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BHS NEWS IN BRIEF

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS: There will be a Financial Aid night on **Tuesday, November 29th** from 6-8 PM. All junior and senior parents are encouraged to attend.

HEADPHONES ON SALE: DECA is now selling headphones to students for \$5. Please see Ms. Sudak or Ms. Marescachi.

MR. BHS: The Mr. BHS Pageant will take place **tonight** at 7:00 in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 if they are purchased before the event or \$7 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Ms. Regan or any of the Senior Class Officers.

WINTER SPORTS: There is an athletic meeting for the parents of all student athletes **tonight** at 4 P.M. Anyone interested in trying out for a winter sport needs to turn in all required paperwork, as well as take a concussion course online.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER: On **November 22 and 28th**, the Music and Performing Arts Department are holding a fundraiser at Papa Gino's from 4-9. If you present a flyer, the programs will receive 20% of the sales, including take-out orders.

STUDENT COUNCIL: The election for the four spots open in Student Council will take place on Friday, November 18th, during all three lunches.

SPIRIT WEEK: Spirit Week will begin next Monday and will continue throughout the week. Monday is Decades Day; Tuesday's theme will be decided by the class officers, and Wednesday is hallway decorating, as well as Crazy Black and Orange Day. The Pep Rally will follow shortened classes on Wednesday.

TOYS FOR TOTS: The ROTC Program has begun the Toys for Tots drive. Gifts can be placed in collections outside the main office as well as floor offices. Gifts should be left unwrapped.

SOPHOMORE SWEATPANTS: Sophomores can purchase class sweatpants in room 351 for \$25.00.

BREAKING THE TIE

Hailey Rennick '12
Staff Writer

Powder Puff, or girls football as some call it, is one activity senior girls look forward to as freshman.

This year the girls were told that instead of the usual night game in Salem on Friday, they were going to be playing Saturday afternoon in Beverly. While this idea appeared to be the beginning of a new tradition, the idea was met with concern that many students would not attend a Saturday afternoon game.

In true Class of 2012 fashion, the class voiced their objections and got the game moved. The new game was rescheduled for **Saturday, November 19th, at 7:00 P.M. at Bertram Field under the lights.**

With a long running rivalry between Beverly and Salem, senior girls have made it tradition to hit the gridiron and settle the score for themselves before the annual Thanksgiving Day Game.

Last year the two teams tied, leaving both towns unsatisfied, so the pressure is on this year to really pull out the win. The girls have been practicing for weeks, learning a sport that boys spend years mastering. The girls are chomping at the bit to finally get on the field and show the school what they are really made of.

This year's team is a strong one with talent on both offense and defense. Practices started on November 1st, and the squad has been practicing every day after school. The team has been led by Head Coach Principal Gallagher, along with assistance coaches Mrs. Henebury, Mr. Smith, Mr. Coffey, Ms. Baker, Ms. Sudak, and Mr. Parsons.

The girls are determined to steal a win on Salem's home field. The game will definitely be one to remember and, if the girls have anything to say about it, one for the record books.

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Fall Sports Wrap Up

Driving to the number one seed

Livvy Konaxis '13
Staff Writer

After finishing the regular season with an **undefeated** record of 17-0-1, the Panthers were named to the number one seed of the Division 1 State Tournament. The team was also named NEC champs for the fourth year in a row.



Photo courtesy of Mike Rollins

Senior captain Erin Silvestri drives the ball up field.

After earning a by in the first round, the Panthers faced Lexington, beating them in a tight 1-0 battle.

In the quarter finals, the team faced Acton-Boxborough, falling 1-0 in double over time.

Led by Captains Erin Silvestri '12 and Nicole Woods '14 and Coach Tricia Murphy, the Panthers worked hard all season to get to this point.

Both returning players and new varsity members really stepped up to the plate this season, playing

beyond expectations.

The forward line, which included one returning varsity player, senior Erin Silvestri, as well as Katie Pietrini '13, Livvy Konaxis '13, Kate Silvestri '13, and Katie Wheatley '13, made a huge impact on the team, proving to be lead scorers.

Coach Tricia Murphy was named **NEC Field Hockey Coach of the Year**, and Captain Erin Silvestri was named **NEC Field Hockey Most Valuable Player**. **All-stars** include Allie Hagen, Erin Silvestri, Nicole Woods, and Katie Pietrini

Running the distance 7-1

Liane Patrazza '12
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Senior captain Wendi Marciano races to the finish.

This year the Girls Cross Country Team finished the season strong with a 7-1 record, with their only loss coming to Peabody.

Senior Captains Wendi Marciano, Kaitlyn O'Connor, and Liz Olsen all provided valuable leadership through the entire season.

During the season, **Nicole Demars '14 broke the home course sophomore record** at the last dual meet of the season against Peabody with a time of 19:33. The previous record was set in 2007.

At the NEC Meet, Demars '14, Keely Higgins '14, and Jessica Gomes '13 were all named **NEC All-Stars**. The team finished third in the meet behind Peabody and Marblehead.

The team also went on to compete against teams all across the state in the MSTCA Coaches Invitational Meet. In the Sophomore Race, Demars finished 3rd, followed by Higgins in 11th. In the Junior and Senior Race, Jessica Gomes placed 10th, followed by Kaitlyn O'Connor in 38th.

At the MIAA State Meet on Saturday, Demars '14 finished 11th and Higgins '14 finished 35th. With the stellar finish, Demars qualified for **All States**.

Football “The Boys of Fall”

Colby Irving '12 and Hailey Rennick '12
Staff Writers

This year the Beverly Panthers started off their season with a strong 4-1 record. One of their major accomplishments was finally beating the Gloucester Fishermen 33-21 after four long years.

While the Panthers will not advance to the playoffs this year, they have one game left to really end their season they way they want. Some may say this is the most important game of the year when the Panthers will face off against their rival, Salem.

The two will meet in the center of Bertram Field on Thanksgiving morning to face off yet again. After a disappointing loss against the Witches last year the Panthers are hungry for a win.

For the seniors this is not only their last Thanksgiving Day Game against Salem, it could also be their last football game ever.

It will be a bittersweet moment for all of the players, but all players will be sure to will leave everything they have on that field.



Photo Courtesy of Mike Rollins '12
Nick Quaratarone '12 celebrates after a big hit.

Building for the future

Sky Cowans '12
Staff Writer

Boys Soccer had another tough season. Coached by Kevin Leahy, the team gave a great effort, finishing the season with a 2-12-4 record.

This year they focused on building as a team and gearing up for future seasons. The senior captains were Will Gotsch, Cam Jones, and Mike Rosenberry.

Three team members who were named as **NEC All-Stars** included Cam Rogers '13, Conor Leahy '13, and Mike Rosenberry '12.

Conor Leahy was named **League MVP**. Despite their tough record, the boys felt that they had a productive season in building up for next year.



Photo courtesy of Mike Rollins
Conor Leahy takes the ball to the net.

Journey to the tourney

Sky Cowans '12
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Becca Moriarty '12 takes the ball past a Peabody defender.

Unfortunately, the girls suffered a tough loss against Newton North in the first round. Despite having controlled most of the game, Newton North scored in the last 6 minutes of the game to win 2-1.

Nonetheless, the squad had an incredible season. **Five NEC All-Stars** from the team were named, including Eva Gordeau '15, Caitlin Harty '14, Kristin Simpson '14, Sky Cowans '12, and goalkeeper Katherine Creamer '12.

Driving to a 6-4 season

Jay Richardson '13
Staff Writer

Beverly Varsity Golf finished up the season at 6-4, led by captains Brenden Mitchell '12 and Kevin Dyer '13.

The team lacked experience this year with Kevin Dyer and Brenden Mitchell as their only returning players. The Panthers then looked to underclassmen to step up for the squad.

Juniors Sam Shorr and Dustin Dube made significant contributions to the team. In addition, Ted Leatherstich '15, Josh Cairns '14, and Chris Sinclair '14 all had impressive first seasons for the Panthers.

At the end of the season, the Panthers made a trip to the Regional State Tournament. Although they did not advance to the All State Tournament, they hope to qualify next year with nine returning varsity players.



Photo courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Junior captain Kevin Dyer drives the ball to the fairway.

Going the extra mile

Kaitlyn O'Connor '12
Staff Writer

The Boys Cross Country had a solid season despite a record of 3-4. The Panthers faced many challenging teams this season, including Peabody, Marblehead, and Gloucester.

At the Northeast Conference Meet on October 29th, many of the runners had strong individual performances. The following weekend in Wrentham at the MSTCA Coaches Invitational Meet, the Panthers had yet another powerful performance. Competing in the Freshman Race, Alex Greco placed 6th. In the Sophomore Race, Mike Scott placed 45th out of 241 runners.

At the MIAA Division I State Meet at Franklin Park on November 12th, John Page '12 finished 66th while Greco finished close behind in 75th.

At the team banquet, Greco was named Most Valuable Runner, while Scott was named the Most Improved Runner.

The Panthers look forward to yet another successful season next season.



Photo courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
John Page '12 and Alex Greco '15 pace each other during a home meet.

Spiking to the future

Katie Ball '13
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Mike Rollins
Senior captain Alex Coultis spikes the ball to an opponent.

The Beverly High School Girls Volleyball Team had a successful season with a lot of new talents and ended in accomplishment.

The Lady Panthers had three new courts in the improved Field House and more volleyballs to put to use. They enjoyed having the help and encouragement of their returning Varsity Coach Pam Padovani, along with the returning JV Coach Shannon Barror.

The team was also led by three senior captains: Alex Coultis, Andrea French, and Kylee Martin. French and Martin were both named NEC All-Stars.

Along with the captains, other talented players stood out. Returning varsity players, such as junior Mariah Dodd and senior Kelly Sullivan, showed their skills on the court, as well.

Outstanding underclassmen such as junior Karlie Marrs and sophomore Hayley Finik ended up on the starting six for the Panthers.

Don't forget to vote DAILYfor Beverly High School in the “Under Armor Challenge” at findingundeniable.com!

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