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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

CLASS UPDATES

SENIORS The Senior Class is preparing to sell class t-shirts, for \$12 each in the coming future. They are also preparing for class field trips and Senior week, as well as other end of the year activities. Prom will be June 2nd at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge.

JUNIORS The Junior Class is holding the 1st Annual Battle of the Talents on April 14th at 6:00 PM in the BHS Auditorium. Prom will be May 27th at Angelica's of Middleton.

SOPHOMORES The Sophomore Class is currently selling class t-shirts. Shirts cost \$10 for short sleeve and \$15 for long sleeve; see the class officers to order. They are also working on developing class events for the rest of the year. Semi will be May 20th in the new cafeteria.

FRESHMEN The Freshmen Class is selling t-shirts again; more details in the future. They are also raffling off a parking spot. Semi will be May 6th in the new cafeteria.

1st Annual Battle of the Talents!

The Junior Class is holding a talent show on Thursday April 14th. Tickets are \$5 beforehand and \$7 at the door

It is looking out to be a fun night filled with tons of talent and enjoyable entertainment.

If you are interested in signing up, see Sky, Jake, Laura, Ariana, or Ms. Reagan before the deadline, Tuesday, April 12.

PARKING SPOT RAFFLE

The Freshmen Class is raffling an ideal parking spot in the front row for the rest of the year.
Tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6.
Buy your tickets from any Freshman Class officer or from Mr. Riordan in Room 351.
Time is running out, so buy your tickets *as soon as possible.*

Why No Love for Backpacks?

Corey Malone '13
Staff Writer

In this new school we have, with four floors, a rush to get to class, and kids everywhere carrying sky-high stacks of books, why are backpacks still outlawed?

Although backpacks were considered a safety hazard, the large piles of books and giant purses that obstruct the aisles are still allowed.

With the acceptance of backpacks, which conveniently fit on the back of the school's new chairs and would be out of the way in an emergency, not only would the so-called hazard be eliminated, but many benefits could arise from their inclusion to the classroom.

Students would have to make fewer trips to their lockers, as they would be able to carry more books for more classes at once.

The stair situation and travel time would also be solved as students and would experience less strain from carrying multiple, heavy books in their arms.

In addition, the organization and furniture of the new classrooms warrant the switch. With smaller classrooms, the aisles are narrower. Because the new desks do not have an under compartment to hold books and belongings and because the desks are too small to hold them all, everything must go on the floor, obstructing the already smaller aisle ways. For these reasons, the books and belongings not stored backpacks are more of a hazard to movement in case of an emergency.

With belongings placed in backpacks that easily fit on the back of the chairs, plus the easier mobility and carrying capacity allowed by them, it would only make sense that the policy regarding backpacks be changed to fit the needs of the new building.

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BHS Relay for Life Team

Photo Courtesy of KC Kelleher '11

Students fight back; raise \$3,400

Mike von Zweck and Clare Leathersich '11
Staff Writers

The Panthers Relayed for Life all night this past Friday, about 75 Beverly students dedicated their night to the cause, creating the biggest and strongest team thus far. Relay For Life is a night devoted to raise awareness and money for all cancer research, hosted by the American Cancer Society and Endicott College.

Students gathered from 5 pm to 5 am to walk laps around the track and partook in various activities set up by the Relay team. Activities included dodgeball, basketball, karaoke and dancing. Food catered by local restaurants was supplied throughout the night. Prides Deli, Panera, Maria's Pizza, and Quiznos all donated food to feed the hungry walkers.

When the Panthers first did Relay for Life in 2009, the BHS team consisted of only about 20 people who worked hard to raise money. The funds however, did not come close to what the team was able to raise this year, in 2011. Beverly raised \$3,400 and had the largest fundraiser, James Powers.

The BHS team was run by senior captains Zoe Beaudoin and KC Kelleher. Many parents sacrificed their nights to stay up and oversee the students.

The midnight Luminiara Ceremony was a dedication to all cancer survivors, fighters, and those who have passed away. Students walked in silence for an hour carrying glowsticks to honor those who have touched their lives and the lives of their friends.

The students came together to support each other and it was the most touching ceremony yet.

Turf field construction

Megan Klinetob '11
Staff Writer



Plan of the new turf construction

Beverly High has been awarded a state grant to build a turf field. One condition of the grant is that we have 1 year to design it and 1 year to build it.

This would mean that the field inside the track would be finished in July of 2013. The building process of the turf takes 6 - 8 weeks to complete.

Because of construction conditions and the fact that we already have the plan for the turf designed, Mr. Coffey says, "It should be ready for the fall of 2011." Construction of should begin on July 1st.

When asked what sports would be playing on the turf field, Mr. Coffey replied, "EVERY SPORT! The field hockey, soccer, football, and lacrosse teams will all play on this field. Baseball and softball training will happen on this field. Freshmen and JV football will also practice on the turf. Even the Marching Band will practice on it."

Coffey says there are two layers of the track; the concrete layer and the gravel layer. The concrete layer is in very good condition but the gravel layer is going to be resurfaced.

Eventually there will be 2 turf fields on Beverly High School campus, one with a stadium which will be added later.

Best Buddies Prom

Maeve Robertson '12
Staff Writer

Last Friday, the Beverly High School Best Buddies attended the Best Buddies Prom at Babson College. There was a dinner, lots of dancing, and distinction awards that were given out to buddy pairs. To top off the night, Miss Massachusetts made a surprise appearance and took pictures with many of the students.



Beverly Best Buddies before the prom.

Photo Courtesy of Ms. Adrienne Baker

Beverly High School sets sail!

George Louis '11
Staff Writer

It seems that Beverly High School has a lot more surprises than just a new school. This spring season, Beverly is starting a Sailing Team. The Beverly Sailing Team will be part of the Massachusetts Bay League. The Massachusetts Bay League is not like the NEC or any other conference for the fact that the League has teams from all across Massachusetts like Boston Latin, Duxbury, and Winthrop High School.

With a new sport comes a lot of questions. For example, where is the equipment going to come from? Where are the practices? Is there enough interest? And most importantly, who is going to coach the sport?

I was lucky enough to catch up with Mr. James Coffey, the Athletic

Director for Beverly High School. Coffey says the BHS Sailing Team is going to be coached by Marty Stephen. Marty is more then qualified to coach this team, having sailed in the America's Cup and helped to start the Gloucester High School and Manchester High School sailing programs.

The 420 boats are rented from the Manchester Yacht Club, where the team practices 3-5 days a week. Transportation to and from practice at Manchester Yacht Club, is provided for the Sailing Team.

The students will pay a fee of \$200 athletic fee to be on the team. Although the sport is new to Beverly, there will be a JV team.

Mr. James Coffey predicts that this will be a successful sport with growing interest in the future.

What do you think of next year's class schedule?

For next year's schedules, there will be many changes starting with block lengths. Every block will become 84 minutes long, including electives. Also, there will be an A and B day for schedules. "A days" will consist of A,B,C, and D blocks while "B days" will consist of E,F,G and H blocks. Starting next year, students will not have studies. Only seniors with enough credits will have senior privileges during D block of an "A day" and H block of a "B day". Any class that is not an elective will be year-long, and most electives will change at the end of the semester.



Alik Kallas '12



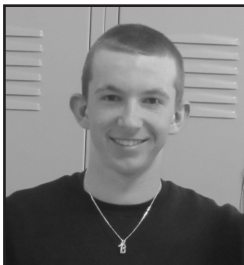
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"I don't like how seniors can't leave for lunch and how all of the finals will be at the same time."

"There are no studies, so I don't like it."

"It's sad because there are no office aides."

"It's crap. I don't like how it's all double blocks."

"I don't mind it."