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the student's assistant principal who may confiscate the phone until the end of the day. The assistant principal will contact the home with a reminder that the next step will involve a parent coming in to retrieve the phone. You can read about these and other procedural changes in the student handbook online. For those new to our school, you will find our web site an excellent source of information including the daily announcements, sports schedules and upcoming events. The site is maintained by Mr. John Boucher of our Science Department.

Space continues to be a challenge to us, both inside and outside of the high school as our enrollment has gone past 900 students. Parking continues to be a problem with increased numbers and a limited number of spaces available. As was started last year, we are charging \$40/year for a student parking permit, available to seniors first, then juniors. The permit allows the student to park in the rear lot during school. The front lot is reserved for visitors and staff and the baseball field lots for those students who do not purchase a pass. The money collected from the sale of passes will go towards the purchase of outside security cameras and other improvements in parking throughout our campus. More information on parking, including a Frequently Asked Question segment, can be found on the school website. Inside, we are using the mini cafeteria as classroom space 4 periods a day and we use all classrooms 5 out of the 7 periods. The cafeteria lunch line is usually done with 10 – 15 minutes left to our 25 minute lunch; however seating will be a problem once the cold weather arrives. The hallways are filled to capacity when classes change however once in class there are a reasonable number of students. During the past year, our staff worked diligently preparing lessons that effectively used the additional instructional time and we anticipate a smoother weekly schedule this year. There are plans to continue providing our staff with professional development to support them this year as well.

On Tuesday September 11th, our students participated in the "Rachel's Challenge" program. This assembly and training program, introduced the school community to Rachel Scott, the first student to be murdered at Columbine High School, and a young lady who believed her life would have an impact on the world. The program is committed to the message of Rachel Scott which we believe is in line with our school's mission. Rachel's Challenge asks students to eliminate prejudice by looking for the best in others, to set goals, to guard the influences in their lives, to realize the power of little acts of kindness and to start a chain reaction of all of this with family and friends. The PTSA presented the program in the evening for parents and more information can be found at their website:

www.rachelschallenge.com. Thanks to Nicole Adamson and Rachel Gerard for coordinating this program for our students.

Our athletic teams are in full swing and we are looking forward to Homecoming Weekend (September 15th), where many of our teams will have home games finishing up with a school dance Saturday night. Our theatre department successfully started off the year with a presentation of "Noises Off" directed by Mrs. Elyse Tomlinson.

Please note that the starting time for our annual Open House, scheduled for the evening of Thursday September 27th, has been moved up to 6:30pm. Details of the Open House program were in the last newsletter. Remember that teachers will be available for individual parent conferences, just prior to the Thanksgiving break, on Tuesday evening, November 20th and Wednesday morning, November 21st. Parents may sign up beginning at Open House up to the conference dates.

In closing, congratulations goes out to three of our seniors, JP Gorham, Sadie Lang and Erin Oittinen, who were recently named National Merit Semifinalists. Hollis Brookline students represented less than 1% of those state wide who took the qualifying test last year (PSAT). Our school accounted for 3% of those recognized. Put another way, only 5 schools in New Hampshire had more than 3 students recognized and two of those are St. Paul's and Phillips Exeter. We also have a number of students who received recognition for their outstanding performance on their SATs and AP testing and we will recognize their accomplishments in an upcoming newsletter. Their accomplishments are a source of pride for our school, the SAU and our two communities.

Timothy Kelley
Principal

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 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 on-line 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.



The Cavalier Chronicle

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 e-mail 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.

Guidance News

Note from the Director:

The autumn months are quickly approaching and as we fall in to this time of year we are busy with many activities in our lives; new academic challenges, fall sports, clubs, seasonal events and the start of the college admission process. This is a time of many transitions and it is no different for the students at HBHS. With schedule adjustments finally behind us, the counseling staff has now moved on to other important activities. During the end of September and the beginning of October the counselors we will be focusing on visiting with the 10th and 11th grade students to talk about the PSAT test, 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. However, the bulk of the counselors time will be spent meeting with seniors as they prepare for the college application process.

Although many people flock to our region because they love the beautiful weather and changing of the season, for seniors in high school this is probably one of the most stressful times in their lives. With expectations set high for a great last year of high school and glorious visions for the future, seniors will often say the fall of their senior year was a blur of pressured activities surrounding the anxious process of applying to college. Although as adults we sometimes do not realize how difficult this time can be for the student, this is a very real and challenging time. It may be helpful to be gentle with your son or daughter (and yourself) given emotions are running high and can often lead to a break in communication. Now is not the time for families to experience a communication failure. Working through the college process successfully depends on thoughtful and well discussed decisions. Students will at times throughout this process not always do what they are suppose to do in a timely fashion, they will sometimes appear disinterested and unmotivated about looking at and applying to colleges, they may disagree with your ideas about what you think is important in a college. Do not despair! Again, if you consider this from an adult perspective often when a big decision or the unknown is looming inertia can set in for a moment until the feeling of being overwhelmed passes. There is a belief that some students would prefer to magically wake up on September 1, 2008 in a dorm room somewhere/anywhere and not have to go through the process. As unrealistic as this notion is it would be far easier if there was not so much thought and anxiety surrounding the college admission process. Every one in the world is asking the seniors what their thoughts are for next year when in fact they are just managing their senior schedule at this point! The good news is that we are here to help! The counselors are well informed regarding the admission process and we can sometimes help out in motivating a student to get going. Please feel free to contact us at any time regarding your son/daughter and we will be happy to help and work through this difficult time and process with you.

Although this is a busy time for all students and families, feel free to contact your daughter's or son's guidance counselor at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Our 9th grade

and new transfer students are going through a huge transition as well and will often feel a little shy about coming to guidance with a question – encourage them to do so!

As always, thank you for all your patience and support. I hope you find this information helpful as we move into October.

Happy fall!

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 and sometimes daily basis.

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). Information on programs, career and college opportunities, scholarships, testing information, deadlines etc... can be found through the daily notices and the website. E-mail is a preferred mode of communication for the counselors because we can usually return e-mails faster than phone calls. By all means keep calling but e-mail works more efficiently. The counselors' e-mails are:

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Mrs. Noel – Guidance Receptionist x128
Mrs. Graff – Registrar x126
Mrs. Poznanski x125
Mrs. Maynard x124
Mr. Winslow x123
Mrs. Gangemi x121
Mrs. Demarest – Career Counselor x129
Mrs. Erskine – 504 Coordinator x122

Senior News:

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.

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 please call to arrange a meeting.

College Night

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 19th. The Guidance Office will host a College Information Night. This is an opportunity for seniors and their parents to become familiar with the college process and the management of the application

procedures. It is important for all seniors and their parents to attend. The program will start at 7pm. in the high school auditorium. There are a lot of forms and requirements connected to applying to college. HBHS has forms required by the students and the colleges require certain forms of the students. The most obvious is the application but there are other procedures that must be followed to ensure the information gets to a college in a timely and complete manner. The application process, transcript requests, recommendations will all be discussed at the College Information night on September 19th.

College Admissions Information

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

College 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 weekend Open House programs throughout the fall. 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 Night

The Guidance Department is planning a Financial aid Information Night in early December. Please check the Guidance web site, future newsletters and daily announcements for the date and time. If you have immediate 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 Guidance. 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, 2007. Some private colleges will require the CSS

PROFILE. The PROFILE is only for private colleges 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 during the fall. Colleges have very strict deadlines for Financial Aid applications so it is important to adhere to the deadlines.

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 with local scholarship opportunities becoming available in February and March. A few, including some highly competitive national scholarships have fall deadlines therefore interested students should check with the guidance office during October and November. Seniors interested in ROTC scholarships should begin the application process in early fall.

SAT Information

Registration for upcoming tests can be done through the College Board website and should be done as soon as possible. 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.

Critical Reasoning (SAT I) and Subject Test (SAT II) Dates

For 2007-2008:

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 6	September 10
November 3	October 2
December 1	October 30
January 26	December 26
March 1	January 29
May 5*	March 29
June 2*	April 27

*Dates most juniors take the Critical Reasoning Tests.

SAT's are not administered for at HBHS but are available at Nashua, Souhegan and other local schools. Specific locations are online or in the registration booklet in Guidance.

SAT Services for Students with Disabilities

A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take PSAT/SAT tests with testing accommodations that support their disability. The student's case manager should be contacted for details as soon as possible.

ACT test offerings

The ACT testing information is available in guidance for any interested student.



Colleges Visiting HBHS Fall 2007

College Representatives visiting HBHS will be starting in late September and going through the middle of November. Most representatives will be visiting on Mondays and 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.

Date	Time	College/University
Wed, Sept 12	8am	Maine Maritime Academy
Mon, Sept 17	8am	Fitchburg State
	9am	Wentworth Institute of Technology
	10am	SNHU
	11am	Johnson State College
	12pm	Lesley College
Wed, Sept 19	10am	Iona College
	11am	Bay State College
Mon, Sept 24	7:30am	Colby Sawyer
	9am	Anna Maria College
	10am	Keene State
	11:15am	Holy Cross
	12pm	University of Connecticut
Wed, Sept 26	8am	Quinnipiac University
	9am	Providence College
	10am	Johnson & Wales
	11:30am	Skidmore College
	12:30pm	Rivier College
Mon, Oct 1	8am	Suffolk University
	9am	University of Rhode Island
	10am	University of Hartford
	11am	Western New England College
	12pm	Stonehill College
Wed, Oct 3	7:30am	St. Michaels College
	8:30am	University of Pennsylvania
	9:15am	Rochester Institute of Technology
	12:30pm	Castleton State College
Wed, Oct 10	9am	Eastern CT State University
	10am	Univ. of Southern Maine
	12:15pm	Wells College
Mon, Oct 15	12pm	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Wed, Oct 17	8:30am	University of Maine-Farmington
	9:30am	Fisher College
	10:30am	Chester College of NE
Mon, Oct 22	8am	Husson College
	9am	Saint Anselm College
	10am	Lasell College
Wed, Oct 24	9:30am	Plymouth State University

Mon, Oct 29	8am	Mitchell College
	9am	University of New Hampshire
	10am	Emmanuel College
	11am	Gordon College
	Noon	Thomas College

Mon, Nov 5	8am	Florida Southern College
	10am	Bryant University
	12:30	New England School of Communication

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: UNH and Southern New Hampshire University are hosting the annual NEACAC college fairs on their campuses. The UNH fair is September 27th from 7-9pm. Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester will host the fair on October 2ND from 7-9pm. 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. Not only is this a good time for seniors and their parents but for juniors and their parents as well.

Counselors will be visiting senior English classes at the end of September to discuss college admission and career opportunities with students.

Junior News

PSAT

We are very excited to be offering all our junior students the opportunity to take the PSAT. The PSAT will be administered to ALL JUNIORS at HBHS on Wednesday October 17th. The PSAT serves as a practice test for the SAT and as the qualifying tests for juniors to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. All juniors are will be taking the test free of charge. Interested 9th and 10th grade students can also take advantage of this testing opportunity but will be charged \$14.00 and must pay in advance.

The PSAT is only offered on two dates annually, this year it is Wednesday October 17th and Saturday October 20th. If a student will not be in school for the 17th for any reason and wants to take the exam he/she will have to take the test at a local school on that Saturday. Nashua and Alvirne offer Saturday tests. Please call the guidance offices at those schools to get more information. 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 early January. Counselors will meet with students individually in early January to go over results and how to use the test as a stepping stone to the SAT.

SAT Services for Students with Disabilities

A student with a documented disability may be eligible to take PSAT/SAT tests with testing accommodations that support their disability. The student's case manager should be contacted for details as soon as possible.

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

Juniors interested in meeting with College Representatives from visiting colleges must sign up with Mrs. Noel in the guidance office and clear it with their teachers ahead of time.

Sophomore News

Sign up for those students interested in taking the PSAT will take place in the Guidance Office from September 17th through October 10th the cost \$14

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 will be assigned to a testing room and need to bring two sharpened # 2 pencils and a calculator.

Freshman News

Counselors will be visiting freshman Wellness classes in the next few weeks to discuss goal setting and transitioning to high school.

Career Services

WHY DO AN INTERNSHIP?

The Internship Program continues to grow and provide more opportunities for students to explore a career interest. A new component of the internship program is the weekly seminar covering topics on employer expectations, workplace skills, resume writing and other career planning/development activities. Students have reported that an internship helps them to value themselves and their abilities, gain confidence, and

Book Branch Bunch

The HBHS Book Brunch Bunch is once again conducting a used book sale. We welcome all gently used books for any grade level or interest. This was a great fund raiser for us last year and we hope you will all participate again this year.

Barb Boucher
HBHS library

HOLLIS SCOUTS INVITE YOU

WYOMING VIDEO

On Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm, Hollis Boy Scout Troop 12 will be presenting videos, pictures and stories about their recent adventure trip to Wyoming. The presentation will take place at the Hollis Congregational Church, downstairs in Hardy Hall. Anyone interested in watching the video are welcomed to attend.

Anyone interested in the Boy Scout program or joining Troop 12, contact chairperson Donna Cormier for more information at 465-2726 or cormier164@charter.net.

H/B Athletic Booster Club News

As the new President of the Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club, I would like to welcome the students and their families to the 2007-2008 academic year. The Booster Club is a non-profit organization composed mainly of parents of student athletes, but the membership is open to all parents. Our primary function is to support the student athletic programs at the High School in such areas that are not covered by the school athletic budget.

This past year the HB Athletic Booster Club contributed partial funds for:

- New team uniforms for the Winter Spirit Squad
- New team uniforms for the Boy's Lacrosse Team
- Championship jackets for the Wrestling Team
- Championship jackets for the Baseball Team
- A batting cage for the Softball Team
- A scoreboard for the Coach Korcoulis Track & Field

Also, the HBABC coordinates, participates and sponsors the Fall, Winter and Spring Athletic Awards Nights. At the end of the school year we provide four scholarships for graduating seniors that will be entering some form of higher education. The Leadership Scholarships and the Outstanding Effort Scholarships are presented to two male and female athletes respectively. The team Coaches have the opportunity to nominate athletes for these awards throughout the school year by submitting their selections to the HBABC through their Sports Rep.

We still have a few openings for "Sports Reps" for the fall athletic teams. The Sports Reps act as liaisons between their selected teams and the HBABC.

Their responsibilities include:

- Reporting team highlights to the Athletic Booster Club of their respective team for the monthly High School Newsletter.
- Relaying the Senior nominations from the coaches to the Athletic Booster Club for the Leadership and Outstanding Effort Scholarships.
- Nominating an "Inspirational Player" to the HBABC from their respective teams to be profiled on Booster Club website.
- Representing their team as a spokesperson at the HBABC Athletic Awards nights.

Please contact me at dlafurn@aol.com if you might be interested in being a Sports Rep or you would like more information about these positions.

In closing, please consider becoming a member of the HBABC. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Conference Room at the High School at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10th. Honestly, we could really use your help.

Dan Lyons, Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club
dlafurn@aol.com

HOLLIS BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Parents are cordially invited to attend our Open House on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at **6:30 PM** at the high school. (Please note the earlier starting time).

Open House Schedule: at 6:30 PM there will be a brief presentation in the Auditorium by the Hollis Brookline High School Administration. After the presentation, there will be seven 12-minute periods of time simulating periods 1 through 7, following a Monday schedule. The schedule listed below includes 3 minutes of passing time between periods.

Open House gives parents the opportunity to meet teachers, for teachers to briefly discuss expectations and the content of their courses, and for parents to experience their child's daily schedule. If you would like a conference to discuss your child's progress or to learn about course content in more detail, please make an appointment for another time. There is not enough time to do this at the Open House. Some teachers will have sign up sheets for conferences available at this time.

Please ask your son/daughter to fill in his/her schedule below.

Open House Schedule

6:30 – 6:45	Presentation by the High School Administration
6:45 – 8:30	Open House

Student Class Schedule

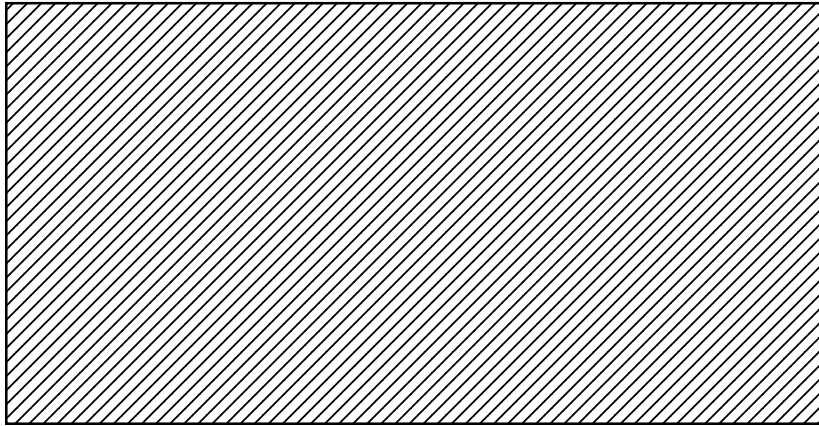
Period	Time	Course	Teacher	Room
1	6:48-7:00			
2	7:03-7:15			
3	7:18-7:30			
4	7:33-7:45			
5	7:48-8:00			
6	8:03-8:15			
7	8:18-8:30			

In the Cafeteria during study hall or senior option periods, you may obtain college admissions information (Hollis Brookline High School guidance staff will be there), you may preorder yearbooks, and the Jostens representative will be available to answer questions concerning class rings.

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Parent Educational Series for 2007-2008

October 17
504s vs. IEPs - side by side comparison

November 14

Teen Development

January 16 (snow date Jan. 23)

Who is Influencing My Child?

February 13 (snow date Feb. 20)

The Pressure to Succeed

April 2

College / Career - How to decide what path

Special Ed...504 vs.IEPs

What does it all mean? What do I need to know to protect my child and have them be successful in school? Did I fail as a parent? Where do I turn for the answers? What is my role in their success? As parents and educators, we play a significant role in the lives of children. We are the biggest assets they have in helping them reach their full potential.

Mariellen Mackay, Regional Facilitator, from New Hampshire Connections, and Charlene Mayo from the Parent Information Center will conduct a workshop providing information for parents and educators concerning what is the difference between your child being identified with a 504 versus an IEP. Hollis Brookline PTSA S-Team will sponsor this educational workshop, free and open to anyone in the community, on Wednesday, October 17th, at 7 p.m., at the Hollis Brookline High School. For more information you may contact Pat Marquette at 673-1957.