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## Which is “The Greatest Class”?

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Despite its being a Saturday, an assembly was held in the Beverly High School auditorium on September 8; the purpose was to celebrate the release of a book by a BHS graduate about his high school class.

Author S.T. Mugglebee ‘59 came to sign and sell copies of his first non-fiction book, a collaborative compilation of memoirs from his own Class of 1959, entitled *The Greatest High School Class, Ever*. That sounds like a big name to live up to, but the title does not apply merely to the “Fifty-Niners,” as Mugglebee and his classmates called themselves.

“In the end, it stands for every class that ever graduated from Beverly High School,” Mugglebee said, as quoted by Paul Leighton in the *Salem News*. Rather than put in pictures from their high school years, the Fifty-Niners included photographs taken at their fifty-year high school reunion.

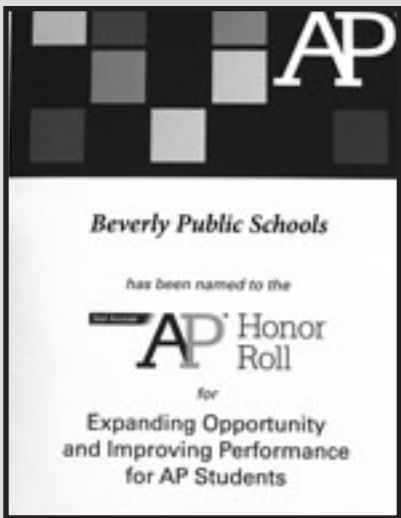
The cover art was painted by local artist and Fifty-Niner Anita Cross. The building on the front is not our high school, nor even the building that was demolished two years ago. The depicted building is recognizable as the current Briscoe Middle School, which served as the high school from 1923-1965.

The audience that visited on Saturday included many Fifty-Niners, as well as their friends and family. The program consisted mostly of short speeches made by Mugglebee, Cross, Mayor William Scanlon, Maria Decker, and BHS Principal Sean Gallagher.

Principal Gallagher specified that the thing that makes Beverly High School unique is its tradition of students passing on the torch, leaving a legacy. Most of the students and staff have observed this, especially through clubs, sports, and activities.

Seeing so many alumni come back to their school community and tell the world about their experience in it causes some reflection about our own legacy here. What will we remember of our high school experiences? Just what we see in the yearbook? Or will we be able to recall details and anecdotes? Are our experiences worthy of being remembered and shared?

The back cover of the book states the Class of '59's motto, “Tomorrow begins with today.” The book has its own website, <http://www.TGHSCE.com/>



## BHS Honored by College Board

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Beverly High School, one of three schools in the North Shore, was named to the second annual AP Honor Roll this week by the College Board, a not-for-profit organization that runs the AP program. AP classes enable high school students to take college level courses.

According to the college board, Beverly has increased the number of students earning AP test scores of 3 or higher at 72 percent, while it might be down from 78 percent in 2009, the College Board says that a decline in scores is expected if a program attracts more students.

Beverly, Marblehead, and Masconomet are among 30 public school districts in Massachusetts to make the honor roll. While Pennsylvania led all states with 34 honor roll districts, it was followed by Massachusetts and New York with 30 percent each.

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## Welcome, German Students!



Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Schalch

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As BHS welcomes fall, we also welcome our new foreign exchange students from Germany! As a very large group this year, we hope they will transition well into our ways here at BHS.

Being one of the first schools to have the new one-to-one laptop program, it is sure to be a new experience for all of them. Just like last year, they

will join us in and out of the classroom for a unique learning experience in a new country; their involvement for us all will be priceless.

Since they came in Fall this year, it gives them the perfect opportunity to take advantage of all the local festivities like apple picking, the Topsfield fair, and carving pumpkins! We hope to see them all around, and we look forward to another fantastic year!

## Join a club! Get involved!

Club	Advisor	Room	Day	Time
Aegis	Mrs. L. Collins	157	Wednesday	2:45
Cooking Club	Ms. Quinlan	158	Tuesday	2:45
Dance Team	Ms. Garzia	Auditorium	Friday	2:45
DECA	Mrs. Marascalchi	233	Walk-In	
Gaming Club	Ms. Fecteau	Library	Wednesday	2:30
Gay/Straight Alliance	Ms. Burke	Library	Tuesday	2:45
Inter. Friendship	Ms. Orlando	244	Thursday	2:45
Key Club	Mrs. Cohen	408	Wednesday	7:45 am
Math Team	Ms. DiGenova	142	Tues/Thurs	2:45
Model United Nations	Mrs. Ronan	308	Tuesday	2:45
Nat. Art Honor Society	Mrs. Graczyk	165	Thursday	7:45 am
National Honor Society	Ms. Winokur	407	Thursday	7:45 am
Paranormal Club	Mr. Gibbs	306	Thursday	2:45
Philosophy Club	Mrs. Cohen	408	Friday	2:45
Photography Club	Mrs. Graczyk	165	Tuesday	2:45
World of Difference	Mrs. Gorman/Mrs. Angelo	113	Tuesday	7:30 am
Yearbook/Newspaper	Mrs. McCafferty	405	Tues/Thurs	7:30 am

## Join Best Buddies

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Clubs are a great way to get involved and meet new people in the school community. There is a great variety of clubs offered here at Beverly High, and with so many different choices there is truly something for everyone.

One of the many clubs at BHS is Best Buddies. The Best Buddies program creates opportunities for students to create one-on-one friendships with other students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Best Buddies is a great club to join because you get to form many new friendships and make a difference in peoples' lives while doing it. Also, according to past members, the meetings and events they attend as a group such as football games are really fun!

According to Matt Garrity (Vice President), “Joining best buddies is great because it gives students an opportunity to become friends and enjoy activities with some of our peers with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It's a great way to get involved at BHS.”

With the leadership of Haley Albert (President), Matt Garrity (Vice President), Hunter Zimmerman (Secretary), and Erica Albert (Treasurer), the goal for this year is to have two events a month and at least one fundraiser every couple months over the course of the year.

Meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays at either 7:30 or 7:45am in Mrs. Quinlin's room (the cooking room) located on the first floor. For more information, listen to the morning/afternoon announcements or contact any of the officers listed above to join.

## Ms. Yebba New Assistant Principal

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Since Ms. Brown has moved on to become the new principal of North Beverly Elementary School, BHS is welcoming Ms. Yebba as our new third floor assistant principal!

Ms. Yebba was carefully hand picked by a large committee for her expertise in education, charisma, and people skills. In school, she had a love of history as well as law, but she decided to choose a career in education; she became a history teacher for Everett High School, becoming the Dean of Students there, as well.

As a Dean of Students, Yebba had a lot of experience with developing curriculum and relating to the community as a whole. Joining Beverly, she hits the ground running, taking on the role as our new Assistant Principal and working without a secretary. Although discipline is a big part of the job for an assistant principal, Ms. Yebba is more than compassionate about the success of all of her students, and that is her main focus.

Other than her job as an assistant principal, Yebba has a great, quirky sense of humor and a big sports interest. Any Boston team is her preference, and she plans to attend many of our Beverly Panther football games this fall.

Ms. Yebba admires Nelson Mandela's observation that “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world,” and she plans to dignify that quote with her work this year!

(Word is that she has a hidden Everett momentum in her office, so keep your eyes out!)

## Carly Moffie Broadway or Bust

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This summer Carly Moffie '13 was able to participate as one of sixty finalists in the National High School Musical Theater Awards. These talented performers spent a week in New York City, training with professional singers and actors, and saw their efforts culminate in a variety show before a panel of judges who chose one Best Actor and one Best Actress.

PBS televised the contest in a three-part documentary, called Broadway or Bust, which aired on Sundays during the month of September. I was lucky enough to sit down with Carly to talk about her Broadway experience.

**Ledger:** How long have you been singing and acting? How did you get started?

**Carly:** Well, I've been singing since I could talk. I always thought I wanted to be a singer; but then in fifth grade I was in a school musical, and I realized that I liked acting too.

**Ledger:** When did you first hear about Broadway or Bust?

**Carly:** Well, I didn't hear about Broadway or Bust until about two weeks before I went to New York. We were doing Thoroughly Modern Millie, and I knew that [Mrs. Pilenen-Kudlik] had nominated me for the Student Spotlight Award, at the Northshore Music Theatre. I didn't know much about it, even then. So I went to the audition, and I won Best Actress for our region; and then I found out that the prize for that was going to New York to be in the National High

## "Eine Neue Lehrerin Für BHS" (A New Teacher for BHS)



Frau Andrea Phillips

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BHS was left with a significant gap in its German program after the sudden absence of the jovial and bewildering Herr Guy. However, German students were not left sitting in the eerily empty room 311 for long. Frau Phillips, who recently inherited the German program, promises her own unique teaching style and personal initiative to promote the German language.

Born and raised in Boise, Idaho with her six brothers, Frau Phillips is enjoying her time in Massachusetts. Arriving in late 2010 to attend UMASS Amherst she is currently in the process of moving from Northampton to Beverly. She praises Beverly for its nice community, but misses the soaring Rockies of Idaho she is used to.

Like many German students, Spanish or French just wasn't appealing to her. Her high school exchange solidified her love of Germany and the German Language; she continued her studies to keep in touch with her exchange partner with whom she remains good friends. An avid bike rider, she has toured across Germany, along with Switzerland and Austria as well.

Studying at Boise State and UMASS she attended exchanges to Saarland and Tübingen, both in South Western Germany. Volunteering as an elementary school teacher in high school, as an English teacher in Germany, and teaching German at UMASS- she clearly has experience. Her teaching style is heavily participative and she believes in allowing students to relate lessons to themselves in their own ways.

What is her plan for BHS? Firstly, if you are looking forward to the exchange program, do not be worried. Frau Phillips believes strongly in maintaining an exchange program, however any changes are to be decided. In addition, she seeks to establish a pen pal program with an English class in Germany. Lastly, for any fans of Herr Brune she has met him, and says she is open to adapting her methods if it helps her students learn (Stempels?).

She's looking forward to getting to know her students and discussing German in a deeper way through literature and culture. When asked what her message to the German students and those thinking about taking German her answer was simple: “Deutsch ist eine schöne Sprache”...German is a beautiful language.



School Musical Awards. So we were getting ready for that, and then we learned that PBS was going to do a special about it. We found out right before we went; and then we had to answer all these questions for them. When we got there, it was overwhelming, having all the camera crews there; but it was really cool.

**Ledger:** In the first episode you met Michael Feinstein. Were you familiar with his work before then?

**Carly:** Yeah, definitely, he's kind of a renowned person in the theater industry. It was so cool; though I didn't get to meet him personally, it was great for him to just be there.

**Ledger:** What is something you learned from this experience?

**Carly:** So much! I learned that I want to solidify this as my career. At first I was so overwhelmed, because we had rehearsals literally thirteen hours a day, five days straight. And I thought, I couldn't do this for my professional life; but as we kept going on, I thought, I have to do this, because I loved going everyday.

If you didn't get to watch the show on television, the three episodes can be viewed online at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/broadway-or-bust/>