



# THE LEDGER

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## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

### CONGRATULATIONS, BHS MOM BALL CHAMPIONS!!!

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.

The following students have served as **volunteers at Beverly Hospital** this past summer. *Beverly Hospital appreciates their demonstration of maturity and responsibility and their generous donation of time.*

Nora Alsahlawi	Andrew Pitman
Sarina Cerro	Taylor Place
Colleen Coz	Ashley Sinclair
Jessica Fanning	Ed Southerton
Sabrina Godfrey	Mariah Thomas
Katie Gonzalez	Anna Tran
Tori Halpern	Alex Wheeler
Emma Linden	Emily Wheeler
Phillip Morehead	Rachel Wilwerth
Bethany Petrusky	

**BHS Music Department** is selling Topsfield Fair Tickets for \$10 until September 27th. Tickets are good for any day including weekends. Fundraising is a crucial part of the music trip efforts and purchasing even one ticket would be helpful. Talk to any Music Department member if you are interested in buying tickets.

**MCJROTC** is selling raffle tickets during all three lunches. Buy one for \$5 or three for \$10. The first prize is a new Apple iPod, and the second prize is a \$200 Visa gift card.

### THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

The **Panther Foundation** was created to help BHS families in times of emergency. If interested in joining, go to Mr. Riordan’s Room A208 after school today for a brief meeting. If you are interested, but cannot attend, see Mr. Riordan, Mr. Prodanas, or Nurse Pappas for more information.

**Aegis Club**, which publishes the oldest high school literary magazine in the country, will meet every Thursday after school in the library. All are welcome.

**Paranormal Club** will meet after school in Mr. Gibbs’s Room A215. All believers and non-believers, former and new members are welcome.

### TUESDAY / THURSDAY BEFORE SCHOOL

Anyone interested in joining the **Beverlega** and/or **Ledger Staff** should come to A204 Tuesday and Thursday mornings for story assignments. If anyone has a study and would like to work on layout and design, talk to Ms. McCafferty in A-204 about the availability of computers in the Publications Room.

**Today is the last day SENIOR DUES will be \$55.** Tomorrow they will increase \$5 to \$60. Bring cash or checks payable to “BHS Class of 2011” to Mrs. Morris’ office. **\$60**

## Field Hockey supports local charity

Livvy Konaxis ‘13  
Staff Writer

The Beverly Field Hockey Team is donating money to Bootstraps while scoring goals in the games. Every time a player scores a goal, she pays a dollar, and every time the goalies let in a goal, they pay a dollar.

When Coach Morose told the team at practice, “Every time you score you owe me a dollar,” the girls were not in favor of this idea until they found out that all the money would be donated to Bootstraps at the end of the season.

The team hopes to be donating the majority of the money by putting the ball in the net and not from goals on the net. At the end of the season, Coach Morose will match money the team has donated and take it to Beverly Bootstraps.

This donation was a new idea this year, and the team hopes it will make a difference.

## The Ledger

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# Willkommen!

## German Immersion hosts visit

Diandra Crowley ‘14  
Staff Writer

The first of several foreign exchanges is beginning this week and bringing new faces to the crowded corridors of Beverly High School.

Yesterday, students from Kopernikus Gymnasium Bargteheide in Germany arrived in Beverly for a three-week stay as exchange students.

The students are staying until October 16th with fifteen of the BHS students who participated in the German Immersion Program over the summer: Desiree Boga, Alison Buchsbaum, Frank Fecteau, John Gallagher, Sarah Goss, Alison Gove, Jack Hadley, Nate Howard, Sam Johnson, Joe Marciano, Victoria Mori, Taila Noonan, Kyle Shropshire, Zach Stone, and Kayla Walsh.



German students and teachers arrive at BHS and gather in Herr Guy’s room.

Several of the German students are sophomores, and during their stay, they will have the opportunity to participate in several field trips, including one to Boston, chaperoned by their music teacher Henrike Korb and History & Political Science teacher Caroline Ritter.

The students are excited to engage in conversation throughout Beverly High School. Even though they are from Germany, they have been studying the English language since fifth grade, so their conversational English is quite good, but it gets harder for them when things turn topical.

The group is most definitely in a whole different environment and would enjoy being included in new experiences, so take the time to get to know them.

# BHS caught the travel bug

## as it flew to Germany

Marc Babcock ‘13  
Staff Writer

Honors German 3 and German 4 students went to Germany from June 14 through July 8 this past summer as a part of the annual German Immersion program led by German teacher Mr. Doug Guy.

The students experienced a real German life style, as well as saw many of the amazing tourist attractions Germany has to offer.

Students paid their own airfare, as well as a piece of the chaperone’s airfare. They stayed at a youth hostel in Berlin for four days. Most students took money to buy food, drinks, and souvenirs.

To pay for the museum, theatre, and tours, the group did a number of fundraisers prior to the trip,

including a German dinner prior to Open House during the second semester.

In Berlin, the BHS students visited a number of museums and took tours of the many interesting historical and contemporary aspects of the German capital.

While in Germany, students lived with host families, experiencing their daily events. The only time they were permitted to speak English was during their English class; they were required to speak only German the rest of the time.

This week the BHS students are returning the favor by hosting their German friends from the Kopernikus Gymnasium Bargteheide while they complete the foreign exchange.



Photo Courtesy of Alex Pritika

## Freshman Class officers elected

**President:** MaryCate Flaherty  
**Vice President:** Nicole Demars  
**Secretary:** Jackie Cohen  
**Treasurer:** Molly McDonald

# Superfan bus in the works

Mike von Zweck ‘11, Taylor Marrs ‘12, and Dan Cacciatore ‘12  
Staff Writers

Are you tired of missing major games because of no transportation? Are you a superfan of Beverly High School athletics? Major sporting match-ups are coming up in football, soccer, field hockey, track, golf, cross country, and volleyball. We can get you there with a fan bus!

To pull this off, we have requirements that need to be met. First, we would need 40 pre-paying Beverly High School SUPERFANS per game and at least two chaperones.

The bus could cost up to \$70 an hour, depending on the distance of the trip and the length of the game. One idea to make money is to fundraise. We could sell SUPERFAN t-shirts and sweatshirts. Wearing SUPERFAN gear will be your ticket onto the bus.

Please inform Taylor Marrs, Mike von Zweck, and Dan Cacciatore with an email at bevedledger@gmail.com if you would be interested in spreading your Panther pride and supporting a fan bus.

# It’s fantasy time - Week Four!

The Sports Guys  
Staff Writers

After a wild week three of unexpected breakout games and disappointing performances, a critical Week Four is here. Further examination of team’s depth is necessary as injuries and byes are playing a role in the fantasy season.

In the upcoming Week Four, Minnesota, Dallas, Kansas City, and Tampa Bay all have the week off to prepare for their Week Five opponents. Injuries have struck in Houston, as Matt Schaub’s primary target Andre Johnson has gone down with an ankle injury, promoting Kevin Walter and TE Owen Daniels among downfield receivers.

Powerhouse Steven Jackson out of St. Louis also went down, putting rookie Sam Bradford to lead their struggling offense to thrive over Seattle’s secondary.

In Cleveland, sleeper Peyton Hillis has consistently been getting carries and shining in the spot-

light, despite the Brown’s 0-3 start.

Baltimore’s offense exploded as Flacco’s air attack excelled with an all-day hookup with Anquan Boldin.

Andy Reid appears to have Philadelphia’s offense squared away, handing the QB job to Michael Vick, who was dominant with both his arm and his still-threatening running game.

The Seahawks defense put up big numbers, getting in the end zone twice and causing five turnovers against a disappointing Chargers offense.

Make sure to continue reading THE LEDGER for information you’ll need to take home the championship in your league.

## Autism Speaks

*doesn’t speak the right language*

Dear Editor,

I take issue with the Autism Speaks article in last week’s Ledger.

It is fantastic that there are people at Beverly High School who would like to raise money for autistic charitable foundations; however, Autism Speaks should not be that charity.

In my estimation, this group presents autism in the worst possible light and fundamentally gets everything wrong with trying to find the “cure for autism.” That would be like trying to find the cure for being a minority.

Autism Speaks has legally threatened autistic people who have differing opinions. For example, they forced the owner of aspieweb.net to take offline his shirt that said: “Autism Speaks can go away / I have autism / I can speak for myself.”

In 2006 Autism Speaks sponsored the documentary “Autism Every Day.” According to Stuart Murray, author of Representing Autism: Culture, Narrative, Fascination, “disability rights advocates have criticized the film for its concentration on the negative aspects of the condition to the exclusion of the positive.”

Autism Speaks is an organization that acts like a bully and is a source of misinformation. I would encourage the DECA team and all interested to consider supporting Autism Society of America instead.

Aaron Ingemi ‘11

## Amnesty International returns to BHS

Megan Klinetob ‘11  
Staff Writer

The return of the Amnesty International Club to BHS is an exciting one. Amnesty International is a world-wide organization that helps to create equal rights for all humans and increase peace around the world.

Co-Presidents Kara Eckman ‘11 and Megan

Klinetob ‘11 have many great events planned for the year, such as a Winterfest and Spring Benefit Concert featuring many music acts and an acoustic set, as well as raffles and donations to support Amnesty, Beverly Bootstraps, and several other organizations.

Meetings will be on Thursdays at 7:30 in Room C204. All are welcome to join!

# Harry Potter Returns

Steph McKenna ‘11  
Staff Writer

For many teenage readers, the Potter movies have been the talk of the household since 1997 when the first book of this seven-part series was released. So how many BHS students plan to view

the midnight premier of the first part of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*?

Freshmen and seniors alike seem to be very eager about the final Potter movie. The book, written by British author J.K. Rowling, was released in 2007, setting a record by selling 15 million copies during the first 24-hours of its release.

Many fans at last year’s midnight showing of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* dressed as Quidditch players, as well as Harry, Ron, and Hermione.

Set to come out on November 19, 2010, the first part of this movie is destined to be a hit, closely, if not completely, eclipsing the famous *Twilight Saga*.

The second part will air on July 15, 2011. Part one is so far unrated, but will most likely be either PG or PG-13. The second part, again, is unrated, but is speculated to be either PG-13 or possibly even R-rated. Whatever the ratings, the audience turnout at both showings is destined to be epic.

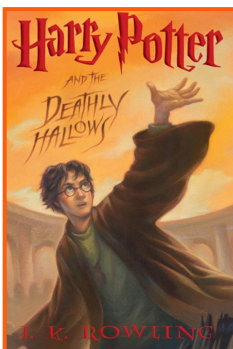


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**2nd Annual Football Night Game**  
**Panthers vs. Falcons**  
**Hurd Stadium**  
**7:00 PM**