



Some Thoughts from the Principal

We are into the first month of the 2005-06 school year and hopefully your child is settling into their academic routine. I share with the freshmen class the feeling of being the new person on the block and continue to be pleased with everything that defines the community of Hollis Brookline High School.

Over the first few weeks I have had the opportunity to watch our students compete in athletics, as our fall programs are underway. On September 3rd, Hollis Brookline hosted its first ever varsity football game. The following weekend, our drama group presented “*Greater Tuna*”. The quality of the production was top notch, very entertaining and impressive that it was presented on the second week of school. As school opened we were all faced with the devastation left by hurricane Katrina. Many student groups, including Interact, National Honor Society, Student Council and Community of Caring, combined forces to raise money to assist in relief efforts. Thus far our community has collected close to \$2000 and will continue to do so up through “*Old Home Days*”. As a reminder, mark your calendars for our annual Open House program on the evening of Thursday September 22nd.

In closing, I would like to share some of the many positive first impressions I have had since beginning my tenure here at HBHS. It has been a pleasure to see the seniors set the example within the student body in keeping the building clean throughout the day. It has been inspiring to see our most senior teachers take the lead with their enthusiasm in greeting our students as they returned from summer vacation. As I met many of the staff this summer, I had the impression that HBHS was special, but once the students arrived the community became complete. The welcome that I have received over these first few weeks is something I will never forget. You should all be very proud of your children and it is our pleasure to work with them each day.

Timothy Kelley
Principal

A Message from the PTSA

The school year is off to its usual fast-paced start; homework, sports, drama, and other clubs and activities keep us on the run and involved. One other way to keep informed and involved about school life is to join the PTSA! We have opportunities for volunteering in the school, evening programs, and chances to meet school staff.

The membership for the PTSA is only \$5 per person (students are invited to join, too – that is the ‘S’ in PTSA), and not only keeps you involved, but also contributes financially to our programs. We also offer a student directory for the nominal fee of \$5, which allows you to stay in touch with friends and neighbors, and again, contributes to our programs.

We will be offering memberships at Parent Open House on Thursday, September 22, but we welcome you to join at any time.

Our meetings are the **second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm** in the small cafeteria. Please come and join us!

Jean Filer
Lex Bundschuh
Co-presidents

Visit us at
www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/ptsa
where you'll find:
A list of officers & committees
Back issues of newsletters
PTSA meeting minutes
and so much more!

Scholarships

Throughout the school year, opportunities for scholarships become available. Interested students should check the scholarship section of the guidance website and check regularly with guidance. 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 appears on the Hollis-Brookline website (www.hbhs.k12.nh.us) under Guidance.

2005-06 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN GUIDANCE

Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship and Conference Program

- High school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism and who demonstrate qualities of “free spirit” are encouraged to apply. Apply at www.freedomforum.org/freespirit.
- Award: \$1,000 to 102 high school seniors and two \$50,000 college scholarships.
- Deadline: October 15, 2005.

AXA Achievement Scholarship

- To qualify, you must demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family, and community, and the ability to succeed in college. Application on www.axa-achievement.com.
- Award: \$10,000 or \$15,000
- Deadline: December 15, 2005.


Coca-Cola Scholarship

- Looking for seniors that are well-rounded individuals with highly developed interests in their community. Applicants are evaluated on leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement, and employment. Please check the website for the electronic application at www.coca-colascholars.org.
- Award: \$20,000 over four years or \$4,000 over four years.
- Deadline: October 31, 2005 for application to be received.

The 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards


- For any middle level and high school student who has demonstrated exemplary community service after 9/1/04. Applications in guidance.
- Award: amounts vary
- Deadline: October 31, 2005.

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) and who meet the minimum requirements with regards to GPA, SAT and/or ACT scores. Applications can be found in guidance. Information online at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm
- Award: the scholarships range from \$400 to full tuition.
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Dispose of your used electronic equipment and support technology at the high school!

Bring your used, unwanted electronic equipment to HBHS on September 24th  between 9-2. For a minimal charge we will dispose of your DVD players, hard drives, laptops, monitors, VCRs, cell phones, TVs, etc. The charge per item is \$2-5. All equipment will be recycled in an environmentally conscientious manner. Contact Jennifer Verville at 465-2269 for more information.

Booster Club

The H/B Athletic Club is extremely excited about the community effort that has gone into the storage building/concession stand being built on the track. It is almost done with the leadership of Keith Adamyk putting in countless hours both on and off the site to make this building a reality. Thank you Keith! Please keep in mind we are not done yet. All of us together can pull this entire project off.

I would also like to extend an open invitation to old and new parents of athletes who may have an interest in being involved in your child's school years. I was the one who wanted to stay in the background, but I have really enjoyed the Booster experience. We would like to have parents from all sports involved in our efforts. It is a small commitment and a big reward in the end. We meet the second Wednesday in the Principal's conference room at the school. Your participation can be small and voice can be large. For more information feel free to call me or e-mail me at joc4936@yahoo.com, Joyce O'Connor, 930-4012 cell/ 672-2892 evenings.

Guidance News

Note from the Director: We are well on our way to a great year. With schedule adjustments behind us, the counseling staff has now moved on to other important matters. Some of the activities we will be focusing on during the end of September and the beginning of October are: meeting with the 9th grade students in small groups to get to know our students and discuss what Guidance at the high school level is all about, meeting with some 10th graders and all 11th graders regarding the PSAT testing, and our ongoing work with seniors as they prepare for their college application process. It is a busy time but feel free to contact your daughter's or son's guidance counselor at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all your patience and warm welcomes as I started my new position. I hope you find this information helpful as we move through October.

Communication: In addition to reading this newsletter, please make a habit to read the Daily Notices on the Hollis-Brookline web site (www.hbhs.k12.nh.us) and to enter the Guidance link to keep apprised of important and timely information. But if you do need clarification please feel free to call or e-mail the counselors.

Educational Talent Search; Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a state funded program to assist students with post secondary plans. This is a helpful way for students to get extra support through the college/career and financial process due to their economic situation. If a student or parent feels this would be beneficial please contact the student's school counselor immediately.

Senior News: Counselors are continually meeting with seniors to discuss college plans but any senior who has not met with his or her counselor is encouraged to set up a meeting as soon as possible. Parents are always welcome to come with their senior or to call and arrange a meeting.

College Applications

Timing for college applications is very important. If you have not already done so, it is time to get going! Although many applications are not due until January of February, some must be submitted sooner. Check the colleges' websites or written information for deadlines. Students considering Early Decision or Early Action should be filling out their applications now, if you have any questions regarding these early programs please call or e-mail the counselor. **Please note:** the Guidance Office needs 4 working weeks to process all the materials to be sent to colleges. It is therefore very important students let their counselors know where they are applying and the deadline dates as soon as possible.

Most colleges have an on-line process of applying for admission; in fact colleges *prefer* that students apply electronically. Many colleges also accept the Common

Application that can be downloaded from the website www.commonapp.org. Please be aware that colleges often have supplemental forms either with their own on-line applications or attached to the common application that need to be submitted to make the application complete. Within the Common Application is a **School Report, Mid-Term Report** and two **Teacher Recommendation** forms. These forms must be brought to the counselor and the teachers in order for the applications' supporting materials to be complete. Again, 4 weeks notice is required to ensure that all these documents are filled out, collected and sent in time.

College Admission has become increasingly more difficult and competitive therefore colleges rely more on a student's total presentation in the application process. This means that students should be very careful in filling out applications, in writing their essay and deciding who they would like recommendations from. Colleges are very concerned that these recommendations are confidential in nature. This means that the student has not reviewed the recommendation of either a teacher or a counselor. Guidance will be responsible for putting together a packet to be sent to the student's colleges that includes: official transcript, school profile, teacher(s) and counselor recommendations. The student is responsible for sending in the application, application fee and having the official SAT scores sent to the college directly from the College Board.

Interviews

Interviews are a very important part of the admission process. If you have not scheduled visits please do as soon as possible. It will help with your decision making. Keep in mind that colleges are very busy this time of year and need at least a 2 – 4 week reservation for an interview. Many colleges have Open House programs at this time of year. These are a great way for students and parents to get a complete overview of the college. Watch for these notices in the mail, through college web-sites and on the bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office.

Financial Aid Information

Financial Aid Night will be held in early December. A date and time will be posted soon. If you have concerns regarding Financial Aid at this time an appointment with college financial aid offices when visiting is a good way to learn about that particular college's financial aid opportunities. Another great source of information is the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) in Concord. NHHEAF can be reached by e-mail www.nhheaf.org or calling 1-800-525-2577. Financial Aid materials are available in both Guidance and the library at HBHS. Please check the Guidance website for more scholarship and Financial Aid information.

All colleges require the FAFSA form from families that are considering financial aid. The paper form of the FAFSA will be available at our Financial Aid night. Families are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA on-line which can be accessed through www.FAFSA.gov.org. The FAFSA can not be submitted before January 1, 2006. Some private colleges will require the CSS PROFILE. The PROFILE is only for private college and only certain schools use this form. It can only 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.

SAT Information

SAT Reasoning Tests and SAT Subject Tests: Registration for upcoming tests is ongoing through the College Board website. If students are having trouble accessing their account through the College Board please stop by Guidance to pick up a paper copy of the registration information. Deadlines are approaching quickly so be sure to attend to them. November 5th test – deadline September 30th, late registration is October 12th. December 3 test – deadline October 28th. SAT's are not administered for at HBHS but are available at Nashua, Souhegan and other local schools. Specific locations are online of in the registration booklet in Guidance.

Colleges Visiting HBHS

College Representatives visiting HBHS will be starting in late September and going through the middle of November. Most representatives will be visiting on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity to meet with representatives from various colleges to learn more about the schools or ask additional questions. Seniors, juniors and parents are all welcome to come. Students can obtain a pass from Mrs. Noel but must have an o.k. from their teacher and are responsible for missed work.



This is the list of colleges that are scheduled so far. The list will expand as the fall goes on. Please check announcements for additions to the list.

Thu. Sep 22	Mt. Holyoke College	8:00
Mon. Sep. 26	University of Hartford	8:00
	Holy Cross College	9:45
	Bryant University	11:30
Tue. Sep 27	Saint Anselm	8:15
	Dean College	11:00
Wed. Sep 28	University of Buffalo	8:15
	Newbury College	10:00
	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.	11:30
	Castleton State College	12:00

Tue. Oct 4	Univ. of Colorado/Boulder	8:15
	Roger Williams University	9:15
	Lafayette College	12:00
Wed. Oct 5	Gordon College	8:15
	Plymouth State University	9:15
	Fitchburg State College	10:00
	Southern NH University	12:00
Tue. Oct 11	Fisher College	8:15
	Iona College	12:00
Wed. Oct 12	Salve Regina University	10:00
	Bentley College	12:00
Wed. Oct 19	Boston University	8:15
Fri. Oct 21	Colgate University	11:30
Tue. Oct 25	Anna Maria College	8:15
Wed. Oct 26	St. Joseph/Maine	12:00
Wed. Nov 2	University of New Hampshire	9:15
	Bennington College	10:00
	Wagner College, NY	12:00
Tue. Nov 8	Champlain College	8:15
	NE School of Communication	9:15
	McDaniel College	10:00
	Husson College	12:00
Wed. Nov 9	Suffolk University	8:15
	St. Michaels College	9:15
	St. Joseph/Vermont	10:00
	Quinnipiac University	12:00
	Assumption College	1:30
Tue. Nov 22	Sacred Heart University	8:15
	Johnson & Wales University	12:00

NCAA

Senior Athletes interested in participating on athletic teams in college must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The NCAA Clearinghouse will require that transcript be sent through the mail. Guidance is happy to send the transcript to the Clearinghouse if you provide us with the NCAA forms (downloaded from the website) that need to accompany the transcripts. One form must be sent when you submit your initial eligibility form and another must accompany your final transcript when you graduate. If these forms are not submitted to NCAA it will delay the athlete's ability to compete at the collegiate level so it is important to get these to Guidance as soon as possible.

College Fairs

Southern New Hampshire University is hosting the annual NEACAC college fair on its campus the 6th and 7th of October. Over 250 colleges from all over the country will be in attendance. College fairs are a great way for students to obtain information about post-secondary opportunities. The fair hours are 7-9 pm on the 6th and 9 am – 12noon on the 7th. The Guidance staff will be taking interested seniors to the fair on the 7th. Please watch the announcements for the bus details to the fair. Juniors and their parents may attend the evening hours of the fair but will also have the opportunity to attend other college fairs in the spring.

Nashua High School is also hosting a college fair on November 8, 2005 from 7-9pm.

Reminder

Although every senior received a letter from their counselor at the beginning of September regarding graduation requirements, it is important that any senior who is either missing credit or in need of adding a course required for graduation sees their counselor immediately.

Junior News: Counselors will be meeting with groups of juniors to discuss preparation for the upcoming PSAT and SAT testing programs.

PSAT

The PSAT will be administered at HBHS on Saturday October 15th. Sign-up for the test is on-going until September 28th in the Guidance Office. Any student who can not make that date or has not already signed up for the test please see your counselor immediately. The cost is \$20 and must be paid in advance. Students will receive upon sign-up a test preparation booklet with information regarding the test and practice tests. On the day of the test students need to arrive by 8:20 am with two sharpened # 2 pencils and a calculator.

The PSAT (which also serves as the National Merit Qualifying Test for juniors) is offered to all juniors or any interested sophomores. The PSAT is a practice SAT and a very helpful tool for test taking in the future. Results of the PSAT usual come out in late December early January. Watch for details receiving test results in future newsletters and our website.

Is Medical School in your Future?

Learn about what it takes to be a physician by attending a series of seminars sponsored by Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Attend a series of 8 meetings at Derryfield School, Manchester beginning

Tuesday, September 27
7:00 – 9:00 PM.
Program Fee: \$25.00



See Mrs. Lankin in Guidance for more information.



National Automobile Dealers Association

CAREER DAY

Sponsored by **Tulley**
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Tuesday, October 25

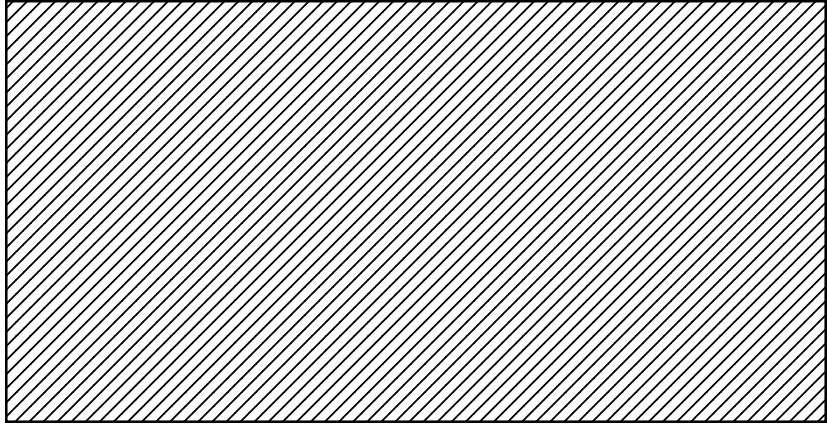
Tour the Departments
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**Sometimes The People
 You Love The Most
 Are The Hardest To
 Get Along With...**

Why are my parents always bugging me? Why won't my child listen to me? Why is everything an argument? Why can't we just get along? Middle and high school students are beginning to re-examine their relationships with their parents, their peers, their teachers, and their world. Change and conflict often go hand-in-hand. Conflict is a normal part of life, but that doesn't make it easy to handle! During this interactive workshop, parents will learn strategies to resolve conflicts and improve communication with their children. Sandy Mulcahy, Director of Nashua Mediation, will be presenting this workshop sponsored by the Hollis Brookline PTSA S-Team. The workshop is free and open to anyone in the community. It will be held **Wednesday, October 19th**, at 7 p.m. at the Hollis Brookline High School. For more information you may contact Pat Marquette at 673-1957.

- Oct 19th - Setting Limits/Resolving Conflicts - Sandra Mulcahy, Nashua Mediation
- Nov 15th - Peer Pressure - Ann Duckless and students for panel questions - NH Teen Institute
- Jan 18th - Media / Internet Safety (snow date Jan. 25th) - Rona Zlokower, MediaSmart
- Feb 15th - How to Talk to your Teens about Sex / Date Rape - Anne Johnson, Planned Parenthood
- Mar 28th - Bullying / Harassment / Hazing - Robert Bryant, Second Growth

**Parent Educational Series
 2005-2006**