



Hollis Brookline High School

September 14, 2009
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Some thoughts from the Principal ...

The 2009-10 school year opened on August 28th with a successful welcoming day for our new freshmen, transfer and exchange students. The new students had the opportunity to learn the layout of the building and meet their new teachers, sign up for our many school organizations at the Club Fair, and finish the day with an ice cream social in the cafeteria.

As the year began, we welcomed many new faces to our staff including: Kelly Cummings (English), Trevor Duval (Social Studies), Lucas Woods (Social Studies), Catherine Orzech (Science), Sandy Bent (Guidance), Julie Sullivan (Guidance/School-to-Careers Counselor), Anne Young-Gendreau (Special Education), Karen Johnson (Para Educator), and Carol Tyler (Registrar). Also filling in as long-term substitutes to start the year are John Connarn (Art) and Stephanie Zubricki (AD Office)

During the first week of school, individual class meetings were held to review changes that had taken place since last June. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, student handbooks were emailed to families on the first day of school and are always on our school website at <http://www.hbhs.k12.nh.us>. For those new to our school, you will find our website an excellent source of information, including the daily announcements and a school calendar. The site is maintained by Mr. John Boucher of our Science Department. If you did not receive the email and PDF attachment, please contact us to make sure that we have accurate email address information on file. If you do not have email and/or would like a hard copy of the handbook, let us know and we will provide one for you.

Some may be aware via our school website that at the beginning of the summer the State required that we post at all drinking fountains a warning that a high level of antimony was found. The acceptable level of antimony is 0.006 mg/L. A January 2009 test came back high (0.017 mg/L) which we feel could have been caused by work that was done on the wells this past fall. Since January, we have tested monthly and the levels have been dropping about 23% each month. We were required to post a warning once our yearly average went above the acceptable level. Over the summer the rate did not drop at the same rate, probably due to a lack of water usage. Our latest test, a few weeks ago, showed a level (.003 mg/L) below the acceptable level and we expect our yearly average to fall into the acceptable level within a few more months. In the meantime, we have installed bottled water coolers throughout the building.

Preliminary enrollment numbers indicate that we remain above 900 students this year and space continues to be a challenge. The building is again scheduled at close to capacity with few, if any, open classrooms available during the day. The library classroom and the mini cafeteria are being utilized most of the day for English instruction, and study halls are being held within classrooms. With respect to the cafeteria, seating is tight; however, students are getting through the lunch line with about 10 -15 minutes to spare.

We are in the process of issuing parking permits to Seniors and the remaining spaces will be assigned via a lottery for Juniors. The demand appears similar to last year, which resulted in a few students placed onto a waiting list. The permit allows the student to park in the rear lot during school hours. The front lot is reserved for visitors and staff and the baseball field lots for those students who do not purchase or qualify for a pass. The money collected from the sale of permits goes towards outside improvements, including outside security cameras and parking improvements throughout our campus.

Our theatre department successfully started off the year with a presentation of "The Compleat Wks of Willm Shkspr (abridged)", directed by Mrs. Elyse Tomlinson, on September 11th and 12th. In addition, our athletic teams are in full swing and we are looking forward to Homecoming Weekend (October 2nd & 3rd), where many of our teams will have home games and activities both Friday and Saturday nights.

Our annual Open House held on September 10th has already come and gone. Teachers will be available for individual parent conferences on the evenings of Thursday November 19th and Tuesday November 24th. The process of signing up began at Open House and will be ongoing right up to the conference days. Call or email your child's teacher if you wish to reserve a time slot for a conference.

In closing, a special thanks to the PTSA for all that they do to support our school. The first meeting of the year was held on the morning of September 10th at the high school. It was great to see so many people in attendance, and the staff appreciates everything that this organization does for our kids.

Tim Kelley

A Note from your PTSA

Co-Presidents:

Welcome to academic year 2009-2010! We are all busy with the beginning of the new school year. Please make sure you complete the health forms, emergency forms and your PTSA forms (volunteer, membership and directory). These are available in the last pages of this newsletter and on our new website: www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/parents/ptsa.

This month our HBHS PTSA is hosting a hamburger/hotdog stand with the Middle School PTSA at Hollis Old Home Days. Our parents, teachers and students will be ready to serve you as you enjoy all the activities. Stop by and say hello.

Our new Parent Education Series coordinator, Darlene Kohler, has scheduled the first two speakers for the year:

— **Wednesday, 10/14, 7pm;: Sandra O'Keefe, Registered Dietician, "Nutrition and Your Teen" FREE!**

— **Thursday, 11/4, 7pm.: Gayle Van Ark, from the Center for Preventative Medicine**

Questions about these speakers can be directed to Darlene Kohler at 249-8843. Thank you, Darlene. Parents and teachers are encouraged to submit topics of interest for future presentations.

Come to our **next meeting on October 8th at 7pm** in the **HBHS cafeteria** and please keep in touch with your thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely, your Co-Presidents,

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HBHS Athletic Booster Club

As this newsletter goes to press, our Cavalier Golf Tournament will be or has been played on Monday, September 14th. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Bob Dion, Eileen Kelly, and Dan Lorden. Without these three people, the golf tournament would not have been played this year. Thank you also to those who donated baked goods and helped out during the day of the tournament. Finally, thank you to those who came out and golfed to support the athletes of Hollis Brookline High School.

If you were unable to golf this year, there are other ways to help out our athletes. Do you need some Tupperware? Join the online party and support the booster club!

Online Tupperware Party

September 9, 2009- September 20, 2009.

www.my.tupperware.com/gloeldridge

- Click on:
- 1) Party
 - 2) Tupperware online party
 - 3) Join Existing Party
 - 4) HBHS Booster Club Fundraiser

As always, we are in desperate need for new members. Thank you to the new members who joined us on September 8th for our first meeting. There is no cost to joining the Booster Club, just a little bit of your time. Please consider joining us for our **next meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **office conference room**. If you

have any questions, please feel free to email me at the address below.

Trish MacDonald, President

Hollis Brookline Athletic Booster Club

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Hollis Woman's Club News

Apple Festival

The Hollis Woman's Club annual Apple Festival is planned for Sunday, Oct. 4th from 2-4pm at the Town Common. If it rains, the festival will be moved inside at the Hollis Brookline Middle School. If you'd like to come and help out, please contact Jane Taylor at 465-2849, but either way, mark your calendar and bring the family for some wonderful apple crisp or apple pie and a concert by the Hollis Town Band. Our usual Sweet Shoppe will be open as well. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th at the Faith Baptist Church on Wheeler Rd, and they welcome new members or anyone who just wants to come and see what they are all about! Social hour starts at 11am, and babysitting is available on-site for \$5 per family with reservations by calling Ellen Baker at 465-7981. There are many interesting activity groups to learn as well! Please come to a meeting or visit their website at

www.holliswomansclub.org.

The annual Holiday New York City bus trip is set for Saturday, Dec. 12th. This trip is open to ANYONE (kids, friends, spouses, etc - not just club members). We leave at 6pm and return around midnight, giving you a full day to sightsee, shop, tour, and see the holiday lights! Seats are \$60 and include the luxury bus ride, guidebook, snacks and surprises. Just call Susan Benz at 465-3607 or susan.benz@gmail.com to sign up today as this sells out every time.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1Q09 AT HBHS

Sept. 9-20	Online Tupperware Party/ HBHS Athletic Booster Club
Sept. 17	Senior Student/Parent College Information Night — 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 + 21	Senior / Guidance Group Sessions begin
Sept. 19	Hollis Old Home Days
Sept. 30	Underclassmen Photo Day
Oct. 2	Teacher Workshop Day— No Classes
Oct. 2	Senior Photos Due
Oct. 2-3	Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 4	Hollis Apple Festival, 2-4pm
Oct. 8	PTSA mtg. — 7:00p.m., HBHS Cafeteria
Oct. 10	SAT Testing
Oct. 12	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 14	PSAT Testing — Juniors
Oct. 14	"Nutrition and Your Teen", 7:00pm, HBHS Auditorium
Oct. 14	Booster Club Mtg—7:00p.m., Main Office Conference Room
Nov. 4	Gayle Van Ark, Center for Preventative Medicine
Nov. 6	1st quarter ends

Visit your PTSA at www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/parents/ptsa, where you'll find the list of officers & committees, back issues of newsletters, and much more!

From Your Guidance Department

Fall is most certainly an interesting time of the year. Cool breezes, warm sunshine and, for adults with nostalgia, a wistful reminder of the season of change. This is particularly true for our students. Gone are the sleep-in mornings and lazy beach days and a return to alarm clock beginnings and frenetic schedules. We in Guidance remain attentive to all our students. Our Freshmen, in particular, are busy scrambling to learn a new school, new teachers, a new pace, new information and, above all, to find their friends at lunch. Sophomores and Juniors have the luxury of being individually academically challenged; they must meet and greet new teachers and classes, but for the most part they remain surrounded by a landscape that is comfortable and known. And then there are our Seniors... they stand at the precarious place, forging ahead with the most difficult classes they have yet to undertake, responsibilities that now cast them in leadership roles, and the most daunting job ever... to research, develop, and execute a plan for their future. This process is no doubt overwhelming and cumbersome. It can also cause lots of stress and anxiety. However, as any counselor will tell you, having gone through this year after year after year, it somehow all works out. We will equip your sons and daughters with all the information that will allow them to successfully reach the finish line and will happily stand by to applaud them in June. And to that end we will update you as to the happenings in Guidance!

Senior News

Senior Letters and Credit Checks

Seniors and their families have recently received a letter from their school counselor reviewing their status for graduation. As you are aware, seniors must earn 23 credits to graduate from HBHS. The letter will inform you as to the credits previously earned and those still necessary to complete in order to achieve graduation. Please make sure that you review this information to ensure a happy graduation day in June. Should you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment with your counselor as soon as possible.

Senior College Night

Please mark your calendar: On Thursday, September 17th, we will be hosting the Senior College Informational Evening at 6:30pm in the auditorium. This evening is designed to review some of the intricacies of the college application process. It is helpful to have both students and parents attend. There are lots of deadlines, paperwork, applications, recommendations and test submissions that needs to occur to ensure this process is done correctly. All of this information will be covered during the evening presentation.

This year we will open with a brief introduction by our UNH Admissions representative, Sherry Christie, who will speak generally about the process through the lens of the admissions officer, and more specifically about UNH. Topics such as the Honors Program will also be covered. We are very pleased that Sherry will be joining us.

Senior College Small Groups

On September 18th and 21st, the school counselors will be meeting with senior students in small group forums. This will allow us to speak to all of our students in a more detailed fashion. We will review the common application,

procedures, paperwork and answer questions specific to their situation and timeline.

College Admissions Visits at HBHS

We have an impressive list of college admission representatives visiting Hollis Brookline High School this year. As we know, college admissions has become increasingly more difficult and competitive over time. College interviews can be an important part of this process. Many schools do not offer an individual interview anymore, which makes this person-to-person contact, during their visit to HBHS, a very valuable opportunity. Please review the list of schools attached to this newsletter (page 5, 6 and 7) and check our website frequently as we are still receiving phone calls and scheduling more schools.

SAT Information

Registration for upcoming tests can be done through the College Board website, www.collegeboard.com. A paper version can be found in the Guidance office should you require this. Deadlines are approaching quickly so be sure to register in time to secure the test location you desire. SAT's are not administered at HBHS, but local high schools such as Nashua High North or other neighboring high schools are utilized.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 10	September 9
November 7	October 1
December 5	October 30
January 23	December 15

ACT Information

The ACT in recent years has become increasingly popular with New England students. It differs in many respects from the SAT, but primarily it offers an additional Science component. Some colleges will accept the ACT in lieu of SAT subject tests, which has also enhanced its popularity. The website for the ACT is www.act.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 12	August 7
October 24	September 18
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 5
April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7

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 further details. Plenty of advance notice needs to be given.

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

www.hbhs.k12.nh.us/guidance/guidancehome.htm

From Your Guidance Department—Cont'd **NCAA**

Senior athletes interested in participating in college athletics must register with the NCAA. This may be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. The NCAA Clearinghouse will require that transcripts be sent through the mail. Students must provide their counselor with the release of information forms that are downloaded from the website. One form must be sent when you submit your initial eligibility form and another must accompany your final transcript when you graduate. Students will also need to send their SAT or ACT scores to the Clearinghouse.

Junior News

PSAT

We will once again be offering all our Junior students the PSAT examination. The PSAT will be offered on October 14th. The PSAT serves as a practice test for the SAT and is the qualifying exam for Juniors to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. All Juniors will be taking the exam free of charge. Results of the exam will be distributed in early January. Counselors will be meeting with students individually to review the results. This exam is a lead-in to our busy schedule with Juniors, which will occur in the spring, including an evening presentation, small groups and lots of information

Sophomore News

PSAT

This year HBHS will be offering the PSAT to Sophomores as a practice exam. There will be a fee for this examination which will be offered on October 14th. Sign-ups will be posted on the website and via announcement, and should begin by October 1st in the Guidance department. This is not a mandatory test and although many students may wish to take advantage of this opportunity, other students may feel this is not the time in their academic program to take it. Both scenarios are perfectly acceptable. We feel confident that we have ordered ample exams to cover all students who wish to test. Further information will be provided.

Freshmen News

Orientation Day

We were very excited about our welcoming day for Freshmen and transfer students. With the help of all our staff and approximately 50 volunteers, new students were able to be greeted with balloons and cheers. Students served as guides throughout the day, assisting with lockers and the lunch room. In truth, this day would not be a success without the enthusiasm that our volunteer students gave, and we in Guidance remain very appreciative of their assistance. We hope this day provided a springboard for four years of academic, social and emotional growth.

Classroom Visits

School counselors visited with all of their students on the initial orientation day. We will be visiting them again on September 23, 24 and 25. Health class provides a great forum for us to revisit with freshmen and help them in

their transition to the high school. Our 9th grade students are welcome to come to Guidance with any question and often feel a little shy – please encourage them to do so!

Communication

Please remember that in addition to this newsletter, essential information is often easily accessible on the website: www.hbhs.k12.nh.us. Guidance has created many categories so that necessary information can be easily obtained. Also to assist with current information, reading the daily notices is often helpful to parents to stay abreast of the information your children are receiving. We look forward to working with you throughout the year!

Library News—Barbara Boucher

New resources will help students do research at home and save money on resources you might have thought about purchasing. On the library website, we have many databases and digitized reference books. Three new and helpful resources this year include:

The College Blue Book – a digitized version of the 4-volume, all-encompassing guide to everything you ever wanted to know about colleges.

Literary Resource Center – a wealth of research on literary personalities and works. This resource will enable any student to find materials for English class research or to spark an idea for writing a paper.

Opposing Viewpoint Resource Center – a gathering of the “pros and cons” on a wide variety of current topics to help students take part in a debate or to write a paper. Numerous articles from both points of view on many topics covered in high school.

These resources are available from both on and off campus.

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 for more information.



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.



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In order to attend, you must: 1) Obtain a pass from Guidance. 2) Get a signature from the teacher of the class you will be missing.
As a reminder — You are responsible for any missed class work.

DATE	TIME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	STATE
Mon., Sept. 14	8:00 AM	Champlain College	VT
	9:00 AM	Universal Technical Institute	MA
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph's College	MA
	12:00 PM	Assumption College	MA
Wed., Sept. 16	9:30 AM	Mass. Institute of Technology	MA
	10:30 AM	Lasell College	MA
Mon., Sept. 21	8:00 AM	Colby Sawyer College	NH
	9:00 AM	University of Connecticut	CT
	10:00 AM	Suffolk University	MA
	12:00 PM	Castleton State College	VT
Tues., Sept. 22	7:30 AM	Princeton University	NJ
	8:30 AM	Providence College	RI
Wed., Sept. 23	7:30 AM	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	MA
	8:00 AM	Quinnipiac University	CT
	9:00 AM	Fitchburg State College	MA
	10:00 AM	Keene State College	NH
	12:00 PM	University of Maine—Farmington	ME
Mon., Sept. 28	1:00 PM	Marist College	NY
	7:30 AM	Northeastern University	MA
	8:30 AM	Bentley University	MA
	9:15 AM	Southern NH University	NH
	10:00 AM	George Mason University	VA
	11:15 AM	Fairfield University	CT
	12:30 PM	College of the Holy Cross	MA
Tues., Sept. 29	11:30 AM	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	NY
	12:30 PM	Unity College	ME
Wed., Sept. 30	12:15 PM	SUNY—Canton	NY
	1:00 PM	University of Rochester	NY

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DATE	TIME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	STATE
Mon., October 5	8:00 AM	Marymount Manhattan College	NY
	9:30 AM	Bryant University	RI
	10:30 AM	University of New Hampshire	NH
	11:30 AM	University of Rhode Island	RI
	12:30 PM	Clarkson University	NY
	1:30 PM	Rochester Institute of Technology	NY
Wed., October 7	7:30 AM	Wheaton College	MA
	9:00 AM	Mercer University	GA
Thurs., October 8	12:00 PM	Johnson & Wales	RI
Wed., October 14	9:30 AM	Nashua Community College	NH
	11:00 AM	Husson College	ME
	12:00 PM	Chester College of New England	NH
Fri., October 16	11:00 AM	Plymouth State University	NH
	12:30 PM	Ithaca College	NY
Mon., October 19	9:00 AM	Lakes Region Community College	NH
Wed., October 21	10:30 AM	Emmanuel College	MA
	12:30 PM	University of Richmond	VA
Mon., October 26	8:00 AM	Endicott College	MA
	9:00 AM	Lesley College	MA
	10:00 AM	Gordon College	MA
Wed., October 28	8:00 AM	University of New Haven	CT
	9:00 AM	St. Michael's College	VT
	10:00 AM	Montana State University	MT
Mon., November 2	8:00 AM	Western New England College	MA
	9:00 AM	Hofstra University	NY
	10:00 AM	University of Southern Maine	ME
	11:00 AM	Wentworth Institute of Technology	MA
	12:00 PM	New England School of Communication	ME
	1:00 PM	Becker College	MA



August 2009

Dear Families,

The Hollis Brookline High School PTSA (Parent, Teacher, and Student Association) invites you to become a member and make a difference in the educational experience of your student. Please take a moment to complete this PTSA Membership form.

Our PTSA's mission is to provide that important link between school and home. Students perform better when parents are actively involved in their learning experience. I encourage you to join the PTSA. It is with the help of committed parents that the staff, teachers, and administration of HBHS can give our students the best High School education and experience possible. Your membership in the PTSA gives you a voice and a vote. The cost of the annual membership is \$5.00. This is an individual membership and students are encouraged to join along with their parents.

To join PRINT OUT THIS FORM, please send payment with this form to the HBHS office in an envelope marked "PTSA Membership". Please make check payable to "HBHS PTSA".

Thanks for Supporting our PTSA

PTSA Membership 2009-2010

Name of Student(s) _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Name of Member _____

Name of Member _____

Address _____

Town

Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ e-mail _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Volunteer Sign Up

2009-2010

Your HBHS PTSA wants to include you in as many activities as possible. Your involvement helps the HBHS staff offer our students excellent programs and enhances parent-teacher relations.

Please PRINT OUT, fill in this form, and return it to the HBHS office by September 25, in an envelope marked "PTSA Volunteer Form".

Parent's (Volunteer's) Name(s) _____

Parent's (Volunteer's) Name(s) _____

Student's Name(s) _____ **Grade(s)** _____

Student's Name(s) _____ **Grade(s)** _____

Telephone _____ **E-mail** _____

(Best time to call: a.m./p.m./anytime)

Volunteer Opportunities

Enrichment
(Develop evening enrichment programs)

Fund Raising

Hospitality

Spring Musical Lasagna Dinner

Baking

Spring Field Day BBQ

Drama

Costumes

Technical Support

Set Work

Ticket Sales

Publicity
(contact local papers with press releases)

Staff Appreciation

Physics Class Bridge Building Dinner
(December)

If you have any questions, contact Marie Degulis at mariedegulis@yahoo.com.

Thank you for being involved in our school.

2009-2010 Student Directory Information

Hollis Brookline High School

The Hollis Brookline High School Student Directory is being offered to HBHS students and families for \$5.00/copy. This directory is an invaluable resource, with phone numbers and addresses of the students. Every student's name, telephone number, mailing address and parents'/guardians' names will automatically be included in the 2009-2010 HBHS Student Directory.

If you do not want the above information listed in the directory, please sign the form below. Unless otherwise notified, we will assume that you would like your student's name, grade level, telephone number, mailing address, and parents'/guardians' names included in the Student Directory.

Please return this form to the HBHS office by September 25, in an envelope marked "Student Directory". Make checks payable to "HBHS PTSA".

I would like to order _____ Student Directories.

Amount enclosed (@\$5.00/directory) \$_____



The Hollis Brookline High School Athletic Booster Club Needs You!!

If you would like to join the HB Athletic Booster Club, we meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Conference Room at the High School. We are looking for people to become Sports Reps. Each Sport Rep will be a member of the Athletic Booster Club that acts as liaison between that particular sport and the Athletic Booster Club. Their responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Reporting highlights of their team for the monthly school newsletter.
- Relaying important information from the Booster Club to the team, parents, and coach.
- Relaying the senior nominations for the Leadership and Outstanding Effort scholarships to the Athletic Booster Club.

Joining the booster club is a great way to become involved at HBHS without a huge time commitment.

Please Join Us!!

Contact Trish MacDonald at trish_macdonald@charter.net