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## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

### FALL PLAY

Stage Right and Fine Arts Department presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 PM, and Sunday at 2:00 PM in the new BHS auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for adults.

### MY FAIR LADY AUDITIONS

The BHS Music Department and Stage Right will be hosting auditions for the year's musical "My Fair Lady." Auditions will take place in the auditorium after school on Wednesday, December 15th. Audition packets are available in the chorus and band rooms.

### BEVERLY DECA CARES

Beverly DECA Cares is selling Autism Awareness scarves, hats, and bracelets for the local, non-profit organization For Jake's Sake. The price of individual scarves is \$10; hats are \$15; bracelets are \$5. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit For Jake's Sake.

Anyone interested in ordering a scarf, hat, or bracelet is encouraged to email the organization at [beverlydecacares@gmail.com](mailto:beverlydecacares@gmail.com) or visit their website at [www.beverlydecacares.tumblr.com](http://www.beverlydecacares.tumblr.com).

In addition, scarves, hats, and bracelets can be bought at school throughout the year or at Henry's Market on December 11th and 12th.

### NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

The **Danvers Bank Branch** in A154 is still under construction but will open in February.

The **library** is now open for all students and teachers to enjoy. Students who wish to stay in the library during their studies should sign up in the mornings before school. There will be no eating in the library!



Photo Courtesy of Corey Cahill

The library has an excellent view out the front of the school.

## Seniors bring back dances

Brian Alexander '11  
Staff Writer

Once a regular event and major fundraiser for BHS classes, dances were cancelled following the infamously memorable Sophomore Semi-Formal of 2008, as well as other related incidents. Semis and proms continued to be allowed, but under much tighter measures.

Now, the administration is allowing the first dance to be held in three years. The Senior Class will be hosting a Black and White Affair on Friday, December 17th. Due to the limited capacity of the Upper Gym, tickets will be sold to juniors and seniors first and then underclassmen.

Tickets cost \$10 and can be bought Wednesday, December 15th, through Friday, December 17th, during all three lunches.

The hope is that if this everything goes well, dances will once again become a regular event for the school.

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# Panthers make history with first Super Bowl win

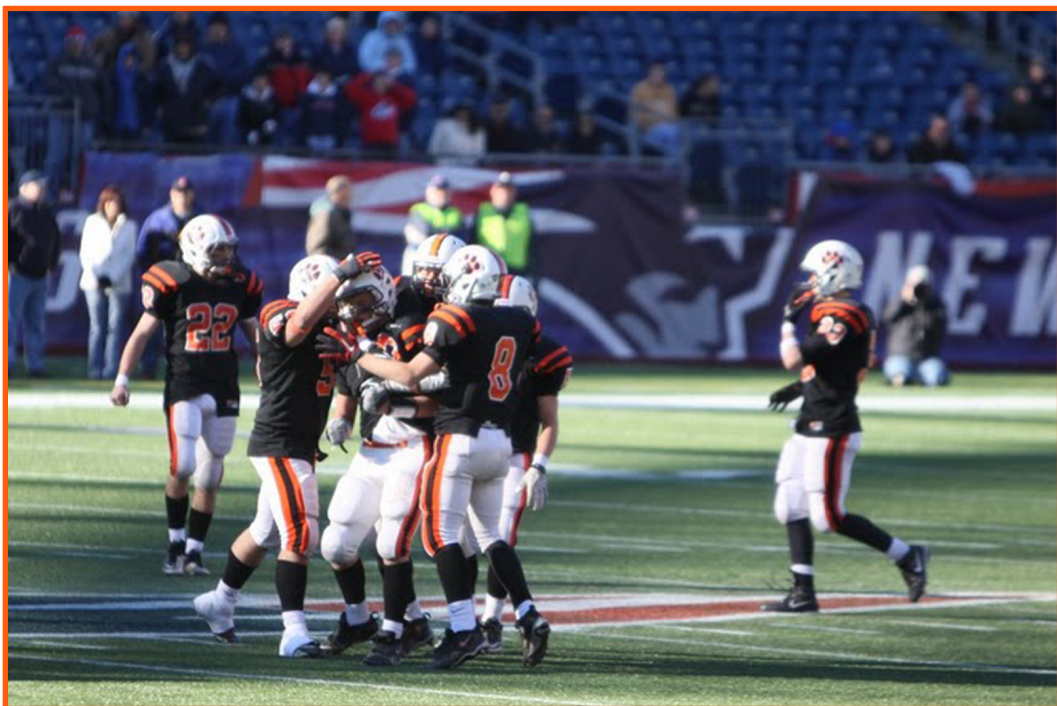


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Panthers celebrate after a touchdown.

Emily Schultz '11  
Staff Writer

Since 1890 when football began at Beverly High School, a team has been to a Bowl game only twice over the 120 years.

In 1948, the undefeated Panthers (9-0) made their only Exchange Bowl appearance, losing to Brockton 6-14. In 1988, another undefeated Panther team (10-0) experienced the second major loss, this time to Dracut 6-23 in the first Super Bowl appearance.

This year the story changed. Many reporters and radio personalities, including 98.5 "The Sports Hub," which broadcast the Super Bowl game, considered the BHS 2010 season a "Cinderella Story."

The Panthers 0-5 season start didn't seem too promising, but to go on and win every single game in their conference was nothing short of an upset.

The loss to long-time rivals, the Salem Witch-es, was painful, but the Panthers stayed focused on their playoff game against Scituate High

School the following Tuesday.

The Panther upset of Scituate at the Manning Arena, predicted by Salem News Sports Editor Phil Stacey, was something to celebrate, considering it was their first class ticket to Foxboro.

Senior Chris Mitchell gave the Ledger an insight into what it was like to make it all the way to Gillette to play.

**Ledger:** How did it feel to play at Gillette Stadium?

**Mitchell:** It honestly didn't hit me until I walked through the hallway and saw the grass, the stands, and all the people cheering. It was all so unbelievable.

**Ledger:** What was the best thing about playing there?

**Mitchell:** I couldn't believe it when I made a play and then watched myself on the Jumbo-tron. The whole thing seemed un-real.

**Ledger:** What was the coolest thing about the game?

## PLAYING MUSIC AT GILLETTE STADIUM

Emily Rowe '11  
Staff Writer

It was an exciting day on Saturday as the BHS Marching Band made their way to their seats for the Eastern Mass Division 3 Super Bowl.

Being a band member and having everyone clapping and cheering for you is an indescribable feeling. As a senior, I have never experienced anything like this before in the four years I have been at BHS.

I felt a rush of adrenalin as I looked around and saw all of the people cheering. When the fans looked nervous, we tried our hardest to make noise and keep everyone excited.

As half time approached, the band started heading toward the field for our halftime routine where we performed our medley of Billy Joel songs on the same field as the Patriots play their home games.

Sitting in our seats again, we are counting down the minutes until Beverly wins for the first time ever. At the end of the game, we started doing our street beat as we headed back to the buses. The crowd cheered and applauded with their excitement of the Beverly Panthers' Super Bowl win.

This was by far the biggest event I have every played in and an experience that I will never forget!

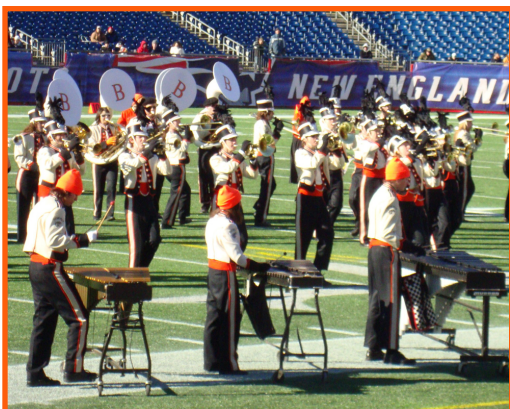


Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Dube

The Marching Band performs their Billy Joel songs during halftime at Gillette Stadium.

**Mitchell:** When I saw the team on the Jumbo-tron from behind, holding hands and walking to the forty yard line at the beginning of the game.

**Ledger:** What did you do after the game-winning sack in the last few seconds?

**Mitchell:** As soon as I saw the quarterback go down, I threw my arms up in the air and went looking for someone on my team to chest bump.

**Ledger:** What did you do as you were leaving the field?

**Mitchell:** The team and I walked up to the upper deck to receive our trophy. Some of the players went to hug the cheerleaders that had been with us all season. I hugged my girlfriend Taylor, who was also a cheerleader, before I went up to get our trophy.

**Ledger:** How do you think this first ever Super Bowl win impacted our school?

**Mitchell:** I believe the game was emotional for everyone, especially fans, players, coaches, cheerleaders, players' families, and even some of the Beverly citizens that had played or supported former Panther football teams.

## A cheerleaders' perspective

Maeve Robertson '12  
Staff Writer

None of us cheerleaders ever imagined that we would have the chance to cheer at Gillette Stadium; it was a dream come true for us.

When we arrived in Foxboro, our nerves definitely had the best of us. Some of us had never been to Gillette Stadium before, but walking onto the field to see the stands filled with black and orange and the boys we had grown up with and know so well on the Jumbo-tron was really an unforgettable experience.

The boys tell us that they play better when they have a crowd cheering for them, so we try to get everyone fired up, but this time they were enthusiastic and going wild when we did call-back cheers; that's what we love.

There were certain points during the game when we were scared for the boys; however, we never lost hope, and the team made an amazing comeback, winning the Super Bowl.

When the clock hit 00:00, we were crying and hugging each other. We were in shock for a while after that; it was hard to process the fact that Beverly had actually won the Super Bowl.

As cheerleaders, we greet the boys after every game in the locker rooms and congratulate them, but this time, it seemed as if the whole town of Beverly was there to welcome them home – parents, teachers, students, and older men who had played football for Beverly back in the day.

Cheerleading at Gillette Stadium is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I'm so thankful that I was able to be a part of the winning team of 2010 that made BHS history.



Photo Courtesy of Maeve Robertson '12

Cheerleaders at Gillette Stadium before the Super Bowl

Dear Editor,

As we wrap up the process of moving schools, there are several steps along the way that need to be completed effectively.

The fact that water in classrooms is banned is entirely absurd. As we approach the winter season, students will begin catching colds and other illnesses that will require them to carry around water bottles to stay hydrated.

Teachers are being irrational with their strict demands for all students to arrive to class on time after such a quick transition. It is especially difficult to carry belongings up and down the four flights of stairs throughout the entire day. I think that the students would appreciate a little more leniency while they become more accustomed to the new school.

On a positive note, the school is in immaculate condition with several unique characteristics, ranging from the science labs to our state of the art music facilities. It is a great feeling to see the Beverly community come together to plan for a promising future.

Tony Walsh '11

## ... a response ...

I completely agree with many of the points you mentioned. The moving process has been amazingly smooth for all students and faculty, but I think there are some aspects that could have been improved.

The computers and laptops were intended to be wireless, but they were not when the students arrived. The Publications Room does not have complete internet, so it is hard for Journalism students to work on the newspaper and yearbook, since all of our work is done online.

I agree that the rules are too strict. I understand that administration does not want students to have food because there will be more crumbs and make it harder for the custodians to keep the floors clean.

The water bottle rule, as you said, is ridiculous. When I get sick, as I do every winter, my teachers and I do not want me to go to a water bubbler in the hallway every couple of minutes because my throat is dry.

I have heard many juniors and seniors com-

plain about the area they have to park in because it is too far from the entrance to the school. They are upset because they are paying a lot of money to park, even though it takes them ten minutes to walk to school.

At the beginning of the school year, it was intended that there be a temporary parking lot on the softball field, but that has not been completed. I think we should not have moved into the school if it were not completely ready for all teachers and students.

As you said, the school is a beautiful building that students and citizens of Beverly should be extremely proud of.

Many people should be recognized more for all of their hard work they have put into this project over the years. Students should look past the little flaws they see and appreciate everything we have been given. As a senior this year, I am now very proud to say that I am graduating from Beverly High School.

Mariah Thomas '11  
Editor-in-Chief