



# Blue Notes

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**Attleboro High School**  
**THE HOME OF BLUE PRIDE**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER 2006

- 2 Professional Development Day  
– ½ day school
- 4 SAT Test
- 9 First Quarter Ends
- 9 Mr. AHS
- 10 No School-Veteran's Day  
Observance
- 13 Second Quarter Begins
- 13 Student Council Can Drive
- 13-17 MCAS Retest for Juniors
- 17 Homecoming Dance 7-10 PM
- 17 Report Cards Distributed
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess

### DECEMBER 2006

- 1-2 Drama Club Fall Production  
"A Christmas Carol"
- 2 SAT Test
- 6 Sr. Financial Aid Night 7PM-Bray  
Auditorium
- 8 Snowball Dance 7-10 PM
- 9 ACT Test
- 15 Mid-Quarter Date

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are at 8:30 AM in the  
Principal's Conference Room.

- December 1, 2006
- January 12, 2007
- February 9, 2007
- March 16, 2007
- April 27, 2007
- June 1, 2007

### MCAS re-testing

November 8, 9 Math re-testing  
November 15, 16, 17 ELA re-testing

The MCAS re-testing in November is available only to seniors, juniors, and retained sophomores who have failed the test, or grade 11/12 students who have no MCAS scores.

## FROM THE PRINCIPALS' DESK

Dear Students and Parents,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you as we approach the end of the first marking quarter.

While I am generally pleased, the issue of school attendance is an issue which concerns me. Academics and attendance go together. Simply put, if students are not in school every day and on time to school, they will miss the opportunity to learn and as most subjects build upon the previous day's lesson, it may become problematic.

We are asking our students and parents to assist us and make sure student attendance is a shared goal.

Please reflect upon these thoughts as we approach the end of the marking term and the start of the holiday season. If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the House Dean or Guidance Counselor.

Mr. Frederick

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**A T H L E T I C S**

### PARENTS' PHONE -IN ABSENT LINE

Grade 9 House: (508) 222-5150 ext. 232  
Dean – Ms. Ward  
Secretary – Ms. Buebendorf  
Grade 10 House: (508) 222-5150 ext. 276  
Dean – Ms. Johnson  
Secretary – Ms. Buckman  
Grade 11 House: (508) 222-5150 ext. 219  
Dean – Mr. Tighe  
Secretary – Ms. Kincaid  
Grade 12 House: (508) 222-5150 ext. 231  
Dean – Mr. Downey  
Secretary – Ms. Stott

Check out the Attleboro High School's  
Website for important dates, news, and  
more!

[www.attleboroschools.com](http://www.attleboroschools.com)

Athletic Schedules can be found at  
[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

Music Activities can be found at  
[www.ahsmusic.com](http://www.ahsmusic.com)

Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country team for winning our first ever Old Colony League Championship! The Boys posted an undefeated league record (4-0) and overall record of (7-1).

Also, congratulations to the golf team who finished in second place with an overall record of (10-6), qualifying for the MIAA South Sectional Tournament the fifth consecutive year. They finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the MIAA South Sectional Tournament. Other fall teams are still competing to qualify for the MIAA South Sectionals.

TOGETHER WE LEARN, GROW AND SUCCEED.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

**Freshmen:** The Cops/ Caps Interest Inventories will be distributed to students in November. Parents and students should review these and use them as a basis for career exploration. The guidance counselors will also have a copy of each inventory result to go over with the students.

Hopefully, students have transitioned successfully to AHS. The start of school has been a smooth one for the freshman class. Mr. Feinberg and Mrs. Lovering continue to meet daily with their students to touch base and to reassure all that guidance is here to help. We want everyone to have a positive experience at AHS and to challenge themselves as best they can academically.

**Sophomores:** Wondering what should be going on during your son/daughter's sophomore year? We would like to invite parents to attend a Sophomore Parent Coffee Information Session scheduled for November 20 and 21 at 7:30 AM. Other times may be scheduled as needed. These sessions will focus on general sophomore issues and information and will not be about individual students. Please call Mr. Parrillo (ext. 325) or Ms. Healy (ext. 259) to register.

We are continuing to meet with students to address academic concerns and to plan for the future. Students should be aware that the National Honor Society has begun after school tutoring Monday-Wednesday 2-2:30 in the Library Media Center. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get extra help with your classes.

Mr. Parrillo (A-K extension 325, [aparrillo@attleboroschools.com](mailto:aparrillo@attleboroschools.com)) or Ms. Healy (L-Z extension 259, [ehealy@attleboroschools.com](mailto:ehealy@attleboroschools.com))

**Juniors:** The Junior class welcomes Marybeth Mont as the Guidance Counselor for students with last names beginning A-K. Mrs. Mont comes to Attleboro with a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to a productive year.

The "Junior Small Group Planning Sessions" will begin the process of planning students' post-graduate plans. This is an opportunity for us to provide A LOT of information to your sons and daughters. The goal of these meetings is to initiate the conversation of what lies after graduation and how to get there. The two college fairs were a big success. Talk to your children about their post-graduate plans. Parents are welcome to contact their child's Guidance Counselor if questions or concerns arise.

Please note: While academic progress is always important, the Junior year holds the last full set of final grades that colleges will see during the application process.

If you are interested in learning about the Marines and what it has to offer, there will be a presentation by a local recruiter on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. You must sign up to be a part of this presentation. Sign-up sheets are located in Guidance.

**Seniors:** November is a very busy month! All seniors should be very busy planning their post-graduate plans. Be aware of deadlines!! Students should be visiting colleges to finish up the final list of colleges they are interested in. **The Guidance Department needs a minimum of two weeks notice to process a student's college application package.** All students should continue to keep their grades up! If you need extra help, after school tutoring is available in the library M-W 2:00-2:30pm. Please continue to contact your Guidance Counselor either by email ([pglass@attleboroschools.com](mailto:pglass@attleboroschools.com), [dfuehr@attleboroschools.com](mailto:dfuehr@attleboroschools.com)) or by filling out a request sheet form. These forms can be found on

the guidance counter. Don't forget to register for the SAT, ACT, or TOEFL tests. Upcoming dates for the SAT are December 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming test dates for the ACT are December 9<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar that Senior Financial Aid Night is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm, in the Bray Auditorium.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
SAT*	November 7 (revised)	December 2, 2006
	December 26 (revised)	January 27, 2007
	February 2	March 10, 2007
	April 3 (revised)	May 5, 2007
	April 27	June 2, 2007
ACT*	November 3	December 9, 2006
	January 5	February 10, 2007
	March 9	April 14, 2007
	May 4	June 9, 2007

\* For detailed information go to: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The Guidance Department recently held two college fairs at Attleboro High School on October 5<sup>th</sup> & October 12<sup>th</sup>. We had 100 colleges in attendance over the course of the two days as well as many technical schools and branches of the military. Most of our juniors and seniors were present at the fairs. The representatives commented on the large turnout of students and their great questions. A lot of great information was shared as students continue their college/career searches.

## W i n t e r   S p o r t s

Winter Sports sign-ups were held on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you did not sign up, please see Mr. Houle in the Athletic Office after school. The following information was presented to all who attended.

All paper work (updated physical and consent forms) and user fees are needed prior to any athlete participating in athletics.

ALL FORMS AND USER FEES DUE ON:  
 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 PM in Principals Lobby or  
 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>  
 2:00 – 4:00 PM Athletic office  
 Boys/Girls basketball user fees will be collected after try-outs.  
User Fee: To be paid by bank check, money order or cash.  
(NO Personal checks, receipt will be given)  
All sports except Ice Hockey  
 \$100 PER SEASON  
 \$250 PERSONAL MAX  
 \$450 FAMILY MAX  
 (\$300 JV), (\$500 Varsity) Ice Hockey

Winter sports will begin November 27, 2006. Students should listen for announcements for updates and practice times. Students should check out athletic news on the "Athletic" bulletin board outside the locker rooms. Coaches are looking forward to seeing a lot of support throughout the winter season!

# School Council Election Ballot

The Education Reform Act of 1993 is based on the belief that there must be active involvement by teachers, school administrators, parents, students and community members in the establishment of goals and expectations for their school.

The following parents have expressed an interest in serving on the Attleboro High School Council:

- Cynthia Dazzi
- Benton Keene III
- Marie Silveira
- Debra R. Surprenant
- Patsy Tirabassi
- Beth Wampler
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(Write in Nomination)

You may choose up to 4 candidates, including a write-in. Please return this form to the Principal's office by  
**November 17, 2006**

**or mail to:**

**Attleboro High School  
c/o Mr. Frederick, Principal  
100 Rathbun Willard Drive  
Attleboro, MA 02703**

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