

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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From the Principal

Once again it is time to present and secure an operating budget for the upcoming school year, the 2007 – 2008 school year. As we have done in the past, we worked this fall and winter to explore current line items to determine the best use of our resources. The fiscal 08 budget is a 7.34 % increase from our current budget. The bulk of this increase, or 6.96 %, comes in the four following areas:

- Insurance and Benefits
- Transportation
- Contractual
- School Choice and Charter

The remaining .38 % increase includes an English teacher (to reduce class sizes), technology equipment (to begin to replace 4 to 8 year old computers), and instructional supplies and textbooks.

Your support at town meetings in May and June is critical. Please make every effort to attend town meeting. Town meeting dates and times are listed below.

Saturday, May 12	9 AM	Westhampton
Monday, May 14	7 PM	Chesterfield
Monday, May 21	7 PM	Goshen
Monday, June 4	7 PM	Williamsburg
Tuesday, June 5	7 PM	Southampton

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Celebrating Teaching and Learning

Thank you to **Michele Higgins**, Academic Society advisor, and the Academic Society: **Katie Coleman, Emi Estelle, Rachel Furman, Annemarie Hanson, Rachel Jekanowski, Rachel Lacourse, Annie Lasek, Rachel Seklecki, and Andy Tracy** for their work on this year's blood drive. 45 pints of blood were collected during the drive.

On Tuesday, April 24th the following students were inducted into the Hampshire Regional High School Academic Society at a ceremony held in the auditorium: **Elizabeth Bodeur, Lisa Gagnon, Ryan Hurley, Kiersten Pedersen, Kate Perez, Dominique Bruso, Robin Clark, Jonathan Hawkes, Timothy Korpita, Myles McCarthy, Elizabeth Moriarty,**

Sean O'Hare, Sadie Prickett, and Kellie Welch. Congratulations!

Kalina Flood, Natalie Skrzypek, Laura Brown, Dominique Bruso, and Stephanie Dalton participated in the *High School Doctor for a Day* program on March 21st at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. The program is designed to provide a mentoring experience with area physicians. It allows students to gain experience in the health care environment.

Congratulations to art teacher **Warren Smith** who had a ceramic platter accepted into the 5th Biennial State of Clay, An Exhibition of Massachusetts Ceramists.

Outstanding effort was made by all our middle school students who participated in this year's science fair. We are extremely proud of your presentations. The following students have been chosen to move on to the Massachusetts State Science Fair Regional in May: **Karly Bashista, Shelbie Bergeron, Nathan Boutilier, Vicky Cooley, Steve Cowley, Shannon Diggins, Elizabeth Labrie, Emily Larkin, Julie Roberts, Jonathon Wickman, Allyson Batchelder, Matt Boucher, Hudson Cooney, Jeff Florek, Sam Hanson, Margo McCarthy, Lisa Mogilka, Ali Schoen, Abby Szatrowski, and Abby Whiting.**

Nine Hampshire Regional teachers are participating in Westfield State College's "Technology for Educators" graduate degree program. Over the next 2 years they will be taking a total of seven courses to learn how to effectively use technology in their classrooms. Participating teachers are: **Tara Kisiel, Penny Walker, Marie Hart, Terri Barut, Todd Bryant, Jenny Kirouac, Dale Nicodemi, Laura Facteau, and Laurel Christoferson.**

Anne Lasek and Andrew Tracy have been nominated for the 2007 McScholar Athlete Award. This award recognizes outstanding student-athletes who demonstrate dedication and teamwork throughout the school year. The Eleventh Annual McScholar Athlete Award Reception will be held at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield on Wednesday, May 16.

Two Hampshire Regional science teachers, **Nathanial Smith and Susannah Touchet,** have enrolled in an extensive 120-hour technology professional development program offered by

TERC, a nonprofit math and science research and development group in Cambridge, MA. The focus of this program is to assist math and science teachers on how to use data analysis tools in support of their curriculum goals.

Class of 2006 graduate **Shannon Tonelli** was elected president of the sophomore class at Regis College.

Science teacher **Todd Bryant** received \$500 from the Hilltown Trust Teaching Mini-Grants program at the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts for an Honors Biology Research Project.

Changes In Guidance

Something very exciting is happening in school counseling on a national and state level. For decades, guidance counselors have primarily worked with a small number of students on an individual basis. This made it impossible for ALL students to receive instruction and guidance in the following realms: academic, personal/social, and college/career. Massachusetts is one of the first states in the U.S. to have its Department of Education approve a Model for School Counseling. The Model for School Counseling recommends that counselors spend an average of 40-55% of their time planning for and implementing guidance curriculum with the intention of reaching ALL students through large group interventions. In order to better serve HRHS students and continue the implementation of a school-wide comprehensive curriculum, we are entering the first phase of reducing guidance counselor caseloads by assigning approximately 100 students to Mr. George Gunn.

For the 2007 – 2008 year, the following will be the caseloads for high school counselors:

Patti Richmond, last names A – Ka
George Gunn, last names Ke – Mi
Sally Masters, last names Mo – Z

Western Mass. History Day

The Western Mass. District History Day Competition was held on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Springfield Technical Community College. Several HRHS student projects received special recognition.

Socrates: The Triumph and Tragedy of His Life by **Ally Batchelder** received second place in the Junior Individual Exhibit category.

Vive le Brassiere by **Julie Mawdsley** received first place in the Senior Individual Exhibit category.

Triangle Shirtwaist Fire by **Eleanor Cook** received second place in the Senior Individual Exhibit category.

Murder Most Royal: The Rise and Fall of Anne Boleyn, England's Queen of a Thousand Days by **Elizabeth Jekanowski** received an Honorable Mention in the Senior Individual Exhibit category.

Pushing the Sky's Limits: The Triumph and Tragedy of Amelia Earhart by **Marissa Dombkowski, Tia Novak, and Nick Otis** received first place in the Senior Group Exhibit category.

Helen Keller: A Triumph from Tragedy by **Lauren Howe and Adam Parsons** received second place in the Senior Group Exhibit category.

Toiletology: Toilets Through the Ages by **Michelle Gosselin and Kim Rosenthal** received an Honorable Mention in the Senior Group Exhibit category.

Genghis Khan: The Tragedy Behind the Conquest by **Samuel Hanson** received first place in the Junior Individual Performance category.

“Stealing the Shoah”: Triumph and Tragedy of the Holocaust in America by **Rachel Webb Jekanowski** received first place in the Senior Historical Paper category.

Interchangeable Parts: Shaping the Modern World by **Matthew Furman** received second place in the Senior Historical Paper category.

The Great Swedish Migration: From Tragedy in Sweden to Triumph in America by **Benjamin Hanson** received an Honorable Mention in the Senior Historical Paper category.

Other projects and students who had the experience of competing this year at Western Mass include:

Poland's Triumph at the Battle of Grunwald Over the Teutonic Knights – an exhibit by **Karolina Bak and Elizabeth Cauley**

Howard R. Hughes, Jr. – an exhibit by **Craig Connett, Jr.**

All projects that received either first or second places in the category were allowed to go on to compete at the State History Day Competition.

Massachusetts State History Day

Hampshire Regional was well represented by 11 students and their projects at the State History Day Competition held Saturday, March 30, 2007, at Clark University in Worcester. Special recognition in a tough competition goes to the following students and their projects:

Second place in state in the Junior Performance Category

Genghis Khan: The Tragedy Behind the Conquest – by **Sam Hanson**

Sam will compete at the National History Day Competition held at the University of Maryland in June.

Honorable Mention in the Senior Group Exhibit category

Helen Keller: A Triumph from Tragedy – by **Adam Parsons and Lauren Howe**

Archives Award for use of primary sources

Triangle Shirtwaist Fire – an exhibit by **Eleanor Cook**

Congratulations to all competitors – your quality historical research and creative projects make you all winners!

History Day is recognized nationally and in the Massachusetts State Frameworks for History and Social Science as a recommended way that students can learn historical research skills. Hampshire Regional students in grade 8 and in US History I (often taken in grade 10) must compete a History Day project as part of their history course requirements. Next year's History Day topic is Conflict and Compromise in History. Students may begin gathering research for next year's History Day after the end of the current school year (June 2007). Please check with me for any possible restrictions on topics or if you have any questions.

Tonya Aitken

HRHS History Day Coordinator

Charity Concert May 25th

As part of the \$20.00 project started by Ms. Lech, a charity concert will be held on May 25th at the Grange Hall (in the center of Williamsburg near the General Store). All ages are invited. Proceeds will go to homeless shelters in Northampton and in the nearby area. The music will be fairly eclectic, ranging from light rock to folk to a possible chorus performance. The concert will start at 7:00 PM and admission will be \$5.00, with additional donations accepted. Refreshments will be available as well. For additional information or requests to perform, ask Sam Antill (268-3189).

Class of 2007 News

Class T-Shirts: There are still class t-shirts available for sale. It costs only \$5.00 to purchase a t-shirt. See any of your class officers or Mrs. Levreault to purchase your t-shirt.

Faculty vs. Student Volleyball game: The second annual Faculty vs. Students volleyball game was held on March 30th. This was the second year for this event. Teams of students played against teams of faculty for an overall win by either the students or the faculty. This year the students beat out the faculty in the final game. The students came dressed in uniforms that were amazing. Everyone had a great time.

Graduation Day is fast approaching. Four years of high school are soon coming to a close for your student. There are traditional senior activities that will once again take place. Below is an outline of the dates, times, and cost for these events and general information on what goes on at each event. Total cost for attending all senior week activities is \$60.00. One check payable to HRHS will suffice. Or if the student prefers to attend only the free activities, they may do so.

Senior Week Activities

Monday June 4th

High Meadow – \$40

9am – 3:30 pm

Depart HRHS at 8am to High Meadow.

Depart High Meadow at 3:30

Spend the entire day of fun, with eating and entertainment. Food and drinks are available all day. There will be a DJ, tie dying (bring your own t-shirts), open swim with diving board, horseback riding (\$20/person), popcorn, cotton candy, ice-cream, miniature golf, and tons of on-going activities to participate in. This is an activity not to be missed.

Tuesday, June 5th

Senior Banquet - \$20

6pm -10 pm

Gather at East Mountain Country Club at 6:00 p.m.

Buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. You will also receive your yearbooks and 1st edition Senior Spotlight. You will have plenty of time to sign yearbooks, chat with friends, and view the Senior Slideshow.

Wednesday, June 6th

Senior Awards Night

Arrive at HRHS Auditorium at 6:30 pm.

Dress code for the evening will be dress casual. Ladies – dress, skirt, or nice pants with nice shirt. Gentlemen, please wear nice

pants (Dockers, Haggar, etc.) and polo shirt or button down dress shirt with/without a tie. Absolutely NO jeans, shorts or hats will be allowed. This is a special night. All seniors will be sitting in the front rows in the same order as graduation. Any questions about attire contact Mrs. Levreault.

Thursday, June 7th

Senior Breakfast

Meet at the Westhampton Congregational Church at 9:00 a.m.

A breakfast will be prepared for you and served to you by the school committee. You will receive your time capsules that you created from freshman year. You will also receive your caps and gowns – please iron them for graduation.

Friday, June 8th

Graduation Information

12:00 noon - All graduating seniors must meet at John M Green Hall in Northampton for graduation rehearsal.

6:00 PM Seniors must arrive at JMG

7:00 PM Graduation Ceremony will start promptly at 7pm.

10:00 PM Senior send-off party following graduation. Healthtrax Fitness Center, West Springfield

Senior Send Off

The annual Senior Send Off Party will be held at HealthTrax Fitness Club in West Springfield on Friday, June 8th from 10pm until Saturday, June 9th at 5am. This is an all night party held for graduating seniors. This is not a school-sponsored event. All seniors are encouraged to attend. Each senior may bring one guest. The party is free and there is plenty of food, drink, and fun for all who attend. There will be a hypnotist show, swimming, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, music, and a raffle extravaganza. Each senior and each guest must bring a signed consent with them to the event. Information sheets with more details and permission forms will be mailed to the homes of seniors early in May. Extra forms will be available in the school's main office. If you have any questions, feel free to call Geneva Pedersen at 527-0051.

Class of 2008 News

Any junior interested in coming to Florida next year for Grad Nite 2008 should see Ms. Lech or Ms. Facticeau for a registration packet. The dates of next year's trip are April 17-20. On Wednesday May 9th, during all lunches, Ms. Lech and Ms. Facticeau will be hosting an ice cream social. To come to the ice cream social you must have your registration form filled out and signed by a parent and have a check made out to World Strides from a parent in the amount of \$79.00. Please note that World Strides offers a Full Refund Program for \$139.00. If for any reason you decide to cancel your trip, all money EXCEPT for the registration fee of \$79.00 and the Full Refund Program fee of \$139.00 will be refunded to you. This program is automatically added to your bill if you do NOT check the box on the back of the registration form declining it. Many of you have started to fundraise for this trip. Once your parents have made the initial payment for the registration, I will send in what you have earned.

The Prom is scheduled for May 11, 2007 from 6:00 to 11:00 at the Northampton Clarion. Tickets will be on sale the week before and after April vacation. Seats are limited so buy your ticket early. Tickets are \$50.00. Guests from other schools will

only be allowed with approval of Mr. Folta. Grynn and Barrett Studios will be there for picture packages. A brochure with prices will be available when tickets are purchased. Juniors must be caught up on all of their class dues to attend the Prom.

Class of 2009 News

The sophomores, in anticipation of an awesome prom next year, are kicking up their fundraising efforts. We have 2007 Entertainment Books for sale, \$25 each, as well as stylish HRHS license plate frames, only \$5 each. Also, be on the lookout for the Magazine Drive, coming this fall.

The Class of 2009 is also having another Spring Fling this year, on Friday, May 4 from 7-10. Tickets are \$5. The theme is Crazy Outfits, so dress up crazily and come dance even crazier. There will be a contest with prizes.

The class trip this year is to Six Flags New Jersey. We will depart HRHS at 6:00 am on Tuesday June 19 and return at approximately 10:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$70, or \$40 for students that have a season pass.

Student Council Corner

Student Council has many activities planned for the spring. We had a spirit rally in April before vacation. Also we hosted a Western Massachusetts Student Council Conference on April 25th. Local student council members from neighboring schools enjoyed workshops and guest speakers talking and sharing about leadership. Also on May 21st elections will be held for class officers and student council. Elections are for grades 10, 11, and 12. For the class of 2011 elections will be in October. A special thanks to the student council seniors: **Anne Lasek, James McAvoy, Kenny Piper, Alicia Myette, Natasha Skrzypek, Jess Krason, Anne Marie Hanson, Kiersten Pedersen and Leanne Trytko.** Thank you for all your years of dedication. You are greatly appreciated by all of us in Student Council.

Any questions or suggestions please email krose@hr-k12.org.

Kimberly Rose, Advisor

Community Service

Members of the Class of 2007 who have not yet fulfilled their community service requirement are currently ineligible to graduate in June. This requirement is not fulfilled until the documentation is submitted, and work that was not pre-approved will not necessarily be accepted. We know from experience that some students will wait until literally the last minute to take care of their community service obligation and would like families to know that there are consequences for waiting. For example, the list of seniors who have missed the March deadline gets passed on to the Scholarship Committee and is one factor that they consider when making awards.

Students in the Classes of 2008 and 2009 who want to work on their community service graduation requirement over the summer should get their plans pre-approved before the end of school because advisors for this program are not available during the summer months. Students who plan to seek membership in the Academic Society must have their hours completed by January of their junior year.

Community service guidelines and forms can be picked up from Ms. Elliott in room 2017 and are also available online at the school website.

From the Information and Technology Department

Technology Initiative

Hampshire Regional, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Education (DOE), Gateway Regional School District, and Easthampton Public Schools is launching a technology initiative to enhance instruction and learning. A \$75,000.00 start up grant is paving the way for program evaluation, teachers' professional development, and low cost laptop computers for students. This initiative, already underway in the form of program planning and professional development, will include an opportunity for students and families to lease/purchase laptop computers designed for the digital age: education, multimedia & productivity. More information will be disseminated over the next two months including parent information sessions, mailings and online resources. Stay tuned.

Free Tech Stuff

1. Web Based Email: **Gmail** (gmail.google.com) and **Yahoo!** (mail.yahoo.com) offers free email accounts that include features like spam filtering, virus checking, auto-vacation messaging, email folder filtering and address blocking. Each service also comes with an address book and web based calendar application.

2. On-line Photo Sharing: **Shutterfly** (www.shutterfly.com), **Snapfish** (www.snapfish.com), and **Kodak** (www.kodakgallery.com) offer free web based photo sharing services. Each site requires you to establish an account, which you will use to upload your photos. Once your photos are uploaded, you can send an email invitation to your friends and family to view your pictures. All of these sites also offer visitors a chance to purchase photos.

3. PDF Document Creator (Windows only) **CutePDF Writer** (www.cutepdf.com) is a free utility for creating PDF documents. With this utility, you can create a PDF version of any document you are able to print. This means you can convert a MS-Word document, a web page, an email message, etc. into a PDF document.

Web Site

Don't forget to visit the Hampshire Regional web site (www.hrhs.net) for timely and useful information about what is happening at HRHS.

News from the Academic Society

Beginning for the school year 2007 - 2008, invitation and induction to the Academic Society will take place in early October. The requirement of obtaining a cumulative average of 92.0 will not change, however, but this average will be based on the student's cumulative average from the end of the sophomore year and not the middle of the junior year as has been the practice in past years. Further, for eligibility, students must also complete their school-required community service by the end of first semester in January of 2008, and in all years thereafter, this community service component will need to be completed by the beginning of the junior year.

Sense Of Place

An exhibit of photographs by students involved in the Sense of Place group was a great success at the Robert Floyd Gallery in Southampton. This year HRHS students captured photo images of their community and edited printed and matted the prints for display at the Gallery. Robert Floyd reported that gallery visitors marveled at the talent of the students and added "the student's pride resonated in the images and this was noticed by most Gallery visitors. "Special thanks go out to the Robert Floyd Gallery and to the members of the community who came out to view the exhibit and purchased art. The Gallery agreed not to take a single penny for a commission on the sales and promised and delivered a "No Print Left Behind" event. The Gallery never sold out a complete photo exhibit before. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the after school "Sense Of Place" group which is available to all HRHS students and funded by the Highland Communities Initiative of the Trustees Reservation.

Tara O'Brien and Karen Tetrault

Science Department News

Jenn Bontempi, Chris Brida, Jon Hawkes, Tim Korpita, Myles McCarthy, Beth Moriarty, Sean O'Hare, Sadie Prickett, Dan Warner, and Shalli Sherman, along with Mr. Cole attended the 2007 Connecticut Valley Section Chemistry Olympiad at UMASS Amherst on March 20, 2007. During this event, students took an exam, participated in a quiz that tested their knowledge of chemistry, and listened to a presentation by a chemist from Pfizer on the development and production of an antismoking drug due to be released in the fall. It was an opportunity for the students to practice what they have learned so far in chemistry, in friendly competition, with students from other high schools in the Western Massachusetts area. Each student will receive a certificate of participation in the Olympiad.

Martin H. Cole
Chemistry Instructor

Successful Trip to Costa Rica

The Change the World Kids (CWK), Chapter at Hampshire Regional High School, Mr. Bryant, and Ms. O'Brien traveled to Costa Rica during February vacation to participate in international community service and in the Tropical Forest Field Studies. CWK donated many school supplies and monetary donations to several public schools in the Monteverde area. Students' fundraising helped several families buy required uniforms and purchase needed supplies. CWK played soccer with the local high school students. Also, HRHS will collaborate with the Monteverde High School with future scientific research and data exchange.

CWK also donated their time to help Costa Rican scientist Deb DeRosiers catch and band several migratory birds, and we also helped collect data in an on-going tree fruiting and flowering study. Clear cutting has devastated a significant amount of the Costa Rican landscape. CWK helped bagged soil for tree planting. These trees will be used to create a corridor across the country for birds and other migratory animals. CWK from

Woodstock, VT will plant these trees during their April vacation.

During our travels, we saw Costa Rica's most active volcano, Arenal. We swam in geothermal pools, zip-lined through the rainforest, and walked on suspension bridges. We saw resplendent quetzals, oropendulas, toucans, black guans, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, many hummingbirds, and coatis.

We met many wonderful people. So many things happened that changed many lives. We hope to share our experience with the school community in the near future. A special thanks goes out to Laurie Sanders and Fred Morrison for leading this trip and to all the donators for their kindness and generous contributions.



Photography News

Brittany Rice was among nineteen women photographers who entered the competition "The Sixth Annual Women in History Month Juried Photo Exhibit". The event took place in March at The Robert Floyd Photo Gallery, Southampton, MA. Melissa Incampo, photographer, juried many entries and selected twenty-eight artworks for the exhibit. The theme was "Environmental Portraiture" of 21st century women living anywhere in the world. Brittany delivered her Gallery Talk to an audience of 31 Gallery Visitors. She and her artwork were well received.

Photography Exhibit

Our Annual Photo Exhibit will take place in the Library Media Center at Hampshire Regional High School. The exhibit will consist of work made by students in the Photography I course. Photographs by underclassmen students were featured in March and April. Senior work will be showcased in April and May.

The Library Media Center is open during the following hours: Monday and Wednesday 7:20am to 3:15pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:20am to 2:35 pm. Consult the school calendar for holidays and vacations.

Student Artists: Amanda Ashton, Nick Barbieri, Lisa Belisle, Lauren Carmel, Taryn Crisafulli, Katrina DaRe', Alex Denys, Jessie Dunphy-Phinny, Emi Estelle, Ashley Garton, Ashley Healy, Josh Parsons, Ashley Sormanti, Tyler Bates, Maureen Donah, Ursula Elmes, Amanda Fortier, Becky Gosselin, Emily Hazen, Jamie Labrie, Sadie Prickett,

Jocelyn Provo, Kathryn Riel, Rita Tauscher, Dannie Torrey, Kirsten Alexander, Stephanie Brown, Abigail Krason, Will Morris, Alicia Myette, Stephanie Peloquin, Samantha Pierce, Jon Pinsky, Brittany Rice, Caitlin Sarazin, Barry Zimmerman, Justine Boisjolie, Jill Fink, Elizabeth Gaudet, Rachel Lacroix, Rushelle Papineau, Laura Searle, and Chrysta Wheeler

Yearbook News

There are only a few yearbooks left. The high school book is \$55.00 and the middle school book is \$30.00. Checks can be made payable to Hampshire Regional and sent to the school to the attention of Laura Facteau. Please put the student's name and grade in the memo section of the check.

More Yearbook News

Three members of the Yearbook staff and four members of the Newspaper staff spent three days in New York City in March. The seven students, Ms. Messmer, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Facteau took the train to the Big Apple to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's 83rd Annual Convention at Columbia University. The girls attended workshops and were given tons of great ideas to bring back to make future yearbooks and newspapers even better. They also had the amazing opportunity to see both Mary Poppins and The Lion King on Broadway.

The staff will be going to the annual Jostens Spring Workshop on June 8th at Western New England College.

Yearbooks will be distributed to seniors first at their Class Banquet on Tuesday, June 5th. Students in grades 7-11, who have pre-ordered a yearbook, may pick theirs up on Wednesday, June 6th before homeroom or during lunch in Ms. Facteau's room.

FBLA News

This year's spring trip is May 3rd. We will be going to Smith and Wesson in Springfield. Big Business happens right here in Massachusetts.

FBLA JR News

The middle school FBLA has been working hard at organizing the middle school semi-formal to be held on June 1st. Tickets will be available for purchase on May 14th. The cost is \$15. Food and beverage are included also in the cost of the ticket. Tickets can be purchased in Ms. Rose's room 3015. No visitors are allowed to the semi.

Only middle school students from Hampshire can purchase a ticket. Please follow the dress code which was in the previous newsletter. Any questions please email me at: krose@hr-k12.org

Kimberly Rose and Cindy Streker, Co-Advisors

Underclass Awards Ceremony

The third annual Underclass Awards Ceremony will be held on June 11, 2007 at 7:50 A.M. in the auditorium. The ceremony is expected to last approximately one hour. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. The parents of the students who

have been selected to receive an award will be mailed a letter about the ceremony.

The Underclass Awards Ceremony honors students in grades 9-11 who have distinguished themselves academically, demonstrated excellence within a curricular area, provided service to our school, or who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship. All academic departments give awards as well as many extra-curricular clubs and activities. Athletic team awards are presented at the seasonal sports banquets. We are pleased to have this opportunity to highlight some of the remarkable students we have here at Hampshire Regional.

Music Department News

The High School Jazz Band has been busy this term with many activities including The IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators) Music Festival on February 28 at Westfield High School; the Holyoke Community College (HCC) Jazz Festival on March 31; and the Night of Jazz Concert on April 11 in the HRHS auditorium, which also featured performances by the Middle School Jazz Band. All members of this honors level ensemble have worked very hard at successfully meeting the demands of this year's performance schedule, and they have received great recognition for their efforts and achievements as an ensemble and as individuals. Outstanding Musicianship certificates were awarded to **Trevor Devine, Ryan Hurley** and **Ryan McNeight** at the IAJE Music Festival. In addition the "Most Valuable Player Award" for the entire festival went to Trevor Devine, who also received a partial scholarship award to attend the Jazz in July Summer Music Program at UMASS. Special honors were also awarded to **Ryan Hurley** and **Sam Antill** for their outstanding performances at the HCC Jazz Festival, and the full ensemble also received high ratings in intonation, precision, interpretation, balance, and overall performance.

The HRHS Music Department was proud to send 12 students to the Junior Western District Music Festival this year which took place on March 18 at UMass. Due to the freak snowstorm, the festival had to be moved from Saturday to Sunday this year. The following students performed as part of the chorus: **Sarah Labrie, Jessie Lewis, Mollyrose Kelly-Gorham, Lily Henderson, Devin McNulty, Beth Harvey, Ling Huang, Soliel LaFrance, and Rory Kitchen.** **Hannah Davidson** performed in the concert band as a bass clarinetist, and drummer **Weston Aller** and tenor saxophonist **Max Ferony** played in the jazz band.

Our final **Spring Concert** will be held Wed., May 9 at 7 PM. All ensembles will be performing including the **Middle School Band and Chorus, High School Band and Chorus, both Jazz Bands, and the After School Singers.** In addition, members of the high school and middle school bands will be participating in the Memorial Day Parades in Southampton and Westhampton on Monday May 28th. Please come and enjoy our culminating performances of the year.

On May 16, members of the high school band and chorus are excited to be going to New York City to see Phantom of the Opera. We will be taking a Broadway workshop with a cast member from Phantom as part of the trip. The bus will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. sharp, and returning late that evening. Please watch for more information.

Meanwhile, the middle school band and chorus are preparing to participate in the Great East Festival on June 1st. We will be performing, adjudicated, and critiqued at Westfield State College. Afterwards, we will enjoy the rest of the day at Six Flags. This promises to be a fun day and a beneficial introduction into the world of musical competition for the middle schoolers.

The **After School Singers** have been a big hit this year. This highly motivated group of singers has been rehearsing all year on Monday afternoons. They have been asked to perform at the Hilltown Spring Festival in Cummington on Saturday, May 19. Please stay posted for details of their performance time.

Please continue to support our thriving and many faceted music programs at Hampshire Regional in which almost one quarter of the student population participate.

Drama Club

The Hampshire Regional Drama Club proudly presents William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" on May 17, 18 and 19. The show takes place in the HRHS auditorium and starts at 7pm each night. Admission is free, donations appreciated. Come see this comedy about love, marriage, and people with bad tempers.

Booster Club News

The Booster Club is in need of a small freezer to hold ice cream products during spring sports. If you have one in working condition that you would like to donate, please call Barb Prickett @ 527-5799.

Reminder: The Booster Club is sponsoring a bake sale table at the Crafts Fair on May 19th. If you would like to donate baked goods they can be dropped off at the school starting at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions please email us at hrhsboosters@hr-k12.org.

News and Notes from the Athletic Department

It was a rough start, thanks to Mother Nature, but spring season is finally underway and we hope that you have the opportunity to take in some of the events to support our teams. All schedules can be found on the school website under the Athletics link or log on to www.highschoolsports.net.

We offer our congratulations to some members of our coaching staff:

Girls Varsity soccer coach **Mike Dorunda** was recently honored by the MIAA as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

Varsity Girls basketball coach, **Jay Fortier** announced his retirement after a very successful career at Hampshire including 2 State Championships.

JV softball coach **Brian McGan** will be inducted into another Hall of Fame, the fourth of his career.

How fortunate we are to have such great coaches!

On April 27th, the MIAA held its annual recognition of students who display outstanding, academics, athletics and community

service. The event was held at the Basketball Hall of Fame. Hampshire was represented by juniors, **Chris Brida**, **Sean O'Hare**, **Tim Korpita** and **Heather Dragon**.

For the first time the MIAA decided to also recognize an adult in the school community who displays the ideals of strong values and leadership. Chosen as Hampshire's first recipient of this honor was **Mr. Dan Moynahan**, Boys' Varsity soccer coach and Curriculum Coordinator for the English Department.

We congratulate all of you for your accomplishments and thank you for your leadership in the classroom and on your athletic teams.

The Spring Sports Banquet will be held sometime shortly after Graduation. Please check the website for the specific details.

Hampshire Regional Youth Wrestling Program Grades 4-6

Hampshire Regional Wrestling is sponsoring an introductory wrestling program for students in grades 4-6. The four-week program will be held on the following Mondays: April 30th, May 7th, May 14th, and ending May 21st. The program will meet from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Hampshire Regional High School Gymnasium. Open registration begins on April 30th. Instruction will be from the Hampshire Regional wrestling coach, and several members of the high school wrestling team. Contact Todd Bryant at 527-7680 or at tbryant@hr-k12.org for information.



Important Dates to Remember

May 2007

- 1 Sports Physicals
- 3 Gr. 6 Tour of HRHS
- 3 Gr. 6 Parent Orientation 7pm Auditorium
- 4 Class of 2009 Dance, 7-10 Cafeteria
- 7 HR School Comm. 7 pm Lib. Med. Ctr.
- 9 Spring Concert 7pm HRHS Auditorium
- 10 Mock Accident sponsored by Peer Ed.
- 11 Junior Prom 6-11pm Clarion Hotel
- 12 Westhampton Town Meeting 9am
- 14 Chesterfield Town Meeting 7pm
- 19 Grad Nite Craft Fair 9am–3pm HRHS
- 21 Goshen Town Meeting
- 23 School Council 4:30 Lib. Med. Ctr.
- 23 – 25 Film Club Movie Night 6pm Aud.
- 30 - 31 Senior Finals
- 31 Viewing of Mock Accident 7pm Aud.

June 2007

- 1 Senior Finals
- 1 Great East Fest MS Band /Chorus Field Trip
- 1 M.S. Semi Formal 6-9:30 PM Cafeteria
- 4 Senior Class Picnic High Meadows
- 4 Williamsburg Town Meeting 7pm
- 5 Senior Banquet East Mountain C.C.
- 5 Southampton Town Meeting 7-10pm
- 6 Senior Awards Night 7pm Auditorium
- 7 Senior Breakfast, W'ton Church 9am
- 8 Commencement John M. Greene Hall 7pm
- 11 Underclass Awards Ceremony 8:45am Aud.
- 11 HR School Comm. 7pm Lib. Med. Ctr.
- 12 Last full day of school
- 13 Periods 1 & 2 finals Dismissal 11am
- 14 Periods 3 & 4 finals Dismissal 11am
- 15 Period 5 & 6 finals Dismissal 11am
- 18 Period 7 finals Dismissal 9am
- 19 Last day for teachers
- 19 Class of '09 Field Trip to Six Flags NJ