

# 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

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2008

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you know, throughout the year half days and delayed starts are scheduled. Professional development and state mandated trainings occur during these days. On our first delayed start day in September, the staff at Hampshire Regional gathered as departments and worked on their curriculum maps. The district wide half day in October found the Hampshire Regional staff analyzing MCAS results. Curriculum groups studied student scores to determine the strengths and weaknesses found in our curriculum as they related to the MCAS test. The groups developed action plans to address the areas of concern. Our second delayed start day in October focused on the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) evaluation and our two-year progress report related to our school's accreditation. In addition, we participated on mandated trainings on epi pens, food allergies and standard precautions. In December, our delayed start will include a presentation on prescription drug abuse among teenagers. These are all important trainings for our staff and we appreciate the time outside of the regular school day in order to participate in them.

Congratulations to the following seniors who were recently named to the 2009 National Merit Scholarship program. These students join 34,000 other commended students from across the country for their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry. They are **Sam Antill, Evan Baum, Jon Downing, Matt Furman, Ben Hanson, Cara Haxo, Katherine Himmelman, Alex Pilger, and Jonathan Whitley-Lederman.**

## AS SCHOOLS MATCH WITS

Tune in to WGBY-TV on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM to watch Hampshire Regional compete on As Schools Match Wits. **Ben Hanson, Matt Furman, Mike Boucher, and Jameson Wickman** will represent Hampshire Regional in our match against Ludlow High School.

## COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

### **Q. How many hours are required?**

**A.** 30 hours total are required for each student during their high school years. It is strongly suggested that the first fifteen hours be completed in grade nine. We have a community service coordinator (Mr. Casey) to work just with this grade. He will provide an introduction to the program, pre-approve all volunteer work, and collect all of the completed forms. Students typically work more independently to complete the balance of their community service hours sometime between tenth and twelfth grades. There is one community service coordinator (Ms. Elliott) to work with these upper class students.

### **Q. How long to get this done?**

**A.** In order to graduate from Hampshire Regional High School, you must have completed and documented thirty hours of community service by March of your senior year. Students seeking membership in the Academic Society must have their hours completed by September of their junior year.

### **Q. What kinds of things count as community service?**

**A.** Working in a homeless shelter, assisting with community-based youth sports, volunteering at the town offices or library, attending school committee meetings, helping with fund-raisers for charitable groups, tutoring, etc. The definition is fairly wide (see attached list of ideas) and if you have a suggestion, we are always willing to listen to it.

### **Q. What kinds of things do not count as community service?**

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.

**A.** Work done at home for your family (you should be doing that anyway), participation in religious services (other activities with your place of worship are okay, if they are community service oriented), baby-sitting and leaf-raking for the neighbors, work at "for profit" ventures (there are some exceptions to this, like hospitals), or activities from which you will benefit directly (ex. fund-raising for a trip somewhere).

These guidelines are general, and that is why we use a pre-approval system for community service credit. If you have something that you're not sure will count, be sure to have it approved before you try to use the hours toward your requirement. Ninth graders should have all community service pre-approved. It is important for older students, as well, to understand that service that is not pre-approved does not have to be accepted.

**Q. How do I get my community service pre-approved?**

**A.** Forms are available from Mr. Casey in room 1044, Ms. Elliott in room 2017, and the school website. You must fill in your name, date the service will be done, location, contact person and their phone number (contact person must be an adult supervisor - but NOT your parent), and nature of service (describe what you will be doing).

Ninth graders should show this form to Mr. Casey, discuss what you plan to do, and get his approval signature BEFORE you do the service. Older students are strongly encouraged to do the same with Ms. Elliott, since the only way to be sure you will get community service credit for an activity is to have it pre-approved. After finishing the service, have the adult contact person at the service site sign the form (on the "completed" line) and fill in the number of hours (full hours or half hours only). The contact name and phone number need to be legible in case we have questions about your community service. We also do "spot checks" on community service completion. Turn in your form as soon as the service is done (you don't have to wait until the deadline).

**Q. How will my community service hours be documented?**

**A.** All community service forms will be kept on file with the community service coordinators. Beginning in grade 11, "community service" will be listed as a class on your schedule and report card. When you have completed 30 hours, a grade of "pass" will appear, and a community service credit will be entered on your transcript.

**Q. Do students in dual enrollment or other early college programs have to complete this community service?**

**A.** Yes.

**Q. What happens to those who don't complete thirty hours of community service?**

**A.** It is important to remember that community service is a requirement that must be fulfilled, just like a class. If you do not complete your community service requirement, you will not graduate from Hampshire Regional High School.

**FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT**

Warren Smith's artwork has been accepted into a national juried ceramics competition in Minnesota. The "It's Only Clay" 2008 exhibit is a juried competition focusing on, and dedicated to, functional clay vessels. The annual exhibition is a collaboration sponsored by the Bemidji Community Art Center and Bemidji State University.

**Brittany Rice** from Southampton and **Caitlin Sarazin** from Williamsburg participated in the Robert Floyd Photo Gallery's "Nature in the Pioneer Valley" Photo Contest and they each earned awards in the "18 and under" category. The winning images were selected by the three contest judges and were put on display at the photography gallery in Southampton. Congratulations girls.

**PTSO NEWS**

The PTSO will be hosting a potluck dinner for seventh graders and their families on Thursday, November 13, from 6-8 PM in the school cafeteria. This is a follow-up to our very successful potluck dinner last spring that many families attended with their then-6th grade students. Come and meet your student's new Hampshire Regional friends. Blue team members should bring a main dish to share, and red team members should bring a side dish or dessert.

Also, the PTSO has a limited number of calendars left for the 2008-2009 school year. They are beautiful and full-color that contain 13 samples of student art work, and list all of the important school dates (vacations, late starts, report cards, etc.). They are available in the main office for \$10 each.

The Hampshire Regional PTSO meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 PM in the school library. You can check out the school website for more details. This is your organization, please get involved.

## **UPDATE FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE**

We have been enjoying getting to know the students and their families so far this year. Health screenings will begin in the near future. More information will be sent home with students. Our school physician, Dr Pillard, will be available at the high school on November 12<sup>th</sup> for sports physicals. If your student does not have a current physical, please call the nurse's office as soon as possible to make an appointment. Please note, there are limited appointments available. If at any time you have a question or concern regarding your student's health, feel free to contact us.

HRHS is looking for registered nurses who would like to sub at the high school. The rate is \$20 per hour. Send letters of interest to Superintendent's Office, 19 Stage Road. Westhampton 01027.

Cyndy Domina RN BSN and Mary Price RN

## **ALL-NIGHT SKATE**

The class of 2010 is hosting the third annual "All-Night Skate" for HRHS Juniors & Seniors at Interskate 91 (Hampshire Mall, Hadley, MA) on Monday, November 10, 2008 10:00 p.m. to Tuesday, November 11, 2008 6:00 a.m. There is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday—Veteran's Day. Details and permission slips went home the week of October 14, 2008. Questions—contact Ms. Barut @ 413-527-7680 ext. 2039 or [tbarut@hr-k12.org](mailto:tbarut@hr-k12.org).

## **CLASS OF 2010 NEWS**

Our fall fundraiser—the magazine drive earned the class about \$1400—not bad considering our tough economic times. This will help us towards planning a fantastic prom. Every year the junior class hosts the prom. This year's prom will be on Friday, May 8, 2009, at Tekoa Country Club, Westfield, MA. Our prom committee has already been meeting to start our busy work.

Class dues are \$40 this year, and are due by Monday, December 1, 2008.

## **FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

### **Assessment of Atlantic Salmon in Sodom Brook**

On October 7, 2008, Connecticut River Watershed Team Leader, Dr. Caleb Slater, visited Hampshire Regional High School to demonstrate electrofishing to Ms. O'Brien's ninth grade environmental science classes. Last spring, approximately 30 HRHS students volunteered their time to help raise Atlantic salmon fry in the classroom and then stock them into Sodom Brook and the Manhan River. Electrofishing allows researchers to determine survival rate of the stocked salmon and fish species diversity. For the last 8 years, HRHS students have participated in this program and Dr. Slater has kindly demonstrated electrofishing to the students each fall. This year we caught one and two year-old salmon, brown trout, brook trout, and a naturally occurring hybrid tiger trout. This year students will again raise salmon in the classroom and will have the opportunity to volunteer to stock salmon fry in April and earn community service hours. Please see Ms. O'Brien if you are interested.



## YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbooks are still for sale for \$30 for the middle school yearbook and \$72 for the high school yearbook. After Halloween, the prices increase to \$35 and \$78. Checks should be made payable to Hampshire Regional High School and put in Ms. Facteau's mailbox in an envelope with the student's name on it and the name of their homeroom teacher.

Ads for seniors need to be purchased before December 12, 2008. All text and photos must accompany payment. Checks should be made payable to Hampshire Regional High School and sent to Laura Facteau. 1/4 page ads are \$110.00, 1/2 page ads are \$140.00, and full-page ads are \$200.00.

Attention all students. There is a new column in the yearbook. It is called "Ask Rose Ann." It is a column in the yearbook where students will submit a question or a situation where advice is needed. It is completely anonymous, and you can tell Rose Ann if you would like it to appear in the yearbook. You can do this simply by emailing to [roseannhrhs@gmail.com](mailto:roseannhrhs@gmail.com) or by dropping your question in a box in Ms. Facteau's room.

Thank you  
Yearbook Staff

## WINTER COTILLION COMING SOON

The 2009 Winter Wonderland Cotillion will be held at the Northampton Clarion on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 6-10 p.m. Only students in grades 10-12 are allowed to attend. Students who plan to bring a student from another school **MUST** get a permission form from Ms. Facteau or Mr. Folta. The form must be filled out and include a photograph of the guest, signed by a parent or guardian and approved by Mr. Folta **before** a ticket can be purchased. Tickets will be on sale in Ms. Facteau's room from Monday, December 8th until Tuesday, December 23rd **ONLY**. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Semi formal dress is required. Munchies will be served.

## BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Laura Facteau in the Technology Department has a bus reserved to take Hampshire staff, families and friends to New York City on Valentine's Day. It is the Saturday that starts our February vacation. The bus will leave the Hampshire parking lot at 6 a.m. and we will be dropped off in Times Square. People will be on their own for the day to shop, explore, visit museums, see a show, whatever. We are scheduled to leave the city at 5:00 p.m. We will make a dinner stop at the Danbury Mall on the way home. They have a nice food court and it is at the half-way point. Seats on the bus are \$40 per person. Checks should be made payable to Laura Facteau and sent to her at the high school at 19 Stage Road, Westhampton, MA 01027. Seats are being sold on a first come first served basis. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Email Laura Facteau with any questions at [lfacteau@hr-k12.org](mailto:lfacteau@hr-k12.org).

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES

Greetings from the Athletic Department. We are wrapping up one season and preparing to enter another. Prior to a season there is a lot to take care of, not only on the part of the Athletic Director and coaches but also on the part of the prospective athletes and their parents.

The most important thing for anyone before they try out for a team is to be sure that they have a valid physical and that it is on file in our Nurse's office. Any physical done after Nov. 1st, 2007, is considered within the time frame for a valid physical for winter sports participation. If you're not sure of the date of your last physical, please check with Mrs. Domina, our school Nurse, or your physician. Our school doctor will once again be giving sports physicals for those who need them on Nov. 12. Please contact Mrs. Domina in the Nurse's office to set up an appointment. There are a limited number of slots available.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

On November 6<sup>th</sup> a pre-season meeting will be held for students trying out for winter sports. We ask that a parent accompany their child to this meeting. Important rules and regulations will be presented by the Athletic Director at 6:30 in the auditorium. At the conclusion of that presentation coaches from the following sports will be available for information concerning their specific programs including try-out dates and times and coaches expectations: Boys' and Girls basketball, wrestling, skiing and cheerleading. Also offered during the winter season, in cooperation with Easthampton High School, are swimming and ice hockey. These sports are available only to students in grades 9-12. Meetings about these programs will be held at another time decided by EHS.

## **LET'S CELEBRATE**

November 25<sup>th</sup> – save the date. On this date we celebrate the athletes from all of our fall sports. At 6:30, athletes, family and friends are asked to gather in the auditorium to listen to highlights of the season. Coaches will present a few special awards followed by refreshments in the cafeteria. Athletes in grades 7-10 are asked to bring a dessert to the cafeteria prior to the awards program. Beverages will be provided by the Booster Club. Following refreshments, each team will meet separately to give out their remaining awards. We hope you can join us.

As always, competitive schedules can be found on [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) or through our own website [www.hrhs.net](http://www.hrhs.net). Click on “Athletics” and there will be a drop-down menu. Click on “Seasonal Schedules” and you should find the information regarding Hampshire Regional sports.

## **NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR ENCLOSED**

**Attached you will find a revised school calendar to replace the one that was sent home the first day of school. Please note that we have included the times for arrivals and dismissals for half days and delayed start days for the rest of the school year.**

**Thank you from the Main Office**

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 3 HR School Committee 7PM Lib. Med. Center
- 4 No School – Election Day
- 5 MCAS ELA Comp. Retest
- 6 MCAS ELA Reading Comp. Retest
- 6 Pre season winter sports mtg. 6:30 PM Aud.
- 7 MCAS ELA Reading Comp Retest
- 7 End of Quarter 1
- 8 Western Mass. Cross Country meet Northfield Rec. Ctr.
- 11 No School – Holiday
- 12 MCAS Math Retest Session 1
- 12 Sports physicals (appointments necessary)
- 13 MCAS Math Retest Session 2
- 13 PTSO Potluck 6-8 PM Caf.
- 15 Black & White Dance 7-10PM Gymnasium
- 15 Cross Country State Championship meet
- 19 School Council 3:00 Principal’s office
- 19 PTSO 4:15 Lib. Med. Ctr.
- 19 Fall music concert 7PM Aud.
- 21 Middle School Dance 7-9PM Caf.
- 25 Fall Sports Awards 6:30 Aud.
- 26 Dismissal 11:00 AM Per. 1,2,3,7
- 27-28 No School Thanksgiving break

### **DECEMBER**

- 1 HR School Committee 7PM Lib. Med. Center
- 3 Financial Aid Seminar 6-7:30pm Aud.
- 3 Sophomore Ring Breakfast Per. 1 Caf.
- 4-5 Drama production 7PM Aud.
- 11 Dismissal 11AM Per. 1,2,3,6
- 17 Delayed Start School starts 10:42 AM  
Periods 1,5,2,3
- 17 3:00 School Council Principal’s office
- 18 Holiday Concert 7PM Aud.
- 19 Middle School Dance 7-9PM Caf.
- 24-Jan. 2 Holiday vacation
- Jan. 5 School resumes

# HRHS GUIDANCE NEWS

## NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2008

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### **MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

The School Counseling Department at HRHS is committed to assisting all students in acquiring the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to become effective students, responsible citizens, productive workers, lifelong learners, and individuals who demonstrate the person/social skills needed to relate effectively to self and others. The comprehensive school counseling program is an integral part of the school's total mission providing opportunities to all students to reach their maximum potential in the personal, social, academic, and career competencies necessary to function and contribute in a multicultural and changing society. We believe that these ideals can be accomplished through the combined efforts of students, counselors, staff, parents/guardians, and community working together.

### **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF**

This is a reminder that Patti Richmond is the new guidance coordinator and Jeanne Thompson is the newest member of our guidance department.

**Patti Richmond:** A – F (prichmond@hr-k12.org)

**George Gunn:** G – Labrie (ggunn@hr-k12.org)

**Jeanne Thompson:** Lac – Z (jthompson@hr-k12.org)

**Katie Watkins:** grades 7 – 8 (kwatkins@hr-k12.org)

**Leslie Giordano:** School Psychologist and Adjustment Counselor (lgiordano@hr-k12.org)

**Jan Sniffen:** Adjustment Counselor (jsniffen@hr-k12.org)

**Maureen Monaghan:** Administrative Assistant ([mmonaghan@hr-k12.org](mailto:mmonaghan@hr-k12.org))

### **HRHS Guidance: 413-527-7680 x2**

High school counselors are in the process of meeting individually with seniors to discuss post-graduation plans and assist with the college application process. In late September, high school counselors met with all 9<sup>th</sup> graders in their World History classes to introduce themselves and provide an orientation to guidance services. In addition, counselors will be meeting with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders individually for check-ins. Counselors will meet individually with juniors in the spring during the scheduling process. Katie Watkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor, met with all 7<sup>th</sup>

graders in their team classes in September and will meet with all 7<sup>th</sup> graders individually before the end of the school year. She will also meet with all 8<sup>th</sup> graders individually in the spring during the scheduling process. As always, if students have questions, concerns or a specific need, they are encouraged to make an appointment to see their counselor.

### **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION**

In November, an admissions counselor from Smith Vocational will come in to meet with interested students. *Students interested in vocational high school for the 2009-2010 school year will need to fill out a budget form before the December school vacation.* Please have them see Mrs. Katie Watkins in the third floor Guidance Office to pick up a Budget Form. If your child is planning on applying to Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School for next year, the Superintendent must be made aware of that fact before adopting next year's budget. Because the budget adoption date of your local school committee varies each year, it is vital that you inform the office of your intentions early enough so as to avoid the cut off date which would come any time after January 1. The Superintendent's Office is notified of your intention when you complete and turn in the Budget Form to Mrs. Watkins. More information will follow in upcoming announcements.

### **GUIDING GOOD CHOICES**

The HRHS School Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist are now presenting *Guiding Good Choices* to 13 families from our regional school district. *Guiding Good Choices* is a 5 session program for parents who want to learn and do more to reduce the risk of their children developing drug or alcohol problems, or other serious problem behaviors as teenagers. For more information, or to see about participation in a future offering of this program, contact Jan Sniffen or Leslie Giordano at HRHS.

### **TECH PREP**

Tech Prep assists students in developing an academic and career pathway as well as an Individual Career Plan. Students in Tech Prep have the opportunity to go to a Leadership Conference and a Career Day at HCC. Students also have the option to participate in early college placement testing at HRHS. Another option is *Articulation Agreements* with HCC and STCC which

earn students free college credits through high school courses.

Programs at HRHS include:

1. Graphic Design (must take Graphics I and II)
2. Electronic Media (must take at least 3 electives such as Web Page, Video Production, Photo I, or Graphics I)
3. Business Administration: (must take at least 3 electives: BIT, Accounting, or Entrepreneurship or Sports Marketing)
4. Entrepreneurship: (must take Entrepreneurship and at least 2 electives: BIT, Accounting, or Sports Marketing)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS AND SENIORS:**

*FINANCIAL AID NIGHT*

A Financial Aid Seminar geared toward seniors and their parents/guardians will be held **Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the HRHS Auditorium** (with a snow date of Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>). Although geared toward seniors and their parents, **all** students and parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Ms. Elizabeth Petri, the Director of Financial Aid at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, will be our guest presenter for this workshop.

***COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS***

Patti Richmond, Jeanne Thompson, and George Gunn met with the senior class on September 16<sup>th</sup> to go over the procedures for the college application process. A packet with valuable information was given to each senior. If you would like a copy of the packet, please contact the guidance office. The most important detail to be aware of at this time is that seniors must request any materials that need to be sent from Guidance (transcript, letter of recommendation from the Guidance Counselor, etc.) a minimum of 12 FULL school days before the deadline. In addition, each student requesting a recommendation from their Guidance Counselor must schedule an appointment with their guidance counselor before that 12 day deadline. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

***Upcoming College Application Deadlines:***

<b><u>College App. Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Guidance Deadline</u></b>
November 1	October 15
November 15	October 24
December 1	November 5
December 15	November 19
January 1	December 3
January 15	December 16
February 1	January 12

February 15

January 28

Your student will be receiving a postcard in homeroom notifying him/her when his/her application materials have been mailed from guidance. If you are notified by the college that they are missing transcripts, recommendation letters, etc., please call the college and ask them to visibly check your student's file. Guidance documents the mailing of all application materials. If you call Ms. Monaghan, the guidance administrative assistant, she can tell you exactly when the materials were mailed. *PLEASE Note: Each student will be responsible for mailing VIA THE POST OFFICE OR ONLINE their college application, fees, essays, and activity resume to each college.*

***SAT***

Please note the following dates with accompanying registration deadlines for upcoming SAT tests:

<b><u>Test Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadlines</u></b>
Dec. 6, 2008	Nov. 5, 2008
Jan. 24, 2009	Dec. 26, 2008
Mar. 14, 2009	Feb. 10, 2009
May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009
June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009

The best way to register is online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). You will need the school code to register: 220722.

***WEBSITE***

Please be sure to check the HRHS website on a regular basis to keep up to date on what's happening in Guidance. You'll find the latest on the college application process, upcoming events, college representative visits to HRHS, scholarships, etc. Go to the Guidance menu at the top of the website screen and click on Up-Coming Events for the latest information; click on the College-Bound link under Guidance to get to the Scholarships page. We have also uploaded many forms and articles concerning the college application process. Please print out the PARENT BRAG SHEET and send it to your student's guidance counselor for their college folder.

***NEW SENIOR PARENT EMAIL GROUP***

High school guidance counselors are putting together a group email for parents/guardians of seniors as a pilot to increase communication. The group will be used to inform families of upcoming events and other important information. If you would like to be added to this group or to confirm the email address the school has on record,

please email Maureen Monaghan, Guidance Administrative Assistant at [mmonaghan@hr-k12.org](mailto:mmonaghan@hr-k12.org).

### ***THE COLLEGE ESSAY***

On October 9, Ms. Thompson facilitated a College Application Essay Workshop after school in the Career Center, aimed especially at students applying for early decision/early action. Ten seniors attended and discussed what admissions counselors are looking for in the essay, analyzed sample essays, brainstormed topics, and received information designed to help alleviate the "fear" in the process! One student reported, "I haven't started my essay yet, but this meeting gave me some good ideas." Seniors also work on the essay in-depth in their World Literature classes.

## **HRHS Library News**

### **New Databases**

This year the HRHS Library has acquired the Facts on File suite of online databases. These research resources are accessible both at school and at home. The web address is:

<http://www.fofweb.com> and the username and password are both hrhs.

We have chosen Facts on File for their ease of use as well as the broad range of topics they cover. Databases include: American History, Ancient and Medieval History, Modern World History, World Atlas, Health Reference Center, Bloom's Literary Reference Online, World News Digest, Issues and Controversies and Today's Science. The reference sources contained in the databases are reliable and age appropriate for middle and high school students and an excellent place to start researching instead of just "Googling."

### **History Day Research**

Eighth and tenth graders have visited the library to begin their History Day research. The school-wide competition is scheduled for December 3rd. This year's theme is "The Individual in History." Students have been shown how to access the databases and search the HRHS Library catalog for material to use for their projects. The town libraries in the district have been notified about this year's theme and are expecting students looking for information. We are also happy to help students find material through the public library system and order the material through interlibrary loan.

### **SAB News**

The HRHS Library Student Advisory Board had its first meeting of the school year in early October. The discussion focused on plans for upcoming programs and how the group can best serve the library. The students had some great ideas for events that will take place in the library this year. Any student interested in becoming a member is welcome to attend the next meeting in November or ask Mrs. Belanger for more information.

### **Wish List**

Please consider selecting a title from the HRHS Library Wish List to donate to the school library. The list can be viewed online by going to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and using the pull down menu for "Gifts & Wish Lists" on the blue toolbar at the top of the page and typing "Hampshire Regional" into the search box. You may also call or email Mrs. Belanger for a copy of the list. Individuals are free to purchase the titles from any bookseller or to simply send a check to the library made out the HRHS Library Wish List indicating which titles they would like to purchase for the library or leave the choice up to the library. Last year we had several generous donations from the wish list.

### **Grants**

This fall the HRHS Library received two grants; one was from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and the other from the Picturing America Program. The Community Foundation grant will help fund the Facts on File databases, specifically the World Atlas database. Students will use the atlas to find up-to-date information on different states and countries. The Picturing America grant was offered through the National Endowment of the Humanities. The HRHS Library received 36 large-format art reproductions for use as a teaching tool in classrooms and display in the library.

