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## HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

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Of all the movies I have seen in the past few months, I will say that *How to Train Your Dragon* has been my favorite. This film is worth the extra 5\$ to see in 3-D. The 3-D completely immerses the viewer into the world - into Berk, as we follow along Hiccup's journey - his trials as he realizes that, in a society where killing dragons is not just socially acceptable but encouraged, that he will not kill a dragon.

Hiccup has realized that dragons are just like vikings - they're just trying to protect themselves. Three hundred years and the vikings have gotten it all wrong. So it's up to him to change it.

Voices from the cast include, but are not limited to, Gerard Butler, Jay Baruchel, Craig Ferguson, Jonah Hill, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, America Ferrara, and T.J. Miller. Each and every one giving a spectacular job and making the characters they play believable and realistic.

The dry humor of Hiccup was executed perfectly through Jay Baruchel, and it wasn't something that they slathered on like butter over too much bread - it was just right.

The characters themselves weren't overpowering - I found myself enjoying the strong Astrid against the somewhat awkward Hiccup.

Don't fret, as the movie is not just for kids, and parents should enjoy it as much as their children would, for different reasons. Though one certainly shouldn't think too much into it - and no, we shouldn't question why the vikings have Scottish accents, because the film has to have a flaw somewhere - the film has a slightly deeper meaning, something that parents will enjoy too.

If I had the money, I would see this again, I enjoyed it that much. I hope Dreamworks comes out with more movies this great again.

## FEATURES

### TODAY'S TWEETS

1. Neil Patrick Harris  
*Bobsleds are cool. They look so modern. I wonder what's inside of them? Cup holders? iPod docks? Mood lighting? Flat screen TV's?*  
@therealNPH

3. Russell Brand  
*Raining in LA - this is not the deal. London has snow. SNOW! This better be the Hollywood rain that tastes of lemonade and gives superpowers.*  
@rustyrocks

3. Lady Gaga  
*Watch very closely as the magical angel and I are swallowed by the rainbow twister, and left stranded on Glitter Way.*  
@ladygaga

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## LEFTY WINS 3RD GREEN JACKET

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"It's a cinderella story... former greenskeeper now turned pro... coming out of nowhere... tears in his eyes..." Ok so maybe it wasn't a caddyshack type of moment at the Augusta National this year, but it was certainly a feel-good story. Phil Mickelson won his third green jacket Sunday. Mickelson's wife, Amy, and mother, Mary, were both diagnosed with breast cancer last year prompting a leave of absence from the tour.

Now Mickelson dawns a breast cancer ribbon sewn on the side of his hat in their honor. Those close to him say Phil hasn't looked the same since he learned of the diagnosis.

Mickelson was more than happy to share a long, warm embrace with Amy after he sunk the final putt on the 18th green. Phil was thrilled to see her since Amy hadn't traveled with him to a tournament in over a year due to her cancer. "We've been through a lot this year. It means a lot to share some joy together," said Mickelson.

But Mickelson's personal struggle took a backseat to the real storyline: Tiger's comeback. Woods jumped out to an impressive first round 68, and followed that up with two rounds of 70 to find himself just 4 back of Lee Westwood entering Sunday.

Tiger's streak of never winning a major while trailing entering Sunday would continue

however. Errant tee shots and shaky putting plagued him all week long. Woods showed flashes of brilliance on Sunday, and would get as close as 3 shots, but that would be it. Woods finished 5 shots back. Not too shabby for a guy who's whole life has fallen apart right before the public's eyes.

The 2010 masters could have been described as one for the aged though. The first round saw Tom Watson, age 60, leading at 6 under par. Sandy Lyle shot 3 under and crowd favorite Freddy Couples, masters champion in 1992 and 2001, found himself in contention until the last few holes on Sunday.

The field proved that experience, not age, was the key to conquering Augusta. Lee Westwood had a commendable run as well. The number 4 player in the world has never won a major, but dominates the European circuit. He was matching Phil shot for shot until Sunday afternoon, and finished 3 shots back.

Overall, it was an eventful four days at Augusta. It was definitely the most hyped due to all the story lines that were present before the tournament and the ones that developed as the week progressed. Fan favourite Phil Mickelson, always appreciative of the patrons, deserved his third green jacket. But it wasn't for him. He said he won it for his Mom, Wife Amy, and his three kids. Certainly a fitting end to a wild week.

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

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If you were to go back in time to the year 1865, when the book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* came out, you wouldn't expect it to become a national phenomenon with such a massive fan base. It's been a childhood story for everyone, and it captured people's hearts when Disney created a cartoon version years ago. That movie has become a huge part in the pop culture world, and many years later in 2010, a new movie has been released, and I have a strong feeling it will become one of the best movies of 2010.

Director and artistic genius Tim Burton has once again put all efforts into creating this memorable film. Fans of his know that every film he directs will always be exceptionally enjoyable. His movies started a worldwide understanding of how great and somewhat childlike, as it is in this case, of a mind he possesses. If you are a Johnny Depp fan you are most likely aware of his role as the Mad Hatter. He is after all on many of the promotional advertisements, which is a great way to get fans to see this movie.

Basically everything about this movie was enjoyable, from the cinematography to the crazy, outlandish characters and the frightening mystical creatures. It is set many years after Alice's (Mia Wasikowska) first adventure in "Wonderland". She is 19 years old and being fixed to marry Hamish, the son of one of her deceased father's wealthy business partners. Her childlike sense of wonder is still present after years of having the same reoccurring dream, so she gets distracted, and follows the curious white rabbit in a waistcoat,

down a rabbit hole. She arrives in Wonderland and is greeted by the characters in her dreams, which are skeptical as to whether she is the "real" Alice. She finds out that her destiny is to slay the Jabberwocky to save Wonderland from the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) and end her reign of terror. In order to do this she needs to steal back the White Queen's (Anne Hathaway) vorpal sword from the Red Queen.

Action ensues, and in the end she realizes that the whole experience was not a dream, and that Wonderland is real, she saves Wonderland and goes back home where she tells Hamish she will not marry him, and then becomes his father's apprentice. Overall, I would recommend this movie to people of all ages and would most definitely give it 5 stars.



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## SHUTTER ISLAND

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One sentence can explain what "Shutter Island" was in a nutshell; 'A psychological thriller that will mess with your mind and have you second-guessing your believed outcome.' When I saw the movie over vacation, that's literally what the movie did.

"Shutter Island" is set in 1954 and is based on the novel by the same name. It takes place, surprisingly, of the coast of Boston Harbor. In truth, the movie was shot all around Massachusetts, from Taunton to Nahant. The main character, Teddy Daniels, is a federal marshal, and with his accomplice Chuck Aule travels by boat to the famed hospital for the criminally insane in search of

an escaped patient.

This movie twists its plot quite a bit and keeps you at the edge of your seat, trying to figure out the plot before the movie reveals it. That would be the major point of a psychological thriller, but this movie did this really well. It also helps that the actors all portrayed their characters perfectly.

The only bad thing about this movie, which wasn't necessarily bad, was the overuse of dramatic or thrilling music in scenes where the music had no reason being. It was something most people can live with, but it does get generally annoying.

Also, despite the trailers, this movie is not a horror movie. Sure, it has its scary or disturbing parts, but it is not based around fear as pretty



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much all horrors are.

Overall, this movie is a must-see for people seeking a thriller that will make them guess. With a great cast of characters and a great job filming, it's definitely worth the money.

## BERKLEE COLLEGE AMPS UP BHS

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A few days ago, a 14-piece band from Berklee College of Music did a demonstration at the school, performing for music students at BHS as well as any other classrooms that were interested in viewing.

There were two half-hour long showings, and the Berklee students also worked with the music department of BHS in workshops during E and F block. This event was one of many hoped to be held around the area.

Some of the music students are Will Cafaro - helping with bass guitar, Joey Lefitz - helping with drums, Barclay Moffitt - helping with tenor saxophone, and Ben Whiting - helping with baritone saxophone. The performance was great, and the students have talent, enough to do great things.



## HIGHLIGHTS

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Senior Dues for the month of April; don't forget to pay them by Friday!

### YEARBOOK SALE

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The 2010 Beverlega is on sale for all underclassmen who are interested in purchasing one.

The yearbook staff work hard from September through March, highlighting events that happened throughout the school year.

Staff members also work from April to June to create the 32-page summer supplement which includes all spring sports, proms and semis, and senior activities.

There are 32 pages of color, 54 pages devoted to underclassmen, 46 pages of fall and winter sports, 34 pages of student activities, 24 pages of senior parent messages, and a lifetime of memories!

The yearbook, including the summer supplement, costs \$50, but a deposit of \$25 can reserve one. To order, bring cash or check to Room A204, or go to www.jostensyearbooks.com.

For seniors, the cost of the yearbook is included in their senior dues.

### MUSIC STUDENTS EXCEL AT DISTRICT FESTIVALS

The BHS students traveled to Reading HS last night to participate in the NE District MA. Association of Jazz Educators (MAJE) jazz festival. The Beverly HS Jazz Ensemble performed three selections and were judged by three adjudicators. Their metal rating was a Gold, and gained an invitation to continue on to the State Finals, which will be at Framingham HS on March 27.

The judges recognized three students for outstanding soloing, awarding them certificates of achievement. They were: Nate Schlein on trumpet nad Flugel Horn Kipp Standley on Guitar and Lisa Stoneham on trombone

They also picked an MVP for Division A (six bands in A...six bands in B in the afternoon) and awarded a plaque to Andrew Harney, our sophomore bass player.