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OCTOBER HOROSCOPES

Monsieur Jakeathan `14, Staff Psychic and Madam Esmeralda `14, Psychic in Training

Aries: March 21 - April 19

Due to the alignment of the Galilean moons, the special forces of the heavens are leading to good luck for the month of November. Take risks and do things out of your comfort zone.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Although you have been feeling rather upset this month, things will soon pick up. Keep a smile on your face and a new friend may surface, but make sure to stay away from Geminis, they are double trouble.

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

You may have found someone practically identical to you, but if not, keep looking. Your long lost twin is searching for you as you are reading this.

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

There may be drama in your friend group. Do not worry, it will pass and you will be closer than ever with those involved. Stay strong.

Leo: July 23 - August 23

You have developed a small crush on someone who you thought would not be in your best interest to get involved with. Do not worry about that now and go get 'em tiger.

Virgo: August 24 - September 23

There has been something in your life that has been bothering you lately. You do not quite know what it is or why it matters, but you will soon receive your answer. Be patient and let it come to you, it will pay off in the long run.

Libra: September 24 - October 22

There has been a lot of pressure on you lately. You feel as though you have let everyone around you and yourself down. Do not worry about it and allow yourself to focus on your goal, you will surely accomplish it.

Scorpio: October 23 - November 21

There has been a situation in your life that you have been unrealistic about. Stop clouding your judgment and look at it from a new perspective. Be honest with yourself and the situation will seem less complicated than you are making it out to be.

Sagittarius: November 22 - December 21

You have been feeling insecure lately. Do not let that get the best of you. Go into everything just being you.

Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

Do not let your sense of pride get in the way of accepting others. Avoid Aries, they are not in your best interest to be speaking to. You should probably stay away from Scorpios as well.

Aquarius: January 20 - February 18

You have been getting off easy as of late. Take a second to make sure your head is on straight and proceed with caution in the coming weeks.

Pisces February 19 - March 20

Do not be afraid to let your swagger show, everyone enjoys seeing you being yourself. You may doubt whether or not you are accepted by your friends. They like you. Just stick with it and everything will turn out beautifully.

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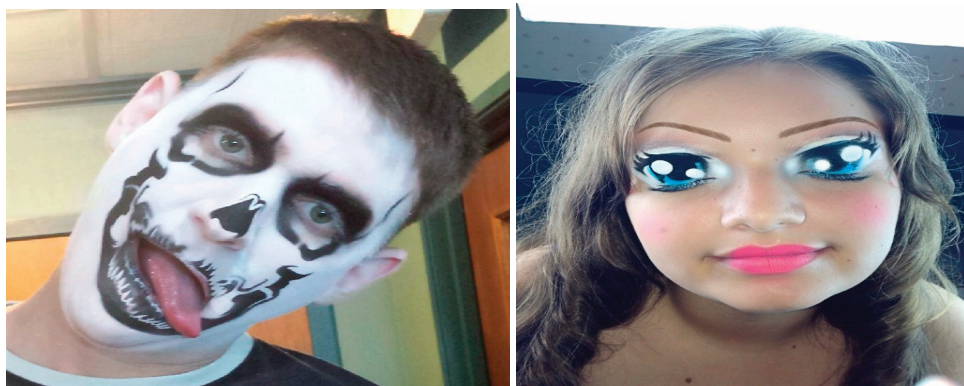


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Syria crisis ensues

Kit Charlton '16, Staff Writer

Since March 2011, the Middle Eastern nation of Syria has been engulfed in civil war. The conflict arose following protests from the Syrian citizens demanding the resignation of President Bashar al-Assad, who has been in office since 2000. Protesters also called for the end of Ba'ath party rule, a political party whose rule in Syria goes back to 1963.

The organized rebels have received food, water and medical supplies from, and have the backing of, the United States, while the Syrian National Army, under the Assad regime, are backed by regional powerhouses Russia and Iran. Outside groups, such as the Lebanese Islamist militant group, the Hezbollah, have been helping the Syrian Army. The rebellion is showing signs of fragmentation as more and more groups continue to join the cause against them. The war has resulted in more than 100,000 dead and seven million displaced according to the United Nations. Freshman Nouredin Almahameed moved to the United States from Syria after the conflict began. He expressed how life was very different before the conflict. "We would sleep and leave the door open," Almahameed said, showing the safety of the country before the beginning of the war.

The event that has demanded the attention of the international community is the use of the nerve agent sarin, an internationally banned weaponized substance, to suppress the rebels' progression. Confirmed by United Nations investigation and condemned by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, sarin gas was used on Aug. 21 of this year in neighborhoods near the capital of Damascus. The US has blamed the attack on the Assad regime, yet Assad has shifted blame to the rebels. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights has confirmed at least 502 deaths related to this attack with a US preliminary estimate placing the death toll as high as 1,429 people.

Following the attack, President Barack Obama has pushed for military intervention which will be put to vote by Congress if necessary. Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the US against intervening in Syria, stating that it would violate international law. Putin has since convinced Assad to join the Chemical Weapons Convention and destroy any chemical weapons the regime still possesses. This is a major step toward resolving the conflict diplomatically and ending the bloodshed in Syria as soon as possible.



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Syrian citizens peacefully protest the corrupt government.

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Time to step up: Upstander program returns

Josh Radom '16, Student Life Editor

On Oct. 2, Berkley High kicked off its second year of participating in the West Bloomfield Friendship Circle's Upstander program. The program consists of eight sessions a year having each class build upon ideas learned in the previous session. The aim of the program is to try to create leaders and empower students to make constructive decisions in possible bullying situations to end them before it becomes bullying.

Last year, the Upstander program was invited by BHS's administration to work with select high school students. From the start, the benefits of the program were evident. "The program focuses on character development, which is something that, because of the importance of academics is left out of the core curriculum at our school," Principle Randall Gawel said. "It seemed like the perfect opportunity to make our great students even better in hopes that they will be able to use these tools taught in their future." After a year of integrating the Upstander program into BHS, it has helped with the social aspect of high school by making students aware of their actions and how it affects others.

Since this is the second year that BHS has participated in Upstander there are students who have already learned from, and implemented the lessons of the program and can evaluate the effect of the program that has been seen throughout the school. "I have definitely seen change since the Upstander program began teaching students at BHS. Students are much more inclusive with people who normally wouldn't be included, and it's really nice," sophomore Celia Somers said. It appears as if the program is doing its job as the tools that are being taught in the lessons are being used by students at BHS.

Thus far, Upstander is only working with local districts, but they have an ambitious plan to expand. "The program is currently being evaluated with the help of Wayne State University with the hope that after its evaluation, [Upstander] will be marketable to schools outside of Michigan," coordinator of Upstander Kathleen Sullivan said. Hopefully, with the help and progression at BHS, the Upstander program can expand to be nationwide while still providing anti-bullying benefits for students at BHS.

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Behr with me seniors

Josh Segall '17, Co-Circulation Manager

The 2013-2014 enthusiastic, creative, and responsible 17-year-old BHS senior class president has already been hard at work this year. Jacob Behrmann hopes to make this a school year in which the senior class can spend as much time having fun together as possible, whether it be at in-school events or at out-of-school functions. "I want to make sure the seniors have a memorable year," Behrmann said.

Behrmann was fairly confident, yet humble, during his campaign to become the president of the senior class, after serving his term last year as junior class president. "I know I did a good job during my junior year as president, and that correlated to [the students] re-electing me senior year," Behrmann said.

Among the responsibilities of the junior class president is planning prom, which Behrmann did successfully last year. This was a huge factor in Behrmann's re-election. Behrmann had many supporters among the senior class including senior Eric Towns who said, "I think [Behrmann] did a good job planning prom, and the theme was cool."

Along with being responsible for the senior class, Behrmann also contributes to the junior class. Junior class president Adam Edery and junior vice president Sophie Lipman's job will be much easier with President Behrmann at their disposal. "Because that was my job last year, I do help [Edery]," Behrmann said. "Jacob has been a mentor to me as president," Edery said.

The very principled Behrmann is ecstatic to be the senior class president and the seniors are more than happy to have him as their leader a second term. It is safe to say that the senior class is in good hands with The Behr.



Photo by Zoe Lask

The Senior class president himself, the Behr.

Chipotle Boo-ritos!

Sebastian Betzer '14, Opinion Editor

For many people, Halloween is a festive time of year that tends to lose its childish appeal as they grow older. This year, try livening up the holiday by heading to Chipotle Mexican Grill for a truly fantastic experience.

Chipotle, located on Woodward just before 14 Mile, is a restaurant dedicated to creating an unconventional fast food experience. From their commitment to using only fresh and local produce in their food, to the subtle background music, the Chipotle experience is as amazing as it is unique.

This Halloween, Chipotle restaurants across the world are bringing back their Boo-rito extravaganza. On Halloween day, any time after 4 p.m., if anyone wears a costume to the restaurant, the same high quality, massively filled burrito that would normally cost around \$8 now costs only \$3.

Additionally, Chipotle uses Boo-ritos as a fundraising opportunity. Up to one million dollars of proceeds from the sale of Boo-ritos go directly to the Chipotle Cultivate Foundation, an organization that promotes sustainable and healthful food practices by supporting local farmers that employ humane and ecologically viable farming methods.

The Boo-rito craze has already swept through Berkley High School. Berkley seniors John McNally, David Pellerito, and Jack Kreuger went to Chipotle last Halloween. They took advantage of the adjusted prices to eat two burritos in one sitting, and they are preparing to do the same again this year. "At first my body was unsure if I could handle it, but I realized the opportunity was too great to ignore," Pellerito said. "With my \$1 costume and \$3 burritos, it only cost me \$7 to have the best experience of my life," McNally exclaimed. "Only \$6, but 2600 calories," Kreuger added. "The opportunity to double up on burritos is a rare thing and should not be allowed to pass by." Whether eating one or even two burritos, saving money while enjoying high quality food is something anyone can appreciate. This Halloween, join the party, and go experience Chipotle Boo-ritos on Oct. 31.

Take back Detroit

Maisy Cece '15, Staff Writer

Detroit, one of the nation's most culturally stimulated and historically enriched cities has been left in a devastating state of ruin for nearly four decades. With only a few of Detroit's original buildings remaining intact to this day, much of the city's great history has long since been forgotten within the rubble of the fallen historic city sites.

With the city's nearly fatal outcome for Detroit, many natives have begun to feel that it is their job, as a citizen, to preserve their city and its history. Only a few have managed to make it their duty though. Loyal Detrouer and photographer Joey Brooks is one of those few who have made capturing Detroit in the best light possible. Brooks' ultimate goal has been to immortalize the beauty and culture of old Detroit through a series of extraordinary and professional photographs that he himself has taken of the city.

Brooks produces fantastic images of Detroit on an almost weekly basis. He focuses mainly on the many dilapidated and abandoned structures of the crumbling city's grandeur.

His true curiosity for old buildings flourished while in Chicago studying at Columbia College Chicago, where he was working to obtain a degree in film special effects. He was fascinated by the surrounding antiquated buildings, realizing that these massive and intricate structures needed to be captured somehow. So, Brooks did this in the way he could do best: through pictures.

After graduating, Brooks moved to Detroit to further his work of capturing decaying buildings on film. Soon after, Brooks purchased professional photography equipment and went to work on recording the city's deserted locations. This allowed him to create his own photography company, TakeDetroit Media.

Brooks has received great positive feedback about his company's works. Many of his



St. Agnes Church, built in 1924 and seated up to 1500 Catholic followers. Closed in 2006.

Photo courtesy of Joey Brooks

clients find themselves wanting to help their great city when looking at his pieces. Though beautiful, they leave the observer with an eerie realization that this is their city, and if they want to maintain its beauty, they have to take action now before it is too late and all of vintage Detroit has vanished. This is the very legacy that Brooks wishes to leave behind through his photography. Overall, he wants people to bring back Detroit as a leading city, like it was in the past.

Brooks hopes that the city will eventually revive itself. He feels that Detroit has done very little to sustain the historic architectures

that they have, and this awes him. "I understand that financially it's way cheaper to demolish and start from scratch, but some of these buildings are so amazing that it honestly breaks my heart to see them ripped apart," Brooks said.

When asking him why he does what he does, Brooks' answer is simple, "Detroit is rising. Young professionals to odd ball hipsters are moving in. Livable lofts are being built and new restaurants are coming in. That's where I come in. I want people to see what is happening in the city. I want to show them that it is not as bad of a place as it looks. It takes an image to give perspective on an object. So, I thought to myself if people would step up and take the city into their own hands then we could all successfully take Detroit."

On that note, hopefully the desire to save, restore, and preserve Detroit's magnificent architecture will resonate with the city's residents. Until then though, Brooks will continue to take pictures of Detroit's devastated areas and work to make sure that his goal for the city is eventually achieved.

If you are interested in learning more about Brooks' art and work with the City of Detroit, make sure to check out and like his TakeDetroit Facebook page.

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The Blanch man

Jake Rothman '14, Editor-in-Chief

He is everywhere. Yet he is nowhere. There are countless ways to describe the most colorful character at BHS, however, one word captures his majestic essence: cat-like.

His job of roaming the hallowed halls of our school does not get the recognition it deserves. In the time a simple man could walk the length of the English hallway, the man, the myth, and the legend, Rick Blanchard, could already be halfway to China.

Over the course of one fourth hour period, I embarked on my first investigative reporting assignment as I followed our glorified hall monitor around during his fourth hour routine. Going into the investigation I faced a sense of intimidation and fright that I had never before experienced. How was I to approach a man whose singular name, Rick, puts him in a class with Oprah, Madonna, Eminem, and most importantly Liberace? I had to be at my stealthiest to chase down our feline friend.

One minute he was walking into the Spanish learning environment of Mrs. Marilyn Isabel's room, the next he's creeping around hallway corners looking for victims on which to pounce. As I attempted to track down Rick, I ran into many obstacles. The first and most important being that I could not effectively place my feline tracker on him. I wanted to methodically track his movements so I could effectively make a flow chart of where he is most likely to catch his prey. As I followed him around, I noted his acute sense of hearing. As I tried to approach from the rear, he felt the vibrations of my steps on the ground and quickly turned to question my presence, then scurried away. This makes it nearly impossible to help my fellow BHS students out by charting his movements.

Clearly my research was getting me nowhere. As my search progressed, it appeared our cat-like companion had gone into hiding somewhere in the vicinity of the Library Media Center.

However, I encountered some intriguing stories and interesting opinions on one of the most beloved hall monitors in the Southeast Oakland County during his time in hibernation. First, I ran into senior Allie Archambault who says Rick one time, "Went the wrong way down the one-way street." Much like when Rick sends students to the office for wandering the halls of BHS, Archambault believes an ample punishment for Rick is to allow all students to roam the halls for a week, without repercussions.

Senior Sam Byck suggested a reasonable wardrobe change for Rick – instead of the usual blue or grey outfit, he could change it up with a purple outfit here and there.

Suddenly, my senses started tingling, and I felt Rick's presence somewhere near the English hallway. However, as the hour wound down I recognized this interaction would be my last opportunity to place the tracker on Rick. I could hear Rick's booming voice from hundreds of lockers away, and as I turned to see his shining face, a vocal altercation broke out between an unnamed student and our legendary hall monitor. At that moment of wittiness, I knew I was in way over my head with this investigation. If I truly wanted to understand Rick, I had to abandon my pursuit and instead go to someone who can comprehend his complex actions, Paula Wiser.

Rick's fellow hall patroller extraordinaire, Paula had a single word of praise of for her co-worker: "incredible." And to be quite honest, she is completely accurate in her description of Rick. Although he catches a lot of flack for simply doing his job, it cannot be denied that Rick is a true embodiment of nearly everything that happens at BHS. His humor, unpredictability, and attitude unique to only him set him apart from other, non-BHS hall monitors.



Photo by Zoe Lask

Senior Rashaun Little catches Rick in his tours about the hallway for a quick conversation.

A taste of new culture

Nicole Doctoroff '16, Business/Ad Manager

As students who have gone to school with the same group of kids for years, most BHS students take the privilege of always having your best friend at your side for granted. Most Berkley students are from America and are used to the American lifestyle and people. However, there are 15 foreign exchange students that have come to attend school at Berkley for this year, being exposed to a different way of life. The difference between their hometown and Berkley may come as somewhat of a culture shock.

If given an opportunity to attend a school in a country across the world, some may be reluctant to pursue such an offer. Some may even be frightened of a place where they do not know a single person, and the language is not their native tongue. Yet while the thought of going to a country and not knowing the foreign language well may scare some, it may greatly appeal to others. "I wanted to come to improve my English," senior and Swedish native Joakim Ericson said. A big part of his will and drive to come to America was to learn the English language fluently, although the girls do love his Swedish accent.

Besides just the language aspect, the cultural differences are also a source of motivation to take a year of school here. These students take it upon themselves to expand their horizons and experience the diverse culture the United States has to offer. "I wanted to go to the states and experience new culture," junior Camilla Nystroem said. She has already noticed some major differences between the students back in Sweden and the students here at BHS. "The people and the boys are more mature in Sweden," Nystroem said. She then adds, "School is more fun in Sweden." Although Nystroem does not seem to be getting the cultural experience she hoped for, she still claims to be having a good time.

In addition to Nystroem's perspective on the cultural differences, sophomore Yu Chung Chang noticed contrasts between the students at BHS and the students in Thailand. "People are nice here, and love to make a friend. In Asia people are little bit shy," he said. He made a point to say that here, in America, you can have open conversations with random people

while back in the native country of Thailand they keep to themselves. Other than socially, the school day differs from here and Thailand as well, "School in Thailand is from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and from noon-1 p.m. we have a nap time," Chang said. It is a sure fact that even kids at BHS, regardless of the length of the school day, would appreciate that. While the foreign students have stepped out of their comfort zone, they seem to be adjusting well to the cultural differences in America.

In new or awkward situations people tend to keep to themselves, but the exchange students are intermingling with BHS students. "I guess I have made a lot of friends," Nystroem said. Ericson also has made an appearance at multiple BHS football game, and Chang claims that he really enjoys making small talk with his peers.

To the American students, these kids are simple students from another country. However, there are real interests in the American lifestyle that have influenced their decisions in coming here. They should be a model and an inspiration for the rest of the student body to appreciate new and different cultures, and being open to new and exciting experiences.



Photo by Zoe Lask

Senior Joakim Ericson and junior Camilla Nystroem, two of the recent additions to the Berkley family.

5TH GRADERS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS

Shelby Silver '14, Managing Editor and Drew Leshman '17, Circulation Manager

Some say teachers have all the answers to our questions, some say that parents have them, but nay, it is the fifth graders who actually do. As a high school student, advice on dating, school and appearances are constantly asked for and received by our elders, but what many of you may not have figured out, is that these little rugrats have all the answers inside their prepubescent minds. Whether it is asking advice on dating or how to become popular, these mindful 10-year-olds have the answers to any question you may have. In order to help you poor, unfortunate souls who suffer from lack of advice, we took it upon ourselves to go to Burton Elementary School and interview four of their finest young fifth grade men on questions that many of us Berkley High School students seek the answers to or are simply curious about. We don't know about any of you who are reading this, but their advice and their answers changed our lives, and we expect that it will have the same effect on you as it did for us.

WHAT IS THE PERFECT DATE?

REED - "Hmmm. Well, first you have to stop at McDonalds and get some curly fries and a super burger and then you go to a free park and sit, but don't talk, and go stargazing."

Super burgers and curly fries don't exist at McD's but thanks for the tip.

IF SOMEONE IS NERVOUS ABOUT TALKING TO A BOY, WHAT SHOULD THEY SAY?

SHANE - "Well, I don't want a girl coming up to me, being like, 'Hey, will you go out with me.' I want them and like if I don't know them and I want to get to know them so you should be like talking to them and stuff and say, 'Hi, what's your nammeeee, how's it goinggg?'"

Ferreal, ferreal? Gotta get myself a girlfriend, then.

DEFINE POPULAR:

REED - "OH! Easssssy. Popular means that you dress super fancy and nice and you're rich and you have a convertible and stuff like that. Oh and also you have a posse."

Welp. Guess that destroys our chances of ever becoming popular.

WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION OF GOOD FASHION?

SEAN - "Well, if he wants to impress the ladies then skinny jeans and a shirt. Any kind of shirt. Maybe like a polo and wear like a flat cap with the jester thing on the front and wear those sunglass things that have the cool design on the side, uh, RAYBANS. Yeah. And when you're coming to school in your car, pump the music."

Bro, you make it sound so easy.

WHO IS YOUR CELEBRITY CRUSH?

BLAKE - OOH. Kate Upton.

You said it. Not me.

HOW COME TEACHERS GIVE OUT SO MUCH HOMEWORK?

REED - "They think that just because you do [homework] in school, you have to "rah-veiwwww" at home and you have to do it every single day for THREE HOURS! But here's the truth: when you [are a kid], you just wanna watch TV."

PREACH IT.

FINAL ADVICE TO THE BHS STUDENTS:

SHANE - "Do well in school and don't fool around"

Nahhhh, man. Foolin' all day, erry day.

BLAKE - "Don't mess up on your SATs."

You mean ACTs?

"YEAH. That."

East Coast representin'.

SEAN - Well uhh, like, don't try to be exactly what everyone else does. Do what you do. Second of all, most important thing, DON'T DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. If anyone is reading from Berkley High School, tell LUKE PACZOS that I say hi."

What about Jeremy?

MEET OUR NEW FRIENDS:



Reed is a sizzling ball of personality, a man who is quick on his feet and has a witty answer to anything and everything. This young man has a bright future ahead of him.



Shane is a true ladies man, with a knack for sports and a Justin Bieber hair-do that girls die for; this 10 year old is the future king of BHS.



A man who has a love for bacon, Blake definitely doesn't keep kosher. He has an eagerness to make people laugh and is always seen with a sunny side up smile.



With a dazzling sense of style, Sean knows what he's talking about. From his buzz cut hair-do, to his sleek athletic pants, Sean knows what's best when it comes to giving advice.



2013 BearPack

Maddie Huff '15, Bull's Eye Editor

The Berkley Bears football team did not win the homecoming game against Birmingham Seaholm on Sept. 20, but they won maintain their in spirit. Even as the team fell behind by 16 points, Bear fans were roaring as their football players ran down the field. BHS students somehow found a way to keep their energy levels high while on the field the football players played to a 31-15 loss.

Sophomore Nolan Given said, "We shouldn't have lost because of all of our spirit within players and fans." The fans were in their class colors and crazily chanting the school's fight song. The score in the first quarter had Berkley in the lead with the fans going crazy with spirit for the game. Yet, Seaholm started to catch up and had a tie for half time. Seaholm started to pull ahead in last quarters letting Seaholm beat the Bears by 16 points. "Berkley was tough on defense but not so much on offense," football coach Mr. Chris Sikora said. The team was excellent at blocking in defense but had a harder time with their kicks on offense. All in all, however, the Bears did a good job of holding their own for most of the game against Seaholm.

With the ups and down during the homecoming game, there was still room for other entertainment. Sophomore, Christina Neis said, "I enjoyed all the events even with the low score." The dance team had an awesome performance, cheerleading had some mind blowing chants, color guard had attention grabbing spins, and the band did an amazing job playing the classic "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone" from the Temptations. This song had the crowd dance and sang in the stands. Sophomore Alyssa Crossley said, "Although I loved the football game, I loved the performances at half time as well. Half time shows were very upbeat and kept everyone watching the whole time." Even with the loss, BHS's fans always find a way to maintain their Berkley pride.



Comin' down with some Boogie Fever

Zoe Lask '16, Photo Editor

On Saturday Sept. 21, students piled into the west gym to boogie and groove the night away. The theme of this year's Homecoming dance was Boogie Fever. "I liked the theme a lot more this year; I think the students enjoyed this theme more than they did last year," sophomore Aili Mannisto said. Student Leadership did a fantastic job of setting up the gym with all the unique decorations that included a disco ball and the checkerboard dance floor which added a better feel for the 70s theme. Although, the boogie fever theme could have been intensified had the D.J. played music from the time period such as "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees and "Boogie Fever" by The Sylvers. The only thing that could have been better was the watch over students' personal items. In that sense the evening was not without incident. Three smartphones were stolen, and police investigation identified at least one perpetrator from whom they recovered two of the phones. For the most part, however, Boogie Fever was a big success.



Put some pep in

Jenna McClure '16, Publicity Director

Finishing off spirit week, as always, was the infamous BHS homecoming pep rally. This year's pep rally had some major highlights as well as some minor mishaps.

Emceeding the pep rally were seniors Reva McDowell and Alex Rawlik, who, from start to finish, hyped up the students with their humor and charm. With a little help from the BHS band the crowd was entertained throughout the entire event. "The band always gets the crowd going adding to the overall fun factor," Tatum Kendrick said. The performances by the dance team, varsity cheer team, and Encore! were phenomenal. Not to mention the new bears, seniors Hannah Milke and Gabe Gedda-Shaheen, who got the crowd pumped between events as well as gave everyone a good laugh.

On the other hand, some things weren't as on point as others. For instance, that game of dodgeball consisting of the senior and freshman classes against junior and sophomore classes (if you could even call those 30 seconds of throwing a ball at one another a game of dodgeball) was subpar at best.

In case you did not notice, a few key parts of the pep-rally were completely missing; the relays, the teachers versus students' tug-of-war, the step team's performance, and the recognition of each individual BHS football player were all absent from the event. One of the people who were most bothered by this was Berkley High's math teacher, Steve Weingarden. "In all my years at Berkley High I have never been to a pep rally where they did not recognize the football players. I was quite confused." Weingarden said.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and entertaining event as usual. Change can be good but, in this case, following tradition would have been the way to go.

Powder Puff full of endless surprises

Zoe Blake '17, Publicity Director

On Sept. 18 the annual girls Powder Puff game was held at Hurley field. The juniors beat the seniors for the second time since the game became a homecoming tradition with a score of 14-8.

The junior players were ecstatic about winning the big game. "As soon as we got the first touchdown, I knew it was going to be a good game," junior Riley Murray said. Murray was the junior team's star running back and MVP in some people's opinions. Her ability to outrun the senior defense players helped her overcome the staunch senior defense.

The seniors were upset about losing their junior and senior year, but they took the loss in stride and still had a great time. "It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to lose both games we played in," senior Sydney Glazer said with good humor and sarcasm.

The loss for the seniors gave some of the other classes hope of winning in future years, "I always thought the game was rigged so the seniors would always win, but now I know that it's not and that makes me feel like I have a chance at winning next year," sophomore Lexi Tyler said.

So to all upcoming junior and senior girls, go sign up for the Powder Puff game next year, because no matter if you are a junior or a senior, you'll have a great time and you just might win.



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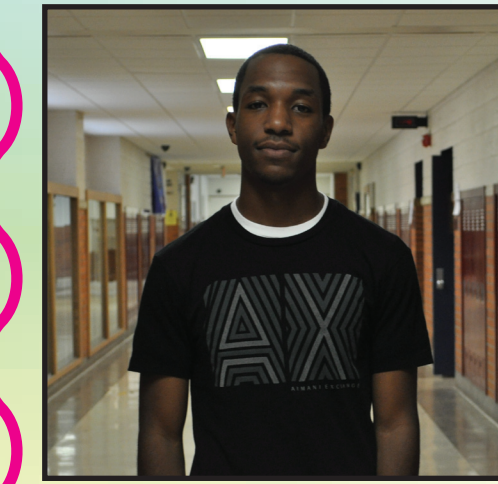
Faces in the crowd

Adam Yaker '17, Staff Writer and Josh Segall '17, Co-Circulation Manager



Sophomore Patrick Flood, also known by his superhero alter egos as PT and Bearcat, plays doubles on the JV tennis team, and also the rugby team. PT said he is his own superhero because of his own personal ability to be supremely average. To maintain his superhero figure, PT drinks skim milk instead of the fatty two percent. If you are looking for PT in the hallways, just find the stud with a great body and assume it is him. You will most likely be right.

A glowing beauty of a thousand suns, junior Olivia Cirataro lights up the hallways with her radiant personality. Come students and follow me on this wonderful journey as we introduce this beaut. This animal loving, glamorous young lady practically lives at the Tropical Fish and Bird Haven in Royal Oak. That being said, do not let her hand you latex gloves because they most likely have already been used to clean turtle tanks. Keep an eye out for Olivia's stunning appearance in a future issue of Sports Illustrated as she plays on the varsity golf team and JV tennis team for BHS.



Next time you find yourself at Art Van Furniture, lookout for classy employee and BHS senior Ahmad McDaniel. McDaniel, known for his textbook smile, does not agree with society and only thinks of his smile as "aight." He has very specific taste as he prefers Wendy's over other fast food restaurants because "It's hot! And its got real beef!" McDaniels always keeps his composure at work, in the halls, and on the court. Tough as nails, McDaniels is destined for greatness. Look out, ladies.

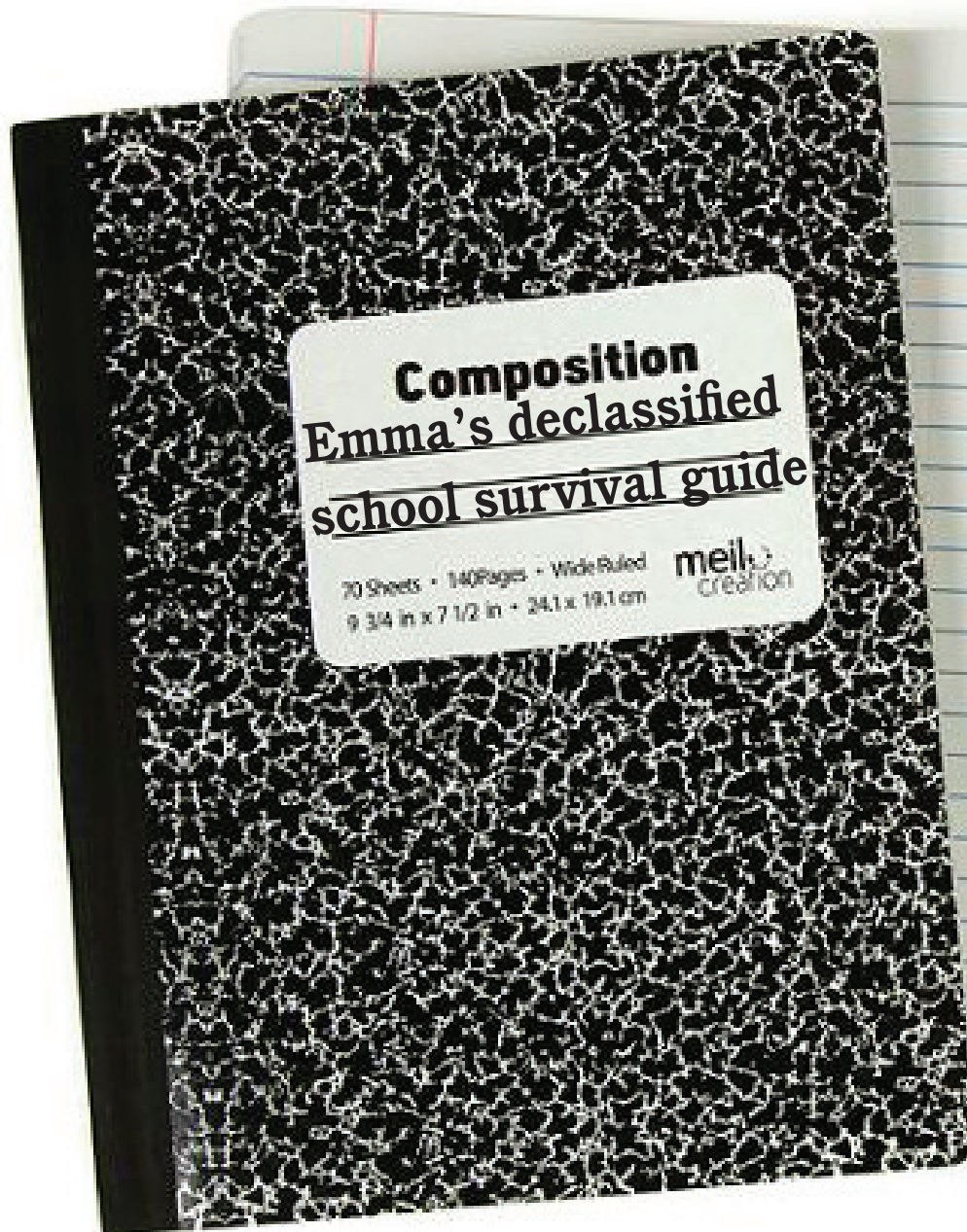
Freshman Jack Leftkowitz has made his way up through the ranks to become a first class Boy Scout, so you probably already wish you were him. On a completely unrelated note, Jack is missing eight teeth. Ducks apparently are very intimidating creatures, because Leftkowitz says that a walrus would be way too scared to fight a duck because ducks are way too badass. Jack seems to be up to date with the news of the wilderness thanks to the time he spends camping. I guess pointless animal knowledge is one of the perks of being a Boy Scout.

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12 THE SPECTATOR

Sadly, summer ended a little over a month ago, and students already feel stuck in the tiresome school routine. The days of sleep and relaxation are gone and they have been replaced by a school year that feels as though it does not have any end. Here are a few tips to help a BHS student successfully survive the rest of the year without rolling over and dying first.

Yes, the school year is going to be filled with stressful situations. Yes, it is going to feel as though the days creep by more slowly and slowly every day, not to mention the fact that you are miserably tired. Yes, school is hard, but you will make it through to the summer and by using these tips, the grueling school year may come a little bit easier for you.



● Do not procrastinate

Everyone is guilty of procrastination, especially us teenagers, when it comes to doing school work. The “oh its fine, I will just do it later” mentality that everyone seems to have these days has to stop! Do whatever work you can as soon as possible so you just get it over with. It may not be fun, but you will thank yourself in the end

● Do homework whenever and wherever

BHS students' have busy schedules, not to mention extracurricular activities and sports. Homework is just another burden to add to the list. Your time is valuable, and if you find yourself with a free second, do your homework. Whether it is in the car, the classroom, or just at home, get it done somehow.

● Get off your phone

The teen generation is addicted to texting, Twitter, and whatever the new social networking craze is at the time. Just set the phone down and walk away every once in a while. You then will not be constantly distracted, so you will be able to actually become a productive individual.

● TRY to sleep

Sleep is precious, plain and simple. When you finish everything that needs to be done, do not turn on the TV and watch some pointless show for a couple of hours, just go to bed. The more sleep you get, the easier it will be to endure the next day of school.

● Weekends are not just for partying; catch up on things

Sure it is exciting that you do not have to go to school for two days, but do not let it get the best of you. Having two full days to do anything that needs to, or can be, done in the upcoming week it can be a life saver. Be smart about your time and take advantage of the weekend.

● Caffeine is your best friend

“I’m so tired,” and “I only got three hours of sleep” and “I just want to sleep” can be heard echoing throughout the halls on a daily basis. In case you have not followed my other points and you feel like you are going to face plant in the middle of the hallway, I have one word for you: caffeine. Quit complaining and go chug a Redbull or coffee and you will survive.

● Do not let yourself get overwhelmed; stay positive

It is easy to complain and moan about how hard and stressful school is, but try to keep a positive attitude. If you do not let the stress take over your life, you will feel so much better about the next eight months of school. Stressing harms more than it helps. If you fail a test or forget to turn in something, just remember, it is not the end of the world. You will be able to make it up in the end and boost your grade back up.

● Food

Food makes everyone happy. If you are feeling bad about a grade or how much studying or homework you have to do, go take a moment to eat a cupcake or a bowl of mac and cheese and figure it out from there. Taking a break to snack on something delicious will take your mind off of the stress and allow you to have a blissfully tasty break.

Pop star twerks for dollars

Rostyslav Yeschenko '14, Copy Editor

Pop-star Miley Cyrus has been heavily criticized of late for her obscene performances, controversial behavior, and change of lifestyle. However, her new behaviors can be simply explained: money.

In the ever changing nature of pop culture, celebrities have to go above and beyond to stay relevant in the mind of their viewers. Back in 2011, after finishing *Hannah Montana* and rising in the charts as a country pop-star, Miley Cyrus was still a popular icon. But without her child-friendly television show to rely on, her "All-American" image became old rather quickly. Her Disney fandom of pre-teens grew up into a bunch of partying teenagers who were no longer interested in Cyrus' one-dimensional repertoire. Cyrus had to change her style so she could appeal to the transformed teens. And what better way to appeal to mainstream teenagers than adopting the hip-hop culture and an obscene public persona? The majority of teenagers enjoy hip-hop music from artists like Juicy J and Meek Mill. These artists promote the idea of living in the moment, having fun in the clubs, and maintaining an extravagant lifestyle full of beautiful women, expensive cars, and designer clothing. Youths find these themes intriguing because they can all relate to these songs. Teens attempt to mimic the hip-hop lifestyle. Partying and having fun are teenagers' main attractions nowadays and rappers fuel teenagers' rebellious, free, and ever-partying spirits. Cyrus, or maybe Cyrus' team of managers, marketers, and strategists, saw great

potential for her in the hip-hop industry. Her change of style attracted massive attention and, more importantly, millions of dollars. Her controversial song "*We Can't Stop*", in which Cyrus embraces the partying lifestyle, went platinum in multiple countries, in the US twice and even topped dozens of charts, including number one in the US singles category. Many disliked the video on YouTube, criticized Cyrus in comments, and blamed her for ruining her "All-American" role model image. And while everybody was going off on the video, Cyrus was making millions of dollars off the song through YouTube views, album purchases, music collaborations, and more.

Every time Cyrus does something obscene, it gets a lot of media attention. Whether it's good or bad media attention, any attention is beneficial for a star. The general population loves controversial entertainment and Cyrus always delivers with the weekly, "Oh no she didn't! Oh yes she did!" news, just like in her performance at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards. Her VMA performance got so much attention that CNN featured it the next day in the section that once covered the attacks of 9/11. Every news outlet around the world dedicated precious spots on their websites to discuss Cyrus' "unbelievable" performance. In the meantime, Cyrus was at her mansion, enjoying her success.

Whether you love or hate Cyrus, or love to hate her, her transition from kid-friendly pop-music to hip-hop culture is propelling her to a whole new realm of popularity,

and making her relevant once again. Cyrus is a talented entertainer who has found a new place for herself in the ever-changing landscape of the modern music industry, and she won't and can't stop anytime soon.



Photo courtesy of Thehollywoodgossip.com

Miley capitalizes on her booty in "*We Can't Stop*."

Nexus 7 Tablets, aliens in a natural environment

Sebastian Betzer '14, Opinion Editor

Taking a science class at Berkley High School is typically a unique experience. Of these classes, none are more distinctive than Zoology. Taught by Mr. Scott Doty, his signature teaching style and the vast array of fish he keeps in his room, along with his rats, tarantula, lizard, and snake, creates an environment dedicated to the classes he instructs. This year, however, a cabinet of brand new electronic tablets have appeared in the midst of all the typical commotion. Its unnatural lights and protruding wires exemplify its alien presence in a room so devoted to natural, living things.

The tablets were donated, as part of a grant, to Doty's classroom. They were intended to integrate technology into the classroom, make internet access more available, and enhance class instruction with more sources than a teacher could normally incorporate in their lessons.

Despite the donors' noble intentions, the tablets currently act as more of a fun distraction or even a hindrance to the lesson. This disappointing result is due to the tablets' ineffective assimilation into lesson plans that weren't designed around the use of the internet. Additionally, research

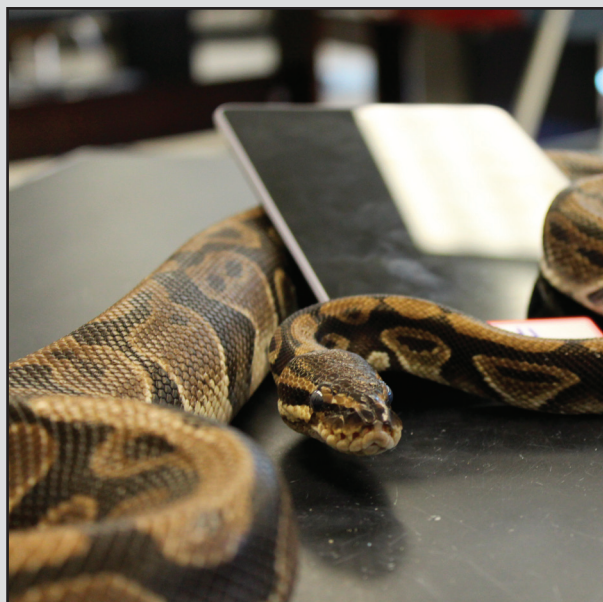


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Snake reacts to foreign invader. Not to the photographer, but the tablet.

opportunities, while made more available to students, are also slowed by the poor mobile Wi-Fi connection in the Zoology classroom.

Furthermore, it is concerning that there is a lack of supplies for basic class tasks such as testing the water quality in the fish tanks, performing water changes, or adding décor to an aquarium. Yet, these issues have not been addressed prior to the addition of the tablets.

As technology continues to rapidly advance, it should certainly be integrated into BHS classrooms. Students are typically not only familiar with this equipment, but are also highly adept at using it, creating a condition where information can be discovered by students following their own curiosity. However, the focus should be on delivering supplies that BHS needs, before attempting to advance technologically. This way, new systems could be incorporated effectively with a functioning class environment and supplement, rather than replace or interrupt the forms of learning that teachers, like Mr. Doty, work hard to implement.

Student diagnosed with Stage 4 Senioritis

Rostyslav Yeschenko '14, Copy Editor

A BHS senior received horrible news last Friday from his physician. He was diagnosed with Stage Four Senioritis.

Although the symptoms were obvious before, senior Jack McDaniel had hoped for better results. "We were expecting stage two, or stage three at the worst, but we could not imagine it would be this bad," McDaniel's father said. McDaniel was always top student, getting A's and B's in most of his classes. As he grew older, however, he became more ill with each passing week until he no longer did his work. "It happened so fast," McDaniel's father continued. "He became a whole new person." McDaniel, on the other hand, shows little to no care about his newly discovered disease. "Whatever man, I'm not worried about those silly senior year classes. I just got Grand Theft Auto V and I'm not bragging or anything, but I'm getting quite good it," McDaniel said Wednesday morning while skipping classes to eat Doritos with Mountain Dew and play GTA V.

Doctors are not hopeful about McDaniel's condition. "The chance of him passing senior year and graduating on time, at this point, is at about five percent. He is most likely not going to make to May," Dr. Andrew Sikorsky said, adding, "At this late progression of the disease, it is just not curable anymore and sadly, there is nothing we can do." McDaniel is currently failing three out of his six classes, one of which is gym. When asked about his plans for the future, McDaniel said, "Bro, can you just leave me alone, I gotta get this level completed, okay? Mom, why are they still interviewing me? Get them out of here!"

McDaniel's case is not the only one in the country. Last year, according to the American Senioritis Awareness Society, Senioritis took the diplomas of more than 3,000 students nationwide. "The disease is highly contagious, and it is very possible that McDaniel

may have infected other students at BHS," Sikorsky said. If you experience Senioritis symptoms such as falling behind in your homework, forgetting to come to school, or sleeping during your classes, you need to contact your medical provider immediately.

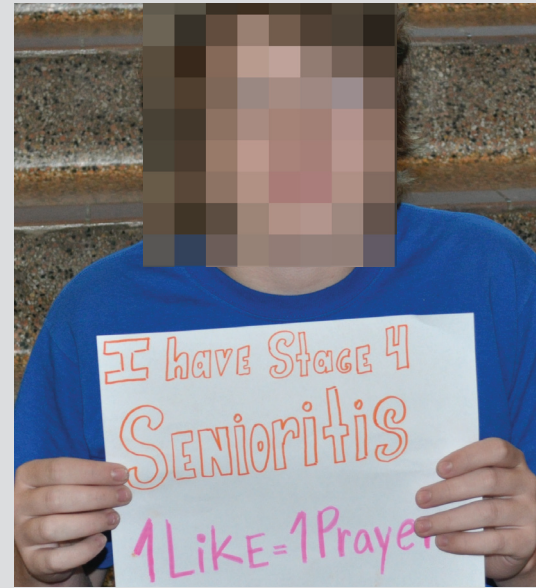


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This senioritis victim begs the Facebook community for support.

Cleanliness of students receives an "F"

Tyler Eldridge '14, Assistant Photo Editor

Berkley High School is ranked as one of the best schools in the country. The campus however often does not appear to deserve this qualification based on its cleanliness. Especially considering the bathrooms and locker rooms, it still has a long way to go before it could be considered truly clean, at least while students are in the building.

The following areas of the school have been rated on their level of cleanliness:

Lunchroom- C

The collaborative center is often disheveled after lunch. There is trash everywhere that has been left on the ground because students neglected to throw it away. It is not a challenge to find students who are disgusted with the current state of the collaborative center. "I don't eat in the cafeteria because people do not know how to clean up after themselves. You can't even sit down at a table behind someone else without clumps of food and wrappers being left behind," senior Kirby Morrell said. "Tables are sticky and the lounge chairs have stains. That is why I don't like eating in school," sophomore Tyler Hodges said. The lunchroom is the only place where you are likely to find an entire meal smashed to pieces.

Bathrooms- E

Throughout the day, bathrooms go quickly from clean to dirty to sickening. "Half of the bathrooms are horrid, they need to be cleaned all day," Hodge said. Although they start off pristine in the morning, the students quickly reverse the situation. "The girl's bathrooms are filthy, Mr. Skowronski did a UV light test and there was fluids all on the ceiling and fluid stains left all over the toilet seats and sinks. The boy's bathrooms were cleaner," senior Jennah Jones said. Often, it has been said that the boys' bathrooms are cleaner, but are they really? "They're disgusting. Guys don't always flush and freshmen think it's funny to wet paper towel and throw it up on the ceiling," junior Jacob Coutu said.

Locker rooms- E

The locker rooms are some of the filthiest places on campus. With athletes and dozens of physical education students tracking through daily, a foul smell constantly floats in the air. It is the smells and the constant sea of water covering the floors which bring the locker rooms to the grade of "E".

Hallways - B

The hallways are the first thing anyone sees when they step into the magnificent place that we call BHS. Usually, they do not look bad, but around lunch time is another story. Students conversing in the halls, teachers passing by, and the general bustle in the T only

disguises the buildup of trash, food, and dirt. After lunch, there are typically spills and trash, and there is always a mystery spill that many pass by and wish wasn't there. The hallways are one of the most important parts of school and it is important that we, as a student body, keep them clean all day. The hallways are not your trashcan. Remember that.

Class rooms- A

The classrooms seem to be the cleanest places on campus. This could be because classrooms are a learning environment. I, along with many students, am satisfied with the classrooms because they are the only unruffled and unblemished places on campus.

It could simply be that our school is 62 years old, but the question should be answered; if the BHS custodians are doing their best to keep our school clean, why can the BHS student body not do their part? Principal Randall Gawel took pride in his custodians' abilities, "I'm everywhere every day," he said. "In general, custodians do a good job," Gawel said. Custodians have a job to do, but the student body also has to do their job. If BHS is to improve its appearance the efforts of students will play a large role. So, pretend like your mom is watching you or something.



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HITS AND MISSES OF OCTOBER

HIT: Netflix

Josh Radom '16, Student Life Editor

From boring Friday nights with no plans, to addictive TV series obsessions, Netflix has become a commonly used video viewing website for most students. Not only does Netflix give students the ability to watch TV shows and movies at home on their laptops, but it also allows them to view between classes on their phones. The best part is, Netflix is not even blocked on the school Wi-Fi network. With its diverse show selection, Netflix provides BHS users with a wide variety of TV shows, movies, and even foreign films. This website is the technology of today; it makes becoming sucked into their with their favorite TV shows easier for students, giving these students a friendless opportunity for fun.

MISS: IOS 7

Jenna McClure '16, Publicity Director

On Sept. 15, many Apple users downloaded the company's new operating system, IOS 7. Supposedly this system is a glorious new outlook for Apple devices everywhere. Is it really worth all the new changes? IOS7 has a completely different appearance compared to the other IOS updates. Simply search "IOS 7," and you will notice an overwhelming amount of bad comments completely dealing with the different styles, designs, apps, keyboards, and glitches. The biggest complaint from IOS 7 users is the battery issue. Compared to IOS 6, the battery life of Apple products with IOS 7 has been significantly reduced by an hour of life, even when users are on Wi-Fi. A spokesman from Apple inc. said to The Telegraph, "We are aware of this issue, and will deliver a fix in a future software update." Not only does IOS 7 have big battery problems and tons of issues dealing with the program, there is also much confusion with the lay out of the system. Users are not fond of the flattened logos and icon designs that resemble Androids. Many people believe that the new IOS 7 is not worth having on their Apple device. With all of the negative reviews, they think that it is better to wait a while until Apple fixes all the problems with IOS 7 than having it right now.

**HIT: Sleepy Hollow**

Kit Charlton '16, Staff Writer

Sleepy Hollow is a neo-noir reimagining of the classic short story, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving. The show centers around Ichabod Crane (Tom Mison), a soldier killed in the American Revolutionary War, alive in modern-day *Sleepy Hollow*, New York. Considered a madman at first, Crane is soon found to be integral in solving the investigation of the murderous Headless Horseman. The Horseman is the embodiment of the Death, one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse, as shown in the Bible. It is another piece in the recent trend of zany, history-bending media, alongside such works as *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*. The program incorporates different outside themes into the original short story, such as biblical themes in the four horsemen and witchcraft in the reawakening of people long dead. *Sleepy Hollow* enjoyed a viewership of 22.7 million people when it premiered on Fox on Monday, Sept. 16. This is one to check out on a Monday night for a bit of engaging, historical fun.

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**HIT: Prisoners**

William Shulak '16, Staff Writer

Setting aside my man crush on Jake Gyllenhaal, *Prisoners* is still a fantastic piece of cinema. Directed by Denis Villeneuve, this movie intensifies the heat of the fall movie season. The film takes place in a small Pennsylvania town launched into distress by the kidnapping of two young girls. This gripping story is a detective thriller and is not intended for the faint of heart. It is rated R for disturbing violent content, so if you are under 17 years old, look forward to a movie night with mom or dad. Leading man Hugh Jackman, who plays Keller Dover, gives an Oscar worthy performance as the father of one of the kidnapped girls. Dover decides to take matters into his own hands by kidnapping the prime suspect, while Gyllenhaal plays the "hot shot" detective on the case. Terrence Howard, Melissa Leo, and Viola Davis give strong supporting performances. *Prisoners* was quite refreshing, as a moviegoer, to see a movie that focused on plot and character development, rather than special effects. *Prisoners* is strongly recommended for those interested in a great time and a great mystery.



Child stars gone wrong

Maddie Huff '15, Bull's Eye Editor

Lindsay Lohan



As a child star, Lindsay Lohan was the adorable freckled little girl that wormed her way into our hearts with the *Parent Trap*. Well, that ship has sailed everyone. Instead, she is clawing her way out. Lohan has been entangled in legal troubles for most of her adult life — drunk driving, drug addictions, rehab, missing or showing up late to community service, skipping court appearances, tax evasion, and the list goes on and on.

Everyone is still anxiously waiting for her to drop the next bomb because Lilo or the cracken, as she is popularly referred to for her less than rumored cocaine habit, will not disappoint.

Justin Bieber



From heart throb to heart stopper Justin Bieber has climbed his way onto the never ending list of child stars turned bad. Bieber recently went mad and ripped his shirt off because a party goer supposedly was preventing a girl from hitting on him. Egotistical much? While drugs have been found on his tour bus, pictures have also arisen of him and his friend, rap artist Lil Twist, smoking marijuana.

Even at a concert in New Jersey, Bieber was not very thrilled when fans threw things on stage, so he decided to, literally, take matters into his own hands. In other words, he shoved a fan's iPhone down his pants and then returned it to her. How classy.

Amanda Bynes



Well, Amanda's life right now might be easily deemed one huge mishap. She seems to be living in her own little fictional world. Whether Amanda Bynes is just a child star gone bad or mad, is yet to be determined.

In 2012, the former Nickelodeon star was arrested for drunk driving. After the incident her life began to spin out of control. Later on, the once labeled child star had a meltdown in a cupcake shop. The next disaster happened while Bynes was in a tanning salon and she decided to stand gloriously naked in the tanning salon's lobby. Bynes also accused a police officer of inappropriate behavior during a drug test after she was caught smoking marijuana. Smooth move, Mands.

Sadly, her crazy whirlwind storm does not just stop there. She has, on several occasions, decided to cyber-attack her fellow celebrities via Twitter with a lot of profanity. In May, she attacked Rihanna on Twitter by bringing up her rowdy relationship with Chris Brown, and implying that Rihanna was desperate to find love. Either she is mentally unwell or she is faking it for attention. We will just have to wait and see.

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Breaking Bears: Berkley's Strange Addiction

Will Shulak '16, Staff Writer

Early this fall, a good chunk of the Berkley High School community had their souls ripped from them when the series finale of *Breaking Bad* premiered on AMC on Sept. 29. The Primetime Emmy Award winning show sadly came to an end after 62 episodes on air. It is quite apparent though, through word of mouth, that *Breaking Bad* was widely viewed throughout BHS.

Sophomore Drake Yolkiewicz has a fascination with the odd premise of the show: a high school teacher cooking methamphetamine. "[The show] leaves you with a cliffhanger in many episodes and the story is just so good. It does things that you don't see in normal shows," Yolkiewicz said. Junior Logan Donnelly explained why he loved *Breaking Bad* when he said, "It tends to keep me really interested with all the drugs and violence." Male students, unlike the female student body, appear to be fascinated with how the plot involving violence and action developed.

Students are not the only fans of *Breaking Bad* at BHS. "It's interesting and I've gotten involved with it," science teacher Mr. Andy Bruen said, describing how the show has engaged him in the life of teacher Walter White. Science teacher Mr.

Mark Meacham was also a fan and liked the show a lot, that is, until he canceled his Netflix account. Science teacher Mr. Scott Doty, who previously watched the show, commented on how it is not a wise idea to cook meth. "You may just blow yourself to bits in the process," Doty said. After hearing what their colleague had to say, Meacham and Bruen also advised against cooking meth. Principal Mr. Randall Gawel was glad to hear this.



The only bright side to the end of *Breaking Bad* is the spin off prequel series, *Better Call Saul*, which was announced by *Breaking Bad* creator Vince Gilligan. The much-anticipated show is expected to be released late 2014. This program will follow the shady lawyer, Saul Goodman, from *Breaking Bad*. Viewers of the show were ecstatic to hear about this. They guessed that the show would probably be a drama, like *Breaking Bad*, but with more comedic tones.

All in all, *Breaking Bad* was immensely enjoyed throughout BHS. It has been the most recent non-reality TV show phenomenon to hit the corner of Catalpa and Coolidge, and will not soon be forgotten.

Fall Concert Preview

Jake Kreinbring '16, Entertainment Editor and Zoe Lask '16, Photo Editor



Dale Earnhardt Jr Jr

This pop band is coming back to their home town in November, and, just as it is every year, it will be a party. Now some people may say that they can just go to any other party and have just as much fun, but some people are wrong. Fans of just about any music type will enjoy this show. The two frontmen are not only majorly talented, but are from Royal Oak. They even filmed one of their music videos inside BHS. They will be visiting the the Jack White Theater on Nov. 23. Tickets will be \$28 per seat.

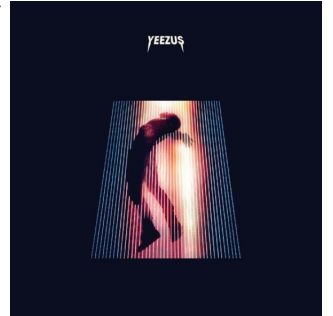
Macklemore and Ryan Lewis

This star's success with songs like "Thrift Shop," "Same Love" and "Can't Hold Us" have shot Macklemore and Ryan Lewis to the top of the charts. His deep songs about topics such as gay rights hint to a possibly down to earth concert. Macklemore's Individual style and lyrics will attract fans from just about every His rhyming skills as well as his individual flow will lead to a great show on Nov. 2. Ticket prices will range from a \$48 to \$534.



Kanye West and Kendrick Lamar

This a-list duo will be coming to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Nov. 10. These two promise to impress with a generally insane performances from Kanye as well as some down to earth tracks from Kendrick. These two performers have been at the top of the charts for a long time, with songs from their old albums still ranking among some of the most people. The classics from this interesting mix could make the rather steep price tag for a ticket worth the price.



MGMT

Now, this band is fairly well known, and they will be coming to the Fillmore Nov. 20, and the promise to bring a great show. Their trippy and sometimes overwhelming sound have created a name for the band. This psychedelic rock group has hits such as "Kids" and "Time to Pretend". These rockers have always put on a good show, just be sure to come prepared to party your socks off.

Stick to the Classics

Malindi Lubinecky '15, Layout Director

Horror is a genre of film that captivates people with fear. It is filled with gore, suspense and mystery. Horror confronts the concepts we are all afraid to think about.

Classic horror movies help build the foundation that modern horror movies use today. Unfortunately, many of the basic attributes of horror films have been turned into clichés that affect the overall quality of the genre.

There continues to be a widening argument on whether this genre of film has lost its touch or has gotten better over the past decades. Some modern horror films have gone above and beyond the normal concepts of horror and have given the classics a run for their money. But which ultimately wins?

When one looks at the ways in which horror movies have changed over time, there are some movies that go against the graphic, gory conception that people have of modern horror films. Most current movies have lost their way when it comes to truly playing games with the viewers mind, but pictures such as *Shutter Island* give a psychological twist to horror films leaving audiences questioning their own sanity.

Presently, popular horror films include series' such as *Paranormal Activities* and *Saw*, which are elaborated and extended versions of past horror films like *The Blair Witch Project*. These movies are merely built upon one another from the same basic idea that has already been used in the past, causing viewers to find the material in the films predictable and cliché. "I was looking forward to seeing the second *Conjuring* movie, but it was a major let down. I was expecting it to be something I hadn't seen before, but it turned out to be cliché," junior Natalie Jackson said.

Many believe that older horror films do not infuse the same frightening aspect that current films protrude, however, they appear to have forgotten about classics such as *Psycho*, one of the most well-known horror films of all time. While modern horror film directors may include a scare or two, director Alfred Hitchcock made the game-changing masterpiece of *Psycho* in 1960. He used *Psycho* to play the ultimate dirty trick: killing off his lead actress, Janet Leigh, halfway through the movie and doing it with such unspeakable, out of nowhere savagery that he seemed to be pulling the rug, the floor, and the earth right out from under the audience. Hitchcock opened an abyss, exposing moviegoers to a dark side that few at that time could ever have even dared to imagine. By doing this, he created the platform that current directors should take inspiration from instead of attempting to live up to the phenomenon that Hitchcock discovered.

But one cannot forget that without the originals, there would not be the gory, suspenseful films that many watch today. Although many of the current films in today's society fail tragically in the attempt to make their movies legendary rather than ordinary, directors today must remember that many of the best horrors presently are greatly influenced by the classics.

So have today's horror films lost their touch? It depends on the perspective of the horror movie junkie.

THE RIVALRY CONTINUES

Drew Leshman, '17, Circulation Manager

Michigan vs. Michigan State. One of the biggest rivalries in college sports today. This incredible head to head matchup goes back all the way to 1898, when the teams first played against each other. That year, however, there were not heart-pounding, nail-biting quarters as U of M blew out MSU 39-0. The two teams have proceeded to meet almost every year since that date, and this year is no different.

Both teams compete in the Big Ten Conference, but U of M was in the Big Ten before MSU when MSU joined in 1950. The rivalry has become more intense as it is now considered a conference rivalry as the two teams compete for the Big Ten title every year.

Annually, the Wolverines and Spartans compete for bragging rights and the prestigious Paul Bunyan Trophy, which is awarded to the victorious team after each game. The trophy was first awarded in 1953, and in that first fateful fight for the trophy U of M took home the hardware. From that moment the rivalry took off. Now, U of M has won the trophy 36 more times than MSU, which is an astonishing lead.

In recent years, the games have had some exciting finishes. Of last second touchdowns to a thrilling win in overtime, both teams play their heart out every time they take the field. Many fans believe the most memorable game was back in 2001, when quarterback Jeff Smoker threw a two-yard touchdown pass to the running back, TJ Duckett, on the final play of the game giving the Spartans a 26-24 victory over the Wolverines.

Math teacher, Mr. Steve Weingarden agreed with a lot of other fans and said that the TJ Duckett pass was the most exciting part of that game. Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Jen Simone, going to U of M first, and then going to MSU for her masters degree said, "My brother went to State, so anytime I am with my brother, I root for the other team (Michigan State). I waffle on purpose to cause tension in my own family." Simone continued, "I remember just being in that arena cheering on the Spartans in 1999." She did not remember who had won that year, but she just loved being at the game with her family. English teacher, Mrs. Tess Ferrara, (the biggest Michigan fan of them all) said the most exciting game in the series rivalry was "The 2004 game that went into triple overtime." U of M happened to win that game. History teacher, Mrs. Angie Church, although being an avid Michigan State fan, did not have a favorite memory. "All I can say is, anytime Michigan State beats U of M, it's the sweetest thing," she said.

As the history of these two teams gets even more exciting to hear about, the popularity and interest invested in the game increases. This rivalry goes back over one hundred years, and at this rate, it is not going anywhere anytime soon. This year the rivalry takes place in East Lansing on Saturday, Nov. 2.



Freshman Joey Berlin always roots for the Spartans.



Freshman Adam Gross bleeds the maize and blue.

Photo by Zoe Lask

SOCCKER OUT IN DISTRICTS; INJURIES DID NOT KEEP THEM DOWN FOR LONG

Cameron Cece '16, Staff Writer

On Monday Sept. 23, the soccer team took a critical hit when two key players were injured in the loss against Royal Oak.

The first to be taken out of the game was junior Patrick Falk. Falk went up for the ball trying for a header and fell on his back with 15 minutes left in the first half. At half time he was escorted away in an ambulance due to multiple back spasms. Later, with 30 minutes left in the second half senior Stepp Mayes was injured while slide tackling the ball from a Royal Oak player. It was reported Mayes had a broken wrist and was only able to come back for the final District game despite having to play with pins still in his wrists. "The injuries were a result of rough play and freak accidents," Falk said.

With the loss of Mayes and Falk, other players on the team had to step up and take their place. "The second string will do

fine, there are really no bad players on the team," said junior outside midfielder Jacob Coutu. Coutu went on and said "It's hard to go without a player like Falk. Stepp is our starting center, and it's tough to miss him out on the field." Other players believe that it will only take a few day of practice to make everything run smoothly. "It's a little bit of a transition, but we have three days of practice this week. We will get it right," junior Noah Mathews center midfielder said, hopefully. Falk was put back in the lineup for next game.

As all soccer players are well aware, injuries are a necessary risk in any contact sport, and soccer is absolutely no exception.

Despite these injuries, the Varsity boys' soccer team ended the season with a record of 10-8-2. They played University of Detroit Jesuit on Oct. 14, losing 6-3 at Hurley Field.



Sophomore midfielder Zach Hobson takes on an opponent with fancy footwork.

Photo by Malindi Lubinecky

October sports update

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Girls' Swim and Dive-

The Monday after homecoming to the Tuesday of the following week is "hell week" for the girls swim and dive team. The entire week the swimmers are pushed far beyond their limits. "There is a lot of puking," freshman Olivia Nave said. Olivia swims the 100 back. The girls are given intense sets to the point where limbs and extremities go numb and tears are not an unusual sight. As a team, however, they have won two meets and are all there supporting each other, being a true "team". As individuals, it is said that a lot of improvements are being made and the season is turning out to be a success. Their final meets are Nov. 6, Nov. 7, and Nov. 8 at Oxford High School.

Cheer-

As the cheer team continues to practice, they are improving drastically and some girls are learning to do tricks like tucks and flips. They continue to push each other to reach new levels of cheer quality. "If we've seen you can do something before and you are trying to not do it now, we push you to make you better and reach where you were once at," a freshman member of the team said. The entire team is working well together and they are becoming more of a tight knit group of girls. Whether they are tumbling in the air or just walking through the halls, they are the best of friends. Competition cheer begins in the winter, for now they are getting their practice in on the sideline.

Boys' Tennis-

The BHS boys' tennis team has been very successful this season with only losing a handful of matches. Junior Noah Kretchmer is one of the best singles players in the league, and the team's depth has helped significantly, especially with the second, third, and fourth doubles pairs. "We're doing pretty good. I'm doing good. I've won a majority of my matches," junior Graham Wise said. In addition to the boys having a great regular season, the tennis boys did a great job at regionals and went to states in Holland, MI last Thursday.

Volleyball-

Even after losing some very valuable seniors last year, the volleyball team is still persevering and managing to come through and compensate for their graduated players. "We have done okay so far," sophomore, Jane Hammerle said. Their record as of now is 5-3. Despite some of the losses, the team continues to support one another and work together like sisters. The upcoming volleyball games are Oct. 22 at Groves High School, and Oct. 24 at Rochester high school.

Football-

As of now, the football team has a losing record of 3-4. "I am disappointed in our record right now. If we are going to make the playoffs we need to step it up," sophomore Nolan Givan said. Then he added, "Our offense is doing well, we just need to work on our defense specifically." Similar to the cheer team, on and off the field the boys are a team, whether they are just hanging out or having team dinners. Friday, Oct. 25 is the next and last game at Robichaud.



The football team continues to fight hard every game.

Photo by Malindi Lubinecky

Girls' Golf-

The girls' golf team is having a working very hard this season. "We're doing well, we're improving, I think we're pretty even with the other teams in our league," senior Riley Collins said. She added, "I've been trying my best and slowly improving." Improvement seems to be a consistent theme throughout the golf program. "So far so good. This is the best year I've had," junior Danielle Muench said. The JV team practices rigorously as well, even if they have not gotten the most successful results. "[Our season has] not [been] great; we try hard though and we're improving," freshman Carolyn Cohen. The girls placed third in the OAA Division Tournament on Oct. 3.

Boys' Soccer-

The boys' soccer team had a great season with a record of 10-8-2. Senior Zack Segall played a big part in the team's success "I'm doing good. It helps a lot playing with players that are talented and experienced. Some of us have been playing together for seven years now," Segall said. Unfortunately the Bears lost to bitter rival Royal Oak with a final score of 2-1 at home. During the game, the Bears also lost a few players due to injuries, but the game was still very fun as both schools had large student sections at the game. On Oct. 14 the boys lost to Uof D in a district game at Hurley which ended their season.

Cross Country-

So far the BHS cross country teams are having an amazing season. The boys team holds the top spot in their league as of October 14 after winning both jamborees, type of cross country race, the girls team is tied with Groves High School for first place in their league after getting second in their most recent jamboree, trailing Groves by just four points. Senior Nicole Johns, the team's top female runner, is having a great season. "I got first place at the first jamboree," Johns said. The boys and girls cross country teams both had a chance to win their league at home this Thursday.

Is it Sunday yet?

Adam Yaker '17, Staff Writer

Most people know that Sunday is of course, "game day" for NFL football. For some, Sunday is much more than a day of just relaxing. Reading a book, doing all the procrastinated homework one regretted not doing on Friday or Saturday, or even going to grandma and grandpa's for dinner will not be happening on Sunday. Instead, it is a day dedicated to nothing else besides fantasy football. Fantasy football is an online game in which participants choose fictional teams from among the players in the NFL and score points according to the actual performance of their players in the real games. Each team is in their own league, usually consisting of personal friends, co-workers, and family members. For many BHS students, the game is a very serious, time consuming, and heart-racing activity.

The average NFL Sunday schedule consists of multiple 1:00 p.m. games, leading into multiple 4:00 p.m. games, ending at an eight thirty, Sunday night game. For some students who are so engaged in their team's success, the only breaks from watching football games they have include going to the bathroom and eating. "Fantasy Football takes up almost all of my Sunday, and I'm constantly checking my team and the league scores," freshman Ian Berlin said. "Having a twin brother who is in my league to watch the games with is fun and we both tend to yell at the TV while cheering on our players," Berlin said. Many students have different views on spending a full day playing Fantasy Football. "I never start homework until

after the Sunday night game. On Sunday, football is the only thing on my mind. For me, football is more important than homework," junior Noah Witus said.

Each week is always exciting because different players perform differently, making the unexpected, expected. Setting the optimal lineup, and studying all the different stats, facts, and strategies is a commitment that, if victorious pays off at the end of week. "Fantasy football is a big part of my life. You got to put a lot in to get a lot out. On Sunday, you know I'm watching the games," sophomore Graham Hamilton said.

Although fantasy football is supposed to be a fun, entertaining game, many people get very focused and start to forget the "fantasy" part of the game. Depending on the amount of interest in this hobby, fantasy football can change from a meaningless online game to what many think of as a competitive, full day, exhausting commotion.

Jersey Leshoure		Make it Wayne	
Proj. Total	72	Proj. Total	58
T. Romo, Dal	8	A. Smith, KC	7
Wsh, Final		Oak, Final	
170 YDS, TD, INT		128 YDS	
F. Jackson, Buf	4	W. McGahee, Cle	3
Cin, F/OT		Det, Final	
35 YDS		37 YDS	
K. Moreno, Den	28	M. Jones-Drew, Jac	13
Jac, Final		@Den, Final	
42 YDS, 3 TD		71 YDS, TD	
A. Jeffery, Chi	3	W. Welker, Den	12
NYG, Final		Jac, Final	
1 REC, 27 YDS		6 REC, 63 YDS, TD	
J. Gordon, Cle	12	G. Tate, Sea	3
Det, Final		Ten, Final	
7 REC, 126 YDS		5 REC, 33 YDS	
I. Graham, NYG		S. McGahey, KC	

The ESPN fantasy football app is very popular among people who play the game.

Photo by Bennett Hart

Get me some of that senioritis

Shelby Silver '14, Managing Editor

Once upon a time, a senior named Shelby Silver was sitting on her couch talking to her older brother who is in college. He was telling her stories of his hooligan days at Berkley High School and how much fun he had during his senior year. Shelby had to sit there and pretend that she was happy to hear about his glory days, when really she wanted to pull her hair out because she actually had no idea of what he meant by, "My senior year was the easiest and best year of my life." She thought, "It's almost as if the devil decided that it would be funny to ruin my last year at BHS with really hard classes and never ending homework." Well, it's not.

Yes, my dear friends, it is true that this sad senior is in fact me.

For three years, we the seniors of Berkley High School have waited for the moment where we could walk through the BHS senior doors for the first, last time. The feelings of finally being the top dog is glorious, but ever since Sept. 3, many seniors, including me, have been drowning in college applications, hard classes and the struggle to fully dedicate ourselves to extracurricular activities. The last three years have honestly been unbearable and this year is starting to feel no different. The "senioritis" influenza that the seniors caught last year, the year before *and* the year before has failed to contaminate many of us with the infectious (but long waited for) incurable disease which in turn is making all of us go insane. We are seriously riding the struggle bus here, people.

Take our Powder Puff loss for example; a lot of the seniors who participated in the game failed to come to all of the practices due to the amount of school work and other obligations they had to attend to. "For the girls who did go, we made the best of it," senior Maddie Baker said. "We're the prettiest losers, so it's totally fine," she continued. Maybe, just maybe, if we went to all of the practices and put our school work aside and focused on having fun for just a few hours, we perhaps could have won the game. The point of senior year, at least in my opinion, is to leave our final mark on BHS, to be a kid for one more year and to relax a little bit before heading off to college and facing the realities of life.

Unlike the grueling senior year that a lot of us have been suffering through, movies from the beginning of time depict high school seniors as teenagers who do whatever they want while they have the time of their lives. Well, do I have news for you my senior friends: as of right now, these depictions are false, so very false. What I would give to have the stress free life of Ferris Buellor from *Ferris Buellor's Day Off* is beyond me. Right now, I can't even think about going to the bathroom during most of my classes due to the amount of information I'll miss in just those few minutes I'm gone. "I receive roughly 24 hours of homework a day due to my difficult schedule. I have no time for sports, friends or girls." Senior Stepp Mayes said. Up until about two months ago, I, along with roughly 320 other seniors, thought that senior year was going to be the best year ever and everything was going to be perfect, but that assumption went straight down the toilet when many of us came home on that second day of school with 10 pounds worth of homework to finish by the next morning. The anticipation from knowing that this year is going to be our last and the excitement from hearing amazing stories from past seniors essentially blew up in our faces the day we stepped through the BHS doors for the fourth and final time.

Like I said before, senior year is our final chance to leave our mark on BHS for the years to come. At the rate we're going now, the rest of the year will be just as exhausting and stressful as the past three years have been. The dream of having a stress free senior year is not in our favor.

I don't know about any of you, my fellow seniors, but I want to make this year as memorable as possible. I don't want to look back and say that I was too busy to attend any school functions due to the overwhelming work load I had to get done. Instead, I want to look back and laugh because I had the most fun I've ever had during my time at BHS. I don't know about the rest of you fellow strugglers, but I'll be waiting in line for my senioritis shot at the local Walgreens.

D-Town disconnect

Jake Rothman '14, Editor-in-Chief

A little over three miles. That is it. Take Coolidge Highway south for about ten minutes and you have arrived in the battlefield of a city that has endured economic hardship after economic hardship. But now, as the previously glorified city files for the largest and most prominent municipal bankruptcy in the nation's history, most of us at BHS have minimal knowledge regarding Detroit's dire condition.

Most of us BHS students typically go to school, proceed to extracurricular activities, and finally go home to a nice dinner followed by a night of grueling homework. But how often do any of us consider the severity of the condition of our state's once crowned jewel of a city? Let alone can any of us fathom to consider what 14-18 year olds can do to alter the shambled scenes of modern day Motown. After all, none of our student IDs say "Dan Gilbert Jr." However, I propose, by simply recognizing a part of the complex yet dilapidated situation of Detroit, all of us can increase our awareness regarding the seemingly hopeless case.

The once booming metropolis of Midwestern America has taken a turn for the worst following the race riots of 1967. Ever since those fateful five days, residents of the once luminous city have been fleeing to the suburbs along with their wealth, middle-class clout, and regional stability. Through years of outsourcing, corruption, auto industry failure, increased crime rate, insufficient funds, and culturally segregated neighborhoods have led Detroit straight to the point of helplessness: bankruptcy.

While it can be said that a majority of our trips down to the city of Detroit as BHS students are usually to observe one of our city's glorious sports teams, to grasp the information at one of Detroit's historic museums, to eat at one of the city's famous Coney island restaurants or to let loose at a downtown music festival, everyone would be much more accurately informed if we all just removed ourselves from the downtown hype for a moment and considered what atrocities were occurring less than five miles away. In that case, we would finally all be aware of the ineptitude of the city's service department to responsibly carry out their duties; they are solely persevering through the city and their occupation's adversity because of their unmatched pride for Motown. Many of these service officers volunteer to add necessary assistance to inner city areas that lack sufficient response teams. Of those who are paid for their generous help, they are not being paid a reasonably livable amount. Even after these courageous officers have retired from their admirable time on the force, they are not being rewarded with the pensions they were promised, but rather are receiving monumental hits to their future incomes through Emergency City Manager Kevyn Orr's bankruptcy plan which includes cutting service workers' pensions.

Without a sufficient police force and fire department, crime has also dramatically increased inside the already notoriously dangerous city. For most of us, the extent of the criminal activity we see on a daily basis is going 35 mph down 11 mile road. Even the worst we see in the Berkley area, home invasions, does not even come close to comparing the constant fear Detroiters feel every day. With response times increasing because of all the mess regarding the service departments, criminals now have a newly gained sense of freedom in the vast metropolis that has already been named the most dangerous city in America for what seems like an eternity. The situation devastated many of Detroit's current residents who now find themselves with essentially two options: homelessness or crime. Murder, drug trafficking on every corner, arson, assaults — the list goes on and on. A crime that reaches the severity of the violent acts committed in Detroit everyday would rattle the core of our community for years, while inhabitants of Detroit are expected to overcome such setbacks, pick themselves up, and live to fight another day without dwelling on the situation for much longer than the police (if they can afford to arrive) do.

Even if Detroiters did intend to dwell on the crimes that are constantly affecting them, they would unfortunately fall victim to the vicious economic condition of the city before they could completely recover from the incriminating act causing their worry. This puts some citizens of Detroit in the endless cycle of poverty and crime that devastates so many. People would go to great lengths to provide a reasonable living for their family and, sadly, those lengths are typically limited to crime and violence, which makes this generation of violent Detroiters no better than the last. A solution is urgently needed in our beloved city. Hopefully, Orr's bankruptcy plan will lift the spirits and actions of the city's inhabitants. However, that being said, with the dire situation Detroit is in, nothing short of a miracle will propel the city back to its previous glory.

Now, BHS students, take a step back and ponder how not being able to amply protect the commodities you love for most, while taking a significant loss of income, would resonate in your own mind. I imagine anger and frustration are the immediate responses. Those exact emotions are how many Detroiters feel regarding the incomprehensible situation their beloved city is mired in.

Pride in their city is an aspect of life that Detroiters take extremely seriously. So while most of us say we are from "Detroit," sadly, we cannot justifiably say so because we have not endured the treacherous situation of the past decade inside the actual city limits of Detroit. Do not get me wrong, it is undeniable that the economic pitfalls of our state's most prominent city has extended out to the suburbs and certainly affected those whose well-being relies on the city's success. However, for most of us, without actually witnessing and adapting to atrocities taking place within the confines of the 143 square mile city, we cannot accurately relate our prospective to the grim reality the city is facing. We all need to become better accustomed to the happenings inside our metropolis because if, as the next generation, we turn a blind eye to setbacks of our city then the following generations will have a city that is no better off than the dumping ground of 70,000 abandoned houses, 20,000 freely roaming dogs, and 15,263 violent crimes and much more, that it unfortunately is today.