

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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MONDAY – THURSDAY, 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
FRIDAY – 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM



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NEWSLETTER

MAY JUNE 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter will offer me the opportunity to thank all of you in the Hampshire Regional High School community for your support during the years I have served as your principal. As most of you know, I will be retiring at the end of the school year. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been able to work with the students, parents and staff here at Hampshire. The commitment to excellence and the culture of caring is what makes Hampshire an exceptional place to work and to learn. Not a day goes by where I haven't seen the kindness of the student body, the quality of the educational experience or the genuine concern that each of you have for each other. I know that personally, you have positively touched my life in many ways. I hope that in some small way I have positively touched yours as well.

The search committee has chosen **Dr. Laurie Hodgdon** as the next principal of Hampshire Regional. It will not take her long to realize the unique special quality of this school. I will be working with her to transition her into her new role here. Thank you again for all the wonderful memories and experiences that I have had here at Hampshire. Serving

you has been one of the greatest experiences in my educational career.

We would like to extend our congratulations to art teacher **Bozena Jaworowski** who recently earned her Doctor of Education Degree through the University of Massachusetts.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT



Congratulations to **Rachel Powers and Mike Helems** upon their completion of the Saturday Morning Drawing Class for Gifted and Talented High School Students. The class met for 16 Saturdays at Amherst College. A culminating experience included an art exhibit and reception with family and friends.

Congratulations to **Mike Helems and Johnson Ly** upon their nomination to Art All-State 2011.

On April 26 the art of several HRHS students will be featured at Artists and Teachers Reception at the University of Massachusetts. The exhibit will take place on April 26 from 5:00

to 6:30 at the Studio Arts Building on campus. Parking for the event is available in Lot 62.

Student photography will be on display at the Southampton branch of the Easthampton Savings Bank during the month of May.

Please check out our Virtual Art Gallery for recent work. Go to <http://www.hrhs.net/> and click on Department Websites and follow to Art.

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Again this spring, the Green Team will be inviting talented wilderness educators from Earthwork Programs to conduct an on-side "field trip" in which students learn and practice skills such as making fire by friction, making tools from rock, and preparing edible and medicinal plants. We finish the day with the "abo(riginal) Olympics", a friendly competition using the skills students learn in the morning. This Program is supported in part by a grant from the Westhampton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

FROM THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



HRHS HELPS OUT ROBERTO'S KIDS

As Spanish II students read about the legendary baseball hero Roberto Clemente in their Spanish texts, it is a perfect time for HRHS to get involved in a community service project. Three years ago, Señora García's son Alex had a very successful collection drive for **Roberto's Kids**, a program that donates new and gently used baseball and softball equipment for children in Latin American countries who don't have any equipment of their own. Alex recently decided that it was time to start another collection, and Señora García's students are eager to help. HRHS student, **Eddie Hagelstein**, came to class to report that his dad, a former Little League coach, told him equipment is often thrown out when storage shacks are cleaned. Eddie agreed to rally support of the project with his fellow varsity baseball teammates.

Please look in your garages and basements, and ask neighbors to do the same, for equipment gathering dust can provide joy for children in need. The following items would be greatly appreciated:

- gloves
- bats
- balls
- helmets
- bases
- catcher's equipment
- cleats
- uniforms, hats and socks [in good shape]

A collection box is in Señora García's room, 2015, till the middle of May or email her at lgarcia@hr-k12.org for pick up.

Also, for further information, follow the link: <http://www.robertos-kids.org>.

¡Muchas Gracias!

FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

History Day

The Massachusetts History Day Competition was held on April 9th in Worcester. The following students travelled to Worcester for the state competition:

Jr. Division

Elizabeth Fleming, Erin Norris, Francesca Bartolomeo, Jessica Haskins, Samantha Kazunas

Sr. Division

Else Schlerman, Angela Essa, Keziah Behlke, Courtney Haskins, Alison Hanrahan, Shelby McQueston

Great job on the your success!

Elizabeth Fleming was chosen to go to the National History Day Competition in Washington, DC in June. Elizabeth's project was an exhibit on Child Labor. Congratulations Libby and good luck at Nationals!

Student Government Day

Student representative **Julie Roberts** and alternate **Madison Morse** were chosen to go to Boston to participate in the 64th Annual Student Government Day, but were unable to due to the weather on Friday, April 1st. The girls did a great job preparing for the debate. Mrs. Carpenter is proud of your efforts and disappointed you were unable to participate.

STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

Student Council is moving into the last quarter of the school year with many exciting activities.

First student council members want to thank the HRHS community for the donations for Red Cross for Japan. Next the Spirit Rally will be for middle school on April 28th and high school April 29th.

Also 7th grade orientation parent tours will be on May 5th at 7pm.

Elections for Student Council and Class Officers for the classes of 2012, 2013, and 2014 will be on May 10th. Student council members will be attending a spring conference with other Western Mass councils on May 13th. We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to all the seniors but especially to our Student Council members:

Pat Anthony, Karolina Bak, Matt Boucher, Brandon Burke, Cailee Dean, Lucas Fitzpatrick, Sam Hanson, Ling Huang, Leah Lyons, and Kendra Lohr.

We will miss you all and wish you much success as future leaders.

Student Council is also thinking about summer. We have summer meetings and also lead the tours for new students and 7th grade students the week before school starts in the fall.

Thanks
Kimberly Hallett
Student Council Advisor



HRHS DRAMA COMPANY

Ahoy, mateys! There be pirates here! This spring the Drama Company embarks on our greatest adventure yet: **Treasure Island** Seniors **Lucas Fitzpatrick** and **Sarah Labrie** take the helm for this thrilling theatrical experience. Join young Jim Hawkins, the mischievous Long John Silver, and the rest of the crew as they search for the legendary gold of Captain Flint. Will the gentlemen claim the fortune for king and crown, or will the nefarious buccaneers find it first? You won't want to miss the excitement. Performances are Thursday May 12, Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14 at 7pm, and a special matinee Sunday May 15 at 2pm. Tickets available at the door, general admission \$7, students, seniors and children \$5.

Michael Braidman Advisor, Drama
Company

HAPPY SPRING FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Postural screenings results have been forwarded to parents/guardians. If you have any questions regarding your student's results, please contact the nurse's office.

If you have received a vision or hearing referral for your student, please have your student examined by a physician and return the form to the health office as soon as possible.

Updated physicals must be on file in the nurse's office for all students entering 7th grade and 10th grade. Please forward a copy of your student's recent physical from the pediatrician to the nurse's office as soon as possible. **In addition, all students entering 7th grade must have updated immunizations and a copy of this record in the health office PRIOR to the first day of school.**

If your student suffers a concussion outside of school, please contact the nurse's office to discuss plans for the school day.

Please note that if your student requests an over the counter medication (Tylenol, ibuprofen) from the nurse, an emergency form must be on file. If an emergency form is not on file, parental consent must be obtained over the telephone EVERY time your student requests medication. **If a student requests over the counter medication more than TWO times in month, a call will be placed to the parent to notify of the request.** Emergency forms may be downloaded from the HRHS website in the Nurse's Office section. If you do not

have access to a computer, please contact the nurse's office for a form to be sent home. **New emergency forms need to be completed at the beginning of each new school year.**

If at any time your student requires prescription medication to be administered during school hours, paperwork must be on file in the nurse's office. A parent/guardian must deliver the prescription medication to the nurse in the original pharmacy container. If your student has had a major injury, surgery or illness, please call the health office to discuss a plan to return to school. Please contact the nurse's office for more information.

Please contact the nurse at 527-7680, extension 1119, if you have questions or concerns regarding the health of your student. The health office will be open the day before students return in September. We hope you have a healthy and happy summer vacation. See you in September.



CAROLE'S CLOSET

Approximately 300 dresses and gowns, as well as shoes, jewelry and accessories were donated to Carole's Closet this year. The Hampshire Regional community opened their hearts, closets and wallets to fill a

classroom with dresses and accessories so our girls will be able to attend prom and semi formal events without having to endure the expense of buying these items. Some teachers have donated brand new dresses, others gave up closet space. The art teachers created posters and flyers to promote the cause into their curriculum. The elementary schools in the district sent out parent newsletters informing them of the drive and agreed to let their schools become drop off locations in each of the five towns. The Williamsburg School community has been very supportive, donating most of the dresses that have been collected so far. Johanna Korpita, a teacher at the Helen E. James School in Williamsburg has been instrumental in our mission. She has collected almost 100 dresses to support Carole's Closet. Megan Kennedy, formerly a teacher at William E. Norris School in Southampton, now a professor at Westfield State College, organized the Kappa Delta Pi, the International Education Honor Society to donate over 35 gowns. We are blessed to live and work in such a generous caring community. Thank you to everyone who has given to this project. I wish you each could see the girls' faces when they walk into a room FULL of beautiful gowns for them to choose from and the joy they have when they walk out with the one that makes them feel beautiful for that special evening.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

We want to recognize our wrestling coach, **Todd Bryant** for being chosen the MIAA

2011 Wrestling Coach of the Year. He will be honored at a banquet in June.

Girl's Varsity Basketball Coach Rich Moussette has been named the Division II Girl's Basketball Coach of the year for Western Massachusetts.

Former girls varsity soccer coach, **Mr. Mike Dorunda** has been inducted into the Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame.

We congratulate all of you!

Save the date: The Spring Sports Awards Night will be held in the auditorium on Monday, June 13th at 6:30pm. Athletes are asked to arrive by 6:15 to line up in the gym for the procession into the auditorium. Please dress appropriately, no jeans or hats please. Families of athletes are asked to bring something to share during the break – finger foods, fruit, snacks, desserts etc.

Reminder for the fall athletes: Don't wait until the last minute to update your required sports physicals. Any physical dated after July 25, 2010 will be valid for the fall season.

Finally, the athletic department is seeking donation of a 4 wheeler (quad) to use for maintenance of the baseball and softball fields. If you are looking to get rid of one, please contact Mrs. Trytko at atrytko@hr-k12.org.

Thank you to all for another wonderful year of Hampshire Athletics!

Mrs. Trytko

GUIDANCE NEWS

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Website

Please be sure to check the guidance page on the HRHS website on a regular basis for information on upcoming events, scholarships, etc. www.hrhs.net

To Register for SAT's:

www.collegeboard.com
School Code: 220722

Career Cruising Access

www.careercruising.com
Username: hrhs
Password: hampshire

Class of 2011 News

Congratulations Seniors!

The guidance office assisted seniors in sending out over 300 college applications this year. We would like to congratulate them on their acceptance to the following colleges and universities (not a complete list): American International College, Anna Maria, Bennington College, Bentley, Berkshire CC, Bridgewater State, Cape Cod Community College, Castleton State, Clarkson, Colby-Sawyer College, East Carolina U., Curry College, Elmira, Elms College, Fisher College, Fitchburg State, Florida Atlantic U., Framingham State, Greenfield CC, Holyoke CC, Holy Cross, Ithaca, Jacksonville U., Johnson and Wales, Keene State, Landmark College, Mass. College of Art, Mass. College of Liberal Arts, Merrimack College, New England College, Newbury College, Palm Beach Atlantic, Plymouth State U., Quinnipiac, Regis, RIT, Roger Williams, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's, Salem State College, Sienna College, Simmons College, Smith College, Southern New Hampshire U., Springfield Tech. CC, St. Anselms, UMass Amherst, UMass Dartmouth, U. of Hartford, U. of Maine, U. of New England, U. of New Hampshire, UVM, URI, Western New England College, Westfield State, Wheaton College, WPI.



Last Steps: College App Process

Most seniors have completed the college application process for 2010 -2011. The last three steps are:

1. Complete a survey regarding plans for next year and how guidance can improve their services. This will be given to all seniors in the middle of May.
2. Complete a final transcript request form with an envelope addressed to the college your student will be attending.
3. Write thank you notes to individuals who wrote recommendation letters or helped with the college application process. This is a great opportunity to encourage your student in a life skill and positive character quality – remembering to thank people who help them along the way, which fosters the character quality of gratefulness.

Community College Decision Days

Almost half of the senior class benefited from participating in this year's Holyoke Community College, Greenfield Community College or Springfield Technical Community College Decision Days. Representatives from each of the colleges came to Hampshire Regional, accepted applications and granted admission to the colleges pending student graduation. Thirty students applied to GCC, 26 to STCC and 28 to HCC. The Decision Days are yet another effort made between Hampshire Regional and the community colleges to bridge the gap and help students connect their goals to higher education opportunities.

Class of 2012 News

Tech Prep Highlight

In the Fall and Spring, 34 juniors and seniors took the College Placement Test, Accuplacer. The exam determines whether students are college ready in Math and English. In the fall 2011, students may use A+Advancer to help them prepare for and pass the Accuplacer. Seniors are encouraged to take a fourth year math course as the majority of colleges have some form of a placement exam to determine whether or not the student will have to take remedial courses.

Navigating the College Process

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians and students who attended the information session on the college application process presented by Guidance Counselors Patti Richmond, George Gunn and Amy Scully. There were more than 60 parents/guardians and students in attendance. If you are the parent/guardian of a junior and were not able to attend the workshop on April 6th, your student was given a packet of the great resources that were distributed during an assembly held on April 7, 2011.

College Recommendations

Juniors are *strongly* encouraged to request college recommendations from teachers before June 1st. Prior to making that request, juniors must create an activity resume. Instructions and an example are available in the guidance office.



SAT

The final regular registration date for the SAT is May 6, 2011 for the test date on **June 4, 2011**. If you missed that deadline, the late registration deadline is May 19th (additional fee applies).

Class of 2013 News

PSAT: Save The Date!

The PSAT will be given to juniors on Wednesday morning **October 12, 2011**. All HRHS students who are taking the PSAT must take the test on Wednesday at HRHS. Please save the date!

Class of 2014 News

9th Grade Career Exploration

The 9th grade career exploration days held in March were very beneficial to the students. On the first of the two days, 9th graders were introduced to the Career Cruising online career exploration program where they created their own portfolios detailing their career interests and 4-year educational plan. Students can update their online portfolios any time with their username and password. Students also completed a Learning Styles Inventory and determined how they learn best: visual, auditory or tactile learner. These results will be shared with their teachers. The final activity the ninth graders enjoyed included a college panel (hosted by four UMASS students and 2 HRHS graduates) and snacks!

On the second day, HRHS played host to more than 25 guest speakers who shared the details of their jobs, including Tanner Watson, Musician; Moira Greto, Graphic Designer; Debbie Wright, Fashion Consultant; Jim Armenti, Musician; Joan Holliday, Radio Host; John Blowers, General Contractor; Bryson Saez, Solar Project Manager; Ed Olander, Contractor and Carpenter; David Sullivan, District Attorney; Walter Bush and Aaron McGrath, Federal Probation Officers; Rob Lewis, FBI Agent; Bill O'Riordan, Former Chief Probation Officer; Denise Schoen, Nurse and Nurse Educator; Jackie Maiorano, Civil Engineer; Kim Henrichon, Occupational Therapist and Professor; Jonathan Bayuk, Allergist; Claudio Guerra, Restaurant Owner, Claudia Penna, Sales; Kevin Meserve, Financial Advisor; Peter Cleary, Computer Programmer; Catherine Vooris, Cosmetologist; Jenna Sellers, Social Worker; Claudia Ciano-Boyce, Psychologist/Professor and Jenny Livingstone, teacher. At the end of the morning, the students were asked to write their favorite thing about the day and these are some themes of their remarks:

- Learning about jobs that are out there to help us make a decision
- Finding out what you would like to do and what you don't want to do
- It shows deeper what you might want to be
- Getting an idea of what you want to do
- Exploring my likes and dislikes and seeing what I might want to do

General Guidance News

Summer School Policy

High School students must receive a final grade of 55 - 59 in a course at HRHS in order to be eligible to take a summer school course and be granted credit. (To read the policy in its entirety, please refer to pg. 14 of the Student – Family Handbook at www.hrhs.net.) Summer school is not offered at HRHS. All summer school courses must be approved by the student’s guidance counselor prior to beginning the course. If you would like information on area summer schools, please contact the guidance office in late May. In June, after final grades are verified, the guidance counselors will be contacting students and parents / guardians to let them know of their qualification for summer school and will send a list of summer schools.

Promotion Policy

Hampshire Regional has implemented a promotion policy which is described in the Student - Family handbook. It states the following:

PROMOTION: 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS:

- Seventh and eighth grade students who pass four or more required year-long courses will be unconditionally promoted to the next grade.
- Seventh and eighth grade students who pass three year-long courses will be promoted but advised to attend summer school *approved by the administration* or be tutored in the course(s) failed, both at the expense of the parent/guardian.
- Seventh and eighth grade students who pass only two of the year-long courses will be required to attend and pass one of the failed courses at summer school *approved by the administration* at the expense of the parents/guardians. Students will need to earn a grade of 70 or higher in summer school in order to be promoted.
- Students who do not attend summer school will not be promoted.
- Seventh and eighth grade students who pass only one or none of their year-long courses will not be promoted.
- The Principal will make decisions concerning students with unique circumstances (e.g. extended illness) after consultation with the guidance counselor and the students’ teachers.

PROMOTION: 9TH GRADERS:

- Ninth grade students who do not earn a minimum of 3.0 credits will not be promoted to grade 10.
- The Principal will make decisions concerning students with unique circumstances (e.g. extended illness) after consultation with the guidance counselor and the students’ teachers.

Welcome 6th Graders

On Thursday, May 5th, HRHS will hold a Welcome to HRHS Grade 7 Orientation for the parents and guardians of current 6th grade students. This will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Students will be visiting that day with their elementary schools. We have seventh grade students who will be taking them on tours of the building. The tour guides have been staying after school to prepare for the visit.

Early College Night

The guidance department and MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) offered HRHS' first Early College Planning Night on March 24th. Over 60 people attended the presentation, which included information about what parents and students can be doing to prepare for college, the application process and financing college. The MEFA representatives provided an overview of the financial aid process and explained a number of options for families to begin saving for college. They also reviewed the admissions requirements for colleges and helped parents to understand the importance of their child's course selection each year. MEFA is a non-profit organization that offers free support for families and schools throughout the college admissions and financial aid process. If families were unable to attend the presentation they may stop by the guidance office to pick up an Early College Planning Workbook.

National Anxiety & Depression Awareness Week, MAY 2-8, 2011

To bring awareness and create venues for public education about anxiety and depression illnesses, *Freedom from Fear* (www.freedomfromfear.org) has created the National Campaign on Anxiety and Depression Awareness. Each year more than 17 million Americans will suffer with an anxiety disorder. More than 19 million will also suffer from some type of depressive illness. The cost to the economy of these terrible diseases is billions of dollars each year; the cost in human suffering is immeasurable.

Despite all of advancements and opportunities for safe treatment, the majority of folks who suffer with anxiety and depressive illnesses do not seek treatment, drop out of treatment too quickly, are non-compliant to treatment or receive treatments that are not the most effective. Some of the reasons this occurs are the terrible stigma surrounding mental illnesses, lack of resources available to those in need (adequate insurance, community resources,

knowledge of where to go for treatment, not enough treatment providers, etc) public's lack of understanding the signs and symptoms of these illnesses. In a survey conducted by Freedom from Fear among 50,000 individuals, the above reasons were also confirmed.

The National Campaign on Anxiety and Depression Awareness will be a year-long public education campaign to educate the public about the signs and symptoms of anxiety and depressive illnesses and guide them to treatment networks. To learn more, go to the FFF website - www.freedomfromfear.org, or contact the HRHS School Adjustment Counselor, Jan Sniffen, or School Psychologist, Leslie Giordano at 413-527-7680.

GSA Annual Day of Silence

The Hampshire Regional GSA group is hard at work organizing the annual Day of Silence. The Day of Silence is a student-led action to raise awareness of the discrimination, harassment, and abuse –the silencing – that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people and their allies face daily. On the Day of Silence, students at schools and colleges across the country take a vow of silence and distribute “speaking cards” explaining their participation.

MCAS NEWS

For planning purposes, please mark the following dates for MCAS testing on your calendars. Please make every effort to have your students attend school on the dates when MCAS tests will be given for their grade. If absent, they will have to miss class time to make up these state-mandated tests.

Thank you. Ms. Porter

| Day | Date | Test Name | Students Taking Test | Notes |
|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday | May 10 | Math Session 1 | 7 | |
| Wednesday | May 11 | Math Session 2* | 7 | *Calculators are allowed. |
| Thursday | May 12 | Math Session 1 | 8 | |
| Friday | May 13 | Math Session 2* | 8 | *Calculators are allowed. |
| Monday | May 16 | Sci/Technology/Eng 1/2 | 8 | |
| Tuesday | May 17 | Math Session 1 | 10 | |
| Wednesday | May 18 | Math Session 2* | 10 | *Calculators are allowed. |
| Wednesday | June 1 | High School Science (Biology) 1 | 10 | |
| Thursday | June 2 | High School Science (Biology) 2 | 10 | |

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April 13, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

It appears that spring has finally found New England and to quote Shakespeare: "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." The feeling of energy and renewal is around us as evidenced by the increased outdoor activity in our school communities and budding plans for the last weeks of the school year.

While this winter was long, it was also a season of significant accomplishment: the HRHS Chamber Singers performed in Williamsburg and on WGBY; Mr. Venne shoveled snow from the roof of Helen E. James School; "Bye Bye Birdie" entertained us; "Warrior" book series author Tui Sutherland visited eager fans at Norris; 8th grade students built hardy cold frame garden boxes for spring planting; Westhampton students learned the benefits of healthy eating and cooking; teachers at New Hingham piloted systematic universal screening and tiered instruction and celebrated world cultures through art and music; the HRHS Wrestling Team, Girls' Basketball and Cheerleaders all won their league titles; and, HRHS was selected as the District F recipient of the MIAA Sportsmanship Award.

Throughout the District, teachers and administrators are developing a Literacy Action Plan, participating on the District Data Team, orienting themselves to the New Curriculum Frameworks, implementing Race to the Top initiatives, improving differentiated instruction, and taking on the challenge of integrating rapidly changing technology into all aspects of our schools. If you can find the time, don't miss the opportunity to learn about "Compassionate Math -- 21st Century Skills in Action" at HRHS, "Integrating Technology Across the Curriculum" at Norris, or the "PK-8 Robotics" project implemented throughout the District.

All of these events – and many more – confirm that, in spite of the rhetoric and debate about school funding and the quality of public education we hear in the national dialogue, we do not have to look far to find strong, creative teaching and committed professionals in our schools.

Supporting our cycle of continuous improvement and our goal of continuing to increase coordination between and among our schools there are two documents on the Superintendent's website that I encourage you to review. The first is "HRSD Goals" which was presented at the February 17, 2011 All School Committees Meeting and clearly captures much of the work being done to improve instruction and enhance learning opportunities for our students. The second document is the "District Improvement Plan 2010-2012" which summarizes the activities and strategies currently guiding district improvement. Both documents can be accessed by clicking on the link found on the Superintendent's website.

As we approach the conclusion of this school year with MCAS, graduations, and retirements soon upon us, we are also looking forward to the 2011-2012 school year and the changes we anticipate: curriculum alignment with the New Frameworks; administrative changes at HRHS and Williamsburg; and, moving closer to a new or renovated school in Williamsburg to mention just a few.

I hope all of you enjoy the coming April vacation.

Sincerely,
Craig
Craig Jurgensen
Superintendent