

✦ Knightly News ✦

July/August 2008

Hollis Brookline Middle School

From the Administration



Frequently we hear the comment, "you work in the summer!" As HBMS administrators we are contracted for 12 months. Summer months provide a modified pace allowing us time to schedule details, organize new staff orientation, register new students, assign lockers thoughtfully, redesign ROCK activities, plan for our 7th grade orientation, review data and identify building goals for the upcoming year.

Attention this year will center on **Literacy**; reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking across all content areas. Just as we have embedded technology within each curricular area through the ICT Initiative, so we will with reading and writing. (Please see *Tips* from the *National Council of Teachers of English*.)

Please join us in welcoming the following **new staff** members:

Mrs. Kirsten Werne	Team McAuliffe Math
Mr. Leonid Gersgorin	Reading
Mr. William Hinkle	Band and General Music
Mrs. Pat Marquette	(2) Algebra
Mrs. Sue Nierendorf	Front Office Secretary

We have full confidence their content knowledge and compassion for young adolescents will only serve to enhance our program.

Our **Knightly Newsletter** is created for your information to include whole school news, team specific news, special events, and dates for future activities. This will be the only Knightly News mailed to your home. All future newsletters will be found on our website.

As a direct result of input to our **fundraising survey**, we have discontinued the magazine drive. (You still may order magazines directly on line. Please see the PTSA link.) In place of it we are sponsoring two fundraising activities; **Spirit Clothing** and the **New England Scrip**. Orders for Spirit Clothing and other spirit items will be taken three times during the school year: fall, Holiday time and early spring. Fridays have become SPIRIT DAY at HBMS. It is great fun to see a wall of blue and white everywhere in the building, staff and students alike! An order form has been included in this mailing to include specific descriptions of the items available. Please note the due date for fall orders will be **September 5th**.

More details will follow regarding the **SCRIP** fundraiser. Briefly, specific cards may be ordered for participating stores for the dollar to dollar value you want. For example I may purchase 100 dollars of Shaw's cards for 100 dollars. The percent of school profit for Shaw's is 3 percent. Each store, gas station, hotel or restaurant provides a different percent. We will pilot this program for the year and evaluate the success in June. Your participation will be the key. Please watch our website for monthly dates to order.

We will conclude with a few suggestions to help transition your child from summer months to the 08-09 school year. The organizational demands of middle school are different from elementary school. For some students, organizational skills come naturally, but for most they must be learned. Here are some ideas for how you can prepare.

Make Connections Good organizational skills can translate into more independence, less stress, more free time, better grades, and more self-confidence.

Organize Binders A binder is like a file cabinet carried all day to retrieve papers, homework, and information. Accessing materials quickly will be easier.

Calendar Of Events

August 20th — New Registration Orientation - 9-11:00 AM

August 27th — First Day of School—7th Grade ONLY:
12:00 Dismissal

August 28th — ALL STUDENTS

— Sports Tryouts (see article on page 2)

September 1st — No School—Labor Day

September 4th — Volunteer Orientation,
9:00—10:30 AM, Library

September 11th — Open House—Grade 7—6:45 PM

September 16th — Open House—Grade 8—6:45 PM

September 17th — School Pictures

September 24th — D.C. Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM, High
School Auditorium

October 13th — No School—Columbus Day

November 4th — No School—Teacher Workshop Day

November 11th — No School—Veterans Day

December 19th — Generations Parent/Student Workshop

Plan with your Agenda Each student will receive an agenda on the first day of school. It should be the one central place where homework is recorded daily.

Have a Study Buddy This person can be a great resource if you have been out sick, need a handout or class notes.

Create a Homework Space A specific place at home that is free from distractions such as people talking, TV and video games will help your child do their best work.

Be Proactive Encourage your child to take personal responsibility for seeing a teacher if s/he needs help, to follow up when absent or when s/he may have questions regarding a grade.

Read the Student Handbook Please take time to read together. Students will be held accountable for the content and both parent and student will be asked to sign a statement that the handbook has been read.

HBMS Website Please access regularly. Daily Student Announcements are posted so that you may read what your child hears. In addition it is a resource for teacher websites, updated information, reminders, valuable links, and more.

Without basic organizational skills, middle school students can be overwhelmed. We encourage you to take some time to help your student recognize and appreciate the benefits of good basic organizational skills.

We expect you will relax and enjoy the remaining weeks. Feel free to phone if we may answer any questions. We are anticipating a great year!

Patricia Lewis Goyette, Principal
Stephen Secor, Assistant Principal

Food Service Information

Ms. Liz Murray is our Head Cook at Hollis Brookline Middle School. Mrs. Amy Cassidy is the Food Service Director for the Hollis Brookline Cooperative District.



The Food Service Program operates on a prepayment system (as well as cash for purchase). If you would like to utilize the prepayment system you may send in a check with your student made out to **Hollis Brookline Hot Lunch**. **Please be sure to include your child's full name** and school ID# on the check. The money is deposited into the student's account and s/he is able to access it via their ID# at the register.

A full lunch is available for the cost of \$2.25. A lunch includes a main entrée, fruit, vegetable, bread/grain, milk, and dessert when available. Daily alternates include a variety of

sandwiches, salads and pizza.

Also available for purchase are bagels, yogurt, baked chips, granola bars, muffins, milk, water and a variety of other snacks.

Please note that if a student owes more than \$4.00, a cheese sandwich lunch will be provided in lieu of the main meal or alternate. At no time, is charging of snacks or beverages allowed.

We are always looking for substitute kitchen workers. If you are interested in working as a paid substitute, please call Amy Cassidy at 465-2269, etc. 245.

Lunch times are as follows:

11:42—12:10 (Grade 8)

12:30—12:58 (Grade 7)



Bus Safety

There are a number of expectations of students which should assure the safety of all persons while the school bus program is in operation. Please take a few moments to review the following with your child.

Students should comply with the following safety rules:

- 1) Remain at a safe distance from roadways at bus pick-up points. If necessary to cross a road, always walk in front of the bus.
- 2) Remain quiet and orderly while riding the bus.
- 3) Remain in their seats until destinations are reached, keeping aisles clear for possible emergency exiting.
- 4) Keep hands and objects inside the windows at all times.
- 5) HBMS students may choose seats within the first half of the bus.
- 6) Students may not eat or drink on the bus.
- 7) Alternate buses will only be allowed when maximum seating has not been reached. A note from home

that is also signed by administration must be presented to the bus driver. A signed note is also required to exit at a different stop.

- 8) Students may not board nor get off their bus at the high school.
- 9) Students must board buses at their home stop. A parent should accompany a student in all other cases.
- 10) Students are required to arrive at their home stop five minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time.

Failure to comply with the safety rules and regulations may lead to suspension of riding privileges.

In advance, thank you for your attention to these expectations. Safety is our primary concern.

Athletic Spotlight

Interscholastic Sports

All students trying out or participating in a fall sport **MUST** have the **Pupil Data/Emergency Form** and a **current physical on file at HBMS** prior to their participation. **Their will be no exceptions!** Practices are held every day there is school, and students representing HBMS are expected to be at all practices and contests.

Field Hockey (Coach - Mrs. Smith) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 28th from 2:30-4:15. All girls interested **must bring** shin guards, a colored mouth guard covering all teeth, cleats, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All girls should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.

Girls Soccer (Coach - Mr. Gray) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 28th from 2:30-4:15. All girls interested **must bring** shin guards, a colored mouth guard covering all teeth, cleats, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All girls should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.



Boys Soccer (Coach - Mr. Lyle) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 28th from 2:30-4:15. All boys interested **must bring** shin guards, a colored mouth guard covering all teeth, cleats, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All boys should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.

Girls Volleyball (Coach - Ms. Dunbar) Tryouts will begin on Thursday, August 28th from 2:30-4:15. All girls interested **must bring** knee pads, sneakers, a water bottle and a change of clothes. All girls should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 4:15.



Boys and Girls Cross Country (Coaches - Mr. Johnston, Mr. Picariello) Practices will begin on Thursday, August 28th from 2:30-3:45. All students interested in distance running (meet courses are approximately 2 miles) should bring running shoes, a water bottle and a change of clothes. Any student that does not make the above teams may join the cross country team. All students should be picked up behind the Middle School promptly at 3:45.



REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING 7TH GRADE

The Health Office would like to remind you of State guidelines for entrance to 7th grade. All entering 7th graders must have a second **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) immunization record on file in their school health record. Students born after 1/1/95 must also have **3 doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine**. Students also need to have had the **Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine** or have a history of disease as reported by the parent or health care provider. It is possible that your child may have had these immunizations and the school does not have a record. In order to facilitate entry to school in the fall, parents of students who did not have these immunizations on record were contacted this spring. If your child received these immunizations during the summer, documentation should be forwarded to the Middle School as soon as it is received.

Tetanus immunizations are required every 10 years for State compliance. Please check your child's last dose at your next physician's visit. For most students, this will be due during 8th or 9th grade.

The Hollis Brookline School Board has a policy requiring a recent physical for all entering 7th grade students. If this physical was received after March 1, 2008, it will meet requirements for all activities during the two years of Middle School. There will be some students who have had a physical within the past year, but not since March 2008. These students should provide a copy of their physical to the school. They will also need to provide a copy of their next annual physical as well.

Bytes from the Technology Department

-By Mr. Gruce

The Hollis Brookline Middle School strongly encourages students to have USB Flash / Jump / Thumb Drives. This item will make the transporting of MS Office documents, and other school related files easier. In the past, there have been many compatibility issues with floppy disk's used between home and school. USB Flash drives have reduced those conflicts. It is suggested that your child's USB Flash Drive does not need to be any larger than **1 Gigabyte**. Some suggested places to purchase this item;

Target / target.com COMPUSA / compusa.com
STAPLES / staples.com

A search on the web can produce more. Also during August many stores have a sale with items such as these.

Make sure that the USB Flash Drive **does not have any "security"** software installed (U3). If that is the only type you can find, please disable the security feature once you get the USB Flash Drive home. Check the manufacture's website for help. There are also "third party" websites that can help.

Going greener with the SAU-41 acceptable use policy

To help limit the number of papers that are sent home with your 7th or 8th grader at the beginning of this school year, HBMS is encouraging all parents to use the link below to download and save an Acrobat Reader copy of the district wide acceptable use policy. Please make sure to read it over with your child first, then just print off the last page. Have your CHILD print their complete name used for school registration and sign, and make sure that you do the same as well. Then please either mail it to:

Hollis Brookline Middle School
25 Main Street
Hollis, NH 03049

or you may drop it off in person at the main office. Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00am to 12:00pm.

http://www.sau41.k12.nh.us/Technology/sau_41_technology.htm

PEANUT FREE AREA IN CAFETERIA

As a larger population of students begin to have allergies to peanuts, we have established procedures that will help protect students while at school. We ask that parents carefully consider ingredients that may be included in any food prepared for school events or activities.

Due to this increasing need we have established a peanut free area in the cafeteria. There are two tables designated as peanut free. These tables will be clearly marked. In addition, snacks will be fruit only.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Mandragouras, School Nurse at 465-2223.

Save The Date . . . September 20, 2008
Jordan's Walk for Wishes & Dash for Dreams

In Memory of Jordan D. Coffey

Proceeds to Benefit



New Hampshire

Website: <http://huskeynh.tripod.com/>

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PO Box 193, Brookline, NH 03033

We will be known forever, by the tracks we leave behind.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

PLEASE CONTACT SHARON COFFEY AT:
huskeynh@aol.com or call 673-3922

LIFE SKILLS MISSION STATEMENT

Hollis Brookline Middle School promotes the development of life skills through: music, physical education, art, computer, family and consumer science, guidance, tech ed, library media and technology, and wellness. As an integral part of a student's academic and social well being, a Life Skills curriculum fosters a well-rounded student who can realize and fulfill his/her potential to be a productive member of society. Life skills develop strategies for our students to appreciate and confront real-life experiences. We strive to present a variety of formats to teach our students:

- ◆ *Critical thinking skills* to solve problems in different situations
- ◆ *Effective communication* in a variety of settings
- ◆ To think and *express* themselves *creatively*
- ◆ *Self-awareness* physically, mentally, emotionally and socially
- ◆ How to recognize and accept social, physical and *cultural differences*
- ◆ How to appreciate, recognize, and demonstrate different levels of *craftsmanship*
- ◆ *Time management* and wise use of resources
- ◆ The connection between school and *career opportunities*
- ◆ How to make safe, *healthy decisions*

Physical education is a requirement for all students. Students are required to wear sneakers and change into appropriate clothing for every class. A combination locker is assigned to each student for their clothing and valuables. It is a year long class that meets every other day. In seventh grade students will have **Ms. Bottcher** and complete units in tchoukball, field hockey, volleyball, personal fitness, team handball, basketball, pickleball, badminton, sport stacking, track and field, archery and adventure education. In eighth grade they will have **Mr. Johnston** and participate in Frisbee, soccer, volleyball, adventure education (including the climbing wall), fitness, basketball, lacrosse, and golf.

Music education is also a requirement for all students. It is a **year long** class that meets every other day. Music classes include band, chorus, and general music. There are two teachers involved in the music program. **Mrs. Spencer** teaches chorus, and general music. **Mr. Hinkle** teaches band and general music.

The other Life Skills teachers rotate through the four teams. **All students** will take **all** of the Life Skills classes; however, will have **one at a time** for one quarter of the year.

Mrs. Papadeas is the **art** teacher. **Team Jordan** will start with art. The art program at HBMS encourages students to be creative and to use their imagination in problem solving activities. From their own personal expression of life and through applied learning, students experience age appropriate drawing, painting and 3-D assignments. All of the art supplies will be provided for the students, but it is required the students have pencils for drawing. At the end of the art rotation students can keep and share with you their art portfolio.

Mrs. Sarvaiya teaches **family and consumer science**. Students on **Team Hypatia** will begin the year in family and consumer science. Students need the following:

- ◆ Hand sewing needles-in a variety of sizes
- ◆ Straight pins
- ◆ 12 different colors of felt fabrics
- ◆ Colored pencils, eraser and a ruler
- ◆ A half yard of the fabric of your choice
- ◆ Sewing box/empty shoe box
- ◆ Matching thread
- ◆ Stuffing for pillow

Technical education is taught by **Mr. Picariello**. Mr. Picariello will start the year with **Team McAuliffe**. There are no specific materials needed for the first day of class.

Ms. White is the **wellness** teacher. **Team Prescott** will start the year with Ms. White. Topics will include eating disorders, alcohol awareness, HIV awareness and CPR/First Aid. All eighth grade students will have the opportunity to become certified in Adult, Child and Infant CPR/First Aid. All wellness students should be sure to have a small (1/2 inch) folder with two pockets and 3 ring prongs to insert handouts. They should also keep a supply of white lined paper. As part of the wellness curriculum **Mr. Melillo**, the guidance counselor, will be working with students on career development.

The computer technology education program is managed by **Mr. Gruce**. He is available to better support the new **Information and Communication Technology Literacy Standards** (www.nheon.org/oet/standards/ICTLiteracy.htm) passed by the New Hampshire State Legislator; Computer Technology Instruction will be integrated directly into the content areas.

At the end of their Eighth Grade year here at the Hollis Brookline Middle School, an **electronic portfolio** will be evaluated by a group of teachers. The evaluation process will determine whether or not a student has adequately demonstrated proficiency in using these technology tools to access, manage, integrate, evaluate, and create information within all content areas.

Life Skills teachers genuinely look forward to beginning the school year. We welcome those who are new to the Hollis Brookline Middle School community and are eager to see those who are returning. See you soon!

FIRST DAY JITTERS

Please help with your child's first day jitters by reviewing with him/her the following information.



Grade 7 students will arrive on Wednesday, August 27th. They will be greeted by staff on the north side of the building. (The same procedure will be followed for grade 8 students on Thursday, August 28th.)

ROCK lists will be posted on the side wall for easy viewing. Teachers and students will congregate in the general areas of their lists. When signaled, teachers will escort their group into the building.

Our first day will include orientation time. Administration will be present during lunches to answer student questions.

Should you have a specific question regarding our opening day, please feel free to call us at 465-2223.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, August 20th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. we will hold an orientation for all new students to the district (both 7th and 8th) who have registered this summer. Please join us!

Bus Routes

Complete bus routes will be posted on the front doors of the Hollis Brookline Middle School, on Friday, August 22nd. Routes will also be publicized in all the local newspapers.



Hollis Brookline Middle School Expectations!

- Manage Yourself
- Cooperate with Others
- Respect Personal and Public Property
- Act in a Healthy and Legal Manner

MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

? - Does every student have a locker?

✓Yes, all students will have their own locker with a combination. Lockers are large, therefore may accommodate sports gear, coats, books and backpacks. Combinations should not be shared with anyone.

? - Do I need to call the office when my child is absent?

✓Yes please! We do follow up on all student absences with phone calls unless we have heard from you.

? - When should I write the school a note?

✓Please send a note, via your child, when he/she will be dismissed early or when requesting permission to ride a different bus or exit at a different stop.

? - Is there a specific spot to drop off my child in the morning?

✓Yes. Use the drive to the left of Farley and proceed to the front of the building for drop off. (Busses will use the drive to the right of Farley and travel behind the building for drop off.) Please pull up to the end of the building before stopping. Also, we ask you to not idle your vehicle at the end of the day when picking up your child. Please turn your engine off. Go green!

? - What time does school start?

✓Our day begins promptly at 7:15 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:15 p.m.

? - How will my child know which bus to take?

✓Bus routes will be posted on the front doors of HBMS on August 22nd. They will also be published in the local newspapers.

? - How do I know if there are any changes to afterschool sports/activities?

✓Please check the Sports and Activities alert on our website.

HBMS Library Media Center

- By C. Jahns

The Library Media Center becomes very busy with the many activities of the 2008-09 school year. A variety of new books will be on display throughout September and student orientations will be scheduled the first few weeks. Parents, please visit the library media center during our HBMS Open House night. Also, check the Library Media Center page on the school website for information throughout the year.

With so many sports and numerous activities for middle school students, it can be a challenge to find time to engage in reading at home. One way to encourage reading is to **talk about books**; how do you choose a good book? Who do you like in the book you are reading? What makes an intriguing character? What kind of plot gets you to keep reading? Where can we find reviews of books? Which author writes great stories?

A great list of "Best Books for Young Adults" is available at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/valsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksva/08bbya.cfm>

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), sponsors an annual Teens' Top Ten (TTT) where books have been chosen by students nationally: <http://www.ala.org/ala/valsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.cfm>

Watch for more details in September about "Teen Read Month", sponsored by YALSA.

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Two years is a small slice of your child's development, yet early adolescence is such an important time. Join us during your student's seventh and eighth grade years! Participate in any way you are able. All involvement has positive affects.

An early orientation is planned for September 4th, at 9:00 a.m. in the HBMS library. We look forward to meeting you.



APPEARANCE AND DRESS

The matter of dress and appearance is, for the most part, a matter of individual taste. Students must, however, respect the learning environment. Any appearance or dress which would cause a distraction from the learning process, infringe upon the rights of other students or dress that is unsafe will not be tolerated.

1. Dress and grooming should be clean.
2. Immodest clothing will not be tolerated.
3. Students may wear shorts or skirts however, they must be at least mid-thigh length.
4. Students may not go barefoot at any time.
5. Students must wear a shirt at all times inside and outside school buildings.
6. Abbreviated tops such as halters, tube or thin strapped tank tops are not permitted.
7. Shirts advertising illegal substances, violence or vulgarities should not be worn.
8. Undergarments should not be visible.
9. Students may not wear hats at any time (including bandanas and visors).



WASHINGTON, DC March 24 — March 27, 2009

Attention Grade 8 students and parents! Our eighth grade Washington, DC trip has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 through Friday, March 27, 2009.

A parent information evening has been set for September 24th in the HBMS gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.



ROCK TESTIMONIALS

On the last day of school grade 7 students were surveyed for facts, feelings and questions regarding their year in ROCK. Over 75% of the students answered, "Yes, ROCK has helped me." Direct quotes follow:

- "It's helped with organization. If we never cleaned lockers, I'd always be late for class."
- "Helped me meet new people on a different team."
- "I was able to talk about real events and have time to read."
- "It gave me an opportunity to relax and get organized."
- "It helps me get ready for the day. I wouldn't like going to another class first. ROCK makes me aware of what's happening on the news. It helps my reading skills."
- "ROCK has given me a chance to ask questions, get used to things, organize and plan for the day. It gives me a chance to get collected in the morning."
- "ROCK has helped me every day to figure out my schedule."

EMERGENCY FORMS

Dear Parents and Students,

In order to facilitate a smooth entrance to school, we are requesting that an *emergency form* and a *current physical* be on file prior to the start of school year. All 7th grade students are required to have a current physical on file in the Health Office. (Please note, we have no standard physical form. Whatever your doctor provides you with is acceptable.) ***Pupil Data/Emergency Forms*** need to have current information annually. For your convenience we are enclosing an emergency form to be completed and returned to HBMS before the start of the school year.

Students who plan to try out for a fall sport will have met the initial contract requirements, once the above described paperwork has been completed and returned. School tryouts for fall sports are scheduled to begin August 28, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call the HBMS office at 465-2223.

Sincerely,

Patricia Goyette, Principal

Gayle Bottcher, Athletic Director

Sheila Mandragouras, Nurse



PTSA HIGHLIGHTS

I hope you will join me in warmly welcoming our 2008-2009 PTSA Co-Presidents: Cindy VanCoughnett and Robin Gegg. We have met to begin planning our year. Please place **September 19th**, 8:30-10:00 on your calendar for the **first PTSA meeting** of the year. (Please note, monthly meetings will be held the third Friday of each month.)

As principal of Hollis Brookline Middle School I need to compliment and **applaud the work of PTSA**. On average 30 parents and community members meet monthly to discuss upcoming events, plan parent evenings, problem solve areas of need and give feedback to me. Rather than bringing 'private agenda issues' parents focus on what is best for all of our emerging adolescents. Meetings are positive and productive! Please plan to get involved.

Our **Volunteer Orientation** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 4th**, 9-10:30 in the HBMS library. Please plan to attend to hear of the many ways you can become involved. We view you as an integral part of our learning community.

Please take a moment to complete the enclosed PTSA paperwork. (Please contact Penny Arsenault if the Student Directory form is not accurate.) This is your PTSA and you make the difference! I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Patricia Lewis Goyette, Principal



FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS

¡Hola a todos! Bonjour tout le monde! We hope you are enjoying your summer with your family. Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Cloutier and I are looking forward to meeting our new 7th grade students and catching up with our returning students. We have a couple of things we'd like you to know for your return to school.



First, 8th grade students, please remember to bring in your 7th grade class notes. We ask that students return to 8th grade with these notes.

Second, we ask that students entering 8th grade **purchase a dictionary**. Foreign language dictionaries can be found in many stores including Walmart and Kmart. Any edition or publisher is fine. We recommend that you avoid "elementary" dictionaries.

Additional supplies needed are:

- 1.5" binder, filled with lined paper
- pencil pouch
- 5 dividers
- Box of issues (optional)
- Colored pencils or markers
- French Students Only:**
- One package of 3"x 5" index cards



Thank you for your help with this. Enjoy the remainder of your summer! Hasta la vista, Au revoir!

Sincerely,

Sra. Lash, Sra. Banks and Mme. Cloutier

ATHLETIC FEE

Parents and students, participation on an interscholastic team will require a **\$25.00** fee with a family limit of **\$100.00**. All monies will support championship banners, coaches awards and replacement uniforms.

Private School Application Process

Students who will be applying to private schools this year **must** submit all forms, including individual teacher recommendation forms, to Mr. Melillo in Guidance. Guidance will then deliver the necessary forms to each teacher for completion. This will allow Guidance to track each student's application and ensure that all forms are mailed together in a complete package. Forms must be submitted **at least two weeks** prior to the application deadline to ensure they are mailed out in time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Melillo directly.

SPIRIT CLOTHING DESCRIPTIONS:

- ~Sweatshirts: Shirts come in either over-the-head hoodie or zip hoodie styles. Both come in royal blue or light grey. White or royal blue lettering design includes a HB on chest and Hollis Brookline across the back. You can have a name embroidered on the sleeve for an additional \$5.00.
- ~T-shirts: Light grey shirts, either short- or long-sleeved, are available. Hollis Brookline will be in royal blue on the front of the shirt in the now fashionable "distressed" lettering.
- ~Sweatpants: Light grey pants are available in either elasticized ankles or open-legged bottoms. Hollis Brookline will be printed in bold royal blue letters down the length of one leg.
- ~Shorts: **NEW LENGTH!** 7" inseam. Royal blue mesh shorts are available. They will have Hollis Brookline printed down one leg.
- ~Folding Sports Chair: Royal blue folding sports chair with two cup holders and a carry bag will be for sale again. Hollis Brookline will be printed on the back of the chair. The bags can be embroidered for an additional \$5.00.
- ~**NEW ITEM!** Sports Blanket: Royal blue fleece blankets **WITH ONE WEATHERED PROOF SIDE** will be offered for sports fans or fans of the beach or picnics! Picture yourself on this comfortable blanket at outdoor events! Hollis Brookline will be embroidered on one corner and for an additional \$5.00, a name can also be embroidered on your blanket!
- ~**NEW ITEM!** HB oval bumper sticker. White with royal blue letters. Place this decal on your vehicle and let the world know that HB is the place to be!

COSTS:

- ~Sweatshirts: \$20.00 for hoodies and \$25.00 for zip-hoodies
- ~Tee-shirts: \$10.00 for both short- and long-sleeved styles
- ~Sweatpants: \$15.00 for elasticized bottoms and \$20.00 for open-legged style
- ~Shorts: \$15.00
- ~Folding Sports Chair: \$25.00
- ~Sports Blanket: \$20.00
- ~HB Bumper Sticker: \$5.00

Any questions, please contact Laura Landerman-Garber at drlauralu@yahoo.com

ATTENTION READNIG STUDENTS

We hope you are having a pleasant and relaxing summer. The school year is still about a month away, but Mrs. Dufresne and I are already planning for your arrival. We are both extremely excited to not only meet our seventh grade students, but reunite with all of the eighth graders as well. We have listed below the materials you will need for Reading class.

- **1- 2" 3 ring binder**
- **5- dividers for the binder**
- **4- 9-3/4" x 7-1/2" composition notebooks (Mr. Gershgorin's class ONLY)**
- **3" x 5" ruled index cards (Mr. Gershgorin's class ONLY)**
- **Box of tissues (optional)**

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. Gershgorin
Mrs. Dufresne