

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE HOURS:

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



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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope that everyone had a great summer. Even though the weather didn't always cooperate, it was nice to have a break from the busy school year schedule. As always, the end of one school year and the beginning of the next bring with it several changes. New staff and new schedules will be in place. As I write this, staff members and students are coming in to school to start to get ready for the first day of classes and the beginning of the fall athletic season. Our custodians have done a wonderful job of preparing our facility for our return. We are looking forward to a great year.

NEW STAFF

Erica Banuski is the new special needs teacher on the White Team, grade 8. Erica previously worked at JFK in Northampton.

Shaari Mersack is the new .6 English teacher replacing Tony DelSignore who left to move to Eastern MA. Shaari recently worked in Agawam and at the Cape.

Kara (Yearance) Will is the new PE teacher replacing Judy Carriere who retired. Kara previously worked at Hampshire Regional and then in Westfield. Welcome back Kara!

Amy Scully is our new high school guidance counselor replacing Jeanne Thompson who moved to Colorado. Amy previously worked at Monson High School.

Chris Herzog is a new custodian replacing Lisa Brusco who left for another job.

Jennifer Garmirian has left to take a job in Washington, DC.

CONNECT ED CALLS

Periodically, through the school year you will receive a Connect-Ed call, which means a telephone call will be sent to every family in the HRHS community regarding a school event. If your phone number has changed since last year, please let us know so that we may include you.

Missed a Connect-Ed message? Dial 1-877-REPLAY1 (1-877-737-5291) from your home phone to hear the messages that have been sent to you.

SWINE FLU

We are aware of the many notices and cautions regarding the potential spread of swine flu this year. Bottles of hand sanitizer will be placed in each classroom (not wall mounted). Refills for those bottles will also be available. We have wall mounted hand sanitizers located at all entrances as well as the entrance to the library. In addition, new "hands free" paper towel dispensers have been installed in all lavatories. Mary Phelan, our Health Coordinator, is attending multiple meetings regarding precautions and immunization procedures and will update us as the school year continues.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School Picture Day is Friday September 11, 2009. All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook and for school ID cards. Students may also purchase picture packages. Information will be passed out the first week of school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

The first middle school dance is Friday September 11, 2009 from 7-9. There will be a DJ and the school store will be open for refreshments. The cost of admission to the dance is \$7.00. Only students from HRHS are allowed to attend.

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRIP

The students in the Business Technology Department have the opportunity to go to NYC on September 30th. The cost of the trip is \$130 and includes bus transportation, a private tour of NBC Studios, lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company and a ticket to Jersey Boys on Broadway. Seats are limited so buy your ticket today in Ms. Facticeau's room.

YEARBOOK NEWS

The HRHS yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$85.00. The books are full color and include sports, events, and portraits from both the high school and middle school. Seniors who want their names printed on the front cover **must** purchase their book by October 30, 2009. In November the cost of the book will be \$90.00.

Yearbook Ad sales

Parents of seniors who wish to purchase an ad in the back of the book need to do so before December 19, 2009. If you did not receive information in the spring, please contact Laura Facticeau at lfacticeau@hr-k12.org

CLASS OF 2010 NEWS

SENIOR year has arrived! There is some important information about senior class activities and class dues. Be sure to read below in order to make the best of this upcoming year. More detailed information will be given to you once school starts.

Class Dues

Good news... no senior year class dues. Bad news... about 30 students are not up-to-date on their class dues, owing from Freshmen, Sophomore, and/or Junior years. In order to attend senior year activities, *all dues must be paid*. The payment of these dues goes towards the cost reduction of senior activities and various items. Some of the activities this year will include the Halloween Costume Contest, High Meadow, Senior Banquet & Slideshow, Awards Night, Senior Breakfast, and Commencement.

The mission of Hampshire Regional High School is to empower students to be capable and confident and prepared to meet the challenges of life. In partnership with our five towns, we create a supportive and respectful environment that fosters cooperation, critical thinking, and creativity. We encourage our students to explore opportunities that develop the knowledge and skills needed to be life-long learners and responsible participants in society.

If your student still owes for past years' dues or fundraising items (i.e. Entertainment Books), a letter will be sent home to inform you of what additional money is owed. You may send the class dues payable to HRHS directly to the school attention: Ms. Carpenter or Ms. Barut, or send in the dues with your student. If you are not sure if your student is up-to-date, or how money is owed, contact us by email kcarpenter@hr-k12.org or tbarut@hr-k12.org or by phone 413-527-7680.

We are looking forward to a great senior year.
Ms. Carpenter & Ms. Barut ☺

CLASS OF 2011 NEWS

The Class of 2011 has an extremely exciting year planned. The same four officers (**Lucas Fitzpatrick**-President, **Brandon Burke**-Vice President, **Leah Lyons**-Secretary and **Cailee Dean**-Treasurer) continue to lead this year's juniors to three major events: The Magazine Drive in early September, The All-Night Skate on November 11th and the Junior Prom on April 30th.

The Magazine drive is a 10-day fundraiser that HRHS has done for years. In short, students sell magazine subscriptions and renewals and the profits go towards the Class of 2011. Specifically, the money goes to making the prom more affordable and reducing all the costs associated with Senior Week as well.

The All-Night Skate is just that: a 10pm-6am 'All-Nighter' where attending juniors rollerblade, eat pizza, and practice a little laser tag all night long. The day after the All Night Skate is Veteran's Day so tired students (and teachers) can sleep in. In years past, over 100 juniors have attended the event.

On April 30th, HRHS will hold the junior prom at The Log Cabin atop Mt. Tom. The officers have worked extremely hard putting this together on many fronts. From scouting the location, to meeting with the Superintendent and Principal to get the somewhat early date approved, it seems to all be coming together for a special night next spring.

Finally, the sweatpants have arrived. Last year the Class of 2011 sold over 175 pairs of sweatpants for \$25 and another batch has been ordered and is ready for purchase. This year we will have the familiar black and grey with "Hampshire Regional" printed vertically with 40 'limited edition' red pairs as well. Please see Mr. Green (Class Advisor for 2011) in Room 3057 or email him direct at sgreen@hr-k12.org for any information on the pants or the Class of 2011.

CLASS OF 2013 NEWS

Laura Facteau is the advisor to the Class of 2013. The class has a trip planned to the indoor water park at Six Flags, Lake George. The date is Monday, October 12. There is no school day that day. The cost is \$58 and there are only a few seats left. Buy your ticket today in Ms. Facteau's room. Lunch is included.

GREETINGS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

We are looking forward to working with all students and their families after a restful summer break. Please note, all incoming 7th graders MUST have a current physical with updated immunizations on file in the nurse's office. Student emergency forms will be distributed during the first week of school to all students. Please complete the form and forward it back to the nurse's office by September 8. This will ensure that we have the most up to date information in case of medical care or emergency. If your student requires medication to be administered during school hours, please contact the nurse's office for further information and paperwork. If at

any time you have questions regarding the health of your student, please do not hesitate to contact us at 527-7680, ext. 1119.

Cyndy Domina and Mary Price, School Nurses

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Thank you to all the athletes and families who attended the pre-season meeting. The information discussed at the meeting was very important and if you were unable to attend, I hope you will take some time to review the Athletic Handbook which is part of our Student/Family Handbook.

I invite everyone to attend our fall sports events. Schedules are online at www.highschoolsports.net. There are several night soccer games. These always seem to be exciting contests under the lights at Dorunda Field. There is an admission charge for night games, students' grades 7-12 and senior citizens pay \$3 and adults pay \$4. Other events happening during the fall season include: cross country races, gymnastic meets, golf matches and football games. Take some time to support our student/athletes and see the fruits of their labor.

The Athletic Department welcomes a student intern this semester. Leanne Trytko is majoring in Sports Management at Springfield College. She has been assisting in the preparations for the fall season and will be in attendance at many of the events.

I hope to see many of you throughout this fall season and if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Ann Trytko, CAA, Director of Athletics

LAPTOP LEASING PROGRAM

Once again we will be offering families the opportunity to lease or purchase a laptop computer. We will be holding information and sign up nights near the end of September. We will notify you of the exact dates via Connect Ed., the daily school announcements and on our web site www.hrhs.net by mid September.

IMPORTANT DATES

September

1	-	Teachers return to school
2	-	First day for students
6	-	Labor Day no school
11	-	School picture day
11	-	Middle School dance 7-9 Caf.
16	-	School Council
16	-	PTSO
23	-	Gr. 12 meeting with Guidance Per. 1
24	-	Half day dismissal 11AM
24	-	Open House
30	-	Business/Tech field trip to NYC

October

5	-	Progress reports sent home
5	-	Hampshire Reg. School Comm. 7PM Lib. Media Center
9	-	Half day 11AM dismissal
12	-	Columbus Day no school
12	-	Class of 2013 field trip to Lake George
14	-	School Council
14	-	PTSO
16	-	Middle School dance 7-9 Caf.
20	-	Academic Society Induction 7PM Aud.