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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

BREAST CANCER WALK
On October 3, 2010, almost 90 students from Beverly High School took two buses to Boston to participate in the annual **Breast Cancer Walk**. The students raised over \$1,000 by selling fudge and collecting donations. They will continue fundraising throughout the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PSAT EXAM
The PSAT exam will be given at BHS on October 16 from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. Registration will be held in the B Wing Guidance Suite from October 4th through 15th. The cost is \$25 until October 13th so register early. A \$5 late fee will be charged on October 14 and 5th.

COLLEGE FAIR TONIGHT
Peabody Veterans Memorial High School is holding a college fair tonight from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The **BHS Golf/Dinner/Auction** will be held on October 14th. Attendance costs \$35, a sign for the golf course costs \$125, and any donations to the auction will be greatly appreciated. Golf begins at 12:30 pm and the dinner auction will begin at 5:30 pm.

The **Gay/Straight Alliance** will meet every Wednesday morning in B Wing guidance for the rest of the year. For more information, contact Ms. Burke.

The yearbook and newspaper staff are looking for new members to help design our publications. If you are interested, meetings are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. If you want to work during your study, talk to Ms. McCafferty about the availability of computers in the Publications room.

SENIOR UPDATE
Senior dues for the month of October are **\$60**. Bring cash or check payable to “BHS 2011” to Mrs. Morris.

Parents messages are a crucial aspect of the yearbook and more still need to be submitted. For more information, email bhsbeverlega@hotmail.com or go to A204.

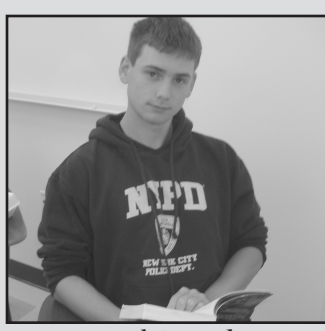
Brian Orr wants to donate \$10,000 to orphaned and disadvantaged children by 10/10/10. Donations of \$10 or anything you can give to Friends of the Orphans will be appreciated. For more information go to www.friendsoftheorphans.com.

Summer reading standouts



Bethany MacDonald, Alyssa Mascioli, and Karl Brandt pose in front of their artwork.

Students who did exceptional art work on the their summer reading projects were featured at an art reception at the Beverly Public Library on Tuesday. Of over 2,000 students combined from Briscoe and Beverly High School, only 35 students were accepted for the art show.



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Holden Zimmerman ‘12 and friends at the Best Buddies Mixer

You sing best when you’re with your Buddy

Tom Fallon ‘11 and Hayley Lewis ‘12
Staff Writers

The annual Best Buddies Mixer that was held last Wednesday in the cafeteria proved to be a huge success. “This is awesome!” exclaimed Mr. Bauer when he stopped by after football practice. The karaoke machine provided by KC Kelleher to help break the ice turned out to be the life of the party. With the Buddies belting out hits, such as

“Sweet Caroline,” sung in operatic voice by Gabriel Abbott ‘12 and “Hit Me Baby One More Time,” it was easy for everyone to enjoy themselves. Other hilights were a Mr. Stantial / Victoria Halpern ‘11 duet “California Girls” and Miss Benson and Miss Baker singing “These Boots Are Made for Walkin’.” Papa Gino’s donated three pizzas to complement the pizza and sodas purchased by the students, but the brownies made by the Buddies

proved to be a crowd pleaser. Everyone made new friends and had a great time. The Best Buddies program is experiencing significant growth this year, which can be attributed to the efforts of President Pat Wilson ‘11 and Vice President KC Kelleher ‘11 to make the program more prominent throughout the school and to actively recruit new members.

Patten Wing empties as Art Department moves

Milovan Jovic ‘11
Staff Writer

Although the Music Department was able to vacate their temporary rooms in Patten Wing over the summer and begin the school year a step ahead of everyone else, the Art Department had to wait until the first weekend in October because their rooms were still unfinished. Although nearly complete, the move has not been without some difficulties.

Everything - all the art materials, furniture, paintings, and much more - had to be packed up for the move. New furniture intended for the art rooms has not been delivered yet, so when it arrives, the setting will need to be disrupted once again.

The only thing that will be left behind in the Patten Wing is the darkroom, where past generations of photography students have learned the art of developing their 35mm film and printing their photos.

With the advancement in digital technology and the availability of laptops and Adobe Photoshop, the photography classes will be saving their photos and processing them digitally, rendering the darkroom process obsolete at BHS.

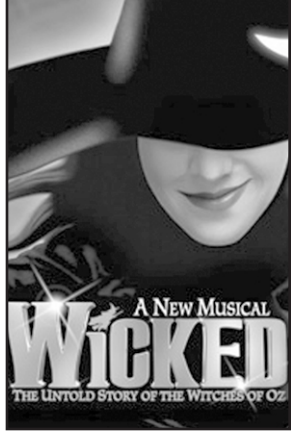
The new home for the Art Department is on the first floor, down the hall from the music rooms. Several of the classrooms have a beautiful view of the courtyard. These clean, bright, spacious rooms seem to be the perfect work environment for the talented artists of BHS. The art faculty is in the process of unpacking boxes and finding storage space for all of their supplies, equipment, and most importantly student art work in progress.

The art students admitted to being a little overwhelmed and sad about the move, but they also expressed a mounting excitement at the prospect of the new rooms where they will be getting to create their art.

“WICKED” IS A WICKED GOOD TIME

Laura Koch ‘14
Staff Writer

Why was the Wicked Witch so wicked? The musical *Wicked*, which tells the story of the witch before Dorothy came along in *The Wizard of Oz*, has come to Boston. Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire, the play has been wildly popular since its beginning seven years ago. It answers such questions as why the witch (whose real name is Elphaba) is green, and how the Tinman lost his heart.



REVIEW

The show appeals to teenagers and adults alike, and you don’t have to be a huge fan of *The Wizard of Oz* to love it.

Wicked is playing at the Opera House in Boston until October 17. Jackie Burns plays Elphaba and Chandra Lee Schwartz is cast as Glinda. Both are amazing singers and do justice to songs like the hilarious “Popular” and the more serious “Defying Gravity”.

The musical also has a beautiful set complete with a moving dragon and the dazzlingly green Emerald City. The costumes are crazy and quirky.

The cast and crew have clearly made a tremendous effort to make the show wonderful. So if you like a cleverly told story with fabulous music, you won’t want to miss *Wicked*.

The voice of the student body

Dan Cacciatore and Taylor Marrs ‘12
Staff Writers

Many of us know very little about who is supposed to represent the student voice at BHS; that elected body is the Student Council. They would like to be known as “the voice of the student body.”

Major participants in the Student Council are President Alexa Gahan '12, Vice President Lauren LeClerc '12, Secretary Mary Richards '11, Treasurer Meghan Nardella '11, and Representative Page LeBlanc '12.

Faculty advisors of the Student Council are Mrs. Ronan and Ms. Brotherton, while Mr. Bauer is in charge of organizing the Leadership Council. Currently there are twenty members with openings for more seniors and sophomores.

The Student Council has an active role with N.E.A.S.C. accreditation visits, working with Mrs. Taylor to provide tours of the new school for the NEASC Committee. Also they are helping Mrs. Taylor with the accountability system for fundraising, where groups who fundraise report how the funds or money they get from the fundraiser are used.

Student Council is planning an Open Mic Night in order to bring the school together. Date and time is still unannounced. Anyone interested in participating in the event should report to one of the faculty advisors or members.

Student Council is the voice of the student body. If you have any concerns, ideas, or complaints, feel free to go to B207 on Mondays after school.

REMEMBER REACH

Corey Cahill ‘11
Staff Writer

“Remember Reach” is the tag line for “Halo: Reach,” the direct prequel to the Halo trilogy about a team of Spartans and their presumed fate, a last stand against the Covenant invasion of the human-colonized Planet Reach.

You are Noble Six, (you can custom yourself so much like gender, paint job, and some starting credits for a small accessory), the newest member of noble team.

The classic “against all odds” survival mission works to keep the pace mostly racing and brings you closer to the other Noble Team members.

Bungie’s last Halo game is a setup for heavy-handed melodrama, but the plot is never that distracting. It’s not much more sophisticated than a decent Saturday morning cartoon, but it’s filled with excellent saro and satisfies the broader franchise story arc. If you’ve been following closely, you’re definitely in for some “Aha!” and “Haha!” moments.

I wish that this weren’t the last game in the series because it has been an amazing series (Even though it is all the beginning).

The end also has something that you rarely see in any game; it will really make you feel as if you’re playing as a real human and not as an unstoppable force that can kill anything. The game is one of the best games - if not the best game - of the year. It is definitely a buy for any person who has an Xbox 360.

Who is your pick?

The Sports Guys
Staff Writers

Week 4 is in the books. Some of the top performers were RB Arian Foster, WR Terrell Owens, RB LaDanian Tomlinson, and TE Antonio Gates. Michael Vick fantasy owners are disappointed after his injury in the 1st quarter against the Redskins. Kevin Kolb will be returning next week as the starting QB for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Minnesota’s offense has a whole new look with the return of star wideout Randy Moss; affecting Favre and Harvin owners dramatically. Cleveland Browns RB Petyon Hillis has consistently found the end zone in each of the first four

games, and his number of carries is on the rise. The ground attack in Arizona isn’t convincing fantasy owners as both Beanie Wells and Tim Hightower couldn’t break through the San Diego defense. QB Alex Smith appears to be a sit because he cannot get the 49ers’ offense rolling, even with assets like Frank Gore, Vernon Davis, and Michael Crabtree. QB Eli Manning has struggled this season, forcing 11 turnovers in 4 games. Manning has to turn things around quickly, or his season will go down the drain. Make sure to continue reading THE LEDGER for information you’ll need to take home the championship in your league.

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