



BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

WINTER CONCERT TONIGHT

Tonight at 7 p.m. in the BHS Field House. It will feature performances by the Concert and Jazz Bands, the Concertquire, Vocal Ensemble, Chorus and Strings Ensemble.

The Choral groups are directed by Carolyn Pilanan, and Ray Novack directs the instrumental groups.

Band and Chorus will do a combined number called “Our Winter Wonderland.” Don’t forget to bring a lawn chair!

JUNIORS: Sweatshirts are still being sold for \$20.00. Order forms are available in A wing office and can be handed in to any of the officers. Get yours before the holidays!

CAREER SEMINAR

Grade: Grade 11
Date: Friday, February 12th
Time: 9:30-10:30

HOLIDAY CONTEST

The Ledger is holding a holiday contest for BHS faculty. Teachers will decorate their rooms with holiday-themed adornments and *Ledger* staff members will vote on which room is best decorated.

Teachers are asked to decorate their rooms or offices with a holiday/winter theme. You may bring things from home or have students help make things. Your classroom and offices may include the windows and doors.

Starting the first day, teachers will start to decorate their rooms. On December 21, members of the *Ledger* will go to each teacher’s room to judge.

Two winners-- the winter King and Queen will be chosen, as well as two runners-up, and it will be posted in the Christmas Eve issue of the *Ledger*.

THREE MAGICIANS MAKE FUNDS APPEAR FOR SENIOR CLASS

The Beverly High School Senior class teamed up with the *Are You Serious?* Magic show for their 2009 fundraiser. The Show, headed up by Beverly High School Alumni Jeff Kaylor and featuring fellow local performers Anton James and Stephen Loureiro, will be packed with magic, stunts, laughs and a whole lot of fun. So come on out and get SERIOUS!

Friday, December 18th 6:00 @ the Memorial Building Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

THE LEDGER IN COLOR

Current and archived issues of *The Ledger* are available in color online at bhsledger.wikispaces.com.

UPLOAD WIDGET PICTURES

Submit your candids to the yearbook through the widget at bhsonline.org!

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Lights, Camera, Gallagher!

Mariah Thomas ‘11
Staff Writer

With the collaboration of BevCam, Principal Sean Gallagher has started his own show called “Principals’ Corner”. Mrs. Lloyd’s Media Productions class has made it possible to be aired once a month on Channel 22.

“I think it is very important to recognize our students and the great things they do,” says Mr. Gallagher. He also thinks this will be a wonderful way to show the Beverly Community what Beverly High School is doing.

When starting this television show, one of his main goals was to give students a stronger voice. Beverly High School already has *The Ledger*, *Beverlega*, *Aegis*, and a newsletter, the *Panther Press*. Adding a show would bring Beverly High School to the top of the media empire.

Two episodes have already aired on Channel 22, including an episode to recognize the National Merit Scholars that were commended from Beverly High School. Mr. Gallagher interviewed the scholars Lauren Lacy, Abby Kelly, Regan Imperiali, Christina Norris, and Tamsin Doherty. That episode also recognized the numerous BHS Adams scholars.

“We want to promote a lot of student success. We have so many wonderful students and activities that we need to recognize them,” says Mr. Gallagher.

A second episode included an interview with Athletic Director James Coffey, who gave a recap of the fall sports. The episode also featured an interview with Assistant Principal and Coach Dan Bauer about spirit week and the Thanksgiving Day game.

Recording on December 22nd, Mr. Gallagher will be interviewing Mrs. Taylor, Assistant Prin-



cipal and Director of the fall play, about the leads of “I Remember Mama.” There will be an over-look at Beverly High School’s Fine Arts department. Also included, segments on volunteers and the DECA program.

Gallagher believes his show will impact students because it is dedicated to BHS students. Although, it currently airs only once a month, he hopes it will air once a week, commenting, “After the first show, we developed nothing but positive feedback.”

As a firm believer in positive role models, Mr. Gallagher aspires that his show will encourage students to become more involved in BHS activities and the Beverly community.

DECA competes at Ferncroft



Photo courtesy of Jean McCafferty

A few of the DECA students prior to the competition.

Mark Hannable ‘10
Staff Writer

The DECA program has become more popular not only across the country, but also in Beverly High School. Over 70 Beverly students will travel to the Danvers Ferncroft to compete in the DECA competition against seven other communities.

The DECA program gives students a great opportunity to really see what the real life-marketing program is like. There are not only individual events but team events as well. They will take part in a role-play and also a written test to determine their score.

The top four scores in each team event, and top six scores in each individual event will move on to the state competition held in Boston in March.

A big part of DECA is fundraising and obtaining enough money to take part in the competitions. Participants of DECA were asked to sell a box of candy, and also sell a prescription for ESPN magazine. After all of the fundraising, the fee for all participants goes down to 40 dollars.

You might ask where all of this money goes. The money is used for the busses, the judges, the food, and DJ, while going to the hotel fees and all three meals for those who make it to the state competition.

Participants will leave for the Ferncroft by bus at 7:30 A.M on Wednesday December 16th, and will return home around 3:30 that afternoon. This is a great event for the marketing students to take part in, and will be very beneficial for those who are undecided on possible future jobs.

The *New Moon* has risen

Breanna Glidden ‘10
Staff Writer

It's been a long time since we've seen a new hit movie, but over the thanksgiving weekend the *Twilight Saga: New Moon* was a great success making 45.5 million dollars over the long weekend.

MOVIE REVIEW

The movie takes off as Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), the vampire that everyone's grown to love, breaks up with his beloved human soul mate and girlfriend Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) with a promise to never come back to Forks, Washington.

After Edward leaves, Bella finds that an adrenaline rush and any kind of danger lets her “see” Edward, and she finds ways to keep making him reappear, even if it puts her own life in danger.

Soon she comes to find comfort in her old friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), soon after that they found enjoyment in each other.

Jacob then soon finds that he's having some

trouble of his own finding that he is a decedent to his family of werewolves.

Throughout the movie Jacob tries to win Bella over in hopes that she will forget about Edward, and now he's stepped into the place as her protector to try and fight off a lady vampire named Victoria [from the first *Twilight* movie] who's come back for her revenge.

Bella's last thrill-seeking activity almost leaves her dead, which reconnects her to one of the Cullen family members, leading her to Italy where Edward has gone to visit the Volturi, in which Dakota Fanning is a part of, to ask them for a favor.

After being turned down Bella is the only one to stop Edward from revealing him self to human eyes. The ending will leave you in shock and wanting more.

I highly recommend this movie if you're into action, forbidden love, love triangles, and if you enjoy the unexpected.

This is a great movie even if you haven't read the books. It's easy to follow and fall in love with. It's not cheesy like most stories, its very “authentic and sincere”.

Gotta love Five Guys

Dan Hegarty ‘10 & Austin Butler ‘10
Staff Writers

If you ever find yourself in the Swampscott or Gloucester area and are in need of some good chow, make

your way over to 5 Guys Burgers and Fries and you will not be disappointed.

5 Guys is a nationally ranked, clean, and classy fast food restaurant with a simple menu that consists of exquisite burgers that are huge in size as well as taste, delectable fries cooked in a special peanut oil, and hot dogs that are twice as big as any other restaurants.

This clean and respectful restaurant not only has great food, but great prices to match it. You can get a great meal that fills you up for under \$10.

They have a great variety of drinks, and they also offer free refills which is always a great perk. The food is made quickly and efficiently, but tastes as if it was slaved over for hours.

Since the holidays are coming up, a 5 Guys gift card would definitely be a great gift to get for someone, but if that’s not the case then we really recommend that you make the trip to check this place out.



Going to jail

Justin Marrs ‘10
Staff Writer

The Beverly High School hosts a Police Academy Class for the seniors that are interested in learning about the police force. The class is held once a week on Thursday afternoons GH block.

The local school Officer Jay Lantych teaches the class and does a tremendous job. Recently the Police Academy class took a field trip to the Middleton jail, chaperoned by Officer Jay and Assistant Principal Dan Bauer. The field trip consisted of a detailed tour by one of the head sheriff department’s police officers.

Students walked around the jail to see some of the physical features. Officers also shared some of the background information about the jail of which few people are aware. The program also showed some of the daily procedures performed.

As students walked through the jail, they witnessed some of the inmates, their cells, and where they “hangout” most days. They showed students the meals that inmates receive everyday for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

At the end of the tour, the tour guide, had four special inmates whom he trusted come talk to participants of the tour and tell them their “life story” and how they got in jail.

The program that the jail offers is very powerful and is highly recommended by students. The jail successfully gains students’ attention and causes them to think twice about everything learned that day.