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## BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

All **summer reading** discussions are going to take place tomorrow. To receive credit, students must bring their responses with them to the group. Check the lists on the window outside of the library for your assigned room.

**Ms. Padovani** needs a few good students who are both organized and have excellent computer skills to be **aides** for her classes, as well as a **manager** for the varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams. Interested students should leave their name and information in her mailbox in lower C-Wing.

Any students interested in becoming a member of the **BHS Computer Repair Team** should stop by Room G211 for more information.

**Parking spots** are now available for all Juniors. Bring your license, registration, and check for \$179 to Ms. McGrath in lower C-Wing.

**Students Council** elections will be held Wednesday, September 29. Nomination forms are will be available in C-Wing office next Wednesday. “Don’t complain. Have a say. Get involved. Student Council.”

### Panther Teams Win Openers

The **Beverly Boys Varsity Soccer Team** kicked off their season the right way last Friday with a hard-fought 1-0 win against Ipswich.

Stopper Matt Bourque was able to convert a feed from Forward Brad Surette into the game-winning goal. Surette chipped the ball over the defense right into the path of a cutting Bourque, who then buried the ball into the back of the net. Throughout much of the game, Beverly dominated possession, with Goalkeeper Pat Wilson turning away any chances Ipswich had on net; however, the Panthers struggled to finish until Bourque’s second-half goal put them ahead.

Although it is still early in the season, the Panthers may have finally turned things around for their program. Despite a tough season last year with an overall record of 4-5-9, Coach Kevin Leahy has the BHS Boys Soccer Team remaining hopeful this year.

The **BHS Varsity Volleyball Team** has already tied their record from last year with their big win over Revere last weekend.

“Discipline is not, never was, and never will be easy to come by. It takes desire, determination, and discipline to be the best at anything you set out to be!” observed Coach Pam Padovani.

Newcomer and Senior, Jen Ashton, dominated the court with her spikes at Revere. Also new to Varsity, Brittany Anderson proved herself well as a server, taking ten points from the other team. Captain Ashley Chalifour led the team well with her continuously amazing sets.

The returning players who struggled to find a win for the new team last season, have already proven this season has potential to be one of the best so far.

The **BHS Varsity Field Hockey Team** started the season out with a 4-0 win against Danvers High School. Freshman Goalie Felicity Otterbein had an exceptional game, stopping every ball and ending the game with a shutout.

The Panthers dominated on the field, having possession of the ball for the majority of the game. Returning varsity Senior Lainey Bernfeld had an outstanding game, scoring three goals to help her team pull out with a win. Corinne Woods ‘11 also put the ball in the net. Beverly’s Midfield forcefully stopped and attacked the Falcon forwards, keeping the ball out of Beverly’s defensive end.

Beverly’s coaches and players, went into the game with high expectations for the team as a whole. Having the role of defending NEC champions makes way for high goals to reach throughout the season.

The team’s 3-3 tie with powerhouse Marblehead team bodes well for the season.

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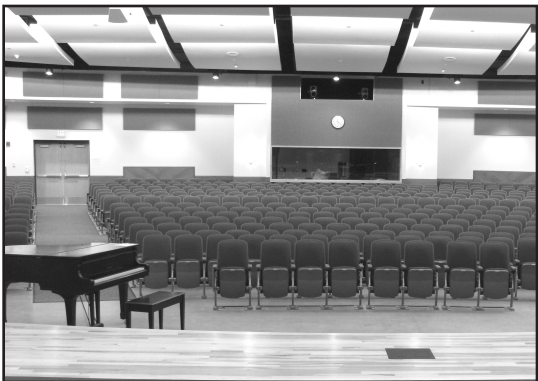
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## The Move is on



The auditorium and other areas of the school are already available for student use.



Photo Courtesy of Hayley Lewis and Corey Malone

Laura Koch ‘14  
**Staff Writer**

This November is going to be a pretty exciting time for Beverly High School students and staff, and not because of Thanksgiving. During the last week of November, students will have only a half-day of school on Monday, and then everything from BHS will be moved into the new building.

Right now, the new auditorium is finished, as well as the kitchen and Wellness areas and Music Department area. All band and chorus students are already attending their music classes in the new building.

There are two main phases of construction. The first, which includes the creation of the new academic building, is scheduled to conclude shortly before Thanksgiving. The second, which will be finished by December 2011, involves the demolition of the current high school. This phase will begin in the Patten Wing in October 2010 and continue with the rest of the building after the move has been made.

First built in 1965, the existing construction has been in need of repair since 2000. The school had been notified by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that BHS was in “deteriorating condition.”

By 2006, the school had raised enough money for the building project, with half given by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. In the end, the new school will cost over \$80 million. Students and staff alike seem eager for the move.

## Autism speaks. *It’s time to act.*

Maeve Robertson ‘12  
**Staff Writer**

According to the Autism Speaks website, it is estimated that one in every 110 children will be diagnosed with autism – one child every twenty minutes. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, yet it receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases.

Autism Speaks’ priority is to raise money for global biomedical research to find out the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism, as well as raise public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and the society.

Beverly DECA Cares, a program at Bever-



ly High School, is determined to raise money through community service projects to help support the objectives of Autism Speaks.

The Walk for Autism at the Suffolk Downs Race Track in Boston on Sunday, September 26 is the Beverly DECA Cares’ first project.

So far DECA has raised over \$800, but their donation goal is \$5,000 by September 23. Even a \$5 donation will go a long way in the end. Anyone who has ever been touched by autism is encouraged to walk.

Sign-ups are available online at [www.beverlydecacares.tumblr](http://www.beverlydecacares.tumblr) under the Upcoming Events post, as well as in B210, the Main Office, and during all three lunches at Beverly High School. Please email [beverlydecacares@gmail.com](mailto:beverlydecacares@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

### It’s *Fantasy* time!

Chris Mitchell ‘11, Jake Abate ‘11,  
Mike von Zweck ‘11  
**Staff Writers**

The time has finally come for all true football fans. That is fantasy football time! It is the most exciting season of the year, and for some football fans, it just does not come fast enough. For the next several months, Sundays will never be the same. On Sundays, fantasy football owners have nothing but fantasy players and match-ups on their minds. There is absolutely no time for homework, chores, or girlfriends; it’s strictly football from the time they wake up until Sunday night football ends.

Draft day is complete and owners are nervous, but overly excited to see their team prevail. It is the star players, like elusive running backs Chris Johnson and Adrian Peterson, precision passers like Drew Brees and Tom Brady, and spectacular receivers like Andre Johnson and Randy Moss who all could easily help take home championships for any owner. It’s rookies like Dez Bryant, Ryan Matthews, and CJ Spiller who could be a big part of anyone’s team, and sleepers like Michael Crabtree, Mike Wallace, and Adrian Foster who could make or break your squad.

The team is picked, and now it’s all up to the players to put up the points and play to their potential. It’s fantasy time, and all owners better be prepared for the most exciting time of the year. Tune in for our week-to-week match-ups, sit or starts, and sleepers every week only in THE LEDGER. To help us better report to you every week, send us your sit or starts to [bevledger@gmail.com](mailto:bevledger@gmail.com).

### BHS technology honored by *Boston Magazine*

Rory Bowden ‘11  
**Staff Writer**

“Picture this: every student working wirelessly on a mac laptop in a new building,” says *Boston Magazine*.

This is the future of Beverly High School and what the students have to look forward to next year. BHS will become the first school in eastern Massachusetts to require incoming freshmen to own, rent, or borrow a laptop.

BHS was recently included in the *Boston Magazine* Honor Roll for its technology programs.

Kyle Sweeney, who graduated in ‘07, stated, “Working with the laptops taught me communication and problem-solving skills better than any class.” Sweeney also observed that the experience with the tech classes helped him get into college.

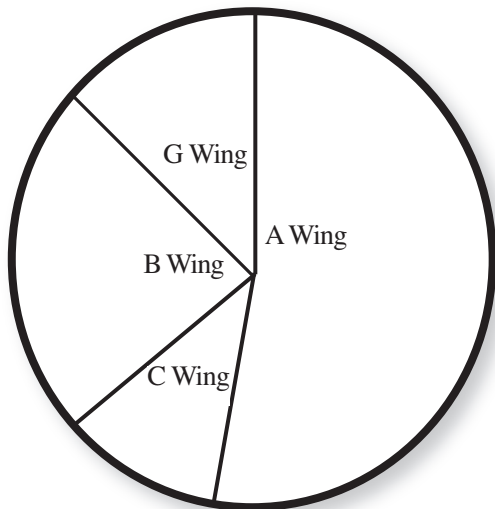
There are some issues with the whole school’s having these laptops, such as the extra measures that will be put into the protection and safety of the laptops.

There is also the chance of the laptops’ malfunctioning. If students are required to use them, what will happen when there is a problem with them? Obviously they can be fixed but how long would it take? Will students have to pay to have them fixed? These and other questions will be addressed in future columns about technology at BHS.

### What’s the hottest hallway in the school?

Hayley Lewis ‘12 and Corey Malone ‘13  
**Staff Writers**

BHS opened the new school year in the midst of a heat wave. With temperatures rising throughout the school, the Ledger staff surveyed students about where they thought the heat was most unbearable.



### Beat the Heat?

Dear Editor,

It’s that time of year where everybody needs to leave the summer fun and weather behind and go back to school. Instead, one summer characteristic came with us this year. That was the heat, and many people were struggling to find ways to beat the heat.

The first days of schools were a nightmare; students and teachers were finding it hard to concentrate in the classroom.

Even lunch and gym were becoming a drag for students. When walking into the lunchroom, they were hit by a gigantic heat wave. During gym class, students were so hot that even the kids who love to play the games didn’t want to move.

During the heat, everyone needed to drink water in order to stay hydrated. Unfortunately, many of the bubblers in the school don’t work and the vending machines were empty. Everyone needed to bring personal water bottles so they could focus in each of their classes.

Besides staying hydrated and wearing loose clothing, it seems that the only way to possibly beat the heat could be to wait for fall!

Chris Mitchell ‘11

### BHS hires new art teacher

Taylor Marrs ‘12  
**Staff Writer**

This year we got lucky to have hired a new, young, and optimistic art teacher, Mrs. Tollen, who will be filling in for Mr. Wright’s class this year.

Before coming to BHS, Mrs. Tollen had been teaching art to local elementary students and to angered high school students.

“There is a shift change,” observed Mrs. Tollen. “You have to pay more attention to elementary schools where high school is a little more relaxed.”

In her personal time Mrs. Tollen still enjoys art, and some of her favorite parts are watercolors and illustration. She enjoys drawing from life; the ocean and the reflection of light are some key spots she focuses on in her work.

An entrepreneur, Tollen is starting a company where she can take her art and transform it into cards or invitations.

Mrs. Tollen enjoys gymnastics and is currently working with the Beverly High Gymnastics Team.



Photo Courtesy of Taylor Marrs  
Mrs. Tollen is excited for her new job.



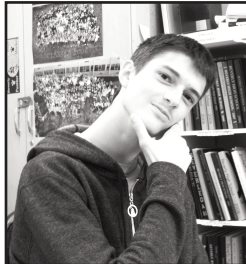
Matt Eriksen



Kelsey Walsh



Abby Spencer



Milovan Jovic



Mike von Zweck

“Getting involved in as many organizations as I can like ECO Club & Key Club.”

“Spirit Week, Powderpuff, the new school, prom, and having one more year with my friends.”

“The musical and making sure my last year is awesome.”

“I’m ready to finish high school and get it over with.”

“Panther pride at sports games, crowning the new school house, and the senior prank.”