

From the President

March is here, so hopefully spring is just around the corner. The next few months are always hectic, but take the time to enjoy.

Beth Pease and Terri Sikkema did a great job organizing and running the Volleyball Marathon. This is a great night for the parents and students involved. Everyone had fun and we raised \$20,000. A win-win for everyone.

The retaining wall is completed and the new sidewalk is installed. It looks great and will make walking along the front of the gym a much more pleasant experience. I want to thank Lorri and Richard MacFeeters and their committee for a fabulous job.

The meeting on Monday was very informative. Mrs. Vimilsik noted that the school is looking into how to encourage greater success among the boys. Recently, a nationwide trend of boys not being as successful in high school as girls has been emerging--and Haddonfield is not an exception. The school has taken on the challenge and will be looking into ways to address this issue.

Option 2, a new program proposed by the state to allow students to receive credit for courses that they take outside of school, is being researched. The biggest concern is the quality of the teaching, which must meet state standards. More information will follow.

The construction on the science rooms will start May 1. All science classes have been relocated so no one should miss a beat.

Several members of the Board of Education were in attendance. They answered various questions on several topics, most notably the drug and alcohol policy currently in use at the high school. They informed us that a new policy addressing some of the concerns that they and the parents have with the current policy is being developed.

For more detail on all of these topics, as well as information on other happenings at the school, please go to the PTA link on the High School website and read the minutes of the March meeting.

The next PTA-sponsored event is the Senior Showcase. It will be held on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 in the Auditorium. If you can help, call Shelly Janssen, 354-0019.

Enjoy the rest of the Memo and, as usual, if you have any suggestions or questions just call 354-1407.

--Mary Ann Bigelow

Candidates for 2006-2007 PTA Offices:

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Recording Secretary.	Bernadette Duncan
Corresponding Secretary	Phyllis St. Onge
Trustee	Mary Ann Bigelow/Debra Nussbaum

--Julie Vick, Nominating Committee



Seeking Assistance for Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 8-12, 2006 is HMHS Teacher Appreciation Week.

Traditionally, the PTA has supplied food for the teachers' enjoyment and our appreciation four days out of the five day week. Last year, I was able to fulfill each day with the help of my then-senior daughter. This year, I am asking for assistance. Please take a look at the list, and if you can assist by adopting a day or working with a friend to fulfill a day, please let me know.

Reimbursement by the PTA is prompt!

Activities: **HMHS office by 7:15 a.m. ready to be served**

- Tray of sliced bagels/cream cheese/butter + coffee (Bagel Spot + Dunkin' Donuts)
- Pound cake, sliced strawberries, blueberries, whipped topping (Acme/Produce Junction)
- Donuts + coffee (Dunkin' Donuts)
- Fruit + cheese tray (Acme)
- Lunch (provided by Priscilla Vimislik)

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Operation Smile

Operation Smile had its most successful year ever! We raised \$20,000 for the Op Smile Foundation which provides facial surgeries for people in need all over the world. 250 kids participated in the all-night volleyball marathon.

Thank you to Mindy Ignarri and Helene Delaney, who organized the food for the evening. As in past years we received food donations from PJ's, Acme and Westmont Bagel as well as from many high school parents. Rosie Hymerling constructed her famous hoagie for the 14th year in a row!

Thanks you to the 70 volunteer parents and teachers who chaperoned, officiated, kept score and worked in the kitchen. This event can not happen without parent participation. A special thank you to all of you who volunteered to work in the wee hours of the morning!

Finally, thank you to Officer Ortiz for officiating his first Op Smile. He liked it so much he asked to be on a double shift next year! Thank you to Theresa Welsh and Denise Hansberry who volunteered for medical duties for the 8th year in a row. Also, thank you to the many parents who volunteered when their children weren't even in attendance! If you haven't worked at Op Smile before, please consider volunteering next year. It's a lot of fun for parents too!

--Beth Pease & Terri Sikkema

Attention all Gardeners!!

The Sylvan Lake Ave retaining wall is constructed and now is the *fun* part! We need you to assist with the beautification of the area above the wall!!! The small committee needs to expand and needs some help... and we would love to make it all happen this spring. Initial plans are being explored and we would like to have some more volunteers to bring this together.

Here's what we need:

- **Clean-up volunteers:** to prepare the ground for planting, removal of debris in and around the Gym area
- **Bushes:** if you have a landscaper who would be willing to donate a bush or a ground cover, or if you would like to donate one, great! If you are an alumni. this would be a terrific way to show your pride! Or, donate one in honor of your graduate!
- **Mulch:** again, if you can arrange for a donation of a bag or two, it would add up to a lot if we could network this!
- **Manpower:** at planting time, we will need lots of good shoveler's, rakes and willing hands.

This is only the initial stage of planning. We are open to ideas and assistance of any kind. Come to the meeting: Monday, March 20th at 7:30 pm at 1160 Greenmount Rd, or give me a call: 795-0819.

--Lorri MacFeeters

Lights, Camera, Action....

The 2nd Annual HMHS Student Film Festival will run from April 3-7 in the high school library. Admission is free, and the films will be shown throughout the week during student lunch periods. An afterschool screening of all submissions is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, from 3:15 - 4:30pm in the high school library. The festival showcases the work of aspiring student filmmakers.



Last year, four HMHS students submitted films and over 300 tickets were issued throughout the week. HMHS senior Ryan Carrigan is the student organizer of the event.

For more information, please contact Mr. David Scorsolini at dscorsol@haddonfield.k12.nj.us.

HMHS World Affairs Council

The HMHS World Affairs Council has been very busy attending conferences for four weekends in a row:

Moorestown Model United Nations - Saturday February 11th - Congratulations to award winners - Honorable Mention - juniors Emily Borden and Patrick Goodfellow; Best Position Paper - junior Andrew Marchetta; Best Novice - senior Stephen Torok, junior Adam Reid, and freshman Allie Kolaski. Thanks also to senior officers Lauren Levitsky and Michelle Peterson who served as committee chairs.

Philadelphia Model United Nations - held at the Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing from February 17th - 20th. Congratulations to sophomores Matt George (Outstanding Delegate- UN Commission on Trade and Development) and Erin Kaplan (Outstanding Reporter - International Press Corps).

Lenape Model Congress - Saturday, February 25th - Congratulations to award winners - Gavel Award for Best Speaker to senior Brianna Gillespie and freshman Matt Chalkley; honorable mentions to Brianna Gillespie (full session), Stephen Torok and Emily Borden.

Cherry Hill East Model United Nations - Saturday, March 4th - Congratulations to the following award winners - Honorable Mention - seniors Brianna Gillespie and Ben Fram, junior Andrew Marchetta, sophomores Matt George and Erin Kaplan. Best Novice - freshman Tori LaMaina. Thanks again to Lauren Levitsky for serving as a committee chair.

Our final event will be **Haddonfield Model United Nations** which we will host on Saturday, April 22nd.

--Jeff Boogaard

Senior Showcase - Class of 2006

The seniors and their families have received the forms and requests for photographs that are needed for participation in the show. Seniors are asked to submit these items ASAP to the box in the high school office if they have not done so already. We hope that all seniors will consider participating in the showcase. We are still accepting group photos for the slide show and copies of photos for the senior "Wall of Fame".

The theme of this year's show is "We Love the 90's," which will be taking a nostalgic look back at the decade through music, movies, TV shows etc. There will be "surprise" teacher MC's hosting the show. The show begins at 7:30 PM in the auditorium on Friday, April 21st. All proceeds from the show benefit the PTA's HMHS Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors.

Please support this worthy cause by attending the event. Underclassmen and their parents are encouraged to attend in addition to the senior families. We promise a very entertaining evening! Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and children.

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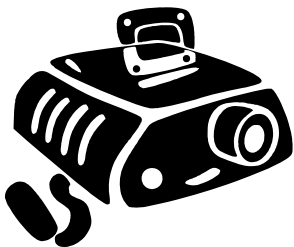
Parent Chaperones Needed For Senior Showcase

As you may know, Senior Showcase profits fund the PTA scholarships awarded each year to deserving Seniors. This year, the sign-ups for parent volunteers to chaperone have been minimal. We need at least 8 more parents who can commit to being at the high school for the dress rehearsal AND the show. It is necessary to commit for both nights, so that the show goes smoothly.

The evenings are Thursday, April 20 (dress rehearsal) and Friday, April 21 (the performance).

If you can volunteer, please email Bernadette Duncan at Multi27@aol.com or Anna Oakley at oakleyfamily@comcast.net.

Parents of underclassmen are needed so that the parents of Seniors can enjoy the show. Thanks for helping out with this worthy cause!



Update from the World Language Department

The study of a foreign language helps students:

- 1) Better understand their own language and culture
- 2) Appreciate other perspectives on "Culture" as well as "culture"-whether opera or hip hop
- 3) Appreciate global diversity (there will be no racial majority in the US by 2050)
- 4) Improve study skills for college courses beyond the language curriculum
- 5) Participate in communities both in the US and abroad
- 6) Begin a path of lifelong learning of languages and culture
- 7) Build job skills for which foreign language skills are an advantage or a requirement

At Haddonfield Memorial High School more and more students are considering the benefits of studying a second foreign language. The three-one combination (sophomore year third year of a world language coupled with the first year of a second world language) is the best approach. This enables the student to progress to the AP level while building on a strong foundation in another language.

--John Duffy

Moroccan Visitor

During the last week of March and the first week of April, Habiba Remmal, a Moroccan Fulbright exchange teacher, will be visiting Haddonfield Memorial High School. Ms. Remmal teaches 16-20 year-old students Arabic and French in a junior college setting. She will be visiting French language classes, the international cuisine class, and the holocaust class in order to discuss life in Morocco, the Islamic perspective and North African cooking.

--John Duffy

BOE Candidates Forum

The Haddonfield Board of Education Candidates' Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, in the Middle School Auditorium. The discussion is moderated by the League of Women Voters and sponsored by the >Zone PTA.

For more information, contact Judy Greenberg at judygreenberg@comcast.net.

The election for the three board seats that are up this year will be held on Tuesday, April 18th.

--Deb Nussbaum

Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 15 H.S. Principal's Advisory Meeting **Library**
17 & HMHS Spring Musical - 7:30 PM – **Auditorium**
18
21 HMHS Instrumental Winter Concert - 7:30 PM – **Auditorium**
24 Sophomore Dance - 7:30 - 11 PM **B gym**
25 Wienerabend German Club Viennese Ball **Auditorium 7 PM**
28-31 Senior Trip
30&31 National High School Dance Festival – Miami, FL
31 Freshman Dance - 7:30 - 11 PM **B gym**

APRIL

- 1 SAT 8 AM – 12 PM
1 Senior Trip
3 Haddonfield Sings rehearsal 6-8 PM **Auditorium**
4 Haddonfield Sings! 7:30 PM – **Auditorium**
4 Zone PTA MS BOE Candidates Forum
8 Camden County Children Song Festival – 8 AM – 4 PM
Auditorium, Cafeteria, A201& A220
17 PTA Meeting - 7:30 PM Library
17 Selection Process for 2005-06 Student Rep to BOE

19 H.S. Principal's Advisory Meeting **Library**
21 Earth Day Celebration
21 Senior Showcase 7:30-11 PM **Auditorium & Cafeteria**
22 Russ Spicer Classic Baseball Game **Spicer & Radnor Fields 11 AM**
22 Haddonfield Model U.N. 9 AM-4 PM
27 Yom Hashoah: Holocaust Commemoration **9 AM – 2 PM Library**
28-30 Music Dept. Trip to Charlottesville

MAY

- 1 Zone PTA 7:15 PM **Central**
1 AP French Exam
2 AP Spanish Language & Statistics Exam
2,3,9,10,11,15,16,17,18 - Mr. HMHS rehearsal 7-10 PM **Auditorium**
3 AP Calculus AB & Calculus BC Exam
4 AP English Literature & German Exam
4 Battle of the Bands 6:30 PM **Cafeteria**
5 Children's One Act Production 6:30 PM
Auditorium/Cafeteria/Courtyard
5 AP U.S. History & European History Exam
6 SAT 8 AM -12 PM
8 AP Biology & Physics C Exam
8 PTA Meeting 7:30 PM Library – MEMO deadline

The PTA MEMO

The MEMO is a publication of the HMHS PTA.
The deadline for the next issue will be: **May 8, 2006**

Editorial material may be left in the PTA Mailbox at the high school, or submitted to the *new* editor, Meredith Wickman, at:

hmhs-memo@comcast.net

We Need Your Feedback...

We are conducting a short online survey of MEMO readers and would appreciate your help as we strive to improve communication.

Click one of the links below to respond:

Freshman parents:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=331641740130>

Sophomore parents:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=527721740245>

Junior parents:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=328041740266>

Senior parents:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=404231740272>

Thanks for your participation!

Community Wide Health Fair

Saturday, March 25, 2006

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Haddonfield Memorial High School

*Go to the HMHS web site for more information,
including the complete program:*

http://www.haddonfield.k12.nj.us/hmhs/community_wide_health_fair.htm