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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

Senior Class Fashion Show Fund Raiser

Thursday, February 13th at 7:00pm in the BHS Auditorium. Senior girls will be modeling gowns from Glitterati, and their hair will be styled by Aqua.

The senior guys will be auctioned off and then go on a group date to King's Bowling.

BHS contriubtes \$750 to Polar Plunge

On Superbowl Sunday, six students and one teacher from BHS joined their fellow Polar Plungers to brave the frigid waters and jump in to raise money. The River House and Northshore Community Development Coalition benefited were the two organizations which benefited from the \$40,000.

BHS Gymnastics takes NEC Title

Beverly Gymnastics completed their fourth consecutive undefeated regular season this year, ending with yet another NEC Champions title.

After defeating their local competitors, the girls are headed to Sectionals to claim their position in the State Championships.

Boys Track Finishes Season 6-1

The Beverly Boys Track Team finished up their season with a 6-1 record in stylish fashion last week. It came down to the final 4x400, and Beverly pulled through.

Even though the track season is over, Bruno Caetano, Sean Curtin, Jordy Rawding, Dave Drinkwater, Peter Mulumba, Bryan Flaherty, and Cambell Wood all qualified to compete in the state meet.

Full steam ahead for Beverly Wrestling

The Beverly Panther Wrestling Team is hovering at just above 500 heading into their last tournament. The squad also has a 4-1 NEC record, which includes big wins over Gloucester, Swampscott-Marblehead, Peabody, and rival Salem.

At the NEC/CALS tournament, seniors Tom Wilbur, Joey Kozlowski, Jonah Feingold, Ahmad Alshrafi, Mike Cirelli, and Johnny Jones all placed in the top 4.

It's full steam ahead for the Panthers who hope to do well at Sectionals this weekend.

Beverly Boy's Basketball Hot Streak

The Boston Globe even recognized the Beverly High's Boys Basketball Team's hot streak.

Last week they beat Marblehead and Lynn Classical in a hard fought battle, which gave them enough momentum to beat out the No.16 Salem High in a thrilling game, led by the team's all-star Nick Cross.

The Panthers plan to keep their hot streak alive as the finish the season.

Undefeated Beverly Boys Hockey

The Boys Hockey Team is now 16-0-1, with 3 games remaining this season. Their 3 games consist of 2 D-1 teams and Peabody for the Carlin Cup. Beverly will look for revenge in the Carlin Cup because last year Peabody pulled off a huge upset. If the Panthers win out, they may be considered for a spot in the Super 8 instead of going to the D-2 state playoffs.

Swimming and Diving place second at NEC

This has proven to be one of the best for Swimming & diving. In addition to great swimmers, the Panther have great Pride, coming in second in the NEC Meet.

Girls Hockey 12-2-2

The Girls Hockey Team's most recent games have set the mood for February. A 5-1 win against Marblehead, a 4-3 win at Woburn, and tying Winthrop/ Lynn at their home rink started February with a bang.

The Panthers have been powering through the season, with familiar names such as Nicole Woods and Julia Nearis continuing to make the headlines.

Girls Track places 2nd at NEC Meet

Beverly Girls Track came in a strong second place, by just one point, to Marblehead (99-98) at the NEC Meet on Fruday, January 31st, at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

Beverly came very close to winning through depth and skill. Kristen O'Connor earned first place in the 55 hurdles and Cariltin Harty set a new meet record.

The Girls Track Team is now focusing on wrapping up the season with upcoming state level championship meets.

Model UN Takes MIT Wins 7 awards



Front: Danielle Bertaux, Roman Carnevale, Alex Walsh Back: Alexis Colpoys, Eli Chambers, Brian Longo, H. Tyler Visnick, Maeve Monahan, Sarah Van Ness

Paige Rotondo '15

Beverly High School's Model United Nations Club attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's MUN conference over last weekend.

At the conference were delegations including schools from Guatemala, Istanbul, Rome, South Korea, India, Pakistan, Dominican Republic, Oman, and China, who sent representatives from 13 schools.

Beverly High School came away with a respectable 7 awards. Danielle Bertaux and H. Ty Visnick won Position Paper Awards, Alexis Colpoys won three commendations, and Alex Walsh and Brian Longo each won a commendation.

Students had the opportunity to engage in debate with peers from all over the world. This conference stimulated understanding of international issues and encouraged students to make use of the intelligence found within themselves.

Delegates researched and took on roles of countries, and debated the country's side on world issues. They made friends and enemies, kidnapped and assassinated, and had a lot of fun in the process.

Students who attendned were as followed: Alexis Colpoys, Brian Longo, H. Tyler Visnick, Alex Walsh, Danielle Bertaux, Sarah Van Ness, Maeve Monahan, Eli Chambers, and Roman Carnevale.



Music Trip 2014: A Visit to Chicago and Niagara Falls

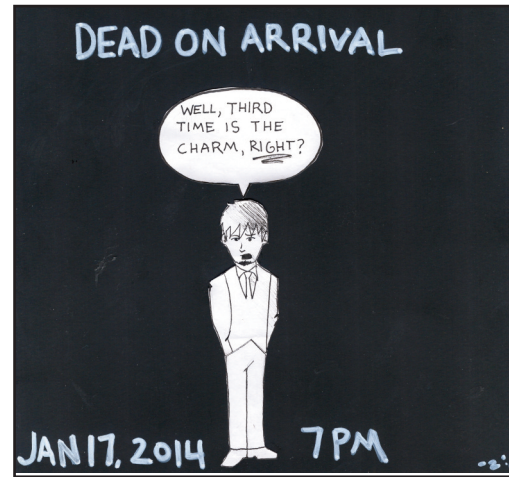
Laura Packard '15

Each year, students in the Music Department spend a week away from school traveling to different locations in the United States.

This year, the Beverly High School Music Department will be traveling to Chicago and Niagara Falls during the six-day music trip. The students, chaperones, and music teachers will depart on Wednesday, April 30th, in the afternoon and return Monday, May 5th.

A trip like this hasn't been done in ten years because of expenses, but prices were more reasonable this year. All music students who go on the trip will be competing in the Heritage Chicago Music Festival with school groups from around the US.

Some highlights of the trip include a visit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a visit to the Shedd Aquarium and the Willis Tower, and a ride on the Maid of the Mist, among many others. Two hundred students are expected to participate. The cost for each student is \$930; students will be fundraising up until the date of the trip to defray costs.



Technically Inept

Robbie Short '14

Despite skyrocketing uses of technology, Beverly High School's population is kept in the dark.

EVER SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT of the new 84-million-dollar high school building and admittance of Mac laptops here at BHS, you'd think that communication and awareness of school happenings and specific events would be higher than ever, but that's not entirely the case. Beginning with Mayor-elect Mike Cahill's inauguration earlier this January, and more recently with the second cancellation of the Winter-Semi Formal Dance, it seems as though students are simply not hearing about these important events. Mike Cahill, a BHS graduate himself, is Beverly's first new mayor in eighteen years, and to have his inauguration in the auditorium during the normal school day, but not invite any students or faculty to attend is questionable. At the very least, the Senior Class, who will be entering the real world next fall, should have witnessed such an influential and local event.

Politics aside, an event that should have flourished at least once in the two tries it was attempted is the Winter-Semi Formal dance. It was initially scheduled for December 12th, but then cancelled due to low ticket sales. Plans were then made to have it rescheduled for January 17th; however, the same outcome occurred: cancellation due to low sales. For something as popular as a school dance should be, getting canceled twice must mean that not enough people knew about it. In a school of 1,200 students, to think that only 40 people showed any interest is mind-blowing. I ask, why weren't there announcements every day, or some form of written communication, like posters, hung in the hallways? I don't think the lack of participation lies in the student body's decision not to go, but rather the fact that they simply didn't know about the dance, at least with enough turn-around time to make plans and go.

To be fair, from what I've seen and experienced around BHS, student interest level is declining as a whole. Most after-school clubs are dwindling in their attendance count, while some lesser-known clubs disappear altogether. Student run peripherals such as *Aegis*, the literary magazine, and even this issue of the *Ledger*- the school's newspaper- hardly get noticed and often go undiscovered by anyone outside of the student publication groups. Our school may be able to wear black and orange for spirit week, but actions speak louder than clothes, and so far this year has mostly been a collection of disappointments for the few people who invest themselves in these supposed-to-be well-known events, simply because there is hardly any communication throughout the school.



What are your thoughts about composting at Beverly High?



"I think that it's a good idea, but should be optional because it causes a traffic jam during lunch." -Jayden Boris '15



"I think that it is too time consuming to happen during school, and we should stick with recycling until we can get a better system for composting." -Eno Jahaj '14



"I think its a great idea and needs more support." -Matt Heckman '14



"We think composting was a great idea brought to our school, and it is great for the enviornment." -Ian Butler '15 & Kevin Lally '14

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