

The Lookout



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TO SPOON OR NOT TO SPOON

Jonathan Banister '12

While the BHS seniors have been celebrating their final month of school, the occasion has been marked with a controversy regarding a topic of great importance to many seniors: Spoons.

For all of you freshman and base kids who have never experienced spoons before here's a quick overview of the tradition:

At the beginning of spoons week every senior is given a spoon with the name of another senior on it. The name on your spoon is the person who you are going after, when you tag them with your spoon, they are out of the game and you take their spoon and then you are chasing the person that they were originally going after. What complicates things are the immunities. Each day the seniors are presented with a new immunity: something that they must wear or have on them in order to be immune from getting tagged. The key is to catch your person off guard when they are not wearing their immunity and spoon them. The game can take place in school, but only during passing periods and lunches, and out of school as well. People are eliminated until the final day when there is no immunity and it is a free for all to see who is the last person with all of the spoons.

The teachers took spoons away because it had caused serious conflict between students in past years, and teachers were forced to get in the middle of it, also it became a huge distraction to students during class. Senior Evan Wong addresses this point, saying "It was awesome seeing how much fun it looked like they were having. It was a distraction for a

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SO YOU WANNA BE A LAX BRO?

Evan Wong '12

What to Wear During the Few Times You are Not Laxin':

- A sweet pair of shades
- A nice buttoned shirt
- A pair of pastel shorts
- A fresh pair of mid-calves
- Turf Dogs/Sperrys

(Basically just take a look at Dave Gardner and you'll know what's up)



Let's Talk Lax Gear Brohemians:

The key to having flow on the lax field and choosing the best lax gear comes down to this common lax bro proverb: "Look good, feel good, play good." Take these words of wisdom with you always through every walk of life and always keep in mind that "there is no price tag on swag" (Christian McNulty).

It all starts with a fresh lid/bucket/helmet. Throw some decals on that puppy and you are good to go. A nice touch here is to have a great head of lettuce flowing out the back. Also, keep in mind that you want some tilt to your helmet. You want to be looking out of the top of your cage. Let's just say it's negative swag when you're seeing out of

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VILLIANS AND TRICKSTERS

Lauren Winn '14

On April 10th, Ms. Tocci's drama class performed their annual Shakespeare Festival for all of English classes. Their performance was centered around the tricksters and villains who appear in Shakespeare's work over the years. According to the program written by Ms. Tocci, "We chose the theme of Villains and Tricksters for this year's performance because, let's face it, the bad guys get all the good lines. And the villains and the tricksters have all the fun." And indeed they did. During the show, laughs were contagious throughout the audience as the cast of Christian Gapinski, Katie Luczai, Cassie Joseph, Theresa Soldan, Holly Stygles, Hayley Bauer, Craig Braga, Kerry Donahue, Monika Delacruz, Sierra Cossingham, Allison McIllece, Jennie Segal, Jackie Yang, Tia McKinney-Burgess, Tung Nguyen, and Tom Burnett, (who



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NEW METCO DIRECTOR

Carina Montrand Silvera '12

As a METCO Student here in Bedford since the Fall of 1999, I have been with three different METCO Directors. One of which is Dr. Percy Napier. Dr. Napier is new to Bedford this year. Not many people know of him, who he is, or what he has been contributing to Bedford and METCO this year. So I interviewed him and asked him a few questions. My first question was "How has your experience at BHS been?" He said, "I've had a great experience, not only at BHS but at all four schools. I found every school to be a welcoming place. I have different ways of doing things and people are very exceptive of me doing them. I appreciate being with people who are concerned about being young adults and their futures all day. I used to be a former elementary teacher and I love it here so far." I found his answer to

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DEAR JUNIORS...

Leah Weisner '12

Dear Juniors,

It is my great pleasure to present to you a list of things I wish I had known and prepared for before entering senior year. It's an exciting time of year for you all. As the current seniors leave on May 25th you will take your place as the next senior class, but you should know a few things beforehand. First of all, IT'S NOT EASY. Whoever told me senior year was a breeze, must have not been involved in much. Fall of senior year may be as difficult as junior year on the whole. Now I'm not trying to scare anyone, but be prepared to work extremely hard not only with getting college apps in but with doing normal school work as well.

Here are some tips on how to reduce stress by knowing where to start. The first thing you should do is write your college essay or (essays) depending on what your schools ask for, in the summer. This will reduce rushing to finish it in the fall when you should be worrying about getting everything else done. Then look at the colleges you are planning to apply to and try to have a set list by September. Try not to apply to more than eight schools, it will be easier to make a selection which you will eventually have to do. Speaking from my own experience, applying to 13 schools was completely unnecessary and a waste of money. College apps tend to be about 50 dollars each, so if you apply to about 8 schools that's already 400 dollars out of your pocket! Try narrowing your choice down by making a list of pro's and con's and talk it over with friends and family. Your list can always change but this is so you are not just applying to random schools. Also don't be competitive with your friends, every college is a good college, and remember if you work hard, you will get in somewhere!

If a school you are applying to offers early action, I recommend you try to put your applications in by the early action deadline. This will eliminate the stress early on and you will hear back as early as October, January at the latest. Think about it you could know that you are going to college by October!! But the fifth and most important thing to remember is: You still have to graduate! Don't give up on your grades after you have been accepted. You don't want to have to take finals and keep in mind that the school will send your final transcript to the college you decide on. Speaking from experience, Evan Wong, now a senior, explains that he wishes Guidance counselors would have emphasized to sophomores and juniors how important your GPA is when you're going to apply to colleges. So with that, think about your GPA, don't slack off because it is one of the most important things that schools look at. So the point was not to get you nervous about senior year, just to make you aware of a few things I wish I had known my junior year... and don't worry it gets fun too! Good luck class of 2013!

Sincerely

Leah Weisner, class of 2012



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unfortunately was absent due to illness) depicted Shakespeare's villains.

Famous stories written by one of the greatest writers of all time were incorporated in the show including Macbeth, Hamlet, Julius Caesar, Romeo & Juliet, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.. The performance began with a circle of witches who set an intimidating mood. Scattered appearances throughout the show by hysterical emcees, Katie Luczai & Christian Gapinsky definitely lightened the mood. They discussed their point of view on the different Shakespearean tales and their theories of who could have possibly vandalized Katie's poster. Apparently, Katie's Relay for Life inspiration went from "I Relay for a better world" to "I Relay for short people", and she desperately wanted to get back at the culprit. For each villainous idea she got, a character from one of the plays was introduced. She began to come up with new ideas that were only shattered and forgotten once she figured out it was her fellow co-emcee who wrote on her poster.

A phenomenal representation of Shakespeare's masterpieces was shown during this year's annual Shakefest. This year's drama class should be extremely proud of themselves for putting on such a funny and animated performance for the students of Bedford High School. "I can say that the hallway buzz was that students were very impressed with the quality of the performances this year. Every year students are amazed at the drama class's ability to memorize all those difficult lines. This year in particular, Titus Andronicus, which is one of Shakespeare's most ridiculously over-the-top plays, was the big hit." Said a very proud Ms. Tocci. However, she is not the only one who is proud. "Drama connects us all in the deepest way. It's fun, exciting and action packed. We all grew to work together to create a piece of art. I loved this experience and I love all my drama friends." said an anonymous performer. The drama class came together and formed a great show. "We laughed, we cried, we killed and ate each other, and we barely understood what was going on! But we worked hard, we bonded, and we had a slanderously good time!" Remembers Jennie Segal. Starting next year, the drama class will get ready to put together yet another fabulous Shakefest. For now, all the BHS students can do is build up their excitement for next year. A big thanks goes to Ms. Tocci for directing the students of the drama class to success. Tia Mckinney stated: "Drama helps to free your mind, and that's exactly what the Shakefest did. Ms. Tocci is the best."

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be quite interesting and went on asking a few more. I asked, "As the new METCO director do you feel that there are some things that you need to work on or that your students need to work on to help Bedford METCO be more successful?" He said, "I am actually working on a project now that the Bedford METCO Program used to have but had fallen apart. It is the Family Friend Program where the Elementary METCO Students are set up with a Bedford family to be with until they graduate. This will help develop relationships between METCO and Bedford. I have been providing late buses for students to be able to do extra curricular activities. And last but not least, academics will always be focused on to make sure students are doing their best academically."

I sat down with him for a while longer and asked, "What are your thoughts about the METCO Seniors getting into, attending college, or going into the army?" This question exited him as he answered, "I am very happy about it. I am also impressed that their need for post secondary education.



It pleases me to know that students have taken opportunities to become successful. Last but not least, I asked Dr. Napier, "How successful was the Soul Food Dinner?" He said, "It was very successful. We bought food for 300 people but sold out in about two hours although we planned to serve for four hours. We raised the most money in history of the Soul Food Dinner. The number of students that came out to volunteer increased. Approximately 20 students volunteered at different capacities. The purpose was a way for the Bedford Community to get to know the METCO Program. Many people hear about it but do not really know about it. We

used this dinner as a way to introduce culture; our lives and ourselves. But it works both ways. I met a lot of great people as well as them meeting me. I believe that METCO Director, Dr. Napier has done an exceptional job for his first year at Bedford and will continue this success into the future.

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small part of the day and essentially unnoticeable during class time." After a lot of student anger and opposition towards the removal of spoons, the teachers were presented with a case by the senior class officers arguing to reinstate spoons. The teachers then agreed to allow spoons, but with several game-changing modifications. The most glaring difference is the duration of the game. Originally spoons lasted a full school week and featured four days of new immunities and then a final day of no immunity. The new game has spoons taking place over a 48 hour period, from the end of school Tuesday until the end of school Thursday, which means there will only be two days of immunities. As a senior who has watched spoons happen for three years I can say that the most enjoyable part of the game has always been the immunities, watching seniors walk around with broomsticks between their legs, socks on their hands, goggles on their head, wearing winter clothes, and many other silly accessories. With the shortened spoons there will be just two immunities, and they will only be on display for two school days, as opposed to the usual four. Senior Matt Coughlin thinks the rule changes will impact the game, he says "I think the game will be a lot less intense this year, which will make teachers happy but certainly won't be as fun for the students." In addition to shortening the game, the administration has added an

abundance of rules that make it clear to many seniors that spoons is being used as a method to control our behavior. For example, if a student doesn't participate in any part of a class during the month of May, they can have spoons taken away. Also, if they are late to school or any class during the game they are eliminated from the game. This creates quite the predicament for seniors: How can you play in school? Three minute passing periods are barely enough time to get to your next class, and even going to your locker will make you late for class on a normal day. This makes it impossible to try and track down your target, sneak up on them and tag them without being late to your class. Sure we can play during break, but as the game is Tuesday afternoon through Thursday, there will only be one break period during spoons. If the only real time to play spoons is during Lunch, that means seniors are not going to have time to actually eat their lunches, as they will only be focused on spoons. Also you are not allowed to run in the school, so if someone sneaks up on you and is about to tag you, the most you can do is try to walk away and avoid the tag without running, which is a very difficult task no matter how fast you can walk. Finally, spoons will be taken away if we do any dangerous or destructive pranks, which have been done by every grade before us as long

as we can remember, grades that all got to play spoons. Wong wonders, "Why now? Why after playing the game the same way for so long was it about to be abolished and taken away and now it is being changed? I felt the same way about powderpuff and the way the administration altered the way the game and tradition was meant to play out." The shortened and rule centered game presented by the faculty prompted students to question the fact that such a game is organized by the school in the first place. Coughlin says, "I would prefer it not be run by the school because the game is a game for the students, so I think that it should be by the students as well so that it's exactly what we want." He also adds, "we're not playing for the administration."



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the middle bars. C'mon' bro.

In all honesty your shoulder pads are pretty irrelevant. However be sure to remove the upper arm protector. No pain no gain son. Elbow pads are also a low impact part of your gear but just make sure you're wearing two of the same ones. The only exception is for defensemen and goalies. Defense, you fellas should be wearing the smallest possible arm pads you can get away with. Most of you are football players anyways and don't want those endless hours of working out with Belcher to be put to waste. Suns out guns out gentlemen. Now goalies, you are the toughest guys out there. Elbow pads?... Elbow pads?!...No. Those and shin pads should never be seen on a goalie. Ever. If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen. Just saying...Bro.

At long last we have come to one of the most sacred lacrosse articles of clothing, the calf sock. There is absolutely nothing better on this green earth than opening a fresh pair of mid calves and submerging your feet in all their glory. Unreal. A fairly recent phenomenon has been the use of the double calf sock. I know right. Game changer right there. But the truth is, if you're gonna rock the double calf sock look, you better be good. Otherwise you just look like a fool. The calf sock is a lax bro's go to article of clothing. For me it's not even a thought. All I own are calf socks. Why would I ever need any other kind of sock? Dress socks? Please, I'll just throw on a fresh pair of black Nike mids. Problem solved.

Lax Knowledge:

If you want to be a lax bro you gotta know some basics. I believe that a strong lax bro education begins with a foundation of lax vocabulary. These terms will be used in nearly every facet of your life and will be essential when communicating with other bros. Here are some words you should add to your extensive plethora of vocabulary. Of course there are many more, but these are just some of the basics.

- Bro (you can add this onto nearly any word btw...just try it out)
- Flow: Hair out the back of helmet/overall swag
- Lettuce/Head of Lettuce: Lettuce=hair; derives from the word flow, referring to a nice head of hair. Ex. Mr. Boschetto has a fantastic head of hair.
- Spoon/Wand/Twig...etc: Lacrosse Stick
- Cheesey/and variation of the word cheese: Anything nice/nicely done: "He just sniped top cheddar."
- FOGO: Face-Off Get Off
- GLE: Goal Line Extended
- BTB: Behind The Back
- GB's: Ground Balls
- LSM: Long Stick Midfielder
- Pipe: Cross bar of the cage (goal)
- Rusty Gate: Spin-Check
- Dangle: A nice move or dodge.
- Clutch: Self-explanatory.
- Chill
- Gnarly
- Affluent



SUMMER CONCERT LINE-UP

Jonathan Banister '12

Summer is here, and concert season is in full swing. Boston has a huge line up of big names touring in the area this summer. Whether you like Hip Hop, Rock, Country, reggae, or anything else, there is definitely a concert for you on this list(courtesy of livenation.com).

5/29- Radiohead, Comcast Center
6/1- Kid Rock, House of Blues, Boston
6/02- Summer Jam, Comcast Center
6/5 & 6/6- Dave Matthews Band, Comcast Center
6/15- Avicii, TD Garden
6/15- Foster the People, Bank of America Pavilion, Boston
6/16- Rascal Flats, Comcast Center
6/17- Drake, Comcast Center
6/19- Ringo Starr, BOA Pavilion
6/23- Jimmy Buffet, Comcast Center
6/23- Neil Diamond, TD Garden
6/26- Iron Maiden, Comcast Center
6/26- The Beach Boys, BOA Pavilion
7/2- Tenacious D, BOA Pavilion
7/10- Stevie Nicks, BOA Pavilion
7/14- Jason Aldean w/ Luke Bryan, Comcast Center
7/17- Santana, BOA Pavilion
7/17 & 7/19- Aerosmith and Cheap Trick, TD Garden

7/19- Vans Warped Tour- Comcast Center
7/25- Gavin DeGraw & Colbie Caillat, BOA Pavilion
7/28- Summerland Tour, BOA Pavilion
7/29 & 7/30- Coldplay, TD Garden
8/1- Wiz Khalifa & Mac Miller, Comcast Center
8/2- Slash w/ Miles Kennedy & the Conspirators
8/4- 311 & Slightly Stoopid, Comcast Center
8/7- Allman Brothers Band, BOA Pavilion
8/9- System of a Down, Comcast Center
8/14- Linkin Park & Incubus, Comcast Center
8/16- Chicago & The Doobie Brothers, Comcast Center
8/18- Def Leppard, Comcast Center
8/20- Sublime w/ Rome, BOA Pavilion
8/25- The Fray & Kelly Clarkson, Comcast Center
9/4- Madonna, TD Garden
9/16- Kiss & Motley Crue, Comcast Center
9/22- Toby Keith, Comcast Center
10/24- Rush, TD Garden



ONE DIRECTION INFECTION

Brenna Gonsalves ;15

By now almost everyone at BHS knows or has heard of the up and coming British/Irish boyband, One Direction. The band consists of four British boys; Louis Tomlinson (20), Zayn Malik (19), Liam Payne (18), and Harry Styles (18), and one Irish Boy; Niall Horan (18). The "One Direction Infection" has spread all the way to America from Europe! It all started when all five boys tried out for the British X Factor as solo artists. All five made it to the final 24 when guest judge, Nicole Scherzinger, didn't want to lose all this talent and had Simon Cowell form them into a single group. One Direction was born. After placing 3rd in the X Factor, the boys toured around Europe on the X Factor tour. Since then One Direction has gone on tour with Big Time Rush as their opening act, performed at the KCA's, had a 2012 tour, performed on SNL, and plan to have a 2013 U.S. and Australian tour. Their

first single "What Makes You Beautiful" was a worldwide hit. Girls are being "infected" everywhere. Even here at BHS there are girls trying to get tickets for shows in the upcoming tour. The prices of tickets range from \$179 to \$250. Girls everywhere are dying just get a glimpse of the boys. After the release of their 1st album "Up All Night" One Direction's fame has only rose. One Direction has blown up so much they are being compared to bands like the Beatles and people like Justin Bieber! Most of the female population here at BHS can't help but love the boys. You can always hear talk of the ticket sales, the upcoming concerts, and what new pictures were posted of them. The popular page on Instagram always seems to have at least one picture of One Direction. Directioners worldwide are obsessing over the newest boyband.



SKYRIM DLC

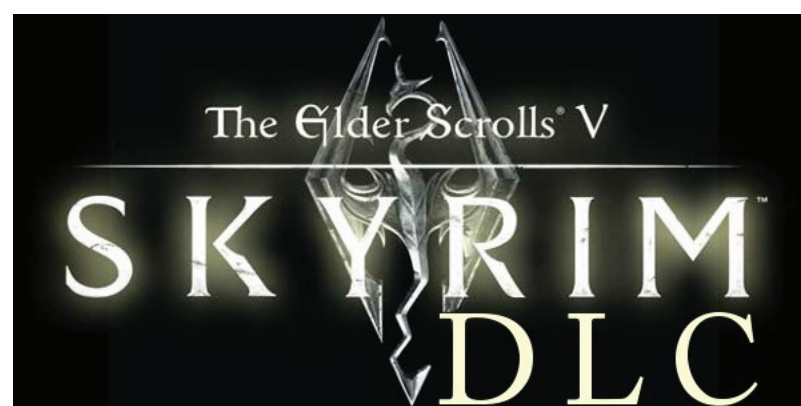
Brandon Mitchell '13

Console gamers who play the well known free-roam RPG (role-playing game) Skyrim have recently received a patch that the pc players received in March. This patch includes new finishing cameras, finish moves and animations, improved visual transitions and lots of bug fixes. They have also stated that they are in the works of a new DLC (downloadable content) and that exciting news is coming.

This DLC is guaranteed to get fans of the series excited. Skyrim has been one of the best games of an impressive class of games released in the 2011. The DLC is rumored to consist of new quests, map expansion (as if the current map isn't big enough), expansions on current quests, and new weapons and armor.

While this DLC will not attract much first time Skyrim players, or less hardcore fans of the Elder Scrolls series, it will extend the game's life-cycle and add replayability. It is a real treat to the fans to add new things,

especially to games as great as Skyrim. It also lets the fans know that the developer, in this case Bethesda, cares about their game and those that play it. Although the release date for this DLC is not known yet, with this recent patch to the consoles, and many other popular RPGs set to release soon, such as Diablo 3, Darksiders 2, and Borderlands 2, we can only guess that Bethesda has something up their sleeves to please fans, and compete with the market.



MOTHER'S DAY FUN FACTS

New Species Baffles Scientists

Meghan Ryan '15

We all love our moms. They take care of us and make us feel special. On the second Sunday in May (5/13), we celebrate our wonderful moms. Here are some fun facts about Mother's Day and about mothers from around the world:

Some tribes of people, like the Assam in Africa, don't call themselves families. They call themselves "maharis", or "motherhoods."

Chinese family names are often formed (begin) with a sign that means "mother". It's a nice way of honoring their moms long past.

The ancient Greeks celebrated Mother's Day in spring, like we do. They used to honor Rhea, "mother of the gods" with honey-cakes and fine drinks and flowers at dawn.

Japan's Imperial family trace their descent from Omikami Amaterasu, the Mother of the World.

Julia Ward Howe wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic and was a staunch fighter for women's rights. She staged an unusual protest for peace in Boston, by celebrating a special day for mothers. Julia wanted to call attention to the need for peace by pointing out mothers who were left alone in the world without their sons and husbands after the bloody Franco-Prussian War.

Hindu scripture credits the Great Mother, Kali Ma, with the invention of writing through alphabets, pictographs and beautiful sacred images.

The Greek word "meter" and the Sanskrit word "mantra" mean both mother and measurement.

Native American Indian women have long been honored with the name, "Life of the Nation" for their gift of motherhood to the tribes.

Buddha honored mothers when he said, "As a mother, even at the risk of her own life, loves and protects her child, so let a man cultivate love without measure toward the whole world."

Mother's Day is now celebrated in many countries around the world. Australia, Mexico, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Belgium, Russia, China, Thailand, all have special celebrations to honor Mothers, but not in the same way or on the same day as the United States.

During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday." Servants would go home to see their families, bringing cakes and sweets to their moms. This custom was called "going a-mothering". Each mother would receive a simnel-cake (Latin for "fine flour") and mothers would give a blessing to their children.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia began the campaign that brought about the official observance of Mother's Day in the United States. Her mother died, and Anna wanted all mothers to be remembered. She asked that white carnations be the official mother's day symbol. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the orders that made Mother's Day a national holiday.

Just nine years later, Anna filed a lawsuit in an effort to stop the over-commercialization of Mother's Day. She lost her fight. Now, cards, letters, candy and dinners out mark Mother's Day for most families. Anna had hoped for a day of reflection and quiet prayer by families, thanking God for all that mothers had done.

The youngest mother whose history is authenticated is Lina Medina, who delivered a 6½-pound boy by cesarean section in Lima, Peru in 1939, at an age of 5 years and 7 months. The child was raised as her brother and only discovered that Lina was his mother when he was 10.

The average age of a woman at first childbirth in the United States is 24.9 years old



Julia Keating '12

Recently, a new species has captivated the attention of environmental scientists all over the world: giant river otters. These ferocious beasts are native to South America and can be found in the Orinoco, Amazon, and La Plata river regions. They usually travel in large groups of up to nine individuals and are feared by other animals native to those regions. Their diets usually consist of fish, caiman, snakes, and small animals. Physically, they range from about 5-5.8ft and weigh around 60lbs. There are rumors of sightings of a giant river otter that was almost 8 feet long and over 150lbs. Not only is their size mind-boggling, but they are also known for their staggering nine different vocalizations, which allows them to communicate with each other better than any other animal of their kind. Scientists are doing their best to get as much research as possible on these mysterious creatures and they are truly making an impact on the environmental world.



History of Cinco de Mayo

Brenna Gonsalves '15

In 1862 France was looking to expand their empire. They hoped to capture Mexico City and Mexico as their own. The French invaded on the coast of Mexico from the state Veracruz. From there the French hoped to march to Mexico City (about 600 miles away). On May 5th, 1862, during their march to Mexico City, the French army was stopped in Puebla at the forts of Loreto and Guadalupe. About 4,500 Mexican militiamen led by Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin were able to stop the French army of about 7,000 properly trained men and defeat them. Cinco de Mayo is commonly mistaken as Mexican Independence day, but it is the celebration of the victory during the Battle of Puebla. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the bravery of General Zaragoza Seguin and his small army that was able to defeat the French. In the U.S. Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican culture, food, drinks, music, and customs unique to Mexico. Several cities in the states hold parades and concerts in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Although Cinco de Mayo is used in America to celebrate Mexican Heritage, in Mexico, specifically Puebla the people have military parades to celebrate the heroes and celebrate the victory thoroughly. There are lots of songs and dances as well as great food to help celebrate the courage of the brave soldiers.



THERE'S A NEW KID IN TOWN

Julia Keating '12

Recently a new face has been seen walking around the hallways at BHS. Her name is Haley Hughes, and though she may look like your average high school junior, she has experienced things in just 17 years that few people ever get to experience in their entire lifetime.

And that thing is travel. Haley has lived in over 10 different places, not just throughout America, but worldwide. Because of this, I decided to interview Haley to find out more about the very interesting life she has led thus far.

Me: Can you name all of the places you've lived in?

Haley: In America, I've lived in Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Georgia, California, and now Massachusetts. Globally, I've lived in France,

Germany, Italy, South Korea, and Thailand.



Me: Where is your favorite place you've ever visited and why?

Haley: My favorite place I've ever visited would have to be Greece because it was absolutely stunning and this culture is so fascinating. But the Swiss Alps in Switzerland is one of the most beautiful places I've

ever visited as well. So it would have to be a tie between the two.

Me: Where is your least favorite place you've ever lived and why?

Haley: I would have to say Arizona simply because it is a very secular area and it can just get way too hot.

Me: Why do you move around so much?

Haley: My mom has a job in the government that allows us to move around and so whenever we get bored of an area we pack up our bags and head out for a new adventure.

Me: Are you glad that you've been able to move around so much?

Haley: Oh yes, I know that I am very blessed to be able to experience all of the different cultures and learn about all of the history of the places I travel to. Not many people get this opportunity (especially when they're my age) so I am very thankful that I get to do it.

Me: How has moving around so much affected you socially?

Haley: Because I'm so used to being in new places, I've gotten very good at making friends easily. However, though I'm able to get along well with most of the people I meet, I don't have lots of very close friends; but that's only because I don't stay in one place for a long period of time so it can be challenging.

Me: When you grow up, do you want to settle down in one location, or do you think you'll still want to move around as much as you do now?

Haley: Oh, I'll definitely want to keep moving. Traveling is such an enriching and enlightening experience, and I know it's something I want to be doing for the rest of my life.

So there you have it, Haley Hughes and the story of all of her adventures. I strongly recommend you talk to her about some of her experiences because not only is she really friendly and has an awesome personality, but she also has some VERY interesting stories that she'd be more than happy to share with you.

NFL DRAFT: WINNERS AND LOSERS

Brandon Mitchell '13



Each year there are a few teams that most people will agree had either spectacular or sub par drafts. We are going to be talking about the overlooked teams, teams that didn't stand out as having a particularly good or bad draft.

The Lions were a team that drafted based on value and got some major help in the first round with OT Riley Reiff. They also picked up impact players like former Oklahoma wideout Ryan Broyles, and a talented defensive back named Dwight Bentley at a position of need.

Houston now has another pass rusher in first rounder Whitney Mercilus and picked a steal in the fourth round, Jared Crick, improving Houston's already strong areas.

With almost every pick the Pittsburgh Steelers got value at a position of need with players like David Decastro, Mike Adams, and Alameda Ta'amu. These players could all be starting in three years.

The St. Louis Rams, who traded back twice in the first round, filled needs and got good value with most of their picks, including Michael Brockers, Janoris Jenkins, Isaiah Pead, and Trumaine Johnson, not to mention they have the Redskins first round picks in the next two drafts.

The Chicago Bears passed up some good value players at positions of need in round one for Shea McClellin and then took a risk in the second round with wide receiver Alshon Jefferey, but they need offensive line which they didn't address in this draft.

Denver really needed a defensive tackle, but traded out of the first round and passed on quality players in the second when they chose Derek Wolfe, and then spent a high draft pick on a developmental quarterback in Brock Osweiler. The Broncos didn't get many weapons for Peyton Manning during this draft.

Reaching on almost every early round pick is what the Chiefs did with Dontari Poe, Jeff Allen, and Donald Stephenson, this could be the difference between making and not making the playoffs in a weak division. Tennessee didn't fill many needs on the offensive and defensive lines, and they need to protect young quarterback Jake Locker, and be stout on defense.

OLD DIRT ROAD

Leah Weisner '12

May means pretty trees, short shorts and Bedford Farms Ice Cream for some but what does May mean to seniors?

May: The finale of high school, the final push

The final push

To get an A in that class so you don't have to take a final,

The final push to make one of the biggest decisions of your life: decide where will your future be next year, college, a gap year, the army?

The day we've all been waiting for is near, senior skip day is finally here! but don't forget we're searching for whales at the end of the month, 2012 is cruising off.

Blue, Red, White, Pink, Purple What color will your dress be? Tradition in Bedford, new for us prom stroll, prom stroll look at all of us!

As Sadness approaches we must remember a final push is still here.

A final push to make as many memories as possible before that bell rings on May 25th and we say goodbye to our high school years.

Four years has come and gone, and caps and gowns are being put on

In a blink of an eye we'll all be gone, off to start our lives, in the blink of an eye new seniors will rise,

The class of 2013 will take their place as BHS's new senior class.

So is it really just another spring month?

Pretty trees and ice cream for some, tears and celebration for others.

May: A month where friends will be united, some for the last time, a month where you'll think back on that old dirt road to a place you'll always call home.

FAMILIES STRUGGLE WITH HIGH VACATION PRICES

Lauren Winn '14

Vacation weeks around the country are almost always the same. Hotels around popular tourist destinations prepare themselves for this major influx of people. Have you ever been in a tough situation where you were getting really excited for a vacation, but you couldn't go because your family couldn't book a hotel room or flight? Prices are extremely high during this universal vacation week, and families all over the country are suffering from a severe case of boredom due to the fact that vacations are simply too expensive. What if vacation was a week before or after the scheduled vacation week?

Say a family of four is going to take a trip to Disney World for April Vacation 2012. To be safe, they are going to book everything in advance to save some money. The date that they are choosing to book a hotel room and plane tickets is March 23rd, 2012.



For the scheduled Vacation Week (April 14-21/Saturday-Saturday)

At the Disney Contemporary Resort in the Magic Kingdom Area. The cheapest room includes:

"Standard Garden Wing room with standard view offers views of a parking area or obstructed views from the Garden Wing, which is a 3-story building next to the Tower, 2 queen-size beds or one king-size bed, 1 day bed, additional adult charge of \$25 per adult per night for more than 2 adults, except in Suites and rooms with King beds, flat-screen TV with Disney programming, turndown service (upon request), table and chairs, vanity area with 2 sinks and bath, coffeemaker, hairdryer, high-speed Internet access (additional fee), iron, ironing board, Pack 'n Play playard, refrigerator, safe, voice mail and wheelchair-accessible rooms available."

Total price: \$3,040

For the round-trip plane tickets to Orlando, Florida (2 adults, 1 young adult, 1 child), Economy Class on American Airlines/Jet Blue Airlines - 4/14/12 Departure: 8:00 AM Arrival: 11:08 AM

4/21/12 Departure: 4:13 PM Arrival: 7:13 PM

Total Price: \$4,862.40

For the Disney Amusement Park tickets (The Magic Your Way tickets - each member of the party gets to stay in one theme park per day out of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom.)

Total Price: \$1,049 *not including anything else bought at the park

Total Price for Disney World in scheduled vacation week: \$8,951 for a family of four, not including any extra items purchased, or any extra offers from the hotel/park. All components of this theoretical trip are the cheapest options offered by Disney and American Airlines/Jet Blue Airlines.

For the LATER Vacation Week (April 21-28/Saturday-Saturday)

At the Disney Contemporary Resort in the Magic Kingdom Area. (Options are identical to the ones above.)

Total price: \$3,040

For the round-trip plane tickets to Orlando, Florida (2 adults, 1 young adult, 1 child), Economy Class on American Airlines/Jet Blue Airlines - 4/21/12 Departure: 9:25 AM Arrival: 12:22 AM

4/28/12 Departure: 4:13 PM Arrival: 7:13 PM

Total Price: \$2,098.40

For the Disney Amusement Park tickets (The Magic Your Way tickets - each member of the party gets to stay in one theme park per day out of Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom)

Total Price: \$1,049 *not including anything else bought at the park



Total Price for Disney World in scheduled vacation week: \$6,187.40 for a family of four, not including any extra items purchased, or any extra offers from the hotel/park. All components of this theoretical trip are the cheapest options offered by Disney and American Airlines/Jet Blue Airlines.

The difference in prices by just one week is \$2,764 strictly because of airfare. One week saves a family a large amount of money that can be better spent somewhere else than overpriced airfare. Plus, money may be spent differently in other locations, especially considering most places don't run on Amusement Park season schedules. Because of this universal vacation week, the prices of plane tickets are jacked up by almost a whopping \$3,000. This fake vacation that I planned was for Disney World. Many families may not choose this vacation which is popular for a younger age group which means that a plane ticket to another destination most likely has even more astonishing prices. Bedford may want to rethink their vacation week so that families all over town can save money and enjoy a wonderful vacation without worrying about how much money they have to pay to get there and back.

What's Fresh

At BHS W

We Have A Pope - Nanni Moretti directs this film, the story of Melville, a meek cardinal who is elected as the next pope and, terrified, finds himself unable to face the crowd in St. Peter's Square. The vatican must call in a psychiatrist and what follows is a humorous and insightful exploration of the humanity of a leader so strictly defined by religion. Starring Michel Piccoli, Nanni Moretti (in select theatres)

Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap - Ice T, with the help of hip hop legends of today and yesterday, explains the history and essence of rap in this comprehensive, enlightening documentary. (June 15th)

ted - Seth McFarlane, the mastermind behind Family Guy, writes and directs his first film, a romantic comedy (Mark Wahlberg stars with Mila Kunis) complicated by the presence of the Wahlberg's teddy bear, brought to life by a childhood wish. McFarlane lends "ted" the voice, and for all intents and purposes the character, of Peter Griffin. Clearly marked by McFarlane's quirky and oft-vulgar humor, the trailer can be found at <http://trailers.apple.com/>. (July 13th)

Things I Shake My Fist At

Dodgeball Tournament
Spoons
Capitals
Newt Gingrich Dropping out
QWERTY keyboards
Hand Sanitizer
Windows XP
Cops
Fourth Quarter
Yankees
Librarians
Library
Sporks
School Speaker
School Sports
Bedford Baseball
Bedford JV lacrosse
JV Sports
Freshmen Sports
Goldfish
Bedford Farms
Senior Finals
Wayland
Revere Beach
Gloucester
Hampton Beach
Mall Cops
Rent-a-cops
Billerica mall



MONTHLY PLAYLIST

1. Trilla - ASAP Rocky (ft. ASAP Twelvy & ASAP Nast)
2. Buddy Guy - Action Bronson
3. Cooking Dance - Lil B & Soulja Boy
4. Gimme Yours - AZ
5. Rapping 2 U - Das Racist
6. Blindfolds - Wiz Khalifa ft. Juicy J
7. Get Outta Jail - Max B ft. Al Pac
8. Ya Mama - The Pharcyde
9. Shot Caller - French Montana
10. ADHD - Kendrick Lamar
11. Shimmy Shimmy Ya - OJ Dirty Bastard
12. Spottiestiedopilicious - Outkast

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