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Girl's Basketball 2007-2008

This year's girls basketball team has come a long way. We have just four seniors and many, many underclassmen. The team came into the season with a very positive attitude. Our positive attitude, heart, drive, and chemistry has led us to a near perfect season. We look forward to continuing our success to the end of our regular and into the post season. As a team, we have set new school records from this season.



As a captain, I am so proud to say that I play for Belvidere. I love the group of girls that I am around every day. 17-0 is an amazing accomplishment, and I could not be happier. I am excited to see what the end of the regular season and the post season brings us. Please come out and support us throughout the rest of our great season.

-Marielle Thorsen

Come cheer on our Lady Seaters as they play their first state game on February 28, at home versus Becton at seven o' clock PM!



Boy's Basketball 2007-2008

Looking back on this season showed me a lot. Our record does not show much about the actual effort put forth this season, but it does show the fact that we could've been better. As seniors, it's very exciting to know that being part of a sports program at Belvidere High School is a privilege. You can't always judge a team by their record, and you shouldn't. The competition in boys athletics in high school is very competitive, especially in basketball. Basketball is a team sport, and when I say team, I mean it. There's no "I" in team and there's never an individual that stands out. You win and lose as a team. Our team has come a long way since we got our new coach even though it hasn't been a winning season. With him as a coach, there have been a lot of memories made. As a senior athlete, being involved in sports since grade school, I've not only improved, but our team has improved. Every single person on the team has a role and it's their job to fulfill that role. There is a lot that can be said about our team, and it's just frustrating to know that no one knows how hard we work and how much effort we put forth to win. Our three captains this year were definitely motivators and well rounded athletes. They were a huge stand out in this year's season. I wish the best of luck to all the teams and most of all for everyone to put in their all for the rest of the season. Once a quitter, always a quitter. So, all I can say is "never give up". Play until the clock says 0.

- Kyle Beatty & Sean Duff



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History Made with Belvidere's First Swim Team



BHS now has its first officially structured Swim Team. The team is made up of roughly twelve swimmers with abilities ranging from year round, to good, to novice. The team competes in the state conferences, the Cougar Invitational, and the Hunterdon-Warren tournament.

Because swimming is a new sport in Belvidere, I will give you a quick briefing on the sport. The number of members can range from a small team with forty kids of all ages, to a team of two hundred. Those are the normal sized and usually better teams. The meet is broken up into events; it is a separation of age, gender, and stroke. There are around sixty events, and then they can be broken up into heats. The heats are for huge meets and tournaments. The heats are a separation of the ability; the good kids are in heat one, and then it continues until the heats are filled up. Six people swim in a heat, and they are timed. The strokes are freestyle, breast, butterfly, and back. Each stroke involves different mechanics and muscle system. Usually a swimmer has a stroke at which he/she excels at. And NO...guys do NOT have to wear a Speedo. They have the option of wearing a jammer, a tight suit that goes to their knees.

The team is being led by four captains: Derrick Tardive, Trevor Murphy, Nick Cosimano, and Quinn Lucas. They are practicing at the Easton YMCA, and occasionally at BHS for dry land practice. The team is hoping everyone will become more familiar with this sport. Here are some times from a recent meet:

Event 1: 200 Medley Relay
Danika Dow, Quinn Lucas, Deidre Romano, and Maureen Miers: time improvement of 32 seconds!!!!

Event 3: 200 Individual Medley
Julia Cosimano had a time improvement of 10 seconds

Quinn Lucas dominated and took first in her heat and improved by 29 seconds!!!

Event 4: 50 Freestyle
Annie Soronsin had a time improvement of 6 seconds

Katie Kelly took 6 sec off her time
Erin McGall improved by 8 seconds!!!

Event 6: 100 Freestyle
Maureen Miers had a 3 second improvement
Deidre Romano won her heat and improved by a whopping 10 seconds!

Event 8: 200 Freestyle Relay
Katie Kelly, Julia Cosimano, Erin McGall, and Annie Soronsin
27 second Time Improvement!!!!!!

Event 9: 100 Backstroke
Julia Cosimano had a 14 sec improvement
Danika Dow had an 18 sec improvement

Event 10: 100 Breaststroke
Quinn and Deidre dominated their race taking 1st and second and improving their times by 15 sec and 12 seconds
Maureen improved by 9 seconds

Event 11: 400 Freestyle Relay
Danika, Quinn, Deidre, Maureen



- Nicholas Cosimano

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New Coach Brings Life to Belvidere

This year was not looking as bright as previous years for Belvidere Wrestling. Losing three district place winners and one regional place winner, the 1-22 Belvidere County Seaters of this year seemed without hope. Returning only one wrestler that made it out of the district the previous year, Tyler Smith, Belvidere seems to have made a huge turn around. Sporting a 6-15 record, The Seaters now have 6 times more wins as the previous year behind a new coach and captains Tyler Smith, Mike Callas and Teddy Walden. A big reason for this success would be the amount of wrestlers that have never wrestled coming out or wrestlers that have experience giving it another go at the sport.

New wrestlers include seniors Teddy Walden at 152 who wrestled his sophomore year and senior Josh Shoemaker at 145 who was on the team his freshmen year. Sophomore Ian Titus at 130/135 is new to the high school wrestling scene but was a big time wrestler in his elementary years. 1st year Greg Ritter at heavyweight also shows much potential along with 1st year Chris Panetta at 125/130. Returning wrestlers include Mike Callas and Mike Tate both at 215, Tyler Smith at 189, Dallas Overko at 160, Dennis Deyer at 140/145, Romazan Scott at 135/140, Brandon Robertson at 125, and Doug Cowley at 119.



Coach Tom Noto is a great new coach who puts his heart into everything about wrestling. He is passionate and very emotional about wrestling, which seems to make everyone work harder in the wrestling room. His philosophy on wrestling has made some younger wrestlers really pick their performances. For example, Doug Cowley and Brandon Robertson.

Both up and coming wrestlers at the beginning of the season, they have now turned into very good and very tough wrestlers. First year wrestlers like Greg Ritter, Kyle Van Wingerden and John Simonetti all have shown much improvement throughout the entire season, and you can relate that directly to the teaching of coach Tom Noto. The big story this year, however, is Tyler Smith. Tyler took second in the state tournament last year, and he was ranked 2nd in the state pre-season. Roughly halfway through the year, the person who beat him in states, Matt Mancuso, suffered a knee injury that took him out for the rest of the season. With the absence of Mancuso, Tyler has claimed a 1st place ranking. This has been a great year for BHS ! Good Luck Tyler at Wallkill Valley this week!

- Michael Callas

The HSPA Approaches!

The High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th through Thursday, March 6th. All 11th graders are required to take this series of tests in Language Arts and Math. 9th and 10th graders will also take an assessment those 3 days, but will take a simplified version known as the PHSPA (pre-HSPA).



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Literary Corner!

A saxophone blazes in the far corner of my mind

I hope that my heart is what you shall find

Time ticks slowly on the clock behind you

You are exactly what my mind drew

You look at me as though I'm supposed to tell you
how to live

And now I look to you to save me from the world we
have created

-Heather Shupe

BHS Cheerleading

Recently the BHS cheerleaders entered the Soffee Open Championships at Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, NJ. We competed in the Senior Stunt group category with senior Annmarie Snyder and freshman Maureen Stephen as primary bases, sophomore Rebekah Cordell as



primary flyer, junior Amy Reeder as back spot, and senior Rebekah Unangst as primary front spot and tumbler. We competed against state groups from North Plainfield High School and Cinniminison High

School. At this competition there were teams from all over New Jersey and Pennsylvania, ranging from All Star Cheerleading teams to high school teams. We were very pleased with our performance and happy that we came in second place. We even got a high enough score to get a bid to Cheer Ltd. Nationals held in Myrtle Beach in March. The BHS cheerleaders hope that we get the chance to represent our school at nationals, and we hope to end this cheering season on a high note.

- Rebekah Unangst & Annmarie Snyder

The OWL Has Landed At Belvidere

Belvidere is now linked to Purdue University's Online Writing Lab (a.k.a The OWL), an online guide to writing term papers.



To use the website, simply go to <http://www.belvideresd.org>, click high school news, and scroll down! Good luck!

Snowball 2008

This year, Snowball was a HUGE success. The dance was held on January 26 at 6:30 PM at the traditional Belvidere Manor. Everyone arrived, found their seating cards, mingled with friends, and took pictures until it was time to sit down and eat. The food was wonderful. Salad was served first followed by a choice between roast beef and chicken. Additionally, there were mashed potatoes, corn, and pasta baked in a rich tomato sauce. Water, club soda, punch, and normal soda were served at the bar and everyone had a wonderful dinner.

After tables had been cleared, the lights were dimmed and the bass started pounding. The majority of people gathered in the manor crowded onto the dance floor, filling it up within ten seconds. The music carried on for at least two hours and some people danced the entire time while others took breaks now and then to get a drink, take more pictures, or simply just sit and talk with friends.



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Snowball (cont.)

With about forty-five minutes left, everyone was told to sit down again and the lights came up. Jason Leh and Adam Hyndman called out numbers and handed out raffle prizes to students who had that number printed on the back of their seating card. Prizes included gift certificates to Shoe Tree Deli, Regal Cinemas and other locations around the area. Afterwards, they played a few more songs, and then the night came to an end.

Students gathered coats, dates, phone numbers, purses, and car keys and headed home or to after parties to enjoy the rest of their weekend after the strenuous week of midterms preceding Snowball. All in all, it was a great way to end the week, and everyone had a wonderful time.



-Rebecca Litz

Music In The New Year

Well, it's that time of year again here at Belvidere High School. I find it hard to believe we're halfway through the school year already, but we still have plenty of work ahead of us!

That being said, the music department has just come out of their respective winter concerts and did an excellent job putting them on. Being able to be a part of both concerts was quite an honor, and I'm sure you saw the amount of hard work and effort that went into making these two shows great. During this off-season, chorus classes are learning more about reading music and singing in general. Scarlet Choir and Madrigals will start up again soon and will consider music for the upcoming spring concert.

One of the biggest and most exciting events that takes place here at BHS has just begun as well! The school musical, *The Boyfriend*, is well into its fourth week of rehearsal, and it is really coming together! We've been hard at work these past few weeks with plenty of dancing, singing, and acting in order to make this show the best it can be! So what is all of this like?

Well, it's kind of hard to describe. Some people think of acting as reading from a script and memorizing lines. That's part of it, but the script acts as more of a guide. It doesn't tell you exactly how to say a line or how to react to someone else. All it merely tells you is what to say. It also gives you some meager stage directions that normally don't go very far beyond "Enter Here" or "Exit Here". It's up to the actor to analyze their character and use those interpretations to bring that character to life.

In the case of a musical, we have singing. The same rules that apply to lines apply to songs as well. You're a *little* less limited here in terms of freedom, though. You have to pay very important attention to what is going on. Timing is key, especially when you have a number of different instruments playing or you're dancing. With practice though, this isn't as hard as it sounds. Songs tend to take on a meaning of their own and might present the character in a different light. They convey emotion in a way lines by themselves cannot, which makes them an important asset to the show.

The New Year shows many promises ahead here in BHS music! There's a lot to look forward to, and you won't be disappointed with what you see in the near future! I'll be sure to keep you up to date on things!

- Justin Kiefer



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Belvidere Band Blossoms With New Music and Big Plans

Spring is on the way, which for some means the return of flowers and warmer weather, but for the Belvidere Music Department things are already starting to heat up. Shortly following the Christmas Concerts, the band set about selecting new music to perform. Ordered early on in January, the music selected spans a dizzying array of genres. Everything from westerns to show tunes will be performed in the upcoming concerts. With all of the new material amongst the three ensembles (Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Trans-Belviderian Ensemble) it will be interesting to see how everything shapes up in the coming months.

For groups like the Belvidere Jazz Band however, the pace will have to be a little quicker. Spring brings competitions which the Jazz Band plans to perform in. Within the next month or so the Jazz band will have to have learned at least three new pieces, which is no easy feat considering the material they are working with. While fast paced songs like the Latin “Cale Caliente” contain much loud playing, classics like “My Favorite Things” prove their dynamic worth with difficult time signatures and key changes. And who could forget the solos in most of the songs, which are usually complete improvisation.

Just as with the Jazz Band, the Concert Band and the Trans-Belviderian Orchestra have selected all new music for the spring season. While the songs vary in difficulty, Senior Guitar player Kevin VanWingerden, who is by no means a novice, finds good challenge in songs like the Trans Siberian Orchestra’s version of the classic “Figaro”. This sentiment was also felt by Senior Drummer Ben



MacMoyle, who felt that the music is, “from many styles that we are not much acquainted with or used to yet.” With this in mind added to the TBE’s range of levels in experience, it will be great to see them come through with a new set of tunes.

This goes for the Concert Band as well. The large ensemble has selected more than five pieces to practice and eventually perform which span just as many genres. While songs like Dvořák’s “New World Symphony” bring some class, upbeat melodies from the musical Hairspray’s “You Can’t Stop the Beat” and the Beatle’s “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” keep things quite lively. Neither of these is a walk in the park musically either. Upon first glance many would think it impossible to master in such a short amount of time. Despite all of the key changes and crescendos, the Concert Band is sure to do well. Of course with all of this going on in the spring it is easy to forget the trip that is coming up soon.

Traveling with most of the chorus department, the three ensembles are now in the process of fundraising for this year’s trip to Cleveland, Ohio. According to most members of the band, this year’s trip looks like it will be pretty fun. Besides the mandatory performances, there will be plenty of time for other activities or doing nothing at all. While the trip is still some time away (rooms for the hotel haven’t been picked yet) this trip is shaping up to be what looks like it will be fun for everyone involved. It must be stressed however that these trips don’t happen for free, and that fundraising will play a large roll in the payment process.

If the Music Department gives the effort it always does, than they will surely overcome any and all challenges that these new pieces may bring. With everything in the works right now, spring will see things really heat up both temperature and music-wise.

