



# THE LEDGER

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## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

### FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

President Marc Babcock  
Vice President Corey Malone  
Treasurer Juan Laverde  
Secretary Natalie Shea  
Advisor Mrs. Jo Lloyd

### FIVE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDED STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

Principal Sean Gallagher announced that five seniors: Lauren Lacy, Christina Norris, Tamsin Doherty, Abigail Kelly, and Regan Imperiali, were among the 35,000 students nationwide who were commended for their high scores on the PSAT exam.

### BEST BUDDIES CANDLE SALE

Best Buddies is selling Yankee Candles until November 2nd. Make all checks out to BHS Best Buddies. See any members of Best Buddies for information.

### SENIORS:

Senior **dues** are \$65 for the month of October. Checks are made payable to the class of 2010. Senior **superlative** ballots are due Friday, October 16th. Vote for a boy and a girl for each category. Be sure to put your name on the ballot so we can count it. To be included in the yearbook directory, senior class directory information should be dropped off in A204 or emailed to bhsbeverlega@hotmail.com by Friday, October 16th.

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### Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

We completely disagree with the backpack policy here at Beverly High School and would like to do something to change it.

We believe that backpacks should be looked at the same way as purses because, in reality, they carry fewer supplies than purses.

Also, purses contain items that are not necessary during school, whereas backpacks contain important school supplies that are needed throughout the day. Having backpacks helps us to be more punctual to class because it saves a trip to our lockers. We have found that a lot of girls' purses and "book bags" carry more than a standard-sized backpack.

If the administration won't allow backpacks, then girls shouldn't be allowed their book bags.

One complaint made by school faculty is that backpacks are a fire hazard, clogging up the aisles in classrooms. A way to cancel out this problem is by storing backpacks under the seats or in the back of the room. The administration is also concerned about students bringing in dangerous or illegal items in backpacks. This could be an issue even without backpacks because these items could be stored in lockers just as well as backpacks.

Backpacks don't cause any harm or any dangerous threat to students or to the school.

Some students here do not have lockers to put their supplies in, so carrying a backpack during the day is a necessity. There is only a four minute passing time between classes, so when a student has to go to his locker, which may be nowhere near the class, he is often late. If these kids are allowed to use backpacks, then the teachers will have more time to teach because everyone will be on time to the class.

There are more positives by allowing backpacks than there are negatives, so we believe that allowing them is a must.

Dan Hagerty '10  
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# “It’s not about the war. It’s about the warriors.”

## BHS National Honor Society fundraises to support troops through baseball raffle

**Lauren Lacy '10  
Editor-in-Chief**

In 2006, ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff faced a life-threatening, possibly career-ending brain injury when he fell victim to an IED explosion while reporting from Iraq. His long recovery prompted him to form the Bob Woodruff Foundation, which, according to its website, “works to support all injured service members with a special emphasis on... Traumatic Brain Injury and Combat Stress.”

The campaign is living up to its goal “‘Support Our Troops’ is no longer a slogan. It’s an action.” By encouraging every American to donate one dollar, the foundation has already accumulated over six million dollars.

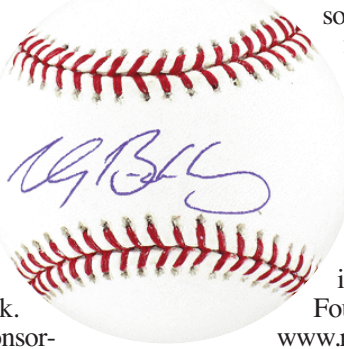
The Beverly High School National Honor Society has joined the cause, setting a goal to raise \$5,000, including \$1 from every BHS student, by Veterans Day, November eleventh.

After seeing Woodruff’s recent speech at Salem State College, advisor Mrs. Quinn thought of the idea to donate to the organization, which expanded with the help of Mr. Karvouniaris and his red Sox Foundation experience.

Donations will be taken at all three lunches, beginning next week. Additionally, the club will be sponsor-

ing a raffle for three Boston Red Sox baseballs, signed by pitcher Clay Buchholz, third baseman Mike Lowell and former Red Sox pitcher Justin Masterson. One ticket will be sold for two dollars and three for five dollars.

Almost two million troops have been sent to Iraq and Afghanistan in the last eight years, and tens of thousands return with physical wounds. Over 300,000 return with psychological wounds. For more information on the Bob Woodruff Foundation and its campaign, visit [www.reMIND.org](http://www.reMIND.org).



# 65 students raise \$2600+ BHS makes strides against breast cancer



Photo courtesy of Anne Flaherty

Several BHS Juniors gather at the walk in Boston

**Molly Morrissey '11  
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Staff Writers**

Sunday, October 4, Beverly High School students walked together in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk. Over sixty-five students went on the walk and were joined by Ms. Flaherty, Ms. Buccella, and Officer Jay.

Together they raised over \$2,600 for the American Cancer Society. Money raised consisted of donations collected by the students. With the help of Beccah Stains and the Peer Leadership club, hat day raised a substantial amount of money for the walk as well.

The event was six miles long, and led walkers around the perimeter of the Charles River. Those who walked had a lot of fun, some walkers even sang while walking. The organizers of the walk in Boston, provided partici-

pants with ice cream trucks, water stations, food stands and entertainment. There were also volunteers handing out snack bags at the end of the sixth mile.

Fundraisers included Bake Sales, which are always a hit, car washes, and numerous other events. A large portion of all proceeds made through fundraisers is donated to different charities including, The American Cancer Society and The Suzan G. Komen foundation.

Many members of the Pink Ribbon Club, started last year by Eman Elshrafi '11, also participated. The club meets after school in Mrs. Cohen’s room. Listen to the announcements for dates. New members or just walkers are always welcome to join either one of Beverly High School’s clubs. Making friends, and having fun, while giving back to the community, what more could you ask for?

## Students inspired by industrial tours



Photo courtesy of Mariah Thomas '11

Honors US History students gather outside of the castle, in front of a griffin statue.

**Mariah Thomas '11  
Staff Writer**

On October 2, the Honors US History 11 and International Relations classes went on a field trip to Cranes Castle in Ipswich, MA. The students took a tour of the inside and outside of the castle, and then had lunch at Cranes Beach.

Cranes Castle was both a cultural and educational destination for the classes, which are learning about industrialization. The Castle was a good example of both industrialization and architecture.

During the tours, guides brought students around the house to see the rooms. They were brought to each of the bedrooms, all of the bathrooms, the library, the sitting room, the butler’s room, the butler’s pantry, and the dining hall.

When asked what her favorite part of the field trip was, Tara Carnevale '11 replied, “I loved that we were able to walk around the property. The landscape was really cool and the view was beautiful”.

When she was asked what could have been better about the field trip, she replied, “I wish the tour of the inside was longer. I also would like to have had a tour guide for the outside of the castle. We had to walk around the property by ourselves and didn’t get any background information like we did for all of the rooms inside”.

When the field trip was over, the students were asked if they would want to be one of the servants at the Cranes Castle. Most of them replied with a no, saying that there were so many rooms, they couldn’t imagine taking care of them all.

## New ROTC Instructor

**Marshall Kelleher '10  
Staff Writer**

More and more students join the ranks of MCJROTC. Every year their numbers increase, and this year there is a new instructor in the course.

Master Sergeant Harrison is teaching MCJROTC and Co-Op Adventures with Sergeant Major Ellis this year. He has been waiting two years to get into the BHS program, and he is just as excited to be here as students are to have him.

When asked how he liked the job so far, Harrison stated, with a smile on his face, that he loves it here. The teachers here are supportive of him and the students are willing to learn from him. He has ROTC



Photo Courtesy of Master Sergeant Harrison

classes all day except for one Co-Op Adventure Class. Additionally, the Master Sergeant supervises the BHS shooting team.

He has been teaching for 13 years and in the Marines for 23 years. He has been all around the world, from the Far East to the Arctic Circle. He also has much more to offer within the JROTC curriculum here at Beverly High School.

Master Sergeant Harrison is a wonderful addition to the school, and anyone seeking the thrill of adventure should see the JROTC Instructors.

## Ben Folds rocks the Boston Pops

**Mike Petrosino '10  
Staff Writer**

The Symphony Hall, usually the site of classical performances by symphonies, but on October 3, Ben Folds rocked Symphony Hall. In what was a near perfect mix of pop, rock, and classical music, Folds showed that he still knows how to excite a crowd.

After the opener, a folk band that had no qualities that really stood out other than a front woman who was a decent dancer, the Boston Pops arrived. You could sense the anticipation in the air as the crowd awaited the arrival of the singer-songwriter himself. The hall shook when Folds made his appearance, taking a sip of water as he sat at his piano to play, opening with an energetic performance of “Effington.”

Folds made playing the piano seem easy, masterfully playing the songs that made him famous. In the middle of the set, Folds played a couple of new songs from his new, unreleased album. He made sure to tell the audience a story in between every one of his songs, which usually explained his inspiration for the song, most of which were very ridiculous.

One of my complaints about the concert was the general lack of movement from the crowd. It seemed more like a musical performance, rather than a concert. This all changed after the Folds left the stage, seemingly because he was done playing, only to return with a new bottle of water. After a couple more songs, Folds was done for real. At least, he thought he was, until the audience demanded an encore. He returned to stage, and the crowd jumped to their feet.

For his encore, he played a great version of “Rock This B\*\*\*\*” and followed that up with “Rockin’ the Suburbs”. His encore was amazing, and really added a lot to the whole experience, that otherwise was a fun, although slightly dull experience. I would give the concert 3 out of 4 stars.

### REVIEW

