

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is the people that make Hampshire Regional special. We are a school community with adults who care. Our students excel in academics, sports, the arts, and citizenship. They work with a dedicated group of faculty and staff who prepare them for the world beyond Hampshire Regional. It is encouraging to find such a fine group of educators willing to work with our students. We all take pride in their noble work.

Several teachers are taking maternity leaves during this school year. We are fortunate that a wonderful group of licensed educators are willing to teach at Hampshire Regional during these teachers' absences. Matthew Watson is now on board teaching Amy Cyr's History and Social Science classes. Jeanne O'Neil will be covering for middle school guidance counselor Katie Watkins when she goes on leave in March. And Josette Hochman will be covering Natalie Leverault's health classes for the remainder of the school year.

CELEBRATING TEACHING AND LEARNING

Junior **Cara Haxo** has been accepted into the All-State Chorus as an alto singer. Cara will be attending the All-State festival in March as a member of the alto section in the chorus. Cara will also have a musical composition displayed at the festival.

Dr. George Biggs has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Promising Young Writers Program for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The Promising Young Writers Program is an NCTE-sponsored competition designed to honor eighth-grade students in the United States, Canada, and American schools abroad for excellence in writing.

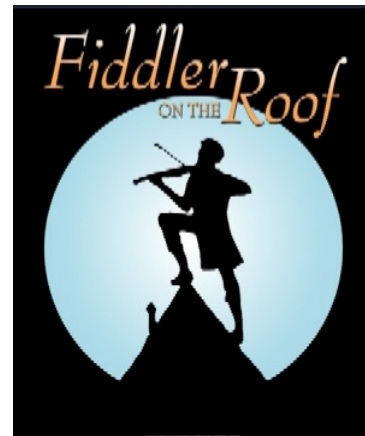
Photographs by art teacher **Karen Tetrault** were displayed at the Pelham Free Public Library during the month of January.

Congratulations to **Michael Boucher** and **Sam Antill** for representing Hampshire Regional at the National Youth leadership Forum on Medicine.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Hampshire Regional School Council usually meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Library

Media Center. School community members are encouraged to participate. The Council is responsible for developing our school improvement plan. A major focus of our work this year was to use the results from the student survey, the NEASC recommendations, and our MCAS scores to revise our school improvement plan. We are now revisiting the work of the Future Directions Committee. The next scheduled Council meeting is Wednesday, March 19. All students, parents, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.



MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Hampshire Regional High School is proud to present the musical **Fiddler On The Roof**. Show times will be Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for Hampshire Regional High School students and children

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.

under 10. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance from cast members and the school office.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SERVICE REMINDER

All students planning to graduate in June 2008 must have their community service completed and all paperwork handed in by March 7. Please contact Ms. Elliott in room 2017 or online at velliott@hr-k12.org if you have questions or concerns.

2nd ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Save the date: Celebrate Mother's Day. On Saturday, May 3rd, the Grad Nite program will host the second annual Crafter/Vendor Fair in the school's cafeteria. Admission is free and raffle tickets will be given to all attending mothers. Come on out to see the local crafts and merchandise available for purchase for the mom in your life. If you need more details or are interested in participating as a crafter/vendor, please contact Kim Lech at klech@hr-k12.org or Laura Facticeau at lfacticeau@hr-k12.org

HISTORY DAY 2008

On Wednesday, January 9, 2008 Hampshire Regional held its 25th Annual National History Day Fair. This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise in History". History Day is one way listed in the [Massachusetts Frameworks for History and Social Science](#) that a school can meet state requirements for teaching research skills. All students in grade 8 (World History I) and in U.S. History I (usually grade 10) classes at Hampshire Regional are required to research and develop a History Day project. Any other HRHS student, regardless of grade, is also welcome to independently complete a History Day project. Students have the choice of doing an exhibit ("tabletop"), a performance, a media presentation (documentary), or a research paper. This year there was also a new project category - web page. Projects may be done individually or within small groups (except for papers). Almost all students this year opted to do exhibits, although there were several in the documentary category and in the new web site category.

Thank you to **Virginia Ahart** (retired, HRHS) and **Linda Golash** (retired, Birchland Park Middle School) for helping to judge our fair again this year. Thank-you also to the teachers of the grade 8 and grade 10 history classes: **Mr. Butler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Cyr, and Mr. Touchette**, who put in much time and energy assisting their students.

The following students' projects were recognized and selected to have the opportunity to represent Hampshire Regional at the District History Day competition at Springfield Technical Community College on Saturday, March 8, 2008. Students from this group who decided to do further work on their projects (as expected in order to go to the district competition) attended a special information and training session after school on January 28, 2008. Our thanks, once again, to Virginia Ahart for assisting at this

workshop. Mrs. Ahart is the Western Mass. coordinator for National History Day and has judged at all levels of the competition; we greatly appreciate her expertise.

Grade 8

[The Anglo-Irish Treaty](#) - **Molly Ronan**

[Battle of the Aleutian Islands](#) (web page) - **Jamie Flemming & Tyler Phillips**

[Battle at Thermopylae](#) - **Michael Helms**

[Birth of Rock and Roll](#) - **Jayna Labrie**

[Black Sox Scandal](#) - **Jeremy Lessard & Andy Batchelder**

[Elizabeth Blackwell](#) - **Caroline George & Rachel Scoble**

[Captors and Captives of the Deerfield Massacre](#) - **Julie Roberts & Alaina Belanger**

[The Civil War](#) - **Chris Bassett**

[D-Day](#) - **Jon Forance & Dimitrios Rizos**

[The 1863 New York Draft Riots](#) - **Scott Cournoyer**

[Japanese Internment Camps](#) (performance) - **Shelbie**

Bergeron & Devin McNulty

[Jazz Music: Harlem Renaissance](#) - **Emily Snyder & Casey**

Ostrowski

[Jeffery Amherst and Small Pox Blankets](#) (documentary) -

Mollie Clayton

[Jesse Owens](#) - **Shannon Diggins & Vicky Cooley**

[Pearl Harbor](#) - **Ben Korza**

[Peloponnesian War](#) - **Adam Munksa**

[Russian Jews: 1881-1917](#) - **Emily Larkin**

Alternates - Grade 8

[Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Atomic Bombings](#) - **Nathan**

Boutilier & Chris Durham

[King Henry VIII](#) - **Jonathan Wickman**

[Vietnam War Protest Songs](#) - **Peter Larsen**

[Women in WW II](#) - **Kayla Peters & Mary Hurley**

Honorable Mention - Grade 8

[The Boston Massacre](#) - **Caroline O'Leary**

[The Boston Tea Party](#) - **Haley Richard**

[Chicago Fire](#) - **Melanie Bachteler & Meghan Hurley**

[Women's Right to Vote](#) - **Katherine McKemmie & Sarah**

Whitely

[The Works Progress Administration](#) - **Janelle Gorman &**

Renee Picard

High School

[Berkley's Peace Movements of the 1960's](#) - **Megan**

Burgielewicz

[The Black Hills](#) - **Jonathan Hernandez**

[Rachel Carson](#) - **Kathleen O'Connor & Stacy Gillett**

[The Cuban Missile Crisis: On the Edge of Disaster](#) (web

page) - **John Childs, Kristopher L'Heureux, & Andrew**

LaFosse

[The Great Irish Famine](#) - **Alice Miller**

[Hiroshima](#) - **Alanna Johnson-Finn**

[Little Rock Nine](#) - **Stacie Coleman, Sarah Labrie, &**

William Brunelle

[Malcolm X](#) - **Alexander Rau, Matthew Dziok, &**

Christopher Hornby-Finch

[Mountain Park Amusement Park](#) - **Katelyn Bishop &**

Victoria Sieracki

[Northampton State Hospital](#) - **Alexa Wheeler, Samantha**

Brown, Ashley Quinn, & Shalli Sherman

[Pearl Harbor](#) - **Ashlee Mousette, Nicholas Peters, &**

Lauren McGrath

[Quabbin Reservoir](#) - **Jessica Reed**

[The Salem Witch Trials](#) - **Rachel Halpern & Bailly Morse**

[Thermopylae: The Battle That Changed the World](#) - **Adam**

Federman, Matthew Patterson, & Brendan Heath

[Vietnam War](#) - **Colin McKenna**

Women in the Military - Emily Munska
Women's Suffrage - Erica Sullivan
Honorable Mention - High School
The Indian Removal Act of 1830 (web page) - **Ashley Duggan**
Pacific POWs W.W.II - Jamison Wickman

Congratulations to all who participated in History Day this year. Good work to those going on to the District Competition.

Tonya Aitken
 History and Social Science Department Curriculum Coordinator
 HRHS History Day Coordinator

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS

Each year the Guidance Office sends an application to all seniors in which the students must fill out in order to apply for scholarships at Hampshire Regional. This application will be given out on March 3 to all seniors with a **return deadline date of April 1.**

It is important that seniors take the time to fill out this application. All seniors graduating from Hampshire Regional qualify for an award.

Please remind your student to fill out this important form and return to the Guidance Office before April 1.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Annual Photography Exhibit

Students of Photography I and Photography II will exhibit their work in at the Robert Floyd Gallery in Southampton. The exhibit will spotlight photographs created by our senior

IMPORTANT DATES

March

- 3 HR School Comm. 7PM Lib Media Center
- 4 PTSO Potluck 6-7PM
Gr. 6 Orientation 7-8PM Auditorium
Gr. 6 Internet Safety Program 7-8PM
- 5 Snow date for Mar. 4
- 6 Mandatory Meeting for Spring sports 6:30 Aud.
- 7 Snow date for Spring sports meeting
- 7 Prof. Dev. 1/2 Day, Dism. 11:00AM Per. 1,2,3,4
- 8 West. Mass. Dist. History Day Fair @ STCC
- 10 Progress Reports go home
- 14 & 15 Fiddler on the Roof 7:30 PM Auditorium
- 16 Fiddler on the Roof 2:00 PM Auditorium
- 17 Athletic Awards Night 6:30 Auditorium
- 19 School Council 4:30 Lib. Med. Center
- 19 PTSO 6:00 PM Lib. Med. Center
- 20 Academic Society Blood Drive 8:30-1:30 Aud.
- 21 Prof. Dev. ½ Day Dism. 11:00 AM Per. 1,2,3,4
- 31 Navigating the College Application Process
6:00 Auditorium

students. Each image presented is a one of a kind and carefully prepared piece of art. All images have been printed, matted, framed, and signed by the artist.

The Robert Floyd Photography Gallery continues to be a partner and supporter of the school's photo program. Graduates who have participated in our photography program have successfully continued their art studies at college, become photojournalists for college newspapers, found employment at a portrait studio, and continued as amateur photographers.

We would like to express our appreciation to "The Plant People" and **Margie Dunphy**. Their time and efforts resulted in a donation that has provided us with quality metal frames and glass for the student photography exhibit.

The HRHS Senior Photography Exhibit at the Robert Floyd Photography Gallery 2 East Street/College Highway (Route 10) in Southampton will take place April 1 to April 30. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday 1-6pm. Please join us for an opening reception on Sunday April 6.

Photographs are available for purchase. All proceeds of this show will go directly to the photography program and the artists. We look forward to another "No Prints Left Behind" event.

April

- 4 End of Quarter 3
- 7 HR School Committee 7PM Lib. Med. Center
- 9 Delayed start day, 10:42AM Per. 1,5,2,3
- 16 School Council 4:30 Lib. Med. Center
- 16 PTSO 6PM Lib. Med. Center
- 16 Jazz Night Concert 7PM Auditorium
- 17-20 Grad Nite Senior Class trip to Orlando, FL
- 21-25 Spring vacation

HRHS Library News

Tech Week at the HRHS Library

March 3-7 will be Tech Week in the HRHS Library. Technology is changing the way we find and use information. Tech Week at HRHS will demonstrate how to use recent technological innovations in a productive way in order to prepare students for the future. The week is part of a national initiative to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries. Activities will encourage teens and staff to use the library's non-print resources for education and recreation and show that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. There will be daily contests with prizes, the launch of the new library Web Site and blog, an after-school Guitar Hero contest on March 5 and many other activities that center around technology in the library.

A Library Commercial?

We have been collaborating with Laura Facticeau's *Business Information Technology Class* to produce commercials that will increase usage of the library. The project had a similar set up to Donald Trump's *Apprentice* show. Each team's commercial was viewed on February 26th and the winning commercial will be aired in homerooms during Tech Week.

Bookmark Contest

This year we had several entries in the bookmark contest sponsored by the Massachusetts School Library Association. The three winners of our contest here at HRHS are Kayla Peters, Kayla Rice and Alaina Belanger. Their bookmark designs will be entered into the statewide contest. Honorable mention goes to: Nathan Boutilier, Mike Konarski, Caroline O'Leary, Lucas Prickett, Craig Schoen, and Dillon Zaengle. The statewide winner will be announced April 2, 2008.

Thank You

Our "Wish List" program is working! To date we have had over \$100 in donations from families to purchase books. Special thanks go the Antill and Federman families. Please consider a "Wish List" donation. It is a wonderful way to honor a special teacher.

We would also like to thank the Williamsburg Plant Sale and Easthampton Savings Bank for generous donations. The plant sale money is being used to purchase new fiction books and the donation from Easthampton Savings Bank will be used to purchase MP3 players and audio books to be used with the players.

GUIDANCE NEWS MARCH - APRIL 2008

WELCOME!

The guidance department would like to welcome two new guidance interns this semester. Ms. Emily Raybuck and Ms. Clare Toohey are currently in the second year of the graduate School Counseling Program at UMass. Ms. Raybuck will be at HRHS on Mondays and Ms. Toohey will be in the office on Fridays. They can be reached by email at hrguidintern@hr-k12.org or by phone at 527-7680 x4204.

COURSE REGISTRATION PROCESS

The process for course registration for 08-09 has begun! Teacher Recommendation Day was rescheduled for February 4th, after a snow day on February 1st. Guidance counselors have met with most of the 6th - 11th graders with the exception of a few make-ups. Before the end of the first week of March, a list of courses students registered for will be mailed home to parents/guardians. This will be the only opportunity to request any changes. Parents/guardians and students will have until March 14th to request any changes. *No changes will be made after this deadline unless there are extenuating circumstances.* It is important that parents/guardians and students do the necessary research now to ensure that students are signing up for the appropriate courses. Due to limited resources, it is critical that Dr. Connolly and department heads have accurate course sign-up counts so they will know how many sections of each course will run. Students and parents/guardians should talk to teachers now about courses offered for next year and research

course descriptions in the Program of Studies available online at www.hrhs.net. If you do not have internet access, please send your student to the guidance office to pick up a hard copy of the Program of Studies.

COLLEGE APP. PROCESS

Most seniors have completed the college application process for 07-08. The last step of the process for seniors includes writing thank you notes to individuals who wrote recommendation letters or helped with your student's 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. ***A grateful heart prevents a critical spirit.***

AND NOW THE PROCESS BEGINS FOR JUNIORS (AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES)

All juniors and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the "Navigating the College Application Process" workshop to be held on **Monday, March 31, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium**. Although geared toward juniors and their parents/guardians, the parents/guardians of any student in any grade who are interested in the college application process are invited to attend.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFO

Students interested in attending Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for the 2007-2008 school year were asked to submit applications to Mrs. Watkins by February 29th. In April students will have an interview workshop, as there is an interview portion to the application process.

CAREER EXPLORATION – FOR 9TH GRADERS

This is the fifth year the guidance department will facilitate important guidance curriculum for the three MCAS testing days March 25 - 27:

ALL 9th graders should plan to be at school for these events. Guidance research shows that there is a direct correlation between a student's academic success in high school and their ability to connect with a career path. Even if they change careers later, the motivation they find in the connection is extremely beneficial. If your 9th grader is not here for these events, they will certainly be missing out on an important facet of their education.

SAT's

Please note the date for the SAT's this spring:

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline
May 3, 2008	Apr. 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	Apr. 16, 2008

The best way to register is online at www.collegeboard.com. School code: 220722.

SUMMER SCHOOL POLICY

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. Exceptions may be made with the approval of the following: the teacher of the course that was failed, the curriculum coordinator of that department, the student's guidance counselor, and the principal. (To read the policy in its entirety, please refer to page 16 of the Student – Family Handbook found at www.hrhs.net.) If you would like information on summer school, you may contact

the guidance office in mid to late May.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES (G.P.A.) AND CLASS RANK

FYI - Grade point averages for juniors and seniors are computed after each semester and include only completed courses. GPA's are not computed for 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th graders.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

There are numerous scholarships that are given to HRHS students by local individuals and organizations. These scholarships range from \$20 to well over \$1000. Applications will be available March 3 in guidance and will be due to the guidance office by 2:15 p.m. on April 1, 2008.

SCHOLARSHIP APP. PROCESS

Because teacher recommendations mailed from guidance cannot be viewed by students, the following process should be followed for scholarship applications:

1. The student completes the scholarship application
2. The student should complete a records release form for scholarships available in the guidance office
3. The student gives the following to Ms. Monaghan in guidance:
 - The scholarship application
 - The records release form
 - Any accompanying materials the student would like sent with the scholarship application
 - A 9 X 12 envelope with 4 stamps addressed to the scholarship organization
4. All requests to the guidance office for scholarship materials including transcripts must be made at least 12 FULL SCHOOL DAYS prior to the deadline.