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## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

### BHS LIBRARY FUND RAISER

The second annual BHS and Briscoe Libraries Fund raiser is being held at Barnes and Noble Sunday, November 23 from 12-6 pm. Any purchase you make will send 10% to our school's library if you present a voucher available at the BHS Library. There will be entertainment from Briscoe Musicians at 1:00, AEGIS Poetry Slam at 3:00, and scenes from the BHS fall play “The Stinky Cheese Man” at 4:00, as well as Principals Poska and Gallagher reading picture books at 2:00.

### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM SELECTS FIVE

A record number of BHS students were accepted into the long-term program this year. Kellie Shea, Olivia Jones, Haley Bowen and Haley Houseman will spend a full school year studying abroad. Katie von Zweck was accepted into the five-week program where she will travel abroad this summer. The exchange students will learn their final destinations in January.

### MCJROTC RAFFLE

The MCJROTC is holding its second raffle of the school year. Just in time for the holidays, the Grand Prize is a 42” Sanyo flatscreen LCD HDTV with digital tuner. The cost of the chances range from 1 chance for \$3 to 6 chances for \$10. Money raised will go toward field trips and funding to buy new equipment.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB Tip #4

Simple choices can be made to keep your Thanksgiving dinner more environmentally friendly. Choosing organic or free-range turkeys ensures more humane treatment of animals and are pesticide free. Vegetarian roasts such as ToFurkey create the best option; ToFurkey has more protein and less fat per ounce than the average turkey, and no animals are harmed in the process.

### PARENT MESSAGES FOR SENIORS

Beverlega 2009 is still accepting parent messages through December. Email information to [bhsbeverlega@hotmail.com](mailto:bhsbeverlega@hotmail.com) or drop off at BHS Main Office.

Dear Editor:

Music is a part of life, as much as geometry, history, or physics; even those of us who lack musical talent this. So why are the fine arts always the area that faces the most drastic budget cuts when such cuts are necessary?

Thus far, Beverly has done an excellent job in preserving music programs when possible, unlike many other districts, where art programs have been hit hard.

Beverly High School is known for their excellent music program and the abundance of opportunity for students interested in music.

This is why the recent drop in participation in the fifth-grade band is cause to worry. Less participation among young musicians in the band will eventually mean fewer students playing instruments in the middle school and high school bands.

If only a very small percentage of students participate in the music programs at Beverly, they will almost certainly see more cuts, hurting those students whose passion is to play an instrument.

The band of Beverly High School has always been one of quality, regularly receiving high ranking in competition. It would certainly be a shame if the program ever ceased to exist.

Christina Norris ‘10

Dear Editor:

Recently there was an article in the Salem News about decreasing interest in band. This doesn't really surprise me at all.

The elementary practices are at 7:30 in the morning. Most people would be way too exhausted to practice an instrument so early. Also, the fee is \$195. That's a lot of money, and a lot of families can't afford it, even with financial assistance.

Besides time of practice, and money, band is a very big commitment. In high school, kids have practice every day, they perform at many of the football games, as well as participating in parades.

Some people just don't want that much of their life dedicated to playing an instrument.

Cassandra Wasserman ‘09

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## Houseman and Doherty make Model UN history



Fourteen members of the BHS Model United Nations delegation competed at the Brown University Simulation of the United Nations. Beverly delegates proved their might among delegates from around the world, with Haley Houseman and Tamsin Doherty earning commendations for their outstanding performances in their committees, a feat that has not been accomplished by the Beverly High School delegation before.

Photo courtesy of Kim Ballou

## Girls Flag Football looking strong this season

Elizabeth Walsh ‘10  
Staff Writer

When students at BHS think of Thanksgiving, the thing that comes to mind is the traditional Beverly/Salem rivalry with the football game on Thanksgiving Day, as well as the Powderpuff game between the girls on the Friday night before.

Now called Girls Flag Football, it's a tradition that seniors have looked forward to since their freshman year. This year the senior girls have a very athletic team, and every girl wants to dominate over Salem.

Mr. Gallagher is head coach for the offensive line, with help from Mr. Ben Bisceglia and Ms. Sudak. Mr. Smith is leading the defense with the assistance of Mrs. Henebury and Mr. Prodanas.

“It's been so much fun; Mr. Gallagher is really excited about how into it the team is,” commented senior Lauren Miedzionoski.

The girls have a strong defense, with Meghan Chatellier leading the group as linebacker and Erin Bushey and Courtney Chalifour making strong tackles. The offense is looking good, as well, with Kellie Shea at quarterback, and Jess Shaw skillfully running the ball.

Another thing that will make this year's Powder puff different from the rest is the uniform. In addition to the usual black, long-sleeved shirts, the girls will be getting actual jerseys with their names and numbers on the back - just like the football team, sweat shirts, and leggings.

This Powderpuff tradition is one that always brings the Senior Class together. The girls get a chance to play with people they do not normally associate with. “Since were split into practice groups for offense and defense, we get to talk to people we didn't really know before,” said Miedzionoski.

The Girls Football Game wouldn't be the same without the boy cheerleaders, and this year these boys are unbelievable! Senior Erin McAuliffe and Mrs. Fecteau are in charge of the boys, and they have received help from some of the football cheerleaders.

This year there are close to 40 boys on the squad, a big increase from last year. “They're great and so funny; they learned “Thriller” today... that was a sight to see!” Jayne Doucette reported. The boys definitely will not disappoint at half time.

With a strong team and extremely talented cheerleaders, this year's game should be one to remember. The team is looking forward to a victory Friday night in Salem under the lights.

### IF YOU GO:

When: Friday, November 21st  
7 PM

Where: Bertram Field, Salem  
Cost: \$3 for Students and Seniors  
\$5 for adults

Tickets available ahead of time.  
See Ms. Scanlon for details.

## Bridging the Gap: *A local tradition continues*

Connor Mahan ‘11 and Ty Albano ‘10  
Staff Writers

Bridging the Gap originated 25 years ago. At that time, thousands of dollars worth of damage had been done before the Beverly/Salem Thanksgiving football game.

Peer leaders and football captains from both cities came up with a way to prevent this vandalism from continuing to happening. Tony Witwicki and Tim Flaherty met with their Salem

counter-parts and began the tradition of Bridging the Gap.

Since then, every Monday before Thanksgiving, peer leaders, football players and cheerleaders, captains, MJROTC members, band leaders, and city officials meet at the top of the Beverly/Salem Bridge to exchange gifts and promote the anti-vandalism campaign.

Since its inception, there has been no vandalism between the two rival cities, which shows the affectiveness of this program.

## Catching up with: Erin McAuliffe Senior leaves her mark with music

Rachel Horzempa ‘12  
Sara Ring ‘12  
Staff Writers

Erin McAuliffe's schedule is booked with AP classes, ballet, band, and work. She doesn't have much free time, but she honestly doesn't mind.

“To be able to do everything you have to make a lot of sacrifices, be willing to cope under pressure, and really have a love for what you do,” McAuliffe said.

And she loves what she does.

Starting ballet classes at three years old, McAuliffe has performed in “The Nutcracker” many times. This year she is the Rat Queen, Arabian, and a member of the Snow Corps.

“The Rat Queen occurs during the battle scene where the music is powerful and intense to perform with ferocious attitude. In Arabian the music is soft, and I have to have a very seductive attitude. These roles are very different from my role as Spanish last year where my music was majestic and strong and I had to have a flirtatious attitude. That is my favorite part of ballet-being able to express myself in so many different ways according to the music,” McAuliffe explained.

“A lot of things have driven me to stay with it,”



Courtesy of Erin McAuliffe

Erin performing Spanish in last year's production of The Nutcracker.

McAuliffe said. “It's a beautiful form of dance. Also, I love being able to express myself without the use of words, and I love music. It's a way to communicate through body language and music...I never have to look the audience in the eye, or speak to them!”

Along with her love of music, she is in the band at BHS. She has been in band ever since the fifth grade. McAuliffe mainly plays the trombone, but plays the violin, too. She helps younger students at Briscoe with clarinet lessons.

“I honestly cannot remember a time in my life when I was not playing music. I learned to play the piano and read music at a very young age from my mom and my grandparents, and I fell in love with it.

Then I began to pick up every instrument that became available to me in the elementary school music programs,” McAuliffe commented.

“Dance and music go hand in hand...Just as I love dancing to the music, I love playing it.”

McAuliffe traveled to Europe last July for a month. She visited Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Luxembourg.

Erin McAuliffe is an excellent student with a passion for what she does.

## Bienvenue!

Rachel Horzempa ‘12  
Staff Writer

In October BHS welcomed students from Albertville, a French city in the Alps near Italy, as part of the French Exchange Program.

Elodie Moreews, a fifteen-year-old girl, was one of those students who would be spending for two weeks with host families of BHS French students. Coming to the USA, Moreews experienced many differences.

“In France, there are no Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, or big malls. And things like cars, restaurants, and houses are not as big. Also, you can travel from country to country very easily,” Moreews added. “And you can't eat good French specialties like cheese dishes!”

The students observed that in France, high schools are very different. They are not as big, and there are no lockers. In France students begin learning English as a foreign language in sixth grade instead of seventh. Concerning the weather, they say it's similar to France, except it's colder here.

While here, Moreews along with the rest of the exchange students visited BHS and toured Beverly. The group traveled to Boston to see the State House, visited the Norman Rockwell Museum, and visited New York City.

The French students also did Three French students with their BHS hosts. activities like visiting Salem, baking Halloween cookies and carving a pumpkin, but their favorite things had to be going to the mall and to the American football games to see the players and the cheerleaders, since they do not do those things in France.

Back in Albertville, the French students are anticipating the BHS portion of the exchange, a two-week stay in April, so until then, au revoir!



Courtesy of Christina Norris



Courtesy of Gainsboro Studios

Drum majors Ben Nicolaysen ‘10 and Christina Dube ‘09 lead the band during the half-time show.

## Beverly High School's Marching Panther Band

Christina Colman ‘10  
Staff Writer

The Beverly High School home football games have a distinct meaning for each of the students at BHS. For the players and cheerleaders, it is their sport. Others go to the game to watch, cheer, and of course, socialize. But for about 100 students, the game has a completely different importance; for them, it is all about the music.

At each varsity home game, the marching band, formally known as the Beverly High School Marching Panther Band, makes an appearance on the field at halftime to put on a themed performance for the crowd.

The theme this year is Latin Rock Fantasy, featuring songs like “La Suerte De Los Tontos,” Paul Simon's “Late in the Evening,” and the Santana hit, “Smooth.”

The half time show would not take place of course without countless hours of practicing.

The preparation starts in August, with a four-day band camp of teaching the newcomers how to march correctly, handing out the music, and learning a portion of the halftime drill.

During the school year, the band practices every Thursday evening in the lower parking lot from 7pm to 9pm in order to be ready and look good on the field, but is it really working? Just how good is this year's marching band?

The band is doing well this season, but what some may not know is that the 2005 football season was the last year the marching band competed. Competing involves a surplus of practicing hours, which would mean a bigger time commitment.

When asked if she would want to compete again, Erin McAuliffe responded quickly with a, “Yes. It is a lot of fun,” she said. McAuliffe thinks that more people would gain interest in band if they were to compete.

Will the band ever compete again? It hard to say whether they will in the near future, but it is possible. On the topic of not competing, Band Director Mr. Ray Novack says, “We are just taking a break.”



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