

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter

September/October 2007

From the Principal

As we work to prepare our September/October 2007 newsletter, the custodians are cleaning, waxing, and polishing every nook and cranny of the building; supplies for the new school year are being delivered and distributed; and new staff members are being hired. All of us at HRHS are preparing for the new school year. Come September, everything will be in place to allow for a successful year. Working together, Hampshire Regional students, parents, and personnel can make this a great year.

Since our last newsletter, the 2007 – 2008 budget was passed in four of the five towns. We still wait for the results of an override vote in Southampton scheduled for September 10. Thank you to all the citizens in the five towns who went to town meetings and supported our budget. As a result of your continued support, we will be able to restore a portion of a teaching position lost in the 2003 budget cycle. Thanks to your continued support in the past four years we have been able to incrementally restore teaching positions and build courses and programs that meet the needs of our secondary student population. This is no easy task in the current fiscal climate.

We had several staff position openings this summer, and we are once again fortunate to have a large number of qualified candidates looking to work at Hampshire Regional. We have hired several new teachers who will be fine additions to our already strong faculty. Two of the positions filled were for two retirees. It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to social studies teacher Bruce Wickman and math teacher Deb Kirk. We are happy to see them move on to the next phase in their life's journey but sorry to lose two educators who served our school community so well.

Nicole Rainville comes to us from Ware Middle School where she taught 5th grade math and science. She will be filling the position left by Deb Kirk in middle school math. **Chris Butler** is not an unfamiliar face around Hampshire. He temporarily subbed first semester last year for Amy Cyr while she was on maternity leave and second semester for Pam Sartori after she retired in January. Now Chris has

been hired to teach social studies for retiree Bruce Wickman. **William Broaddus**, one of two new science teachers, has been hired to fill the position left by retiree

Pam Sartori. Billy comes to us from the northern Virginia public school system where he taught biology. Billy will also be coaching boys JV soccer. **Kira Jewett** will teach middle school science. Kira has worked as a naturalist for the Earth Work Programs. **Courtney Cottrell** will teach ninth grade English. Courtney comes to us from Gilboa-Conesville Central School in Gilboa, NY where she taught high school English. We welcome our new faculty.

This year promises to be a busy school year as we continue our work to fulfill the New England Association of Schools & Colleges recommendations from their March 2006 visit. Making the recommendations in the report a reality at Hampshire will be a major focus of our work this year.

We are excited about several new initiatives this year. The Learning Center (TLC), where students can access tutorial support from their peers, will be up and running during the school day. We are also continuing to pilot an internship program for upperclassmen. Students participating in an internship experience are linked with professional adults in our community in order to learn about professions on site. For example, this past school year we had a student placed in Cooley Dickinson Hospital who was able to view open-heart surgery in the operating room. Internships allow our students educational experiences beyond our campus and help them to prepare for the transition for life after Hampshire Regional. We are also preparing to unfurl our Lap Top initiative later in the first semester.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the coming school year. After the long summer break, we hope that everyone is rested and ready to work together to make the 2007 – 2008 school year the best year we can.

Celebrating Teaching and Learning

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

Congratulations to our very own sophomore writer **Bailly Morse**, who published her first novel *Fortune's Flight*.

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.

Bailly wrote and illustrated this young adult, historic adventure.

All six applications made by Hampshire Regional educators to the Hill Town Trust Mini-Grants program at the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts were awarded. The recipients were science teacher **Thomas Smith** for the *Water Rocket Project*; librarian assistant **Jessica Rigollaud** for audio books; science teacher **Shelley Seymour** for Biotechnology – DNA Analysis; science teacher **Tara O'Brien** for the Connecticut River Valley Field Trip; science teacher **Nathaniel Smith** for the Middle School Science Fair; and librarian **Anita Goddard** for Culture Grams. Thank you to the donor, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, for their continued support of teaching and learning at Hampshire Regional.

School Council

The Hampshire Regional School Council meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Library Media Center. Community members are encouraged to attend and participate. The Council is responsible for developing our school improvement plan. A major focus of our work this year will be to use the results from the student surveys and the NEASC recommendations to revise our school improvement plan. The first Council meeting for the 2007 – 2008 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th. All students, parents, and faculty are invited to attend.

Reorganization

In an effort to better serve our middle school students, faculty, and staff, assistant principal Maureen Ecclestone, guidance counselor Katie Watkins, adjustment counselor Jan Sniffen, and administrative assistant Sue Staples are moving to the third floor where middle school students, faculty, and staff spend the majority of their school day.

School Picture Day

School pictures will be taken by Grynn and Barrett Studios at the school on Friday, September 14, 2007. These pictures are used to make your student's identification cards and are also used as their picture in the yearbook. Seniors may NOT use these photos for their senior picture in the yearbook as they will not make it to the school in time for the deadline.

Hampshire Regional PTSO Parents, Teachers and Students Working Together for a Better School

The Hampshire Regional PTSO generally meets on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year in the evening in the school's Library Media Center. Our goals are to support existing HRHS programs; to cultivate connections with the district's elementary schools; to encourage more community use of the school building; and to foster a closer working relationship between HRHS and its member communities.

2006-07 was our first complete year of operation, and we experienced several important successes. In November, we hosted a potluck dinner so that seventh graders, their families and their teachers could get to know each other.

In May, the PTSO co-sponsored, along with the School Council and Peer Educators, an alcohol awareness event for parents. We have begun work on a school directory, similar to what some of the district's elementary schools have, to support connections among Hampshire Regional parents and families (see below). Finally, we have raised \$6,000 in grant money that will fund a school musical in March 2008.

New members are always welcome. For information go online to www.hrhs.net and click on "PTSO". This is your organization-get involved.

Attention: Middle School Parents,

In response to parent requests, the PTSO is compiling a directory of middle school students and families to be shared among the seventh and eighth grade classes. It is hoped that this will eventually be expanded to also include the high school grades.

If you wish to be included, please send us your name and address, telephone number, your student's name, and grade and return it to the school to the attention of the PTSO.

Yearbook News

Attention Seniors: The deadline to turn in a picture for the senior section is Friday, September 28, 2007. Seniors who had their portraits taken at Grynn and Barrett Studios over the summer and have chosen their portrait do not need to submit one to the yearbook staff. The studio will deliver one for you. No hats, halter tops, bare shoulders, costume makeup, sunglasses or writing on shirts will be allowed in the senior portrait section of the yearbook. Information for the Senior Index is also due on September 28th.

Sales-The 2008 Cinquefoil yearbook staff is proud to announce that BOTH BOOKS ARE ALL COLOR THIS YEAR. We are offering you the opportunity to buy a yearbook for your student now at a reduced price.

The **Middle School** yearbooks have the photos of all of the seventh and eighth graders and JV sports teams and middle school clubs. It is a hard cover book. The price for the middle school book is \$35.00. After October 31, 2007 they will be \$40.00 and will be available on a first come first served basis until they are gone. **No extra books can be ordered if we run out.** Ordering one now gets you the better price.

The **High School** yearbooks contain everything that the Middle School book has plus pictures of the upperclassmen and staff, Varsity sports teams and high school clubs, special features, the senior section with the seniors' portraits, Prom and Halloween and much more. The High School yearbook is a hardcover book. The High School yearbook is **\$68.00**. **ONLY** seniors who buy their book before October 31, 2007 will have their names printed on

the front. After October 31, 2007, they will be \$72.00 and will be available on a first come first served basis until they are gone. **No extra books can be ordered if we run out.** Buy yours now!

The deadline to order these books at the reduced rate is Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Please make checks payable to **Hampshire Regional High School** and turn them in to Ms. Facteau in 1094 or mail them to: Hampshire Regional High School
Attn.: Laura Facteau
19 Stage Road
Westhampton, MA 01027

Parent Yearbook Ads

I know it is hard to believe, but your little ones are now seniors. If you have seen a Hampshire Regional yearbook you know that the parents of seniors buy personal ad space in the back of the book to congratulate their graduates. The space is filled with a combination of photos and text (song lyrics, poems, famous quotes, personal messages). Ads can be as small as a quarter of a page or as large as a full page. The ads are kept confidential until the yearbooks are passed out at the Senior Banquet in June. Any photos you submit will be returned to the students that night. Photos can be actual photographs or placed on a CD. The seniors love to see ads from you in the back of the book. That is usually the first place they look when they receive their book. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to show your support for your student, the senior class and for the yearbook.

All you have to do is sketch out what you would like your ad to look like, tell us what picture goes where, what you would like to say, and the size of the ad. We will do the rest.

The deadline to purchase a personal ad at our **Early Bird Prices is September 1, 2007.** After September 1st, the prices will increase by \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to Hampshire Regional High School and sent to:
Hampshire Regional High School
19 Stage Road
Westhampton, MA 01027
Attn: Laura Facteau

Ad Sizes	Price After 9-1-07
Full Page	\$185.00
Half Page	\$125.00
Quarter Page	\$95.00

PLEASE note that the deadline for all ads to be submitted is **December 14, 2007.** No ads will be accepted after this date. There are no exceptions. This is my deadline with our yearbook company to determine how many pages I need. I cannot change that number after December 14, 2007. Do not miss out.

Laura Facteau, Yearbook Advisor
527 7680 ext. 1094
lfacteau@hr-k12.org

Grad Nite News

It is not too late to sign up for this year's trip to Florida. See Ms. Facteau for a registration packet NOW. Ms. Lech and I have many fundraising opportunities for you to help pay for the trip. Start thinking about your roommates. Four students share a room. The dates for this year's trip are April 17-20, 2008. World Strides has offered us a second water park pass. We will be going to Blizzard Beach as soon as the plane lands in Orlando.

Class of 2008 News

Get ready for the first-ever Junior Mister Pageant on November 30th. Hampshire's senior boys will be competing in the areas of talent, song and dance, oral interview and fashion. Winners will receive \$100 and a \$100 donation to their favorite charity. More details will be coming, but mark your calendars now.

Start planning those Halloween costumes for the Senior Dress Up on October 31, 2007. Prizes and food will be provided.

Seniors are responsible for purchasing their own yearbooks this year. Books are \$68 before Halloween and then \$72. If you order before the October 31 deadline, we will print your name on the cover. Books are all color this year and this year's mostly senior staff promises you an amazing book. Order yours now.

Middle School Dances

The first Middle School dance this year will be sponsored by Grad Nite 2008. It will be September 14, 2007 from 6:30 – 9:00 in the cafeteria. Tickets are only sold at the door and the cost is \$7.00. Parents, please plan to be here to pick up your students at 9:00 sharp. Do not wait for students to call you when the dance is over to come get them. The dances end at 9:00 and students are released at that time. If students are picked up late, they are not allowed to come to the next dance.

Mark your calendars! This year's Middle School Dance dates for 2007 are:
September 14, 2007
October 12, 2007
November 9, 2007
December 7, 2007

Technology News

Students enrolled in Ms. Facteau's high school technology classes, Mr. Cavallon's Business classes and members of the Yearbook Staff have an amazing opportunity this fall. On October 3, 2007. Ms. Facteau will be taking a King Ward Bus to New York City. The first stop is the incredible Apple Store on 5th Avenue to check out the latest Apple technology and gadgets. Next, is a tour of NBC Studios; home of the Today Show, Dateline NBC and Saturday Night Live. We will then have lunch at Planet Hollywood with a choice of hamburger, cheeseburger, chicken sandwich, Caesar salad with chicken or pasta with tomato sauce, beverage and dessert. Finally, we will walk over to

the Brooks Atkinson Theatre to see GREASE on Broadway starring the winners of "You're the One That I Want". The total price is \$140. Only students in these classes and the yearbook staff will be joining us. Seats are limited and are selling fast so please sign up today. Checks can be made payable to Hampshire Regional High School and sent to: Hampshire Regional High School
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FBLA JR (Middle School)

FBLA Jr. is an open club for any 7th or 8th grade boy or girl. The club meets once a month. The club does the middle school fundraising for local charities and the club. We also organize the end of the year Middle School Semi-Formal.

Please listen to announcements in September for when our first meeting will be or see Ms. Streker or Ms Rose for questions.

Student Council Corner

Student Council started off the year already hosting tours at the end of August for new students and seventh graders. I would like to welcome all our new Student Council members to our group. This year we are including all class officers and student council members to the student council group. We will be meeting every day for homeroom in room 3015 and we also meet at least twice a month to plan and organize school wide events and local charity drives. Please watch future newsletters for our events each month.

Any Freshmen who would like to run for a class office or student council needs to attend a mandatory meeting on September 19th to sign up for nomination papers and find out the procedures for election. Any questions, please see Ms Rose in room 3015 or email me at krrose@hr-k12.org .

Elections will be held in early October. Please listen for announcements for further information.
Kimberly Rose
Student Council Advisor

Academic Society

The Academic Society induction, which usually takes place in the spring, will now take place this fall. Induction night will be October 16 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

News from the Booster Club

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL HRHS ATHLETES
The Booster Club's annual wrapping paper fundraiser will kick off the first week of school. Look for your child's packet and please show your support of athletics by making this year's effort another great success.

ATTENTION FANS OF HRHS BASEBALL

There is a sub committee forming which is looking into upgrades needed for the baseball fields. We hope to have

our first meeting before the beginning of the school year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Tom & Claire Leveille at leveille1234@charter.net or call 568-1775.

ATTENTION SOCCER FAMILIES

As soon as the boys/girls varsity and JV teams have been selected, families of each player will be asked to work the snack shack during home soccer games. Ask your child if he/she has received a sheet showing which game(s) you are assigned to work or stop in at the shack to look at the sign up sheet. As always your help is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Bob Dragon and Tom Leveille for being voted Booster Club Members of the Year, 2006-2007.

NEW: Look for HRHS backpacks for sale at the Snack Shack and Food tables this year. They will be great gift ideas.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES

In order to ensure the snack shack is open for home meets, the Booster club is looking for one parent volunteer to open and close the Snack shack on those days when there is only a cross-country meet. If interested, please contact Barb Prickett @ 413-527-5799 prior to Sept. 10. Thank you.

EARN BONUS BUCKS FOR HRHS

Stop & Shop is once again able to offer parents the opportunity to assist Hampshire Regional High School in fulfilling its educational needs through our A+ BONUSBUCKSSM Program. This year's program, offered at select Stop & Shop stores will run from October 5th and will continue through April 3rd 2008. Each time a supporter shops using their **STOP & SHOP CARD**, Hampshire Regional will earn A+ BONUSBUCKSSM, which convert into **CASH** each month.

Stop & Shop Card holders may support HRHS to benefit from the A+ BONUSBUCKSSM Program by choosing the "Designate Schools" link from the menu on the web site or by completing a Designation Card at your participating Stop & Shop Customer Service Desk. Then every time you shop with your card between October 5th and April 3rd, HRHS will earn A+ BONUSBUCKSSM which are converted to cash and credited to your school's account. To ensure that HRHS earns proper A+ BONUSBUCKSSM credit, supporters must **(RE)DESIGNATE**. **Remember, even if you designated HRHS last year, you MUST re-designate this year.** This simple effort is the only step necessary for you to begin earning points for HRHS.

Thanks for your support.

Important Dates

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 4 Students return
- 11 Sophomore class meeting for Josten's rings
- 12 Delayed start day
- 14 School picture day
- 14 Middle School Dance 6:30 – 9:00 PM
- 19 School Council Meeting 4:30 Library
- 19 PTSO 6:00 PM Library
- 20 Open House

October

- 5 Progress Reports
- 8 Columbus Day – No School
- 12 Middle School Dance 6:30 – 9:00 PM
- 16 Academic Society Induction 7:00 PM Auditorium
- 17 Delayed Start
- 17 School Council Meeting 4:30 Library
- 17 PTSO 6:00 Library
- 25 – 27 Drama production 7:00 PM Library

GUIDANCE NEWS HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL August 2007

Welcome!

The guidance department would like to welcome two graduate interns who are in their third and last year of the school counseling program at UMass: Mandy Cheung and Nicole Fernald. In addition, we will have Jonna Sciacca, an intern adjustment counselor from Antioch New England Graduate School. Ms. Cheung completed her pre-practicum work with the guidance department at HRHS last year. All three interns will be working with your students in a variety of ways, adding to the quality of service we can offer. Ms. Cheung and Ms. Fernald will have a specific caseload of 9th grade students, providing students with helpful assistance during a critical transition year.

Please note a change in caseloads for the high school counselors:

Patti Richmond: last names A – Ka

George Gunn: last names Ke – Mi

Sally Masters: last names Mo - Z

Guidance looks forward to a wonderful year assisting your students with career/college, academic, personal, and social concerns.

Questions Regarding Teachers or a Class?

If you have questions/concerns about a specific course or teacher, please make contact with that teacher first and early. You can contact a teacher by calling 527-7680 or emailing. ***It is important that all initial questions be addressed to the teacher first before contacting guidance or administration.*** Email addresses will be available on the HRHS website.

Group Counseling

Guidance is again offering a group-counseling program at HRHS. The aim of these groups is to help students improve their interpersonal skills, learn self-responsibility, build self-esteem, and for many, increase their connections to peers and engagement with school. Group members typically represent all elements of the HRHS student body.

Group counseling has unique strengths due to the significance of peer interaction during the adolescent years. Through talking, listening, and

sharing various concerns that arise in their daily experiences at school, adolescents will learn to communicate, manage conflict and problem solve with greater success. Group counseling

experiences have had a significant impact on many students over the years as is reflected in the comments from previous group members:

“Group has been awesome. A safe place where anyone and everyone can voice their frustration and fears! It's nice to not feel alone with my struggles. I like to call it structured venting or venting with structure.”

“Group has been the best experience of my high school career thus far. It helped me deal with so many struggles and having Ms. G. and Mr. Sniffen has been great and helped me tremendously. Without them, I'd still be the little sad lonely girl I used to be.”

“Without group I wouldn't have been able to graduate. Group kept me alive and helped me deal with what life threw my way!”

These groups can be of great benefit to students who experience some level of difficulty managing the social and emotional experiences of middle and high school. If you feel your son or daughter would benefit from one of these groups or if you have any questions, contact please contact: Leslie Giordano, Adjustment Counselor/School Psychologist; Jan Sniffen, Adjustment Counselor; or Katie Watkins, Middle School Guidance Counselor

Group Options:

#1---**Middle School boys** who tend to be more isolated, seem to have few friends, perhaps lack social skills or are (potential) targets for bullying or harassment. The group is an opportunity to experience increased peer support and acceptance, make more or new connections and improve coping and social skills.

#2---**Middle School Girls** who would benefit from talking with same age peers about issues that can affect adolescent girls. Students may need assistance with learning how to voice feelings and concerns in a constructive and healthy way, form good relationships and increase responsibility for their choices in life.

#3---**High School girls and boys** who would benefit from, or be a benefit to, other students, (role models) for co-ed groups. Students who most benefit from this particular group model generally do not suffer from serious mental health issues, but need the support of a weekly skills based support group. The group is an

opportunity to experience increased peer support and acceptance, make more or new connections and improve coping and social skills. Role Models are students that are well liked and although they may have issues, have decent coping skills and could be a “draw” for other students.

Course Schedules

All students will receive a copy of their 2007-2008 schedule, complete with room numbers and teachers, in their homerooms on the first day of school. Homerooms are posted in the hallways.

Course Changes

Students will have until 2:30 p.m. on September 17th to make the following changes in their schedules:

- 1. To drop a course if they will still have 6.0 credits after the drop.**
- 2. To add a course to replace a study hall.**
- 3. To add a course if they have 6.0 credits, but wish to increase their load to more credits.**

Electives cannot be changed or added until the second week of school (beginning September 11th). The first week is dedicated to working with students who do not have complete schedules or who need to add core courses.

Students who wish to move up in course levels can also make that change up until 9/17. Students who wish to move down levels may do that at any time, but the sooner the better.

Please be aware that many classes are full. Thank you for helping us with this process!

College App. Process

Ms. Richmond, Mr. Gunn, and Ms. Masters will be holding a senior class meeting to go over the college application process on Wed., Sept. 26, 2007 at 7:50 a.m. If you were not able to attend the “Navigating the College Application Process Workshop” in the spring and would like to attend this, please feel free to do so. For up to date information on helpful college search events, please check the HRHS guidance website often. www.hrhs.net

PSAT's

Mark your calendars now! PSAT's will be given

to juniors on **Sat., Oct. 20, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** The test takes all morning. All HRHS students taking the test must take it on Saturday. Sophomores are welcome to take the test however, parents/guardians should be aware that for most 10th graders it can be very discouraging since the test includes a great deal of information that has yet to be covered by a student's sophomore year. The PSAT's do not necessarily serve as a good indicator for success on the SAT's for sophomores unless they have already covered the material.

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Interns: hrguidintern@hr-k12.org

SAT's

Please note the following dates for SAT registration this year:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>
Oct. 6, 2007 2007	Sept. 10,
Nov. 3, 2007	Oct. 2, 2007
Dec. 1, 2007 2007	Oct. 30,
Jan. 26, 2008	Dec. 5, 2007
Mar. 1, 2008 2008	Jan. 29,
May 3, 2008	Apr. 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008

It is recommended that all students take the SAT's twice. Research shows that taking the test a third time most likely will not increase scores and in fact, in most cases, students will see a lower score.

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

Contacting Guidance....

Please feel free to contact guidance staff by calling 529-2780 x 2 or by emailing:

Maureen Monaghan, Administrative Assistant
(mmonaghan@hr-k12.org)

Katie Watkins, Guidance Counselor, 7-8
(kwatkins@hr-k12.org)

Patti Richmond, Guidance Counselor, grades 9 – 12,

A – Ka (prichmond@hr-k12.org)

George Gunn, Guidance Counselor, grades 9 – 12,

Ke - Mi (ggunn@hr-k12.org)

Sally Masters, Guidance Coordinator. and Counselor, grades 9 – 12, Mo – Z (smasters@hr-k12.org)

Leslie Giordano, School Psych., Adj. Counselor
(lgiordano@hr-k12.org)

Jan Sniffen, Adj. Counselor (jsniffen@hr-k12.org)