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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

NHS BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive will be held in the fieldhouse from 8:30 to 1:30 on Friday December 5th. The event is being sponsored by the National Honor Society. Donators must be 17 years of age or older with a parental permission form.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB Tip #5

GreenPrint, an online organization, offers a new free software that helps make home and office printing greener. The software reduces printing waste by analyzing every page document sent to the printer.

According to GreenPrint people can save up to \$90 a year and approximately 1,400 wasted pages. With widespread usage, the software could save up to 100 million trees and reduce greenhouse gases by 30 million tons globally. To download this free equipment go to www.printgreener.com. So far, 3,739,454 pages and 449 trees have been saved.

MCJROTC RAFFLE

The MCJROTC is selling raffle tickets for a 42 inch Sony flat screen LCD HDTV with a digital tuner. Prizes will be 1 ticket for \$3, 2 tickets for \$5, 3 tickets for \$7, and 6 tickets for \$10. Money will go towards trips and funding to buy new equipment.

NEW BOOK CLUB

Book club will be meeting December 2nd to discuss “Water for Elephants”. The club, created by Ms. Fecteau and Stefany Hirschfeld, will meet monthly.

Dear Editor,

The past few weeks the senior girls have really come together and bonded through their experience in powder puff. Last Friday, our teamwork paid off. Despite losing feeling in our fingers and toes, our spirits remained high as we kept Salem scoreless in the second half and went on to win 22-16.

This experience was rewarding in many ways. Mr. Gallagher was extremely enthusiastic which seemed to be contagious. Hopefully this bonding and class spirit will remain throughout the year and senior activities.

Even though the game is over and no more football will be played, the senior girls will reunite once again for the pep rally where we will perform a dance skit.

Members of the Senior Class,
Kellie Shea, Lauren Miedzionoski, and
Jenna Panunzio

OPINION

Dear Editor,

Beverly High is doing its best to make a positive, safe atmosphere with guidance from Mr. Gallagher through his Leadership Council, Rachel’s Challenge, and, most recently, the SADD assembly. Each of these programs shows students the importance of leading by example.

Mr. Onasis, founder of Students Against Drunk Driving, encouraged us to join SADD if we truly felt that we, the students, could change drunk driving. Well, that assembly must have had a huge impact on many juniors and seniors because students who are known as notorious partiers and drunk drivers were signing up for the SADD program in droves. It’s easy to say that it doesn’t happen, and it is just gossip you hear at school, but thanks to the ever - haunting Facebook, images of this happening every weekend are being posted every Monday. Hypocritical? I think so. How can you be a part of a club against drunk driving, and then go out every weekend and do the complete opposite?

I am not trying to put a damper on Mr. Gallagher’s efforts to make Beverly High School a better place in any way, but rather to show that there are a lot of posers at BHS. Why sign up for something if you don’t believe in it? So it will look good on a college transcript or in an interview. That is the simplest answer there is for these students.

Half of the leaders at Beverly High are hidden in the arts and the music departments or are tucked away in the publications office, waiting to be discovered, while the fake leaders continue to receive recognition for their actions, in spite of weekends full of negligent partying. Take it from a student, it’s happening here at Beverly High, and one assembly is not going to change these kids no matter how badly the administration would like to ignore that. Hopefully over time the tides will change at BHS and the good student leaders will outweigh the fakes.

Concerned Students

Beverly-Salem Thanksgiving Game, A Long Standing Rivalry



Courtesy of Gainsboro Studios

Courtney Hannable ‘12
Staff Writer

The 110th annual Thanksgiving game between Beverly (7-3) and Salem (3-7) took place this past Thanksgiving at Hurd Stadium. The game was considered one of Beverly’s biggest games of the season because of the rich tradition the two teams share.

Salem was able to pull off an upset over Beverly winning 34-30. Senior Melikke Van Alstyne, who broke the Thanksgiving record, rushing for 302 yards.

Salem was led by their senior running back Van Alstyne, all season long, who broke Salem’s all time rushing record during the season.

He has been recruited by several college scouts. Salem had a tough year dropping some tough contests, but were still competitive in mostly all their games.

Beverly had a very powerful offense throughout the season. They have scored over 20 points, 7 times this season. Their offense was lead by senior running back Rashad Sims. He was the team’s leading rusher all season long and led the Panthers to their 7 wins. Junior quarterback Mark Hannable did an outstanding job guiding the Panthers’ spread offense. It was the first year Beverly has run the spread offense. He has had a solid core of wide receiver’s all season

which included Steve Dubois, Curtis Manuel and Justin Marrs.

Beverly has also had a stingy defense all season long. Their best performance came in an upset win over NEC conference power Swampscott. They held their powerful offense to only 16 points. The defense is led by Nick Kozlowski, Steve-Dubois, Curtis Manuel, Joe Santamaria, Peter Kallas, Dylan Terry and many others. Although this game had no playoff implications, it still had a playoff like atmosphere.

This was a hard loss for Beverly, breaking their five year winning record against Salem.

Beverly Dominates Salem in Powder Puff Game



Courtesy of Facebook

Dan Crowley ‘10
Staff Writer

A large crowd endured a bitter cold night at Salem’s Bertram Field to cheer on the Beverly Panther Girls Powder Puff Team and their dedicated coaching staff, including offensive head coach Principal Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Bisceglia, Ms. Sudak, and Mr. Parsons. Defensive coaches included head coach Mr. Smith, Mr. Prodanas, and Ms. Henebury.

Heading into halftime, the girls from Beverly High School were down, but not out. Helen Amore was the lone scorer for the Panthers in the first half. Making their way to the locker

room after the first half of play, the Panthers were down 16-8 to the witches of Salem.

Running onto the field to start the second half, the girls were energized and ready for a comeback. Janelle Louis ran back the opening kickoff of the second half for a touchdown. With the game even, it was time for Beverly to step it up.

The game stayed even until Kellie Shea hooked up with Jess Shaw for a touchdown, to take the lead. The tough Panther defense stayed strong and stopped all the Witches’ offensive efforts. They fell short of a comeback, and the Panthers prevailed 22-16.

Stinky Cheese Man

Rachel Horzempa ‘12
Staff Writer

This year’s fall play, “The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales,” is based on a children’s book about a bunch of fairy tales, like Rumpelstiltskin and Little Red Riding Hood, except they are all twisted (Little Red Riding Hood is Little Red Running Shorts).

There are only two freshmen, Michaela Gill and Ben Stallsmith, in the cast of 14, but they loved the experience.

“I got into theater because both sides of my family have loved seeing shows ever since I was little,” explained Gill, who plays the Princess

from Princess and the Pea, Little Red Running Shorts, and Ugly Stepsister #1. “I also love being dramatic and getting to become a different person.”

When asked about her favorite part of the play, she says it’s hard to just pick one.

“I really liked the scenes from the Giant’s Story, the Frog Prince, and the Stinky Cheese Man,” Gill said. “But then there’s the cast! They were wonderful! I loved meeting new people, which was one of the reasons I joined the play. I also loved each person’s individual personality. I’ve gained some amazing friends through this experience.”

The plays, directed by Mrs. Betty Taylor, will be held December 4th-5th at 2:00 and December 7th at 7:30 all in the BHS auditorium. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

Senior Superlatives Announced

Best Smile:

Dave Cheney
Sarah Birch

Social Butterfly:

Subash Poudel
Olivia Jones

Best Eyes:

Nate Paul
Kate Johnson

Best Musician:

Dylan Sullivan
Erin McAuliffe

Best Athlete:

Rashad Sims
Kellie Shea

Best Car:

Jesse Spause
Sydney Powers

Most Gullible:

Brandon Freedman
Hayley Chizinsky

President:

Bobby McPherson
Janelle Louis

Friendliest:

Jason Bance
Tanya Tarnowski

Gives Back:

Joe Albert
Nicole Casale

Worst Driver:

Lord Danielson
Ruth Turcotte

Best Laugh:

Jake Resse
Shannon Walker

Succeed:

Matt Kennedy
Haley Bowen

Class Clown:

Zac Currier
Emmy Nelson

Famous:

James Ricker
Adela Malicbegovic

Most Changed:

Doug Pelletier
Molly Connaughton

Loudest:

Collin Curtis
Alisha Lockhart

Most Original:

John Debski
Keira Leslie

Best Hair:

Justin Shepherd
Haley Govoni

Next Shake-speare:

Phillip Coombs
Anna Roy

Most Panther Pride:

Scott Megrath
Jennah Alwardi

Mr. & Mrs. Congeniality:

Paul Fickenwirth
Christina Dube

Best Driver:

Pat Charlton
Courtney Chalifour

Next Bill Gates:

Mike Wilson
Katie von Zweck

Most Sarcastic:

Ty Halpern
Jayne Doucette

Class Flirt:

Yuri Lazarek
Kate Gillen

Beverly Townie:

Ryan Karp
Jocelyn Cassola



Winter Sports Preview

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Captains: Meg Chatellier ‘09, Jess Shaw ‘09, Kellie Shea ‘09

Coach: Matt Smith

Returning Players: Meg Chatellier ‘09, Jess Shaw ‘09, Kellie Shea ‘09, Annie Sinclair ‘10, Ally Murray ‘10, Kiki McKenna ‘10, Jen Ashton ‘11

Record: 8-12

Strength: Speed

Weakness: Size

Goal: Make it to the tournament

BOYS BASKETBALL

Captain: Mike Clayton ‘10

Coach: Scott Lewis

Last Years Record: 12-7

Returning Players: Nate Knudson ‘09, Justin Resse ‘09, Ismael Santiago ‘09, Rashad Sims ‘09, Mike Clayton ‘10, Justin Marrs ‘10, Curtis Manuel ‘10, Chris Mooney ‘10

Strength: Fastbreak game

Weakness: Shooting

Goal: Make it to the NEC Tournament.

BASKETBALL CHEERING

Captains: Undetermined

Coaches: Marge Robertson

Last Years Record: 3rd Place at N.E.C., 3rd Place at Regionals, and 8th in the State.

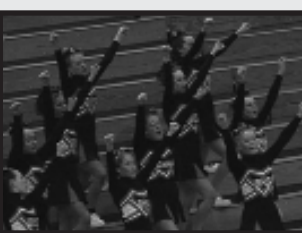
Returning Members: Jayne Doucette ‘09, Kate Gillen ‘09, Jessica Knight ‘09, Kaitlyn Arzu ‘10, Ana Bloise ‘10, Nikki Putur ‘10, Lindsey McLaughlin ‘10, Elizabeth Walsh ‘10, Ariana Lurvey ‘10.

Weakness: Lots of New Girls.

Strength: Stunting

HOCKEY CHEERING

Captains: Hayley Chizinsky ‘09, Alana Manzi ‘09
Amelia Bodek ‘10



Coach: Undetermined
Returning Cheerleaders: Alyssa Cutler ‘10, Kiera Brooks ‘10, Krystina Spiridigliozzi ‘10, Victoria Taylor ‘11, Lucie Stanton ‘11, Amber Jenness ‘11, Alycia Corsbie ‘11, Christina Burridge ‘11, Deirdra Guzofski ‘11

Weaknesses: No coach

Strength: The team has a great cheering volume

Goals: The girls are looking forward to a successful season. They hope to place top three at NEC’s and States

GYMNASTICS

Captains: Liana Eramo ‘09, Jenna Panunzio ‘09, Thyra Rollins ‘09

Coach: Vivian Mattei

Last Year’s Record: 5-4, 8th at North Sectionals

Returns: Liana Eramo ‘09, Megan Harty ‘11, Jenna Panunzio ‘09, Taylor Manzi ‘11

Weakness: Injuries

Strength: Closeness as a team

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Captains:

Coach:Head Coach Fiona Rice, Assistant Coach Jay Konaxis

Last Year’s Record:8-12

Returners:Corey Konaxis ‘10, Brie Mari ‘10, Corrine Woods ‘11, Monica Cassola ‘11, Clare Leathersich ‘11, Liz Doherty ‘11, Andrea Peterson ‘11, Jenna Lovasco ‘12

Weakness:Loss of last year’s graduating class

Strength:Young talent

Goal: Make the tournament

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Captains: Ty Albano, Jack Liacos, Ryan Gilligan

Coach: Bob Gilligan

Last Years Record: 7-11-1

Returning Players: Ty Albano ‘10, Ryan Karp ‘09, Jack Liacos ‘10, Ryan Gilligan ‘10, CJ Cacciatore ‘10, Bryan Spencer ‘10, Tony Walsh ‘11, Mitch Hamor ‘11.

Weaknesses: Inexperience

Strengths: Goalkeeping

Goals: State Tournament Berth

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

Captains: Helen Amore ‘09, Janelle Louis ‘09, Katie von Zweck ‘09

Coach: Dave Jellerson

Last Year’s Record: 7-0

Returns: Monica Adler ‘10, Amore ‘09, Jenny Lanza ‘11, Louis ‘09, von Zweck ‘09

Weakness: Throwing

Strength: Distance

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

Captains: Ty Levy ‘09, Scott Megrath ‘09, Steve Rouse ‘09

Coach: Nelson Di Silvestre, Chandler Jones

Last Year’s Record: 5-2

Returns: Luke Benjamin ‘10, Tom Benton ‘10, Tom Lang ‘10, Levi ‘09, George Louis ‘11, Bobby McPherson ‘09, Megrath ‘09, Erich O’Neil ‘10, Scott O’Neil ‘11, Rouse ‘09

Weakness: Lost many seniors

Strength: Many returning athletes

SWIMMING

Captains: Kelly O’Connor, Shannon Walker, Christina Dube, and Nate Paul

Coach: Tim Curran

Last Years Record:5-3

Returns: Kelly O’Connor ‘09, Carolyn Hall ‘11, Abbey Curran ‘10, Hannah Loubris ‘10, Mary Beth Brennan ‘10, Megan Nardella ‘11, and Kevin Ranta ‘10

Weakness: Breast Stroke

Strengths: Returning swimmers

Goals: Qualify for states

WRESTLING

Coach: Mark Thomas

Last Years Record: 17-10

Returning Players: Ben Comeau ‘09, Evan Johnson ‘09, Jason Bance ‘09, Ryan Nolan ‘09, Collin Curtis ‘09, Theritch Roc ‘10, Jake Petronzio ‘10.

Weakness: Loss of seniors

Strength: Young talent

Goal: Win NEC title for a second straight year