis/Brookline High School has received the fourth in a series of \$15,000 annual technology grants, thanks to a matching gift from an anonymous Brookline family and Fidelity Investments. This family is a strong supporter of the Co-op educational community and in particular of the technology and performing arts programs, and hopes that their endeavors will inspire others to contribute to the district. The grant allows us to finish equipping classrooms with mounted LCD projectors and DVD players.

In closing, I would like to remind all of the many contributions of our Parent Teacher Student Association. The organization and distribution of this newsletter is just one of the many contributions that they make to our school community. PTSA meetings are held at times alternating between mornings and evenings each month. The PTSA web page, which is part of our school site, can be found at <http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa/index.htm>.

GO CAVALIERS!!!

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Visit your PTSA at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa, where
you'll find the list of officers &
committees, back issues of news-
letters, and much more!
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A Message from your PTSA Presidents

How did September fly by so quickly? The leaves are beautiful now and the students are settled in for the school year. For October, Donna Cormier is looking forward to our Student Directory finally coming together after more challenges than usual with uncooperative databases. The directories will be delivered soon to everyone who ordered one. Keep smiling, Donna, and thank you.

Lisa Schmalz and Kristen Berry are organizing our fall Staff Appreciation event for our educators. They will soon be contacting those volunteers who have offered to support us with delicious baked and other food items. We are very lucky to have the educators that we do and the PTSA enjoys getting this special meal together for them.

Book Club is under way, our Parent Ed Series is beginning in November, and our backyard patio and garden space needs to be readied for snow. More than ever, we are seeking volunteers to help us continue with several traditional PTSA programs. Please, if you can give a little bit of time and want to enjoy a few laughs with new friends, come to our next meeting, **November 13th at 8:30am**, in the cafeteria. You can learn how you might be able to help our school community. There is plenty of support and information available, which makes any time spent helping out the PTSA (HBHS) entertaining. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments. Have a great month!

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Class Ring Ordering Dates

Attention Sophomore, Junior & Senior Parents

Jostens will be at Hollis Brookline High School to take class ring orders on: Thursday & Friday - October 16th & 17th @ lunches in the cafeteria area. Ring ordering information is available in the main office or view the entire ring collection and design your ring on: www.jostens.com - print your order and bring it to school on order day. Jostens will size your finger at school.

A \$50.00 deposit is due at ordering. If you have any questions you can email or call Jostens at the contact information below.

JostensNH
26 South Main St., PMB 90
603.225.3243
okeefeoffice@jostens.com

Book Brunch Bunch

The HBHS Book Brunch Bunch has an ongoing fundraising activity selling used books. We welcome donations of all kinds of books, for any grade level or interest, in good condition. Just leave them at the office marked "Library". Thanks to all who have donated in the past.

Barb Boucher
HBHS Library

Officer Kevin Erwin Retirement Reception

The Board of Selectmen and the Hollis Police Department will be hosting a retirement reception for Kevin Irwin on Friday, October 24, 2008 from 3-5PM at the Lawrence

Barn. This event will be open to the public. Please stop by and wish Kevin well in his retirement. Light refreshments will be served.

Library News

The HBHS Library has subscribed to Britannica Online this year. Check it out on the library webpage. We have also added new e-books which are available both online and in print. These resources, as well as our other online databases, can all be accessed from home. Instructions are on the library webpage.

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HBHS Athletic Booster Club-October 2008

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Are you looking to get involved at HBHS but don't want to make a huge commitment? The Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club is looking for you! There are many things within the Booster Club that parents, former students, even grandparents can do to be involved, but not have to put in a lot of time. We are looking for parents who attend games regularly and could be a liaison to the coaches. These are our Sports Reps who relay information from the Booster Club to the Coaches!! How about helping out with a "quick hit" fundraiser? We need to run a couple of smaller fundraisers this year. Our major fundraiser for the year, the Golf Tournament did okay, but in order to be able to provide awards to our athletes, scholarships, and the numerous other requests we receive for help with uniforms, scoreboards, and equipment for the weight room, we need to raise some more funds. Please consider helping out with one of these very short-term, easy fundraisers.

Currently, the HBABC has very small but dedicated group of parents who are highly involved and cover more than one sport as reps as well as do all of the fundraising. We truly need to bring in more members to continue the good work that the Booster Club does. Please consider joining us even in a small capacity. Please join us at one of our meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Trish MacDonald.

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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



Greetings from the Guidance Department!

We enjoyed meeting many of the parents at Open House last month. Please feel free to call or email us if you have questions, concerns, or updates. We see our role as a partnership and want to work together with families to ensure a positive high school experience. We also want to remind you to check the Guidance section of the school website for updates on programs, scholarships, website links, etc.

Application season has begun in guidance! We are busy meeting with our seniors to help them in their college process. On the other end of the spectrum, all counselors went to each wellness class for a presentation to familiarize freshmen with guidance services. It is always interesting hearing the seniors reflect on the past three years and the freshmen getting ready for their next four.

Just a reminder - progress reports were distributed to students on October 3. If you have any questions, please call or email the teacher directly to discuss or take advantage of parent-teacher conferences.

Have a wonderful fall and GO RED SOX!

Senior News

Small Group Meetings

School counselors met with their own students in small groups to explain the application process after the Senior Parent/Student College Night. We now encourage our students to meet with us individually to discuss their plans.

Deadlines & Important Information Regarding Admissions Process

Check the colleges' websites or written information for admission deadlines. Students considering early admission programs (EA or ED) need to get their forms (college supporting documentation form, college recommendation request, and senior parent info sheet) to their school counselor by the deadline listed on the college supporting documentation form. Also, please provide counselors with any school report forms given to you by the colleges. (Common application has a school report form for school counselors and some schools have their own individual forms to use). Remember to provide \$3 per school to cover the postage.

Who sends what?

School counselors send the school profile, transcript, counselor letter of recommendation, teacher letters of recommendation, and any supporting form required by the college.

Students send their application, supplement forms (if required), essay, and application fee. Students also arrange to have their SAT and ACT scores sent to colleges by the testing agency.

Receipts

Students will get a receipt from their counselor regarding information that was sent to the colleges. Each college will have a separate receipt. Please keep these receipts so that you are aware of what went out to the schools and when. If you have not paid the \$3 per school fee, we will hold on to your receipt until we receive payment.

Postcards

We send a postage paid postcard to each college to sign and return to us when they receive our materials. What we have found is that colleges do not always update their website immediately when materials are received. Others automatically send out a note to you when they receive the applications and do not check if our material has been received. If you are worried, please ask us if the postcards have been returned.

First Quarter Grades

First quarter grades will not be ready until after November 10th. We will do our best to get them to colleges in time for the November 15 deadline. However, it is most important that the student's application is at the college on the deadline. The supporting documentation can follow.

Mid-term Grades

All mid-term grades are automatically sent out to the schools that students have applied to when we receive the grades in January.

Colleges visiting HBHS

The college visitation program is well on its way with over 30 colleges visiting our school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Juniors and Seniors have been attending these meetings. Please check our website for times and dates when the colleges will be at our school. Students are encouraged to attend but need to obtain a pass from guidance ahead of time in order to visit with a college representative. Please see Mrs. Noel to get a pass.

Financial Aid Night

Reminder - Financial Aid Night will be December 4th at 6:30 PM.

Junior News

PSAT

All juniors take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15th. Results of this test will be available when we return from our holiday vacation in December. Counselors will meet with their students individually or in small groups to discuss their test results. The feedback given from College Board is very helpful to students when preparing for the actual SATs.

SAT/ACT Services for Students with Disabilities

Students who will need testing accommodations for these tests are strongly encouraged to discuss this with their case manager as soon as possible to ensure the accommodations are available for their testing.

Sophomore News

For Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar

This seminar brings together a select group of high school sophomores who have demonstrated leadership ability. Students will interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and other professions to discuss present and future issues. One sophomore will be selected from HBHS to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar in NH. The student will be selected based on their leadership ability, sensitivity to others, and desire to communicate their knowledge to peers.

Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar—Cont'd

Some of the positive outcomes of participating in a HOBY program include:

Superior critical thinking skills. By presenting multiple viewpoints on important issues, HOBY encourages participants to evaluate all issues from a critical perspective.

Enhanced leadership skills. HOBY's question-and-answer format, small group discussions, hands-on service learning experiences, and leadership role exercises enable participants to better understand leadership and begin to identify their own particular leadership strengths.

Better understanding of the democratic process. Discussions on democracy, free enterprise, volunteerism and community service are facilitated during HOBY.

Improved goal-setting skills. All aspects of HOBY are geared to encourage the participants to see leadership as a life goal worth pursuing. During the programs, participants are encouraged to identify personal goals and make a commitment to achieve one or more within the six months that follow.

Realizing the importance of leadership. All HOBY participants are challenged to complete a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service annually. HOBY's [Leadership for Service](#) curriculum element encourages young adults to give back through community service.

Students interested in attending the HOBY Leadership Seminar must write a one-page essay. More information is available in the Guidance Office. Deadline for essay submission is Nov 14, 2008.

Freshmen News

Classroom visits

All school counselors and our school-to-career counselor visited the freshmen wellness classes to introduce guidance services, study skills, the importance of being involved in extracurricular activities, and becoming familiar with key people in the building.

By the end of October, Rachel Boles (SAP) will have met with all 9th graders in their wellness classes to introduce them to the student assistance program. She will be returning to the wellness classes for a prevention education series during the first half of the school year.

Career Services News

The Best of Souhegan Business Expo

Green Up! What Can I Do? That's the theme of this year's Best of Souhegan Expo, being held on Thursday, October 23rd at Hampshire Hills. You are invited to attend the largest Career Fair in the region for people of all ages, but particularly for our high school and college-age students. This event features two important keynote addresses. We will hear from NH Commissioner of Education, Dr. Lyonel Tracy and the CEO of Stonyfield Farm Yogurt, Gary Hirshberg, author of *Stirring It Up: How to Make Money and Save the World*. In addition, students can explore the 140 booths and take part in breakout sessions designed for their needs. We have developed a "scavenger hunt" form for the students to assist them to engage the exhibitors in conversation. Once completed, they will be used to draw for three scholarships. HBHS students will be going during the school day. However, parents and students can attend anytime from 11am to 7:30pm. For more information please contact Sandy Demarest at dema-rests@sau41.k12.nh.us

Women in Engineering Day

This event will take place at Northeastern University on Friday, October 24th. It is a great way for female students who are interested in engineering to learn more about Northeastern's engineering program and meet some of their students. Please RSVP before October 17th by emailing: r.reisberg@neu.edu

Hollis Town Band News

The Hollis Town Band Christmas Chorus will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, October 22, at the Town Hall in Hollis, just as we have for many years in the past.

Ordinarily the rehearsals will run from 7:30 until approximately 8:15, each Wednesday except November 26.

The concert will take place on Saturday, December 13th, at 7pm at Hollis Brookline High School. As usual, the admission charge will be non-perishable food items, although cash donations are very welcome.

At the first rehearsal, please plan to arrive around 7:15 to sign in and get the music. If you are unable to attend the first rehearsal but would still like to sing with us, please feel free to come to rehearsals whenever you are able -- the more the merrier!

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.



It's Hollis Hoedown Time!

Calling all square dance enthusiasts! The Hollis Woman's Club is sponsoring it's first ever community barn dance, 6:30-9:30pm on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at the historic Lawrence Barn on Depot Road. This family event will feature the professional calling of Frank Woodward and his band of musicians. Cost is \$15.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children ages 13-17, \$5.00 for children ages 4-12, and free for children 3 and younger. Proceeds will go towards two \$1,000 college scholarships to HBHS seniors.

Tickets will be sold on a limited basis due to the capacity of the Barn. Contact HollisHoedown@gmail.com, or call Diana at 670-5674.

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

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Hollis/Brookline Middle & High School

November Lunch Menu



Complete Student lunch is \$2.25 and includes milk.

<p>Please be sure to include your first/last name and student ID # on all checks. Thank you!</p>	<p><u>MENU'S ARE</u> <u>SUBJECT TO</u> <u>CHANGE</u></p>		<p><i>Don't forget that HBMS has a salad Bar daily!</i></p>	<p>Start the day off right! Join us for breakfast at HBHS every morning!</p>
<p>3 Gold N' Spicy Chicken Tenders Warm Baked Pretzel Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>4 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY</p>	<p>5 <i>Dominos Pizza or Cook's Choice</i> Garden Salad Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>6 Pasta with Meat-sauce Dinner Roll Broccoli Florets Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>7 Thanksgiving Dinner! Turkey, Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>10 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Seasoned Rice Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>11 NO SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY</p>	<p>12 <i>Dominos Pizza or Cook's Choice</i> Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>13 Quesadillas~ Cheese or Chicken Spanish rice Baby Carrots & Dip Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>14 Baked Potato Bar Assorted Toppings Capri Veggies Sliced Wheat Bread Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>17 Chicken Buffalo Wraps Buttery Pasta Mixed Veggies Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>18 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Peas & Carrots Chips Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>19 <i>Dominos Pizza or Cook's Choice</i> Caesar Salad Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>20 Chicken Patty~ Crispy or Spicy Seasoned Rice Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>21 Chicken Parmesan Sub Tossed Green Salad Assorted Fruit</p>
<p>24 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hash Browns Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>25 Chicken Teriyaki Wraps Potato Puff Fortune Cookies Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>26 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY</p>	<p>27 THANKSGIVING RECESS</p> <p style="font-size: small;">In accordance with Federal law and US Dept of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Bldg., 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-2410</p>	<p>28 THANKSGIVING RECESS</p>

A variety of snacks & beverages are available for sale daily
Pizza is available daily

DAILY ASSORTMENT OF SANDWICHES - On Sub Rolls or Wraps