

# Scarlet Scoop

## Chorus? Why of couse!

Before I begin, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Justin Kiefer, and I am a freshmen here at Belvidere High School, covering the music department for the Scarlet Scoop. I graduated from White Township Consolidated School this past June. At White, I did a lot of singing and acting in our school musicals and concerts. Leaving all of this behind me at White Township broke my heart. However, after coming to BHS and learning all about their music program, I was quite excited.

You know all about sports, but what about chorus? Have you ever thought about singing? Do you ever wonder what it is like to stand on a stage in front of many onlookers and put on a performance?

Here at BHS the music program is split into two different programs, instrumental and chorus. Mr. Riday runs chorus, and Mr. Zetterstrom (also known as Mr. Z) runs the instrumental program. In chorus, there are many different choirs. We have Concert Choir, which is a general chorus that anybody can join. There's also Scarlet Choir, which is only open to people who audition. Finally, we have a group called Madrigals. The Madrigals sing more complex music than the other two groups, and just like Scarlet Choir, you must audition for a part in the group. Madrigals are automatically placed in Scarlet and Concert Choir.

Many people are nervous about singing in front of large groups, or singing in general. This is very normal. I've learned over the years that it's good to be nervous sometimes. It keeps you aware of what's going on and what you have to do. Everybody is usually nervous before a performance. By the time you start the show, you really begin to feel proud about what you are doing.

Putting yourself in the spotlight takes a lot of guts. Some people back down at the thought of this. Don't let anything stop you from doing what you want to do. You never know what you can do until you try. See Mr. Riday in room 122 or Mr. Z in room 124 for more information.

-Justin Kiefer

## Belvidere Varsity Football

This years' varsity football team has been off to a great start winning all three of their first games. The captains for the team are Seniors Marc Florie and J.P. Palmer, along with Juniors Ian Schreffler and Jordan McElroy. The other seniors include Jack O'Neil, Jeff McGuire, Rob Welles, Joey Bruschetta, Addison Hinrichs, Austin Sepulveda, C.J. Triantafyllos, Eric Roncoroni, Kaleb Wisner, and Frank Snover. The juniors include Kyle Apgar, Greg Krieger, Tyler Tresslar, Mike Mottola, Josh Melchor, Brian West, and Ryan Belby. These players have been extremely important to the 8-0 record for Belvidere.

Against Kearny, the Seaters won 23-6 allowing only one touchdown to go through the defense. In their second game against South Hunterdon, they won 31-0. The Seaters continued their winning streak in the game against Bernards, with a final score of 35-0. Ryan Belby made five successful kicks for Belvidere. Mike Mottola scored one touchdown in the game, as did Donnie Mitchell.

Jordan McElroy had three touchdowns in the game, two of them coming from Ian Schreffler's passes. Going into the game versus Hackettstown 3-0, we raised our record to 4-0 with a win of 48-7. After four games, the Seaters only let through two touchdowns, proving that the defense is working very hard this year. At the Homecoming game versus Bound Brook, there was tons of excitement surrounding the game, putting a lot of pressure onto the players. The pressures didn't faze them however, coming out of the game with a 49-12 win over Bound Brook . (continued on next page)

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The Seaters let Del Val have one touchdown before they came back and scored. After four quarters of intense play, the Seaters went into double overtime, finally winning after coming up from behind and scoring two touchdowns in a row. The Seaters won 28-27. In the game versus North Plainfield, the Seaters won 28-7. Mike Mottola scored three touchdowns, breaking 1,000 running yards for this season. Rob Welles also had one touchdown in the victory against North Plainfield. At the rainy Friday night game versus Manville, the Seaters won 35-10. Ryan Belby made five kicks for the evening after the touchdowns from Mike Mottola, Rob Welles, Kaleb Wisner, Jordan McElroy and Ryan Belby. Quarterback Ian Schreffler aided two touchdowns with the passes to Rob Welles and Kaleb Wisner. Belvidere's Varsity football team has been looking better this year than ever before, and will surely step up the playing even more for the upcoming states games. With a 9-0 record they will face their most challenging games. Good Luck to the team!

-Lauren Stemler



## Deer Enters Music Department

On Friday, September 21, a deer caused some chaos in the band room. Mr. Zetterstrom, sitting in his office, heard the cheerleaders who had been practicing near the front of the school screaming and talking. As he says, "They do that," and he thought nothing of it. A short time later he heard banging as if someone were playing the drums, and again assumed that it was students, who are known to wander in and out of the half-pink, community-focused music room. Then an adult deer quietly walked into Mr. Z's office between the music room and the chorus room.

The deer had passed the desk where he was sitting; Mr. Z escaped the office in the direction of the band room, shut the double doors, and there encountered a custodian. "There's a deer in my room!" He exclaimed. The custodian was nonplussed and said that he knew. Eventually, the deer was shooed from the music room by a valiant group of cheerleaders. It caused no irreparable damage to people or equipment, but jumped around considerably and knocked over drums, bells, and the occasional chair. It is unknown why the deer, probably a female, wanted to enter the school.



## THE CHESS CLUB IS BACK!

Mr. Vickers welcomes players of all experiences ranging from ROOKIES to KINGS of the CASTLE.

All are welcome ANY Tuesday from 2:30-4:00 in Room 226.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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## Homecoming

Homecoming week is a time for enjoying high school activities. We started spirit week with twin day. Students from all grade levels participated in this fun event. On Tuesday, we celebrated decade day! This day allowed students to express themselves through clothing from the past. Wednesday was bling day, in which the student body was joyous through their BLING! Crazy day, which was held on Thursday, allowed students to let loose and come out of themselves in a crazy way. Friday was the oh-so famous class color day! This day allowed students to band together as a class for a common good.

Also on Thursday were the infamous homecoming skits, in which the seniors running for homecoming king or queen performed for the classes. Then on Friday, the homecoming pep rally was held. Belvidere's own marching band did wonderfully at this event, entertaining the crowd, and brimming with school spirit. The winners of the hall- and door-decorating contests were announced at the rally. Mr. Goffi won the door contest. The seniors, like the past few years now, won the hallway decorating contest. The themes for the hallways this year were very creative. The freshman went with a bubble bath theme; the sophomores with a Smurf theme; the juniors had a Spider-Man theme; and the winners, the seniors, had a pirate theme. All grade levels had great ideas.

After the pep rally occurred, everyone was psyched for the game, which we won with a score of 49-14 against Bound Brook!!! At the game the homecoming queen was announced. Lauren Peters took the title. Later on at the dance, we found out that Keith Reed won the crown for homecoming king. Even though spirit week can be crazy, it bonds together the whole student body into one.

-Damaris Millhiem and Heather Shupe

## Creative Writing Column

A new addition to the Scoop coverage is creative writing. This column will showcase students' own work in poetry, song lyrics, short stories, etc. Any student can submit a piece to Megan Crouse, Shane Stewart, or Mrs. Gautier for possible entry into the newspaper.

This story for the first issue is a science-fiction piece by Megan. Though the alien names are strange, the moral which the narrator, a young girl, learns applies to high school and life today.

### An Obscure Earthling Word

He said, "That's not *normal*."

I said, "That's not what?"

He said, "That's not *normal*. No one wears feathers in their hair."

I was willing to impart knowledge. "The Sussevi people of PRK15 do all the time. I liked the feathers, so I bought some for myself."

His face wrinkled. "You're not Sussevi."

I said, "You're not human, and the Humans invented cargo pants."

He turned and looked at everyone scattered in clusters throughout the desks. "Everyone wears them." His cheeks shaded to purple, indicating that he noticed a change in the air quality.

I said, "The Roud don't wear any pants at all."

His face went far more more wrinkly, and he stiffly laughed at me. "So you hang out with people with no pants!" I became known for this disastrously, immediately. I couldn't understand—

When I got home mom was cooking dinner over the retrorockets. I asked, "Mommi, what's *normal*?" She splashed the orange sauce on the chicken like it should be. "I don't know, honey. Where'd you hear that?"

"In school—this Galu told me it wasn't *normal* to wear feathers in my hair cause I'm not a Sussevi, or something."

"Hmm. You'll have to ask your father."

"Okay."

Da came home from work leading a creature almost my height, an electric blue lizard with green scales upraised on its head and big black cute eyes. I sat on my knees to look up at them. "Hai daddy!" He pressed

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on the lizard's head and it sat down. Its feet made clicky noises on the black stone. I looked from it to Da. "Da, what's *normal*?"

Something bad came into his voice. "Where'd you hear that?"

"School."

"We're going to leave later tonight. Here." He gave me the lizard's leash. "Feed him some of your chicken." He sniffed deeply.

That night we lifted off and went through space that was beautiful with purples and blues. Da came up next to me at the view port next to my room and lizard got up hissing; I pressed on his head and he set down.

"Now what's *normal*?" He asked me.

"I don't know."

He said, "Honey, it's an archaic Earthling word. You saw how all the people in your classroom dressed alike? They call that style of dress, what all of them have, they would call normal. It's the thing everyone does."

I blinked at him. "But nobody does everything." My words got tripped over themselves a little I think, but Da smiled.

"Normal only exists for people who've stayed on one planet or even in one government-holding for their whole lives. That classroom is like a world to them, so what people like that do is all that exists. You and your mother know more than that. You know that what's accepted on Earth isn't on Sussemi, or is hated in the spacer's halls. But so little is hated in the spacer's halls. We know there's no such thing as normal."

Ma and Da kept us away from planets for a while. Lizard started speaking strange Human languages, and Ma started calling him 'refugee', asking him what she would get for saving his life, and whether it could be ship parts instead of money.

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You never realize how much you like someone even though you didn't have "anything" with them. A newly created friendship could be over just like that, with memories to last and a face to identify in your head. It's better in reality, but whatever we have is golden. With the distance, one might as well forget the name I called a crush.

- AshleyLatourette

## Girls Soccer

In regular season play, BHS Girls Soccer earned a 10-5-1 record to place 6th in Group 1. Seniors Morgan Smith, Rachel Hoyt, Tayrn Hollowell, Becky Gillette, Lindsay Zelus, and Brittany Nechay have seen some very exciting soccer over the last four years. Decidedly, Coach Krushinski has a lot to be proud of. The team had a great run in the post season. Thank you team for great soccer.

- A Fan

