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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

Join **Team BHS in Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk**. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 3rd, in Boston from 8 to 12. If you are interested, you can sign up during all three lunches, before and after school in the cafeteria, and in Mrs. Flaherty’s room W206.

Senior Dues for September
Bring cash or a check for **\$55** payable to “*BHS Class of 2011*” to Mrs. Morris’ office. If you have questions, talk to Brian, Aly, Mike, or Kelsey.

Mr. Wright’s trip to California on YouTube. Mr. Wright recently moved to California with his wife. He made a movie of his travels on the way to his new residence. You can view his videos YouTube at

The **Walk for Autism** will be held this Sunday, September 26, at the Suffolk Downs Race Track in Boston. Beverly DECA Cares, Football Cheerleading, and Volleyball have teams participating in the walk. Join for the walk so you can walk with your friends and support autism awareness.

Anyone interested in working on the **yearbook or newspaper** should report to Room A204 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you would like to work during your studies, contact Ms. McCafferty to check the availability of computers in the Publications Room.

Senior portraits for the yearbook must be taken at Gainsboro Studios by October 10th. Sitting fee is \$21.25 including tax. No further purchase is necessary. Gainsboro Studios is contracted by Beverly High School to be the official yearbook photographer; we appreciate your honoring the contract.

The **BHS Golf Team** hopped off to an impressive 3-1 start, led by senior captains Adam Capodilupo and Nick Pinciario.

The tandem has led by example, influencing younger players such as Brendan Mitchell ‘12 and Kevin Dyer ‘13 to step up and take an active role on the team.

The Panthers’ season-opening win against Marblehead at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club was a big confidence booster. They then proceeded to breeze by fellow NEC opponents Gloucester and Saugus.

The Panthers suffered their first lost against Danvers on Tuesday. The Falcons slipped away by a narrow margin even with a win by Nick Pinciario.

The coaching staff, Tom Gillis and his assistant David Pinciario, has really put in some time to develop these young golfers into a smart, consistent team.

The JV team, lead by the much liked Maryanne Doane, is undefeated so far.

The **BHS Football Team** traveled to Melrose on September 16th in the pouring rain where they fell short, losing 14-6 to start their season off with a record of 0-2.

Brendan Flaherty returned to the starting lineup from missing last week’s game against Concord Carlisle due to a sprained ankle. He was the only running back to cross the goal line, scoring his first varsity touchdown.

Both Beverly and Concord Carlisle had trouble keeping the ball in their hands due to the horrible field and weather conditions.

Joe Wioncek threw 6 completions for 72 yards with 1 interception. Mark Giles led the team with 2 catches for 34 yards.

The Panthers are looking to add a win to their record at tomorrow night’s 5:00pm game at Lynn English.

The **BHS Cross Country Teams** have had an excellent season so far, going undefeated in their meets versus Revere and Salem.

Returning runners John Page, Tyler Petroccione, Alex Wheeler, Andrew Poveromo, and Justin Diluiso have moved into the spotlight.

Jessica Gomes, Wendi Marciano, Haley Albert, and Keeley Higgins continue to be runners to watch on the Girls Cross Country Team.

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Football program gets new management

DECA and Journalism Classes join forces

Emily Schultz ‘11
Staff Writer

The next time you go to Hurd to see the Panthers play football, buy a program. It could be considered a collector’s item.

The program is still available at all home games at Hurd Stadium, and there is still a special edition featuring the Panthers and Witches at the annual Thanksgiving Day Game.

The difference is that this year, the preparing of the program, the selling of the ads, and the selling of the programs at the games are all being done by BHS students as a real-life business venture.

After the Football Boosters took over the responsibility of producing the football program from BMPAA, booster Mike Nardella approached Ms. McCafferty with the idea that the Journalism Class could set up the program, much as they do the high school newspaper. The boosters would be responsible for selling the ads and the programs, as well as paying for the printing. In return, they would give the Journalism Class a gift card to Staples to cover their supply expenses for preparing the yearbook.

Journalism student Abby Curran took the chal-



The program this year, designed by Molly Morrissey, was created to illustrate the long-standing football tradition in Beverly.

Photo Courtesy of BHS Ledger

Class had to scramble to get the current photos for the program. With the help of Jaguar Productions at the Cummings Center and Booster president Mr. Nardella, fifty programs were ready for the season opener against Concord-Carlisle.

This combination of marketing and design by the students has been a rewarding experience for everyone involved. The real-life application has made the practicality of what the students are learning in class even more enjoyable.

New York Times best-selling author Nancy Werlin visits BHS

Molly Morrissey ‘11
Staff Writer

Just in time for the summer reading discussion groups, *New York Times* best-selling author Nancy Werlin visited Beverly High School.

Werlin’s novel, *Impossible*, was on the summer reading list. She visited with the discussion group in Ms. Corbett’s room in A-112, discussing such topics as her writing style and the themes and topic in the novel. Students asked questions about a wide range of topics about both the novel and the writing process.

After the discussion group was over, Ms. Werlin stayed in the library and got to know some of the BHS students who had read any of her novels. They enjoyed a pizza and soda lunch with her in the library from first to third lunch.

Werlin’s visit was a highlight of Mrs. Fecteau’s summer reading program.



Ms. Corbett and Nancy Werlin during the discussion.

Photo Courtesy of Molly Morrissey ‘11

Dear Editor,

Every year, BHS librarian Mrs. Fecteau works hard to put together a list of books selections for summer reading, making sure that something on the list appeals to everyone.

Unfortunately, not all of the students take summer reading seriously. In my discussion group, several students did not even read the book and came to the discussion unprepared. Not only does this impact their English grades (the project is worth one quiz grade), but it is disrespectful to other students who took the time to read the book.

To solve this problem in the future, maybe the school should change the way the discussions are run. For example, instead of having the seniors run the group, teachers should so they can be graded on their participation. This way, perhaps more students would do their summer reading.

Mrs. Fecteau and administration should sincerely consider changing around summer reading.

Laura Koch ‘14

Staff Writer

Letter to the Editor

It’s fantasy time!

Abate, Mitchell, and von Zweck ‘11
Staff Writers

Week two is over and now every fantasy owner is focused on their week three lineup.

Offensive power houses like Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson bounced back to their fullest potential. Players like Brett Favre and Joe Flacco produced low fantasy points. Outstanding defenses like the Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Jets, and Cincinatti Bengals make everyone reconsider who to start.

Key injuries from Ryan Grant, Chris “Beanie” Wells, Ryan Matthews, and Kevin Kolb gave backups great opportunity. Tim Hightower had a breakout game with 11 rushes for 115 yards and 1 TD. Jahvid Best had an outstanding performance posting 40 fantasy points with 220 total yards and 3 TD’s. LeSean McCoy also did well with 130 yards and 2 TD’s on the ground.

Continue reading THE LEDGER every Thursday for more details on NFL Fantasy Time!

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” selected for fall play

Cast announced

Thesus “Duke of Athens”- Frank Fecteau
Hippolyta “Queen of the Amazons”- Melinda Tetrault
Philostrata “Master of Ceremonies”- Stefany Hirschfeld
Egeus- Bobby Hinman
Hermia- Mikayla Bishop & Lydia Hester
Helena- Rachel Stigers & Alison Buchsbaum
Lysander- Nate Howard
Pemetrius- Tyler Duclos
Oberon “King of the Fairies”- Matt Eriksen
Titania “Queen of the Fairies”- Miranda Formichella & Maddy McLaughlin
Puck- Gabe Lozada
Peaseblossom Fairy- Katie McAuliffe
Coweb Fairy- Kat Flaherty
Mustard Seed Fairy- Paris Panicali
Mouth Fairy- Alternates
Peter Quince- Chris Emery
Nick Bottom- Tyler Valentine
Francis Flote- Ed Faust
Tom Snot- Justin Diluiso
Robin Starveling- Courtney Bennett
Attends to Theseus- Abby Spencer, Michaela Gill, & Alternate

Under the Radar

Mike von Zweck ‘11
Staff Writer

Signing the tardy sheets was never so pressured and consequential for BHS students in past years. Tracking back to the 2008 tardy system, all students who reported late for their A-block class received 1/3 of an absence and a white admittance slip to class. It wasn’t until the second semester of the ‘09-‘10 school year that the administration and faculty decided that reconstruction was necessary.

An increase in class cuts, detentions, and in-house suspensions caused Principal Sean Gallagher to revise his tardy procedure. The arrangements were made for a zero-tolerance for tardies, issuing a 42-minute detention, regardless of excuses.

After many formal and informal complaints, the administration reduced the discipline for anyone under twenty minutes late to receive a twenty-minute detention. Gallagher agreed that the common goal between administration and the student body was to reduce absences and tardies and grant more freedoms to those who comply.

Protocol has been tightening. For an answer to how BHS, a once freely and independently motivated student body, became so administration and rule driven, a quick peek at the absences list is quite revealing.

A common suggestion among students on how to survive the crack down, a touchy topic: “Fly below their radar.”

D’s Cooking Corner

Culinary Arts: Chocolate Chip Cookies

1 stick softened margarine
1/3 c. granulated sugar
1/3 c. packed brown sugar
1 egg
½ t vanilla
1 c. + 2 T flour
½ t baking soda
¼ t salt
¾ c. chocolate chips

In large mixer bowl or using a whisk, cream together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla. Beat until fully combined. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Slowly add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture. Mix until combined. Add chocolate chips, stirring them with a wooden spoon. Preheat oven to 375 F. Drop cookie dough by teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheets. Put 12 per cookie sheet. Bake for 9-10 minutes or until golden brown. After 5-6 minutes rotate cookie sheets in oven. This should make 18-24 cookies. Enjoy!

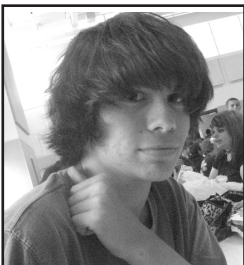
Any suggestions about how to keep the 2014 elections from being just another popularity contest?



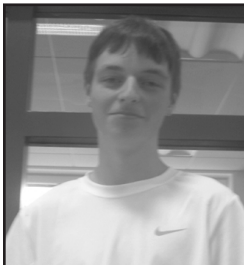
Camden Vitale
“People are always going to vote for their friends.”



Gina Dematteo
“Maybe if the candidates were anonymous students would vote on what was said and not who said it.”



Ben Handler
“It will always be a popularity contest.”



Jeremy Baker
“People should just try to focus on what the candidates say other than who they are.”



Alex Pritika
“The voters should vote for the candidates based on their speech.”