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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

FRESHMEN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011, fifteen freshmen were chosen to attend the 7th annual Freshmen Leadership Seminar at Burlington High School. Guest speaker, Ed Gercy, encouraged the students to take action in their school and to make a difference in their class. The BHS attendees enjoyed the informative and inspiring seminar.

BLOOD DRIVE

National Honor Society thanks 69 students from BHS for participating in their annual Blood Drive last week.

SOPHOMORE SEMI

Next Friday, May 20, 2011, will be the Sophomore Semi in the new cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale all next week during lunch for \$15.

JUNIOR PROM

Junior Prom tickets will be sold for \$55 until Tuesday, May 17, 2011. Anyone interested in purchasing one should contact Ms. Regan or any of the class officers.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior dues for the month of May are \$120. They must be paid in order to graduate.

Senior Week

Monday 5/16 - Nerd Day
Tuesday 5/17 - Celebrity Day
Wednesday 5/18 - Superhero Day
Thursday 5/19 - College/Career Day
Friday 5/20 - Toga Day

Mock Car Crash t-shirt design is due by tomorrow to Mrs. Flaherty. All submissions have to be related to “Friends Keep Friends Safe.” The winner will receive two free prom tickets.

Graduation program cover designs are due tomorrow to Mrs. Borsetti. The design must include the date of graduation, which is, June 5, 2011. The senior whose artwork is chosen will receive two free prom tickets.

New local scholarships have been added to the Special Application List and the Standard Application List. See Mrs. Belleau in Guidance.

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A Night in “Hollywood”

Freshman Class Semi initiates new cafeteria

The Freshman Semi took place last Friday in the new cafeteria and it was a huge hit. Designed by Cohen Productions, the Hollywood theme, decorations, and props were a great touch to make it a fun atmosphere. When students arrived, they walked down the red carpet to get their picture taken in front of the massive Hollywood sign.



Governor Patrick, don't tax my M & M's!

In the May 11th Boston Globe, there is a front-page article on Governor Deval Patrick's proposal on a Massachusetts State Tax on all candies and sodas. In the past, the idea lacked support, but this year there is an estimated 69% public support; however, now there is the idea that all funds will go to obesity awareness and education.

The new weight room at BHS has plenty of heavy lifting machines and dumbbells. There are six new treadmills, six new elliptical machines, and two new weight racks; however, the treadmills and elliptical machines are not in the upper-gym with the weights since the BHS Wrestling Team needs half of the upper gym for practice. Our 4 - time NEC Champion Team proves worthy of this space, but I, for one, find the best atmosphere in a workout room with everything in one place.

I'm not saying if our workout room were better, then our child obesity at BHS would vanish, but before you tax my M&M's, Mr. Governor, please consider some more alternatives.

Annual Health Fair



Photo Courtesy of Clare Leathersich '11
Juniors Erin Sylvestri and Cam Jones were interested in the boxing booth.

Tom Fallon '11
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Peer Leadership held their annual Health Fair in the new Beverly High School field house. "The fair is put on to expose students at Beverly High School to services available to them and the fitness opportunities in the Beverly community," says Mrs. Anne Flaherty, a Health and Wellness instructor at the high school.

Every booth at the health fair was run by volunteers who donated their time from 10 am to 2 pm. The most popular booths were the ones that offered information on massages, drunk driving, and the station that used boxing to represent exercise.

Representatives of the Beverly Fire and Police Departments and the United States Marine Corps were on hand to offer their wealth of knowledge on health topics to students.

"Each year the health fair seeks to educate students here at BHS on various topics regarding health, and this year's fair certainly did that. We look forward to doing it again next year," said Flaherty.

Mixed Emotions

Mike von Zweck '11
Staff Writer

As time winds down in the 2011 school year, we seniors can't help thinking anything but "We're done". In some terms, yes we are done. In others, we're just beginning.

Next year we will all be going off as independents, alone in the world, but when we leave graduation on June 5th, we will be leaving together, as one class. I know its some time away, but I, for one, cannot wait to regroup and see each other at our class reunions. I find it interesting hearing where each of my friends will be going next year and where my classmates that I never got to become as close to as I would've liked to will be going.

I have the utmost faith in our President Brian Alexander (who is going to Fairfield next year) to organize and host reunions better than any other president in the past, but the best part of thinking about our future class reunions is knowing that I still have a long summer with everyone in the present.

Now is our time. As Senior Week approaches, I'm anxious to see everyone dress up and represent the great Class of 2011 that we are. Known for our athletic success (first Super Bowl Championship ever, 4th in the state for hockey, girls track, great cheering) and our academic achievement (sending one to Stanford, UMichigan, Brown, the Air Force Academy, and many other prestigious schools), I'm so confident each of us will find our way to happiness and success.

With all the happy emotions running through our minds that high school is coming to an end, I can't help be a little upset. As many classes as I've cut through the years, I now promise myself I will not cut another one for the rest of the year. I will savor every minute through every block and say hi to each of you as I pass through the halls. We're all reaching a checkpoint through a long journey, so, however, you'd like to put it, "We're done" or "We're just beginning", I'd like to say, CONGRATULATIONS!

UNDERCLASSMEN:

RESERVE YOUR YEARBOOK

by Friday, May 20th.

The *Beverlega 2011* costs \$50, but can be reserved for \$25.

After May 20th, the price increases to \$60.

It's a great way to remember your friends and your school.

Bring your cash or check made out to "BHS Beverlega" to Room 305 before or after school.

Senior Profiles

Every week until graduation, The Ledger will profile seniors who have been actively involved through academics, service, and activities. The Ledger strives to select a well-rounded, deserving group; however space is limited. Our apologies to those we were unable to feature.

Zoe Beaudoin

By Brian Alexander '11



Zoe Beaudoin, social butterfly of the Class of 2011, has had an exceptional four years here at Beverly High School.

While maintaining a 4.01 GPA, Zoe was an active member in extracurricular. She participated in Key Club for all four

years, being president her senior year. In addition, Zoe has been co-team leader of the Beverly High School Relay for Life team for the past three years.

Zoe played lacrosse freshman through senior years of high school, run track her freshman through junior year, and played field hockey freshman and sophomore year.

Next year Zoe will be a Fighting Blue Hen, majoring in pre-med at the University of Delaware. Some of Zoe's best memories from high school include the old high school and her AP Statistics class. When asked for her advice for upcoming students, she responded, "Don't mess with Mrs. Lebzelter!"

Matthew Eriksen

By Tom Fallon '11



A member of National Art Honors Society and Leadership Council, Matt Eriksen has been an active member of BHS. With a 3.7 GPA, Matt been recognized as Student of the Month numerous times.

In addition to his participation in swimming, track, lacrosse, and hockey, Matt is most recognized as the president of Beverly's DECA program. His DECA project with Ashley Chalifour, which focused on For Jake's Sake, a non-profit organization helping raise money for autistic children, qualified them for the national competition where they placed in the top 20. He was also involved in Relay for Life and the Breast Cancer Walk, as well as volunteering at the North Shore Music Theater.

A participant in Drama Fest in Spring Musicals, as well as lead in the fall play, Matt has taken acting classes outside of school and hopes that his study of film and the theatre translates successfully to college, where he will be studying at Suffolk University in the fall.

Sarah Bowen

By Megan Klinetob '11



Sarah Bowen has excelled in the Music Department, playing violin, flute, piccolo, soprano sax, alto sax, and singing in Vocal Ensemble.

Sarah was also in the Marching Band and Jazz Band. Leadership roles include being chosen to be drum

major her junior and senior years and concertmaster in the string ensemble her senior year. Sarah was also lead alto sax in Jazz Band and lead flute in band her senior year.

With a 4.08 GPA, Sarah has challenged herself academically, taking five AP classes. In addition, Sarah participated in GSA her first two years of high school, and French Club her sophomore year.

The most influential person to Sarah throughout high school was Mr. Novak because he made her realize that she could develop a career in the Music Department.

Next year, Sarah plans to major in English or Music education at a four or five year college.

Pat Wilson

By Brittany Anderson '11



Holding a 4.05 GPA and ranking 28th in the class, Pat Wilson has had an extraordinary career both inside and outside school.

For the past four years, Wilson has played soccer and baseball and was elected captain for soccer his senior year. He has been a

member of the Swimming & Diving Team since his sophomore year.

Wilson was part of the National Honors Society his junior and senior year and participated in Best Buddies for the past three years, being president his senior.

Outside of school, Pat Wilson lifeguards for the YMCA and Beverly Recreation, is a bus boy at Seaport Cafe, and volunteers at Ocean View.

Pat said his favorite memories will include walking from BHS to Memorial during the bomb threat and cheering for Powderpuff at Salem High.

Next year, Wilson will major in Biology at Boston University.