

## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

### KEY CLUB FOOD DRIVE

Key Club is sponsoring a special collection for "Bootstraps". Beverly Bootstraps provides critical resources to families and individuals. They are collecting Diapers (size 4,5,6), Peanut Butter, Tuna Fish, Canned Fruit and Canned Vegetables. Boxes are located outside of each floor office.

### MEDIA REMIX PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Lloyd's media remix class, is participating in a project that supports BHS and student life. Students are supposed to film a Beverly High School club or activity and edit it to make it into a 60 second PSA that contributes to the activity's appeal and encourages membership.

Mrs. Lloyd says, "This project incorporates the many elements of media that students have been working on. At the same time, students need to make their public service announcement appealing to peers and appropriate for all audiences while staying with a 60 second time limit. I'm very impressed with the work I've seen so far!"

### CALLING WRITERS & ARTISTS

Beverly High School's literary magazine, *Aegis*, is collecting submissions for their Winter 2012 publication. Works of poetry, prose, artwork, and photography will be ranked and voted into the issue. Submissions can be put in the mailbox in the library, to E-mailed to [bhsaegis@gmail.com](mailto:bhsaegis@gmail.com).

### SENIOR DUES

\$75

## What Dress Code?

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In the October 14th issue of *Globe North*, a school was featured for their dress code. The article revolved around a teenage girl named Elizabeth Skerry, who currently attends Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow, New Hampshire. At Skerry's high school, the dress code states that bare shoulders are not to be shown, cleavage is not to be exposed, and skirts and shorts must hit mid-thigh. Also, clothing should not be offensive, and head coverings, such as hats can not be worn.

Similarly, whether people know it or not, Beverly High School has a dress code. Beverly High School's written dress code, printed in the student agendas, appears to be equal to Timberlane Regional High School's dress code. Through observation, many students agree that our school does not have an enforced dress code.

A quick glance down the hall proves that the dress code at Beverly High is not strictly enforced. Specifically, the rule of length is broken daily. Whether it's skirts, shorts, or shirts, the length guidelines are often overlooked. With so many rule-breakers daily, it must be hard to enforce the dress code. With over 1000 students, it is definitely hard to keep track of the offenders.

We don't agree that the dress code is non-existent; however, it should be taken up a notch and applied to Beverly High School on a daily basis.

## Conor's Words of Wisdom

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We are always getting ready to live  
but never living.  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## One Step Closer

*BHS Students Make Strides for Breast Cancer*



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The Peer Leadership Club organized Beverly High School's participation in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer fundraiser on Sunday, October 14. Ninety-five walkers participated, chaperoned by Mrs. Borsetti, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Pappas, Mrs. Dooling, and Mrs. Flaherty. "I was so happy to see the great turnout for the walk despite the rainy conditions!" Mrs. Flaherty wrote afterwards.

Together they raised close to \$1000 for breast cancer research; however, the fundraising will continue throughout the month. Next week Beverly High School will hold a Hat Day, allowing students to wear hats if they make a \$1 donation for breast cancer research.

## Mr. Costa: The New Band Director

Ryan Noss '14  
Staff Writer

This year is the mark of a new era for band, with the first new band director in 35 years. So who is this new band director? Mr. Costa is a young man, recognizable by earrings and ever changing hairstyles, with the music taste you'd expect from a 30 year old music major, ranging from Mozart to the newest indie group from L.A. He's the kind of guy who would pick a Radiohead song for jazz band, or promise the marching band that we'll play Beyonce in the stands (both of which he's accomplished in the first two weeks of school). He is excited and full of energy, and can only think about where he's going to lead the band next.

Not only does he have the huge task of directing 120 kids, about a 15% increase from last year, but he also has to follow in the steps of Mr. Novack, who is at this point nothing short of a local legend. When asked about the challenges he faced, Mr. Costa said "... following in the career of somebody who was so widely known and respected in the community can be a little bit intimidating, but I also appreciate that Mr. Novack did such a great job with the program and built it up to where it is..." Mr. Costa went on to say that because Mr. Novack had things running so well when he left, he could hit the ground running when he started, and didn't

have to worry about changing anything that had already been done.

The biggest concern for many band kids is that a lot would change with a new director, and that 35 years of traditions would be lost, which Mr. Costa is very invested in not letting happen. "I think we can expect a lot of the traditions that



have formed to continue, a lot of things that the band is known for, a lot of things that band students enjoy doing, I'm looking to continue," Mr. Costa said, often going to the point of asking upper-classmen how things were done in previous years. Like putting a new engine in a vintage car, Mr. Costa is not looking to change any of the framework of the

program, but rather preserve it while breathing in a new energy.

As far as the band as a whole goes, football fans can expect a great show this year, the music of Danny Elfman. The half-time show consists of music from his film scores, including *Edward Scissorhands*, *Beetlejuice*, *Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Spiderman*. "I think our half-time show in particular is going to be a blast, and a real challenging thing to put together but one I think the audience is going to love."

So look for the BHS Marching Band at all the home games this season, and keep your eye out for the new director, Mr. Costa.

## West Side Story Cast

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The spring musical for the 2012-2013 school year will be the classic *West Side Story*, directed by Mrs. Pilenen-Kudlik and, for the first time at Beverly High School, Mr. Costa. Student directors will be Emily McDermott '13 and Peter Fickenwirth '14.

One thing that will make this production unusual is the presence of adults among the cast members. Adult characters will be played by Beverly High School teachers and staff.

Maria: Carly Moffie

Tony: Ian Beckman

Anita: Mikayla Bishop

Riff: Marc Babcock

Bernardo: José-David Cermano

Chino: Armand Martinez

Detective Schrank: Mr. Bauer

Officer Krupke: Mr. Gallagher

Doc: Mr. Riordon

Glad Hand: Mrs. Fecteau



## What's your earthquake story?



Holly Roberts '16

I was at cheerleading practice in the field house. The bleachers I was sitting on began to shake. We also heard a bang, and a faint siren went off.



Mikaela Carol '16

I was doing my homework; my bed stared to rumble. I thought it was my cat playing. Two minutes later the whole house started to slowly sway. I knew at that point it was an earthquake.



Shannon Hayes '13

I was in my bedroom when it happened; stuff fell off my dresser.



Viviane Taugino '13

I didn't feel it. My sister and her friends were jumping on a trampoline. Even if there was a little shake, we wouldn't have thought it was an earthquake.



Conor Heffer

I was in Haverhill at band practice, in the middle of rehearsing. The walls shook, and the Christmas lights were dancing.