



# Pirate News

Message in a Bottle  
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## News from the Captain's Quarters:

### **To the Hull High School Community,**

As Principal of HHS, I am compelled to write to you asking for your support. I am always proud of the effort, dedication and accomplishments of our Hull High School students, but as the weather gets warmer, I find myself in need of your assistance to ensure the safety, order and discipline within the school. As we near the end of the school year, there are two items that you may be able to help reinforce in regards to the expected proper student behavior.

First, "Spring Fever" seems to have enveloped the town of Hull as we experience more sun, longer days, and warmer weather, all of which can cause distraction issues with students. With the start of fourth quarter this week, I want to remind students, parents and guardians we need to capitalize on this increased energy to help keep grades on track for a strong academic finish to the school year. Many clinicians and educators offer suggestions on how to guide our students through this exciting time of year; here are four ways to do just that:

1. *Communicate with and support the teachers.* Reach out to teachers with an email. Keep this contact brief and positive even if they have less than positive news for you (including late or missing assignments). Acknowledge that you understand how difficult it must be to motivate a classroom full of youngsters this time of year and assure them that you are willing to do whatever you need to do to make their job easier.
2. *Set academic goals with your child.* This should include fourth quarter goals for finishing their year strongly. Keep it positive and focused on their needs. Goals should include homework, schoolwork, behavior and organization all the way up to the last day of school.
3. *Encourage, Encourage, Encourage.* We know how difficult it is to be positive when your child is doing less than their best in school. So remember to remain calm, listen to your child, be patient, provide positive options and remind them that they CAN do it!
4. *"Pay the piper" when needed.* As adults, we don't like failure and we certainly don't like to see our children fail when we can help them! Sometimes, however, failure is exactly what they need to LEARN! Allowing your child to bear the natural consequences of their decisions is a healthy way for them to learn from their mistakes. And there will be other opportunities for them to succeed!

Secondly, I ask for your support by remembering the boundaries of the HHS Dress and Appearance Procedure on page 30 in the Student Handbook. We are a school building, and HHS understands and is respectful of the fact that the fit of clothing is dependent on the body of the individual. The dress code is not enforced in a way that has a discriminatory impact on students based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size. HHS just wishes to keep distractions to a minimum.

Thank you, in advance, for your support. It has been an amazing year and we are all looking forward to its successful and enthusiastic completion. - Mr. Knybel



## Hull High School Theater Arts

Want to show your support for Hull High School Theatre Arts? Well now is your chance! HHSTA is selling sweatshirts and t-shirts as part of a fundraiser for next years season. Sales end in one week so get them while you can! Link is below.

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/hhsta>



HHSTA has always been primarily funded through generous donations, fundraisers, and support from our community. Be a part of our dedicated group of supporters by buying a sweatshirt or t-shirt commemorating the last 10 years of HHSTA!



# Guidance

## Senior Scholarships

[HHS Scholarship Link](#)

The Hull High School Scholarship Awards will be presented the evening of May 31st, save the date. All scholarship opportunities are now posted to our guidance website, link above, and in your student's advisory Google Classroom. Our scholarship donors are passionate about making a difference for the students and families of Hull. You will not want to miss having your student apply for these amazing opportunities to assist with their future endeavors! Any questions please call or email Miss Julie Galluzzo in the guidance office, [jgalluzzo@town.hull.ma.us](mailto:jgalluzzo@town.hull.ma.us)

## Junior College Planning Meetings

Beginning April 1st, Mr. O'Donnell and Miss LeBlanc will be making individualized appointments with Juniors and their families regarding transition, union, military, & college admission planning. Please give us a call to set up an appointment for you and your student(s). We are here to help guide your student on their journey forward. Bring your questions and let's develop a plan!

781-925-3000

LeBlanc, last names, A-L  
Ext 1122

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## Grade 10 Career Fair

### Career Fair Letter

On April 11, 2023 Grade 10 students will be participating in a Career Fair. Our sophomores have been engaging in advisory lessons on resume development, job applications, and interview skills training. April 11th your students will place their skills into applied action. We presently have 18 career experts who are enthusiastic to share their career story, interview your student(s) for a 'mock job' in their industry, and provide evaluative feedback. Our students in Hull are rock stars and many of them already hold part time jobs. This will only build their professional skills even stronger for the future! A sign up Genius link will be shared April 5th in Advisory.

**GO Pirates!!**

## PHI Service Trip Dominican Republic

Mr. O'Donnell and Miss Galluzzo are your educator liaisons for this year's service trip to the Dominican Republic, and any questions please call Ext 1112 and 1121. Please the 'EF traveler' application on their SMART phone for the trip.



And join the PHI Club Instagram account @phi\_hhs



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## Advanced Placement Testing

### Advanced Placement Letter

From May 1st to May 12th our scholars currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be taking their qualifying exams. Our students have worked hard all year to prepare and will have the opportunity to demonstrate eligibility for college credit. The link above is our annual letter with all the details & logistics you will need to navigate the moving parts of exams. Students will not want to be absent on exam day and are expected to be on time as listed. Getting a good night's sleep the evening before and having a healthy breakfast is recommended. Please call Nancy LeBlanc, AP Coordinator, HHS with any questions.  
781-925-3000 x 1122

## Pre-ACT

On March 1st (54) of our Grade 10 students took part in the Pre-ACT, the practice version of the ACT & last fall our grade 10 students took part in the PSAT, the practice version of the SAT. ACT & SAT are college admission exams and both are well received by colleges and universities. Please have your students register for accounts on ACT.org so they can review their scores! Next year in Advisory we will review this concordance table so our students can make informed decisions regarding which assessment they will choose next spring for college admission!

### Concordance Table