



# Hollis Brookline High School

August/September 2003 Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE!

Greetings. It is always amazing how quickly one school year ends and the next year begins. We hope everyone has had a restful, exciting and fun-filled vacation and is prepared for the 2003-2004 school year.

Our staff has been busily preparing for our August 27<sup>th</sup> opening. Our maintenance crew has done an excellent job preparing for the arrival of students, staff, and support personnel. Due to attrition and increased student enrollment, we have increased our teaching staff and thus six new teachers will be joining us in the academic areas. We have also added new courses in science and mathematics. Our guidance staff and administration have really worked to insure an efficient master schedule with proper class sizes.

We are excited that football has become a reality at HBHS. Forty-nine excited students began practice last week and we look forward to a challenging schedule, which begins on September 6<sup>th</sup> at John Stark High School.

I am extremely pleased with the new staff that we have recruited and am confident that we will all be able to increase not only our curriculum but valuable student support services such as our Humanities Lab and technology initiatives. We will also be undertaking our NEASC Self Evaluation study in preparation for the arrival of the NEASC Visiting Committee during the 2004-2005 academic year for the 10-year accreditation process.

We look forward to a challenging and productive school year. Please feel free to visit the school and offer your input on education issues. Your enthusiasm and support is our motivation.

Charles W. Flahive, Principal

## BOOSTER CLUB

The HB Athletic Booster Club is a non-profit organization of adult volunteers dedicated to the support of student athletic programs at the high school. Proceeds of the fundraising efforts of this organization are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, banners, and awards for the athletes of school sponsored and club sports programs. In addition, several college scholarships and leadership awards are presented to senior athletes each year. Just as your students have decided to participate in the athletic programs offered, you too have an opportunity to get involved by joining in the activities of the Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club! Membership is fun, free and open to all. Our meetings are held in

the high school conference room at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of every month.

### The Cavalier Football Club

If you missed your chance to order football apparel last year, here is your pre-game chance to do so! Pick up order forms from the athletic directors office or call Mary Gold @ 465-3208. New items are available.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

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*COMMUNICATION:* Guidance regularly disseminates information on programs, opportunities, scholarships, deadlines, etc. through the daily notices. Students are reminded to read the notices daily! Also, be sure to check out Guidance on the HBHS website ([www.hbhs.k12.nh.us](http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us)) for information and links to some helpful sites (especially College/Career Explorer).

*COURSE LOAD:* Students enrolled in grades 9-11 are required to carry a minimum of 6 classes per semester to be considered full time students. Seniors are required to carry 5. Note: Many health insurance policies require students to be full time to be eligible for coverage.

*SCHEDULE CHANGES:* The period for adding and dropping classes is August 28 through September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be advised that the schedule is very tight this year, so change opportunities will be extremely limited.

*PARENTS:* Guidance sometimes receives requests from organizations such as the military, leadership and educational enrichment programs, etc. for lists of student names, phone numbers, and addresses. If you DO NOT wish to have your student listed, please contact the guidance department in writing by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you..

*PSAT:* The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test will be administered at HBHS on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT serves as the practice test for the SAT and as the qualifying test for juniors to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Juniors are encouraged to complete this test. Interested sophomores may also choose to participate. Sign up will be in guidance. Watch the daily notices!

*SAT's:* Dates for the 2003-2004 SAT's are as follows:

Test Date	Registration Deadline
Oct. 11	Sept. 9
Nov. 1	Sept. 26
Dec. 6	Oct. 31
Jan. 24	Dec. 22
March 27	Feb. 20
May 1	March 26
June 5	April 30

Registration materials will be available in Guidance in the fall or students can register online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org).

The SAT is not administered at HBHS, but is available at Nashua High and other large area schools. Juniors typically sit for the May and/or June administrations of the SAT. Seniors who wish to repeat the test or take it for the first time use fall dates. SAT II's (subject area tests) are required by some competitive colleges. Students should take these tests at the completion of the highest possible level of the subject. The school counselors will review details of the PSAT and SAT programs in group guidance sessions with students and individually, as requested.

*SAT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:* A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take SAT program tests with testing accommodations. The student's school counselor should be contacted for details as soon as possible.

*SCHOLARSHIPS:* Throughout the school year, opportunities for scholarships become available. Interested student should watch the notices and check regularly with guidance and the guidance link on the HBHS website 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.

*EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH* is a federally funded program to connect students from lower income families with financing opportunities for college, career awareness, and college application support. Typically a four-person household with an adjusted gross income of under \$40,000 (\$24,000 taxable income) would qualify. Students whose parents did not attend college are also eligible for services through ETS. Sophomores and juniors who might be eligible for this program should contact their school counselor for more information. This is an excellent program, so don't miss out.

*COLLEGE NIGHT:* On Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. visiting admissions experts will familiarize parents and students with college opportunities and the college admission process.

*FINANCIAL AID NIGHT:* Mark your calendars for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to attend the annual Financial Aid Night. Attendees will be guided through the financial aid maze. Instructions for completing the FAFSA form will be explained in detail.

*SENIORS:* Please check with your counselor (one last time!) to make sure you will complete all credits you need to graduate in June 2003! If you have not had interviews or scheduled them for colleges requiring interviews, DO IT NOW!

## SAT PREP COURSE

Hollis Brookline High School will be offering an SAT Prep course again this fall. The course will prepare students to take the November 1st, 2003 SAT 1 exam. The course will begin on Monday, September 15th and will run for the 7 consecutive weeks leading up to the November 1st SAT test date. The course will run Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 - 8 pm and will be taught by Stacey Plummer (Math) and Lin Illingworth (Verbal). The cost of the course is \$250 and covers materials, instruction and scored practice exams. Students can sign up in the Main Office and must submit payment to be placed on the list. Enrollment is limited, so don't delay! Any questions should be directed to Stacey Plummer at [plummers@sau41.k12.nh.us](mailto:plummers@sau41.k12.nh.us). \*\* Students intending to take the May or June, 2004 SAT exams should wait and take the spring SAT Prep



## OPEN HOUSE

Parents are cordially invited to attend our annual Open House on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. There will be a brief presentation by the Hollis/Brookline High School Administration, followed by an abbreviated schedule of a regular school day. There will be eight 9-minute periods and a 16-minute open period to allow parents to follow their child's schedule. Open House gives parents the opportunity to meet the teachers and for teachers to briefly discuss their courses. Sign-up sheets for conference appointments will be available in individual classrooms. (Please see the form included in the newsletter).

## SCHOOL PICTURES



School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, with a make up day to be scheduled in October. Money must be turned in to the photographer at the time the pictures are taken. All student pictures will be taken for school identification records. Price packages and information will be handed out to students during the week prior to Picture Day.

## OPENING OF SCHOOL

School will be opening on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> with our Orientation Day for freshmen, transfer students, and foreign exchange students. These students, along with many upper classmen, will be attending a full school day with the goal being a smooth transition and adjustment to their high school experience. Students will be engaging in a variety of experiences that will ultimately lead to their success and confidence within our school community. Students will be able to purchase lunch and busses will be running a regular schedule. **ALL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

## LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS

All students will have a locker. Returning students will retain the same locker they had last year. If you have any difficulties with combinations, please report them to the main office. Locker assignments will be given out on the first day of school for new students. Please remember that the lockers are provided with locks for the protection of school materials and student's private property. Please note that valuables and cash should never be left in a locker. You are responsible for the materials that are assigned to you for the year. Please use the locks.

## 18 YEAR OLD STUDENTS

Please be advised that, regardless of age, all notes must be signed by parents. 18 year old students will not be allowed to write their own notes

## DISMISSALS

While we understand that on occasion, emergencies arise which require your student to be dismissed early, we ask that whenever possible, you schedule your student's appointments at times which do not conflict with school hours. Students should never be dismissed because

of a study hall that falls at the end of the day. Dismissals should be for legitimate reasons only. When your student must be dismissed early, we ask that you please send a written note prior to the dismissal. All notes should be submitted first thing in the morning.

## PTSA

Jean Filer , Cindy Ullrich  
Co-Presidents



Welcome to the 2003-2004 school year! For many of you, this will be a year of preparing your children for life after high school, and others are entering their first year of having high school-aged children. We hope you will all consider becoming part of the HBHS PTSA. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month, with our first meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, in the mini cafeteria of the High School.

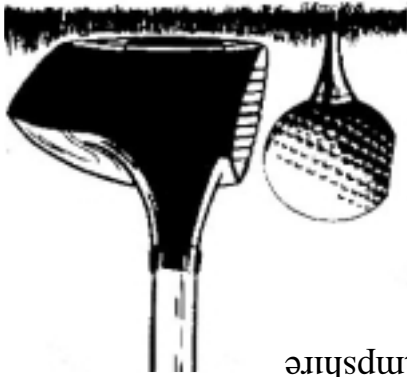
In addition to Co-presidents, Cindy Ullrich and Jean Filer, our new Vice President is Merle Carrus, returning Treasurer is Karen Bedell, and new Secretary is Dot Hyde.

The High School PTSA is collaborating with the HB Middle School PTSA to serve hot dogs and hamburgers at Hollis Old Home Days, on Saturday, September 13. We need volunteers to assist with set-up in the morning and then to man the booth in two-hour shifts during the day. If you would like to help out, please contact Cindy Ullrich (672-3111) or Jean Filer (598-1050). This is one of the few fundraisers that we do, and is a fun event to be involved in.

Also, please note that we are in need of Computer Room volunteers to start as soon as school starts-shifts are one to two hours long, and can be flexibly arranged. Please contact Marsha Cone-Roddy (465-6648) for information.

We look forward to seeing you in September!!

For more information call: Dan Lorden 465-2532 or (603) 465-2267 (work)



Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club  
Date: Monday September 8, 2003  
Time: 8:30 shot gun start scramble  
Cost:  
\$125 per person includes: green fees,  
carts, prizes, coffee and donuts,  
dinner at Alpine Grove (at approximately 2:30)

TO BENEFIT THE  
at The Overlook Country Club, Route 111, Hollis, New Hampshire  
**14th Annual Cavaliers Golf Tournament**

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