

Fall Sports Preview

Boys Cross Country

Coach: Sean DunLeavy, Bob Brown
Captains: Dylan Staid, Andrew Poveromo, Alex Wheeler
Last year’s record: 3-4
Runners to watch: Alex Greco
Strengths: Large team, new talent, strong individuals.
Improvements: More positivity

Girls Cross Country

Coach: Dave Jellerson
Captains: Jess Gomes, Haley Albert
Last year’s record: 7-1
Runners to watch: Jessica Gomes, new freshmen
Strengths: Huge team, plenty of new runners
Improvements: More positivity

Field Hockey

Coach: Trish Murphy
Captains: Natalie Shea
Last seasons record: 18-0-1
Strengths: Returning offensive line, returning NEC Champs
Weaknesses: New defense
Players to watch: Felicity Otterbein, Livvy Konaxis, Katie Pietrini, Nicole Woods, Kate Silvestri, Natalie Shea

Football

Coach: Dan Bauer
Captains: Dave Rollins, Dom Abate, Kenny Pierce, Marc Babcock, Brenden Flaherty
Last season’s record: 7-4
Strengths: Running backs
Improvements: Details
Players to watch: Brenden Flaherty, Dave Rollins, Kenny Pierce

Football Cheering

Coach: Danielle Roback
Captains: Alex Dodge, Carolyn Gillis
Strengths: Tumbling
Weaknesses: Stunts
Players to Watch: Alex Dodge, Rachel Shipp, Kendel Davy, Taytum Geary

Golf

Coach: Kevin Keltly
Captains: Kevin Dyer, Sam Shorr, Dustin Dube
Last season’s record: 8-2
Strengths: Experience
Weaknesses: Putting
Players to watch: Kevin Dyer, Sam Shorr

Boys Soccer

Coach: Kevin Leahy
Captains: Conor Leahy, Cam Jones, Dylan Perry
Last season’s record: 2-12-2
Strengths: Goalies, center mids
Weaknesses: Finishing
Players to watch: Captains, new freshmen (Jake Bettencourt)

Girls Soccer

Coach: Kristin Simpson
Captains: Becca Kemmer, Diandra Crowley
Last seasons record: 13-4-1
Strengths: Work ethic, strong individuals, team unity
Weaknesses: Communication
Players to watch: Eva Gordeau, Caitlin Hardy, Diandra Crowley

Volleyball:

Coach: Pam Padovani
Captains: Christine Green, Karlie Marrs
Last seasons record: 4-14
Strengths: Home facility
Weaknesses: Lack of varsity experience
Players to watch: Karlie Marrs, Hayley Finik, Katie Ball, Bridget Keaton, Megan Gunther

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The Wishing Tree Project



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The BHS art teachers read about the Wishing Tree tradition online, and struck with a lightning bolt of sheer genius, they introduced the project to the Art Department.

When they introduced the idea to the rest of the school, it caught on, and kids from all grades were writing and painting on scraps of fabric.

Now, the trees in the courtyard are adorned with little pieces of cloth covered with words of hope and drawings designed to represents one’s dreams, creating a spectacular sight.

Although it is a new tradition at BHS, creating a Wishing Tree is an old tradition around the world. Throughout history, cultures have designated trees, due to their species or appearance, as wishing trees. These trees were said to have a religious or spiritual significance that would grant any wish adorned on the tree with cloth, paper, or parchment, as well as bring luck to creator of the wish.

Although the trees in the BHS courtyard may not have spiritual power, they have our wishes!

Fall play, cast chosen THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

Ben Ayers ‘14
Staff Writer

Three words to describe this year’s fall play would be a farce, a physical comedy, and modern life applicable.

The Government Inspector by Jeffrey Hatcher from the original by Nikolai Gogol is a humorous Russian play written in 1836, satirizing human greed, envy, and stupidity, as well as the political corruption of Imperial Russia.

Mrs. Taylor chose the play *The Government Inspector* because of the success of last year’s comedy. She was looking for a play with a big cast, as well as one that would suit the acting style of her actors here at BHS.

Having a lot of faith in this year’s cast, Mrs. Taylor admitted it was tough choosing from the pool of talent of 47 students for the 20-part show.

Some advice Taylor has for her actors this year is: “Too much is better than too little.” She explained that “you want to make an impression from the moment you walk on stage. Energy and risk are your best friends when it comes to being under the lights.”

With her expertise and broad experience in directing, this year’s fall play is sure to be a hit!

Some of the Cast

Ivan Alexandreyevich Hlestakov	Matt Gill
Osip, his servant	Peter Fickenwirth
Mayor Anton Antonovich	Cade Devlin
Anna Andreyevna, his wife	Melena Schug
Marya Antononovna, his daughter	Alyssa Kastrinakis
Grusha, their maid	Julia Silveira
Judge	Corey Malone
School Principal	Mikayla Bishop
Hospital Director	Sam Peterson
Postmaster	Sam Aldrich
Dobchinsky	Emma Downey
Bobchinsky	Rachel Lurie
Doctor	Tyler Valentine

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Sidney Dunbar ‘12
Staff Writer

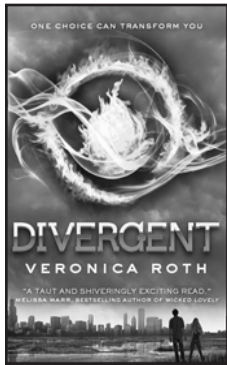
Summer reading: what every student at BHS is supposed to participate in over the summer. While some might like reading selections from the list of books, others wish to enjoy their summer without worrying about reading.

What if the books turn out to be unexpectedly good? What if reading one of the books on the list turns out to be an enjoyable experience? Most people say that they enjoy reading; they just need the right book.

From exciting reads, like *Divergent*, to romantic books, like *Anna and the French Kiss*, the choice of summer reading books were diverse and gave students the opportunity to choose the genre, and then the book, that they wanted.

This year, students discussed the books they read over the summer in one of their advisory blocks. They talked about the book they had read, whether or not they enjoyed it, and if they would recommend the book to others. It was a way for students to interact with others while discussing the books they’ve read.

Divergent, *Anna and the French Kiss*, *Why I Fight*, *Rot & Ruin* and *Ready Player One* received praise from students. To enjoy reading, you need the right book; but you'll never find the right book if you don't look.



Brett Easter ‘15



Marissa Jaynes ‘14



Emma Stantchel ‘16



Jayden Boris ‘15



Mary Burke ‘15



Mrs. Fecteau

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Saying Goodbye to the Greatest Secretary Ever

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This year Beverly High had a great assistant principal and secretary move to a new school.

After working at BHS for several years, Assistant Principal Erin Brown took advantage of an opportunity to become the principal at North Beverly Elementary. When her North Beverly secretary took a new position, it was natural for Mrs. Brown to ask her secretary at BHS, Mrs. Christie Morris, to join her.

Mrs. Morris, whose father had been a chemistry teacher and then a house master at BHS, had been at the high school for years.

Although the *Ledger* couldn’t catch up with Mrs.Brown, we did get a word from Mrs.Morris.



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Ledger: “Everyone misses you up at the high school.”

Morris: “I miss everyone there! But I didn’t do it on a spur of the moment.”

Ledger: “The why did you decide to leave?”

Morris: “Well, I’ve been with Erin [Brown] for seven years now. When she made the decision to leave, I made the decision to go with her.”

Ledger: “Do you like it here at North Beverly?”

Morris: “I do like it here at North Beverly, but I miss BHS, too! It’s nice having a change of scenery, and the faculty here is great, but I miss my friends at BHS. I also made sure to tell Mrs.Yebba I didn’t leave because I didn’t want to be her secretary! It was just an offer that I thought would be the best choice”

Ledger: “Well, good luck, Mrs. Morris!”

Morris: “Thanks! Tell everyone I say hi!”

Although everyone misses Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Brown, BHS happily added a new member to the administration. Mrs. Yebba, the assistant principal to replace Mrs. Brown, came to Beverly from Everett High.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Golf Team Car Wash Saturday at Briscoe Middle School from 9-2. Yankee candles will be available for purchase at the car wash, please swing by and support the Beverly golfers. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

German Foreign Exchange students will be arriving this weekend. They are planning to attend class for approximately five days beginning Monday the 24th. The exchange students are very excited about the experience, but need help to feel welcomed, so please leave a spot for them at lunch or in class.

Senior Dues are 65 dollars this month, so make sure to get them in this week. Remember the dues increase five dollars every month. Bring cash or make checks payable to “BHS class of 2013.” This can be brought to Mrs.Flaherty or Mrs.Richardson.

How does it feel to be back in school?

The first LEDGER interview of the year - Corinne Ajemian ‘15 and Jayden Boris ‘15



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