

From the President

Happy 2006! I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and I wish a happy and healthy New Year to all.

I want to thank Janice Hunt and her committee for the great job that they did on the Cotillion. The evening was very well planned and well received by the students. I attended a for a short period of time and they were having a blast. Janice and her committee put a lot of research, time and effort forth to make this an event that the kids would enjoy and it was evident. Thanks again.

Last night's business meeting was short with only a few items to discuss. However, the presentation by the College Admissions Officers was very enlightening. Thank you to Judy Dorfman, Counseling Coordinator, for arranging the speakers.

The retaining wall in front of the gym on Sylvan Avenue is beginning construction. The PTA has committed to help in laying the blocks. We will need help on Saturdays. We realize that these are busy days for everyone but would appreciate any amount of time that you could give. We may need your help as early as this Saturday January 14th. If you can help, call Lorri MacFeeters at 795-0819.

Martin Luther King Day and the Volleyball Marathon are our next PTA events. These are great opportunities to interact with the students in a relaxed environment. Please read the info on these events and volunteer in whatever way you can.

Our next PTA meeting will not be until March 13th. However, on February 13th, the PTA is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Joe O'Brien, Superintendent, on the Zero Tolerance Policy proposed by the school district. I feel that it is important that every parent hear Dr. O'Brien's presentation so they can understand what he is proposing and why. He will also lead a discussion after his talk to get input from parents. So mark your calendars for February 13, 7:30p.m. in the High School Library.

There is lots of other great information as to what is happening at the High School, so read on. As usual, if there are any suggestions or questions that you have for me just email me at maryannbigelow@hotmail.com.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Bigelow
President

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The PTA MEMO

The MEMO is a publication of the HMHS PTA.
The deadline for the next issue will be: April 9, 2006.

Editorial material may be left in the PTA Mailbox at the high school, or submitted to the editor, Liz Mikita, at:

L_Mikita@hotmail.com

Martin Luther King Day of Service Monday, January 16th

On Monday January 16th, over 150 HMHS students will go out into the greater South Jersey area to spend their day participating in community service projects. With the help of both the dedicated faculty of HMHS, under the superb leadership of Corinne Welsh and Stacey Lazzopina, and many, many parent volunteers, our students will be transported to facilities, such as, the Fellowship House and the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, the Silver Care Nursing Home in Cherry Hill and the Animal Orphanage in Voorhees.

It was Martin Luther King who said, "Life's persistent and most urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" HMHS can be very proud to say that its students will spend a meaningful day of service together helping to fulfill Martin Luther King's dream.

Parents, it is still not too late to volunteer. If you are interested, please call Evelyn Schwartz at 616-1504 or 609-206-2133.

Holiday Cotillion

Thank you to the PTA members and parents who helped with this year's holiday cotillion. We had 126 students attend and the marching band raised \$200.00 from the auction.

A special thanks to my committee members Gayle Costa, Andrea Kelly and Nancy Piserchia. A special thanks to Mr Stanz and the marching band members for helping with the ticket sales, auction item purchases and wrapping.

Thanks to Gayle Costa for donating the balloons as table decorations and to our chaperones, -Debbie McGuire, Ann Biddle, Missy Slauson; Jack Kelly, David Hunt, Mr Stanz and Officer Ortiz.

--Janice Hunt

Spotlight on Senior Showcase...



Senior Showcase Organizational Meeting January 25th

The Senior Showcase is the PTA's largest fundraiser which benefits the graduating seniors through the PTA's Scholarship Fund. Mark your calendar for Friday evening, April 21st for this year's event.

This entertaining show stars the Class of 2006 in simple choreographed routines in groups and then gives each senior a moment in the spotlight.

The one and only organizational meeting for the entire Senior Showcase Committee is scheduled for January 25th at 7:30 pm in Room A-213.

Many have volunteered already, but there are plenty of jobs to fill. (About 80 volunteers are needed to chaperone, sell tickets, usher, type senior bios, publicize, proofread, costume teacher hosts, create Wall of Fame and slide presentation, sell videos, work backstage and wrap up.) All are welcome to attend this meeting, see what it's all about and sign up to help.

We especially need parents of underclassmen. Parents of seniors will NOT be asked to work during the show. We want you to enjoy the evening as part of the audience.

--Shelley Janssen sjanssen915@hotmail.com
--Deb Nussbaum dsnussb@comcast.net

Attention Senior Parents -- Photos Needed

We, the Senior Showcase Committee, know how busy this year has been and will be for you. Many of us are right there with you. So, we want to give you the heads up for this year's event.

There's no reason to wait for the last minute. This is a great time to start looking for that special photo of your future graduate from when he or she was a little one. Get out your tissues and find a clear, close up individual shot for the show. While you're at it, if you see any group pictures of the seniors anywhere from pre-school age through the present, with 3 or more people in the shot, put them aside, too. All the photos will be returned to you after they've been scanned, so be sure to write your name on back. It would also be great if you copy some of those group shots for the Wall of Fame. (Copies will not be returned).

Even if you senior isn't sure he or she is going to participate in the show at this time (please encourage them to be in it) it would be a good idea to put the pictures aside anyway. It's been our experience to get many last-minute additions and gathering the photos has been difficult.

What should you do with these photos once you've selected them? Put them in an envelope and bring them to either one of the Senior Parent Meetings that Donna Wilson will be having. There will be a "Senior Showcase" box set up for drop off. After that, the box will be in the main office.

We'd like to thank you in advance for doing this and hope you enjoy going through the pictures and the memories. It's amazing how the time has flown!

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World Affairs Council

Eighteen members of the HMHS World Affairs Council traveled to Rutgers University in New Brunswick to attend the Rutgers University Model United Nations from November 17 - 20, 2005. This event is regularly attended by over 1,000 students from the east coast. This year, senior Brianna Gillespie was selected as Outstanding Delegate as the representative from Japan in the World Trade Organization Dispute Settlements Body, an advanced committee.

Upcoming events for WAC include:

- Moorestown Model UN (February 11th),
- Philadelphia Model UN (February 17th - 20th),
- Lenape Model Congress (February 25th),
- and Cherry Hill East Model UN (March 4th).

--Jeff Boogaard

Operation Smile

The 14th Annual Operation Smile all-night volleyball marathon will be held Friday, Feb. 3 beginning at 8 pm and ending Sat. morning Feb. 4 at about 8 am. This fun-filled event is a favorite of many students and teachers. Last year we had 240 students and 15 teachers participate and we raised \$18,000! The money raised goes to the Op Smile foundation, a nonprofit volunteer medical services organization. It provides reconstructive facial surgery and other medical services to kids and adults around the world. Today there are more than 30 sites in 20 developing countries. It costs approximately \$750 for a cleft lip surgery to change a child's life, and can take as little as 45 minutes to do so.

To participate in the marathon, each student is asked to raise at least \$60 from friends, family and neighbors. The top three students who raise the most money receive a gift certificate to Best Buy and the winning teams also receive gift certificates. Students "dress-up" in their team colors, play volleyball to loud music and eat a lot of food!

For this event to happen we need over 80 volunteer parents to help with the officiating, chaperoning, and food preparation.

If you'd like to help officiate or chaperone, please call or email Beth Pease at 428-0031 or bpease1@comcast.net.

If you'd like to donate food or help with the food preparation please call or email Mindy Ignarri at 354-9708 or mindybob@aol.com

Julie R. Macier Character Award

The Julie R. Macier Character Award was established in 1995. It is named after a student from the Haddonfield Memorial High School Class of 1995, who died on October 7, 1994 after a long and courageous battle with Leukemia. The award is co-sponsored by the Board of Education and the PTA.

An 8th grade student from the Middle School and a senior from the High School will be chosen to receive the Julie R. Macier Character Award.

The nominees for this award should be candidates who have exhibited those wonderful character traits that Julie exemplified in her own life. These include courage, faith, honesty, integrity, responsibility, sense of humor, compassion, perseverance, friendship, trustworthiness, patience and respect.

Nominations for this distinguished award may be submitted by school administrators, teachers, staff members, or students. In addition, we strongly encourage the Board of Education, PTA and Haddonfield residents to submit nominations.

Nomination forms are available in the Main Office of the High School and Middle School and also at the front desk at the Haddonfield Public Library. The deadline for entries is April 15th. Please join the BOE and the PTA in selecting two worthy students for this award named in memory of someone who was such a positive role model and inspiration to us all. Please contact Pat Flynn (795-6144) for more information.

--Pat Flynn

News from the Haddonfield Crew Club (HCC)

Although it's cold and wintry outside, training for the 2006 Spring Season of Crew has begun. We're excited to report that Haddonfield Crew Club is now an official Club Sport of HMHS and that a very large new group of rowers has recently joined the team!

Practices are held during the week in the late afternoon/early evening, and on Saturday mornings. No experience is necessary to participate in this fast growing, exciting sport. The spring season runs from January-May, and is open to all students, including those who are participating in a winter sport such as swimming, wrestling or basketball. Be sure to visit our web site at www.haddonfieldcrew.org. So if your son or daughter has any interest in rowing, please contact us: Mary Vidas-Hazzouri (795-6990) or Elizabeth Sampath (428-3956).

We like to invite you to come and watch our annual Erg Regatta, to be held in the HMHS A-gym on Saturday, February 11, from 8:00-11:30am. Participants from schools around the area will be joining Haddonfield Crew in competing for the fastest time in races on an ergometer (Concept 2 rowing machine). It's exciting for spectators and exhausting for rowers, but a great place to see how these fit athletes train to excel in their intense sport.

Please also "Save the Date" of March 11, for a wonderful evening at the Woodcrest Country Club where Haddonfield Crew, with generous support from Cork Restaurant and Severino's, will be hosting our 3rd annual Wine Tasting event from 7:30-11:30 p.m. We'd love to have you join us for an elegant evening featuring fine wines and foods from countries across the continent, and a silent auction with unique, wonderful merchandise, services and events. If you're interested in receiving an official invitation in the mail, please e-mail Julie Schmitt at schmitt_julie@hotmail.com.

The sport of crew is about hard work and perseverance but most of all, teamwork. Our students and their parents have worked tirelessly to make the club what it is today, including building partnerships with generous members of the community. As Haddonfield Crew is an entirely self-funded, non-profit organization, we established a Sponsorship Program to receive tax-deductible contributions from generous people and businesses in the area. For unique benefits sponsors receive at each sponsorship level, please contact Carol DeFeo at 429-4817 (mrcm1990@aol.com). Thank you for your consideration and support of Haddonfield Crew!

--Elizabeth Sampath

Dates to Remember

January

- 12 - Junior Parent Night 7 PM – 9 PM Auditorium (Snowdate TBA)
- 16 - MLK Day 7:30 AM – 3 PM HMHS
- 17-20 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-9 PM Auditorium
- 18 - H.S. Principal's Advisory Meeting Library
- 19 - Course Selection grades 8-9-10-11 (Aud/C12/C8/LIB/C10) 7-9:30 PM
- 21 - PLUS Testing 8-11:30 AM
- 23 - Course Selection (snow date) – Auditorium
- 23-27 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-9 PM Auditorium
- 28 - SAT 8 AM - 12 PM
- 29 - Sophomore Ski Trip
- 30&31 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-9 PM Auditorium

February

- 1-3 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-9 PM Auditorium
- 3 & 4 - Operation Smile Volleyball Marathon - 8 PM - 8 AM B Gym/Cafeteria
- 6 - Zone PTA 7:15 PM Tatem
- 6-10 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-9 PM Auditorium
- 13 - Zero Tolerance Policy Presentation by Joe O'Brien 7:30 PM Library
- 13-17 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-9 PM Auditorium
- 15 - H.S. Principal's Advisory Meeting Library
- 21-24 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-10 PM Auditorium
- 27&28 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-11 PM Auditorium

March

- 1-3 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-11 PM Auditorium
- 4 - PLUS testing 8-11:30 AM
- 6&7 - Spring Musical Rehearsal 3-11 PM Auditorium
- 6 - Zone PTA Library 7:15 PM
- 7, 8, 9 - N.J.H.S. Proficiency Assessment Grade 11 (March 14,15,16 make up dates)
- 7, 8, 9 - Comprehensive Testing Program IV Grades 9 & 10
- 8 - HMHS Spring Musical - Matinee 2-6 PM Auditorium
- 9,10,11, 17 & 18 - HMHS Spring Musical - 7:30 PM – Auditorium
- 10 - N.J.H.S. Proficiency Assessment Field Test Science Grade 11
- 13 - PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM Library

Spring Musical: Into the Woods

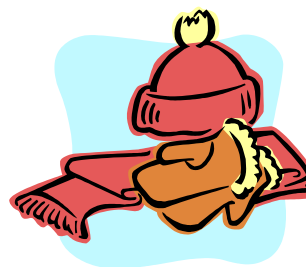
The HMHS Drama Club is busily rehearsing for this year's musical production, "Into the Woods".

This year, the show will run for two weekends: Thursday, March 9th, Friday, March 10th, Saturday March 11th, Friday, March 17th, and Saturday, March 18th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and \$6 for children.

Tickets will be available in the Main Office the week of the show and will also be available at the door.

There will also be a free matinee performance for all senior citizens on Wednesday, March 8th at 2:00 PM.

--Jeff Boogaard



HMHS Democratic Action Committee to sponsor Flea Market

The HMHS Democratic Action Committee will sponsor a community flea market on June 10, 2006 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the high school.

Benefits will go to the Disabled American Veterans Association. Tables are available to all Haddonfield residents for \$25 and donation of profits is suggested, but not mandatory. Rid your home of unwanted clothing, furniture and assorted knick-knacks just in time for spring and contribute to an important cause!

If you would like to purchase a table, send your name, phone number, address, and payment to Chris Gwin (c/o Haddonfield Memorial High School) , 401 Kings Hwy East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033; checks should be made payable to the HMHS DAC. For more information, please e-mail Sarah Turrin or Ben Lipieki at hmhsdac@yahoo.com.