



THE STUDENT VOICE

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Athlete of The Issue: Eric Feehan

By: Meghan Sargent '11



Eric Feehan has been a captain of the Football team for the last two years. He plays cornerback on defense, tight end on offense, and he also returns the ball as part of the kick return and punt return teams. Because Eric plays so many different positions, he is a fundamental part of the Brady Football team's success. Throughout the past

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New Principal

By: Stephen Sullivan, II '11

The Bishop Brady community welcomes a new principal as the 2009-2010 school year begins. Mr. Trevor Bonat shared some insight with the community about where he comes from, where he stands, and what he looks forward to for the benefit of Bishop Brady's future.

Mr. Bonat previously worked in other high schools, such as Georgetown Prep in Maryland and Canterbury School in Connecticut. He was a department chair and held a faculty development position as well. Though the transition from his old school to Brady could have been difficult, he said that "It was a smooth transition because Brady is run really well." For Mr. Bonat his first quarter at Brady has been

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accomplishments they hope to achieve by the time they graduate.

When Mr. Bonat is not working in his office, walking around the halls of Brady, or reminding students to tuck in their shirts, he is at home relaxing with his daughters, riding his bike, fly fishing, reading, or eating out at res-

taurants with his wife. He also enjoys hunting, which he hopes to do again this winter because he has not been able to hunt for a couple of years.

Mr. Bonat would like the students and friends of Brady to know that "it has been a real honor to

serve the community so far as principal," and he promises that "it's going to be a really exciting year." A great future is in front of the

Bishop Brady High School community in the hands of an energetic and qualified leader. Mr. Bonat will definitely bring a new perspective and a great deal of enthusiasm to his faculty and students as the school year progresses.

Sports and Clubs Overview

By: Connor Houghton '11 and Jay Bouchard '11

The Bishop Brady Football team is 7-2 this year, with wins over some very competitive teams. Last year in a tough Division V, the team had a record of 4-4 and failed to make the playoffs. However, this year the team made it back to the playoffs as the number 3 seed. Their captains this season are Mike Smirni-

oudis and Eric Feehan, who are trying to lead the team to its third state title in five years.

The girls Soccer team finished the season with a 7-5-4 record. Last year, the team had their best season ever with a 12-3-1 record, making it to the quarterfinals before being knocked out by Hanover. Captains Keelin Dough-

erty, Hannah Bassett, Christina Parent and Amanda Sarro led the team back to the playoffs for the third year in a row. The team was ranked number 11. They lost to number 5 Oyster River in the first round of playoffs.

The boys Soccer

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New Teachers

By: Meghan Sargent '11

As the 2009-2010 school year begins, Bishop Brady welcomes two new teachers, Mrs. Orrego and Mr. Bowe. Mrs. Orrego is an experienced teacher who taught for seven years prior to coming to Brady. She said that the first few weeks of school felt somewhat like a roller coaster ride, but she is beginning to adjust to the schedules and rules. So far, Mrs. Orrego said her students have made her feel very welcome and they have been helpful in making her adjustment as smooth as possible. She said that she appreciates her students' respect and courtesy thus far in the school year. As the year continues, Mrs. Orrego hopes that she will be able to incorporate technology into her classroom and lessons.

Mrs. Orrego recently moved to New Hampshire from Illinois with her husband and two children, who are four months old and four years old. Her husband is a professor at St. Anselm College. Outside the classroom, Mrs. Orrego enjoys spending a great deal of time with her family. She said that she loves to play with her children and watch them learn and explore. Mrs. Orrego hopes to explore the different attractions of New Hampshire, especially the lakes and mountains, with her family. She also enjoys reading and watching movies but she said that she will never be found camping in a tent. After the first quarter of school, Mrs. Orrego seems to be fitting in well with the fac-

ulty and her students are enjoying her classes.

The other new teacher this year is Mr. Bowe, who recently replaced Mr. Woodward as a social studies teacher. Mr. Bowe was attracted to Bishop Brady because he was looking for work and he said it seemed like a great place to teach. Before coming to Brady, Mr. Bowe was a businessman who then decided to try teaching. He went back to school to become a teacher, going on to teach at Manchester West High School. Mr. Bowe said the environment at Brady is very different than at West, and he is enjoying himself so far.

Mr. Bowe said that his favorite part about teaching at Brady is working with such a welcoming faculty and student body. He said that they have made him feel completely comfortable in his new position. Mr. Bowe also likes the fact that all of his students have a desire to learn. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Bowe is a dedicated family man. He has been married to his wife for 23 years, and he has three children, two of whom are in college and his youngest daughter goes to Trinity High School. Mr. Bowe is doing a great job so far

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Transfer Students

By: Taylor Dickinson '11

The transition to a new school is typically very difficult. Whether you are a freshman or a transfer student, entering into a new school community can be a very daunting experience. As a junior transfer student at Brady, there were many things that I worried about before the school year started. However, my time so far at Brady has been nothing but a positive experience.

As the school year began, all of the transfer students and freshman agreed that they were worried about attending a new school. Our worries have been eased because both the students and the faculty have been very welcoming. The rules and regulations of Bishop Brady are fairly straightforward and uncomplicated, which has made the transition to Brady much

easier. However, the freshman and the transfer students agreed that the lunch schedule was the most confusing part of the day at Brady.

Though starting at a school as a freshman is similar to being a transfer student, it is a slightly different experience. Freshmen have to learn about expectations and what being in high school entails. Despite the differences between high school and junior high, the freshmen feel comfortable here. The expectations are higher and the work load is greater, but they do not feel overwhelmed.

The adjustment it takes to change schools may be difficult, but the accepting attitudes of the students and faculty at Brady have made the transition easier for all incoming students.

New Clubs

By: Jenn Spain '10 and Taylor Belanger '10

There are two new clubs this year. The photography club is run by Casey Burr and Mr. Dymment is the faculty advisor. Meetings for photography club take place on Tuesday during activity in Mr. Dymment's room. There are eleven girls involved in the club, and Mr. Dymment would like to get some boys involved as well. Some ideas for the future of photography club are participation in photo contests, going to the art gallery at Bagel Works, learning about black and white photography, and Photo Shop. "Every student involved will have different abilities and cameras." said Mr. Dymment. Anyone is allowed to join the club, even if they have no experience with photography.

In addition to photography club, an origami

club was started this year. The origami club is run by Mrs. Owen, and the student in charge is Joe St. Pierre. The club meets on Wednesdays in the art room. Though the club does not have many members yet, Joe and Mrs. Owen hope to ex-



Photo taken by Brie Ruth '11

pand the group as the year continues. Mrs. Owen would also like to eventually incorporate origami into part of an art club. The photography club and origami club will be a great way for Brady students to showcase their artistic abilities throughout the school.

New Head Chef Brings More Variety to Cafeteria Meals

By: Steven Brasley '10

Sean O'Connor, a chef with several years of cooking experience, is proud to be the new head chef in Bishop Brady High School's cafeteria. With a strong understanding of the Brady students' appetites, Sean is determined to make lunch block more appealing to the taste buds. "I want to make lunch more customizable," he says. "Lunch shouldn't be another class."

Sean brings to the Bishop Brady menu a plethora of new selections for students to eat, as well as improved versions of many student favorites. Looking in the pizza display, for example, people will see the standard cheese and pepperoni slices, as well as some new kinds, such as an appetizing veggie pizza. The veggie toppings look fresh, green and colorful and are very appealing to the eye. Sean made some great improvements to cafeteria staples as well; the onion rings are crunchy and sweet, but don't leave a sickly feeling in

the stomach once consumed. Whole wheat products are now sold, as well as new beverages from all flavors of Nesquik to Sunny Delight. Despite all of the changes, and to the great relief of many students, Sean has agreed to keep the fresh-baked cookies on the menu!

Students agree that Sean's method of cooking is one of excellence. Senior Steling Huber, upon taking his first bite into a chicken sandwich, immediately exclaimed, "Wow, these are a lot better than last year!" Despite the increased food price, Sterling does believe Sean's food is worth trying. Sean even enjoys the company of the students during lunch hour. After having worked as a chef at several schools, he finds Brady students to be "The most polite students I have ever met" and thinks the school itself to be a "really great environment" to work in.

Before becoming Brady's head chef, Sean had cooking jobs on yachts and in resort hotels. Outside the kitchen, Sean is an amateur musician. He has played guitar for a few years, and he hopes to find a new band to

play with here in the Concord area. With his cooking experience and ability to connect with the students' taste for a different food, there is no doubt that Sean will make a great new head chef in the Bishop Brady kitchen.



Photo taken by Brie Ruth '11

Sport Overview

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team ended their season 3-13. Last year the team had a record of 3-10-3. The captains for this season were seniors Billy Stuart and Brad Bittman. The team had a new coach this year who was very tough and made the boys work very hard.

The Cross-Country team did well this season and all of the runners had some great race times. The boys came in third at a meet at Merrimack Valley early in the season. The girls' team was able to find enough runners to score in races and they competed well throughout the season. Joe St. Pierre won three meets for the boys, and Katie Stewart finished well many times for the girls' team.

Brady Field Hockey fin-

ished their season with a record of 5-1-8. The girls were led by captains junior Kelly O'Keefe, and seniors Kirsten Zellers and Hannah Garrity. Kirsten Zellers is a strong returning defender and Hannah Garrity has played well at mid-field over the last few years. The team had a strong front line of forwards consisting of sophomores Cat Poisson and Katherine Hofley, and seniors Abi Parsons and Lara Baldwin. Led by Coach Mrs. Owen, the girls made it to the playoffs and played St. Thomas in the first round but unfortunately lost 3-0.

Brady Golf had a very impressive season with a record of 22-4. The Golf team was led by senior captains Cuyler Gauthier and Paul Hickey. Juniors Fletcher Sokul, Russel Caruana, and Ian Mackinnon played well throughout the entire season. Fletcher and Russel both medaled three times. At the end of the season, the golf team was ranked number eight in the state.

New Teachers, *Continued...*

as a Brady teacher and his students like his classes.

Though Mrs. Orrego and Mr. Bow were the only newly hired teachers at Brady, Mrs. Shumway has a new position within the school. Mrs. Shumway used to work in the main office and she is now the new guidance counselor. She was a guidance counselor before she came to Brady three years ago. She said that she enjoys working here because of Brady's enthusiastic faculty members and students. Mrs. Shumway is excited about her new position because she will now have the opportunity to get to know more students on an individual basis. Mrs. Shumway enjoys outdoor activities, such as fishing, hiking, and kayaking. The 2009-2010 school year is filled with promise of success and the new faculty is sure to bring its intelligence and dedication to all of the work that they do.

Senior Privileges

By: Tucker Cole, Meredith Presby, and Taylor Laro

Every year the senior class has privileges. Privileges can include leaving early from school or having dress down on the third Friday of the month. However, the class of 2010 has been unhappy with their privileges thus far. Unlike the senior classes of previous years, the class of 2010 only has three new privileges of their nine total. So why are they so unhappy?

The students in the senior class are unhappy because they think that they deserve better privileges. For example, the girls want to be able to wear clogs and or different colored blouses. The administration has al-

lowed these privileges a few times before, but they made the teachers' jobs much harder trying to keep track of which students were actually in dress code and which ones were not.

According to Mr. Roberts, high schools have had senior privileges since the time that he was in high school. When he was in school, his class was allowed privileges, such as special parking and going off campus to the local burger joint for lunch. Roberts believes that it is nice for seniors to have special privileges as rewards for making it to the senior year, but he does not believe that they are

given rights. His concerns about the senior privileges are; "Can they be responsible?" And "What can the senior class do to make the school better, as part of earning privileges?"

Here are some fun facts about the history of senior privileges at Bishop Brady. The senior parking area was not around until about eight to ten years ago because there used to be an outdoor hockey rink in the spot. The school then demolished the rink and paved the area. At that time, the seniors claimed the parking spaces as theirs. Some of the previous senior classes have

asked for some insensible privileges, such as having the freshmen be their servants, having their lunches catered to them, or never having blazer dress code on Wednesdays. Yet other classes have had great ideas, as in 2003, the senior class went on a bonding retreat in Boston that the administration thought was a great idea.

20 Things That "You Otta Know"

Advice from the Class of 2010

By: Casey Burr, Bianca Bird, Hilary Holmes and Norah Mulhurn

There are many things that seniors wish they knew in their earlier years, but didn't find out until it was too late. Take it from those who have been there, these are some things that, as underclassmen, "you otta know."

1. Don't invade the senior lockers or tables. They are reserved for seniors, not underclassmen.
2. Never park in senior parking. There are so many seniors this year that if any spots are taken up by underclassmen, the seniors will be forced out of their own section.
3. Do not ask for or take senior privileges. They are privileges for a reason, you have to earn them when you're a senior.
4. Get into the spirit days! Don't cheat on theme day and make sure to

5. Go to school dances! They are made for you to go to them!
6. Tuck in your shirts because detentions aren't fun. Well, at least make an attempt to tuck them in.
7. Get involved with clubs because it helps you make new friends, gives you good experiences, and looks good on college applications.
8. Organize your class binders. It benefits you when you need to study for tests, midterms, and finals.
9. Get on your teachers good side. Besides just being on good terms with them, this will benefit you when teacher

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10. Colleges look at your stats from all grades, so get into the method of getting good grades. You will regret bad grades when colleges reject you for your low GPA.
11. Bring your lunch a few times a week because the lines get long.
12. Always clean your lunch table! If things are really messy, they take away food during activity or dress downs. If you don't clean your table, you and the whole school will suffer.
13. Don't have an attitude about school. Nobody wants to hear you

14. Be tolerant of the other students, and others will be tolerant of you.
15. Try to hang out with people in your own grade because when your friends in other grades graduate, you'll be alone.
16. Be creative. Even though there is a uniform, be unique with your style, but don't get carried away.
17. This is isn't middle school. Don't be a serial dater.
18. Don't call 911 from school phones as a joke.
19. Be yourself! Don't try too hard to get people's attention. You'll get attention all right, but definitely not the kind you want.
20. Don't pick a fight with Mr. Roberts. He does bite.

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football season, Eric has made some amazing plays both offensively and defensively for the Giants. His great work ethic and enthusiasm during games and at practices is motivational to the younger football players. His intelligence on the field and his energy as a captain make him well respected by his coaches and his teammates. Eric is a great leader who helps and encourages his teammates when they are struggling or frustrated. He pumps up his team, and he makes his teammates strive to be the best football players they can possibly be.

Teen Court

By: Hilary Holmes

Every other Tuesday, a group of students who attend high schools throughout Merrimack County meet at the Merrimack County Probate Court for a program called Teen Court. Teen Court is a court option designed for kids, under the age of 18, who have been convicted of their first felony or misdemeanor. These minors have admitted to committing the crimes, and are given the opportunity to present their case to a jury composed of high school students who hold an interest in the judicial system and law. The prosecutors and defendants for the trials are also high school students. The only person in the trial who is not a student is the Judge, who is always an actual New Hampshire Judge. Taylor Laro, one of the seven students involved in Teen Court

from Bishop Brady High School, is one of the two prosecutors. She said, "I found out about Teen Court when a representative came to speak to my history class one day when I was a sophomore." Taylor chose to be a prosecutor for Teen Court because she is very interested in law, and says, "I am thinking of becoming a lawyer after college." With Franklin Pierce Law Center students mentoring and training the students, Taylor says, "Teen Court has been a good learning experience for the defendants, the prosecutors, and the jury." The defendants and prosecutors are taught how to question the convicted minor, while the jury is given the responsibility to decide what their punishment should be. The punishments that the jury can choose from are volunteer work, a letter of apology, or some sort of counseling. The pun-

ishments are not very serious because the crimes that have been committed are minor. Examples of crimes that Taylor remembers dealing with are shoplifting, criminal threatening, stealing, and substance abuse. The final part of their punishment is that they must be on the jury for Teen Court two times. From Taylor's experience, this does not sound much like a punishment. It is more like a great opportunity for a fulfilling experience.

Puzzling Puzzles

By: Eric Samuel '11

1. A man goes to a hardware store to buy something for his house. He asks the clerk for its price and learns, "The price of one is fifty cents, the price of thirty is one dollar, and the price of one hundred forty four is one dollar and fifty cents." What is the man buying?
2. You have a match. You enter a room with a wood stove, a kerosene lamp, and a fire place. What should you light first?
3. A man is captured by gypsies. They tell him to make a statement. If it is true, they will hang him. If it is false they will shoot him. The man thinks it over and says something that confuses the gypsies enough that just let him go. What did he say?

Ask Athena

Do you have a question or concern? We can give you some advice. Write to Athena, and she will help solve all of your problems. This is totally anonymous, so write your questions and leave them in the box in the Guidance Office. Athena can't wait to hear from you!

Puzzling Puzzles

Puzzle answers will be posted in the next edition of the Student Voice.