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Editors Note

Austin Healey '15

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To clarify a November 8, 2012 article entitled “What is Standards Based Grading?”, I would like to make a few notes. Firstly, Standards Based grading and the new John Collins writing systems were confused by our writers. However, these two systems are intrinsically linked.

In the standards based grading system, students are tested on specific areas in which other grading areas may be ignored. They are graded on how well they understand that specific standard required of them to learn, and given a numeric grade of 1, 2, 3, or 4 based on the BHS’s standardized rubrics (found in the student handbook).

This system is supplemented by a BHS “Cross-Curricula Goal” based on 2012 MCAS scores in which “students will increase their skills in answering open response in all curricular areas.” This is implemented by performing John Collins Writings in *all* classes.

John Collins “ten percent summaries” of different articles related to all subjects are used to improve open response techniques. In addition, however, students are taught John Collins “Focus Corrections Areas” in which they focus their skills on specific areas and are graded solely on those areas in conjunction with Standards Based Grading.

Clearly, however, this system has caused much confusion, and few teachers or students understand it. Whether it is effective or not, time will tell.

Conor’s Words of Wisdom

Connor Heffer '15

The most successful people in life recognize that in life, they create their own love, they generate their own motivation.

-Neil deGrasse Tyson

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Fall Sports Wrap Up

Girls Soccer

*Panthers Win 1st Ever
North Title*

Zoe Turner '15

Staff Writer

This year, girls soccer has won their first tournament game since 2007 with their most wins since 1997.

However, never before have they won a North title, so the Panthers have something to be very proud of as this season comes to a close.

Caitlyn Harty scored her 50th goal of the season to tie the score with Central Catholic and the team held their ground in overtime to carry on to the shootouts.

Harty, Eva Gourdeau, Kristen O'Connor, and Diandra Crowley all scored in the Pk's. Harty has scored in every tournament game, and holds 7 of the team's 8 postseason goals.

The Panthers have worked very hard to get this far, “... When you get this far, it's about who wants it more.” said head coach Kristin Simpson of their win over Central Catholic.

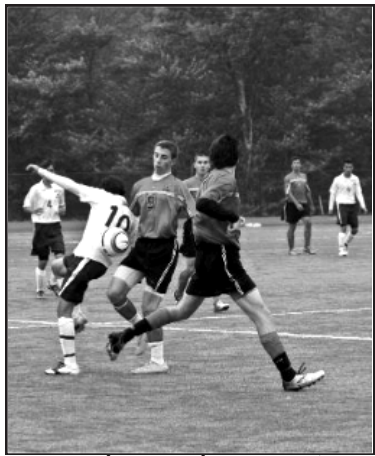


Eva Gourdeau '15 and
Sarah Visnick '16

Boys Soccer

Elias Crandell '15

Staff Writer



Graham Doherty '14

Perry.

Although the team suffered a loss at the very beginning of the tournament, they ended the year on a high note, excited for next year.

The team is sad to lose their seniors, but they appear to have a lot of kids stepping up and taking responsibility for the team by helping lead and motivate. Overall it was a year to go down in the record books.

Boys Cross Country

Charlie Boschen '15

Staff Writer

The BHS Boys' Cross Country Team had a successful season with a final score of 5 wins and 2 losses. The team was lead by captains Andrew Poveromo '13, Alex Wheeler '13 and Dylan Staid '13. Overall, it was a huge improvement from last season.

Alex Greco '15 had yet another record breaking season. On the very first meet against Winthrop, he broke the sophomore record for Beverly's home course with a time of 16 minutes and 20 seconds.

With many new faces added on the team, the Panthers had personal record after personal record. Every runner improved from the beginning of the season in September.

The team did face some challenges though: two very close meets against Gloucester and Peabody; and when one of the team's captains, Andrew Poveromo, got a stress fracture from which he had to spend the rest of the season in recovery.

It was an undeniably bumpy road for the cross country team but the Panther's ended the season with a winning record and promise of an even better season next year.



Andrew Poveromo '13,
Charlie Boschen '15,
Ben Rich '16, and
Jake Vitale '15

Girls Cross Country

Charlie Boschen '15

Staff Writer

The BHS Cross Country girls had an excellent season with a final score of 6 wins and only 1 loss. The team was lead by captains Haley Albert and Jessica Gomes.

At the Northeastern Conference at Bradley Palmer in Hamilton, the girls placed second out of twelve other teams. Nicole Demars, the team MVP, ran a time of 19:43 at that meet.

BHS had a definite strength in numbers. With over thirty players on the team they were rarely outnumbered.

The biggest challenge the girls had to face was against Peabody in the pouring rain. Even though they did loose that meet, they still ran strong.

The BHS Girls Cross Country had a great season with many highlights.

They will be looking forward to another great season next year.



Maddie Shropshire '13,
Haley Albert '13, and
Maeve Monahan '15

Football

Mike Dooling '12

Staff Writer

This year's Beverly Football Team had an anything but ordinary season. It was only the second 10-0 season in the history of the school.

They have been gearing up to become the first 11-0 team. They will accomplish this by winning the 114th Annual Thanksgiving showdown with the Salem Witches.

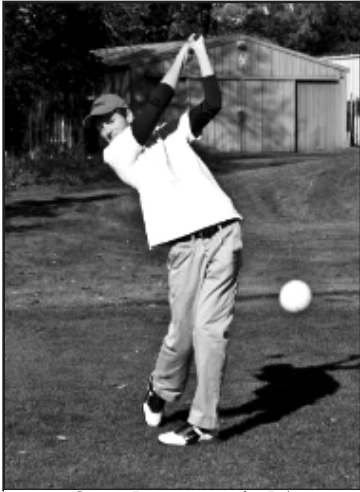
The Panthers started their year off on fire, winning their first six games before conference play. While in conference play, the Panthers continued their dominance behind Brendan Flaherty, Kenny Pierce, and Isaiah White, winning the next four games in conference play to clinch the NEC title for the first time since 2010 (which is when they won the Super Bowl).

This year's Panthers are not just beating opponents, but handling them with ease, outscoring them by 300 points.

The Panthers have earned themselves a berth in the Division 2A playoffs where they will face off against Burlington in the first round.



Brendan Flaherty '13



Sam Peterson '16

Golf

TJ McGovern '14

Staff Writer

Beverly's Varsity golf team had a great season. They had three returning captains including Kevin Dyer, Sam Shorr, and Dustin Dube. Two other captains, Josh Carins and Ted Leathersich, were NEC All-Stars. On top of all that even one of the Captains, Kevin Dyer, received the Player of the Year Award. At the end of the season his prestigious team awarded Coach Kevin Keilty Coach of the Year. This very skilled team went on to have a undefeated season in the NEC. Overall with all matches they still ended up with a outstanding record.

At the end of the season Kevin Dyer and Sam Shorr went on to the Open were neither had their best round but still finished well. A great season was had by the Beverly Panthers Golf Team.

Girls Volleyball

Corinne Ajemian '15

Staff Writer

The Beverly High School Girls Volleyball team ended with one of their most outstanding records of 14-2.

The athletes dedication to this years season, helped them win big matches against towns like Salem and Revere.

Team Captains Karlie Marrs and Christine Green, were great contributions on the team. Karlie Marrs and returning senior Katie Ball were named All-Stars of the season.

Coach Pam Padavoni and JV Coach Shannon Barror received some extra help this year by assistant Coach Victor Cabral. Coach Padovani was also voted NEC coach of the year. BHS' volleyball team really shined this season, and will hopefully continue for years to come.



Hayley Finick '14,
Mariah Dodd '13, and
Katie Ball '13

Girls Field Hockey

Leah Horrigan '13

Staff Writer

Head coach Trish Murphy and assistant coach Pam Morose lead the girls field hockey team into another great season, and it showed with the overall record of sixteen games won, one loss, and one tie. Always A strong team, this year marks the end for many powerful players, including captain Natalie Shea, offensive player of the year Katie Pietrini, and letter award recipients; Katie Wheatley, Livvy Konaxis, Libby Rosenberry, Andrea Zelano, and Phoebe Blau. Katie Peietrini says she is said to go.

“Its been A good four years, but Im positive that even after Im off at college the girls will carry us to even greater accomplishments and even stronger seasons.” Many other senior players are also hopeful about next season, saying it could be even better than this years, even without them. As the team says goodbye to valuable members they are happy they have left on such A good note. “It was a great year, Im happy Im graduating knowing we did good.” Says Katie. Coach Murphy agrees, and looks forward to issuing in the new year, hopeful that she will find as talented and hardworking girls as the seniors this year.

The girls field hockey team has always been known for doing well every season. Based on how hard they work off season. It is evident the girls put their heart and soul into the sport, dedicating all their time to practicing and fundraising. Many girls won awards, for their spirit, dedication to their position, and leadership. Katie is proud of the team, knowing they've down well for the four years she has been on the team. The whole team is proud of what they have accomplished, ready for next season. They've done well because like all panthers they have heart, drive, and a need to succeed.



Hannah Silvestri '15,
Andrea Zelano '13