



THE STUDENT VOICE

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New Civics Course

By Jess Bennett '08



Mr. Dusseault discusses Civics. Staff photo

Bishop Brady welcomes a new class to the 07-08 curriculum: Civics. Civics is focused on the organization of local, state, and federal government.

Civics was once a required course for all New Hampshire high school students. Due to lack of funding, Civics was combined with Economics and U.S. History. Recently, a Civics class was re-introduced by the State Legislature as a required class; this time, taught to high school senior,

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Changes in Handbook: What You Need To Know

By Meg Kenney '08



Vice Principal Mr. Roberts shows seniors the changes in the handbook. Staff Photo

As you may have noticed, the student handbook we received this summer has undergone some major changes.

This handbook provides Brady students and their parents with the guidelines for a Brady student. Many of the students have noticed the numerous alterations in our student handbook and are wondering why. What they do not realize is that these changes have been made every year.

Every year, the administrators hear many stories- not only from within our Brady community, but from other districts as well- that could affect our student body. The Internet

provides an increasing amount of information for students but with that comes new personal risks. This year's handbook, has added more to the Internet policy. "I'm glad that the Internet Policy has been redone,"

"We are always re-viewing. It's a living document," says Greg Roberts.

says senior Amber Valentyn. "The Internet itself is changing all the time, and the school should keep up on that to protect its students."

Many other schools nationwide have encountered problems with students abusing

Internet privileges. In order for the administrators to tackle this issue, new policies about Internet use are being added to the handbook. In doing so, the administrators are not only helping protect the students but are also protecting the school itself.

The Bishop Brady handbook also lists rules that we as students love to hear: those relating to the dress code. Although these have stayed consistent throughout, there have been some slight modifications. For example, girls can wear patterned knee socks on non-blazer days.

But what we as

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Even more additions to Brady

by Jess Bennett '08



New faculty brings energy to Brady. Staff Photo

The new year has begun with a new building and with several new additions to the faculty and staff.

Mr. Bergeron, who teaches Theology, taught at St. Joe's in Manchester for nine years. He expressed an interest in Brady because he wanted to see what teaching older students would be like, as he wants to teach college in the future. Aside from teaching, Mr. Bergeron enjoys basketball, playing with his kids, and sim-

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The Senior Class Turns it Around

By Katie Hayes '08

After three years of being the class that lacked leadership, motivation, and integrity, the senior class is finally proving the skeptics wrong.

For a while the skeptic's criticism had merit. In our first three years at Bishop Brady, we could not once manage to have a successful fundraiser. But now, things are looking up. With Shannon Walsh as the class president, we have found a light of hope. It is thanks to her

leadership, along with those that she has inspired, that our class is finally working together, organizing events, and raising money for our class.

Our first fundraiser, the Pasta Supper, on Friday, September 18th was a financial and social success. We raised \$2400 for our senior trip.

There is more to come, though. With the good ideas that are accumulating and with the fundraisers that are

being put into action, no one can deny that our class has turned it around.

And I hope more of our classmates who have so much potential will join this year-long fundraising endeavor. All of the money raised will go towards our Senior Class trip to New York City, The Jersey Shore, and Six Flags. It will no doubt be a memorable experience. The remainder of the funds

will be donated as the senior gift to the school in gratitude for providing us with so many opportunities.

I hope that once and for all we can unite as a class to do something good for ourselves and for the school. ■

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Cross Country team has really helped boost my confidence. I am proud of what I do and that comforts me. I hope to improve as the year goes on and I cannot wait until next season!

At the beginning of the year, I was shy. The people on the team helped me open up. I am uplifted by their spirit, and I hope to return the favor to incoming freshmen next year.

-Joseph St. Pierre '11

Dear Editor,

One event that made a difference to me [coming into my freshman year] was my shadowing day. That day last year helped me to decide that I wanted to go to Brady. Everyone was friendly and the classes seemed good. Shadowing took away many of my fears about going to high school and made my transition from junior high much easier.

-Zack Higham '11

Dear Editor,

Playing soccer is an event that has made a difference [in my transition to Brady]. I got to know other freshmen before school started; so I knew people during my first classes. Getting to know older girls on my team

helped because they could give me advice about school and soccer. Soccer helped me get better at the sport, and the running got me back in shape. Overall, I made new friends and it made me calmer about starting my first year of high school

-Danielle Ehrgott '11

Dear Editor,

Football has made a big difference for me at Brady. As a freshman, it was very good to play because I got to know a group of people before school started. Football has always driven me to succeed, but this year more than ever. I am in peak shape mentally and physically. Playing under Coach Roberts is an added bonus. His intensity and love for the game drives his players to succeed. Brady football has been a wonderful experience.

-Thomas Arena '11

Dear Editor,

Having a brother here at Brady has made a difference in my experience as a freshman. First of all, I know more people because of him. However, people constantly say "hi" to me when I have no idea who they are. Also, some of my teachers had him, whether that is good or bad is too early to tell! It is nice

to have him here either way.

-Jay Bouchard '11

Dear Editor,

Being on a field hockey team has changed my high school career. I have made many friends while on the team. The first day of school, I was lucky enough to know people who were attending as well, while some kids who were not on sports teams did not know any one. Field hockey has also kept me active during the week. I have learned teamwork and self-discipline which has helped me in school and other activities.

-Katelyn Berry '11

Dear Editor,

A change in the school that I am not particularly fond of is the new hall pass. The seniors are going to college next year, or at least most of them. There they are not going to carry a hall pass around with them. Yeah, it is a bit ridiculous that some people cannot be trusted when they say they are going to their locker, but what about the ones who can be trusted? Why punish everyone for someone else's actions?

Allura Lafleur '09

Dear Editor,

A positive experi-

ence that I have had at Brady this year is the work that has been done in Music Ministry. We have been working extra hard to improve our sound and make Mass more enjoyable. The vibe we get from each other is a positive experience in itself. Praising God through song could not get any more gratifying.

-Nick Tansey '09

Dear Editor,

I think the hall passes should be rescinded. We should be able to go to the bathroom and our lockers without a pass. We are in high school, not middle school. We should not all be held responsible for a few people that abused our privilege of not having hall passes.

-Courtney Rego '09

***The Student Voice* welcomes more reporters, photographers, and editors for the next issue.**

Johnny brings his talents to Brady

By Kate Hayes '08

Johnny Bassett, a member of the Class of 2008, contributes more to our school community than most give him credit for.

Johnny is the kid that stands up every Monday morning meeting

“My primary motivation is trying not to embarrass myself,” says Johnny.

to humorously address our school. He is the one that plays his bagpipes at school ceremonies. He runs for the Cross Country team. He has acted in our school plays. Johnny uses his talents to the benefit of our Brady community.

Johnny began to play bagpipes in the fifth grade. His talents have improved with the years, and he now is a competitive bagpiper. He is also a member of a bagpipe band, The 78th Fraser Highlanders, from Toronto. He travels there each month to play with 28 other bagpipers from around the world. He hopes to be considered one of the group's best members, so he can travel to Scotland and play in the World Championships.

Johnny just recently joined

the Cross Country team. After three years of playing for soccer, he was inspired by his father to take up running. His father, a marathoner, and he now frequently go running together. “I want to be better than my dad,” jokes Johnny, “but my primary motivation is trying not to embarrass myself.” He has proved himself to be a successful runner as one of the leaders of the Cross Country team.

Johnny has acted in three Bishop Brady school plays, including: *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Lend me a*

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Johnny playing at the Highland Games. Photo by Kelsey Flagg.

Motion City Soundtrack: Even if it Kills Me

By Jess Bennett '08

Motion City Soundtrack, the dynamic quintet with a sound that is just as unique as their front man, is back with their third album, *Even if it Kills Me*, released September 18, 2007. The band has matured since 2005's *Commit This To Memory* both lyrically and musically. While still pounding out synth-pop anthems such as, “Broken Heart” and “If It Was You,” their lyrics take a more earnest tone in “The Conversation” and “Antonia,” which describes

the recent marriage of guitarist Joshua Cain. Synth savant Jesse Johnson puts the keyboard on the backburner and incorporates more classical piano melodies in “Last Night” and “Hello Helicopter.” The rest of the album's success boils down to eccentric front man/guitarist/lyricist Justin Pierre. Without his “dare-to-be-different” attitude, MSC would be another face in the crowd, instead of the prominent, self-sufficient musical masterpiece it is today. ■

Spoon: Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga by Brittany Gochez '08

The Austin, Texas indie rockers Britt Daniels, Jim Eno, Rob Pope, and Eric Harvey collaborated once again to create another irresistible album. With five prior records and a wide following of fans, Spoon's *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga* meets all expectations.

Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga validates Spoon's maturation as a band. Previously, Spoon deliberately experimented with sounds. *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga* shows experimentalism and diversity, but also the bands growth and cohesiveness.

Spoon opens *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga* with pulsating percussions, accompanied with handclaps in “Don't

Make Me a Target,” a stand out track. Then the album jumps to the eerie tune, “Ghost of You Lingers.” Britt Daniel's voice seems distant and echoes with sporadic layers, revealing spine-chilling lyrics. Both songs show variety. Another recommended track is “You Got Yr. Cherry Bomb,” the most pop-influenced song on the album.

The 36 minute album's pounding percussion and distinguished vocals generate a brilliant ambiance. *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga* is definitely an album to revisit! ■

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because Seniors are closest to the voting age. This class would have a greater impact on them.

Mr. Dusseault, a recent retiree from Hopkinton High School, where he taught for thirty years, says his goal for the class is to get students to think. “I want students to ask themselves, ‘Gee, what do I believe?’” With the 2008 election drawing near, Mr. Dusseault says, “It couldn't be a better time to talk about Civics.”

Mr. Dusseault is a strong advocate for the Civics Class. Though it will remain as a semester course, Mr. Dusseault believes that “The more Civics you have, the better.” When asked why he wanted to teach Civics, Mr. Dusseault responded, “I feel the need to have a Civics class; not one that is shoved down your throat, but one that teaches about the most wonderful country in the world. Not perfect,” he adds, “but wonderful.” ■

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students do not realize is how much the dress code benefits us. The dress code helps students to focus and behave. In fact, many businesses today are requiring a similar dress code because of its benefits.

Despite the Handbook's

The constant changes to our handbook can only improve our school.

many changes, the most noticeable ones for students are the Anti-Social behavior and Drug conduct. These two sections had been unclear in recent years and were in need of revision. The revisions to these sections not only protect our school, but protect our students.

“We are always reviewing. It's a living document,” says Greg Roberts, Vice Principal. The constant changes to our handbook can only improve our school. Each alteration to the handbook is made with the Brady students in mind. “The Handbook is meant to provide information and direction. It is not a rulebook, but is more a source of information for Brady,” says Mr. Roberts. ■

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Jenn Parsons
Athlete of The Issue
 by Ben Boisvert '08



The first athlete of the issue for the 07-08 sports season is senior Jen Parsons, captain of the field hockey team. Jen Parsons. Jen has been a member of the team for four years and has been a captain for 2 years. Currently, she is helping the rest of the team (7-5) work towards another playoff season. With key wins over Bow and Plymouth, the squad is living up to expectations and hoping

Girls' Varsity Soccer by Tasha Giuda '08



The girls' soccer team surprised Class I with their winning season and a playoff spot. Staff Photo

The score was 2-1. Grabbing the lead early on, the BBHS Varsity Girls' Soccer Team started the second half against Merrimack Valley with high hopes.

However, a quick turn of events would lead to an MV victory of 5-2. "We just got intimidated in the second half and lost our composure," said Charlotte Miller, co-captain of the team along with Jillian Nemcovich, Melanie Seavey, and Brittany Garrett.

The enormous upset did not end there "I told you, same ol' Brady," was overheard from the MV bench. As a member of the girl's varsity team, I cannot thank the speaker enough.

"Same Ol' Brady!" is now our team's motto, driving us to prove it wrong. Slowly but surely, we are. A rigorous summer program with regularly-scheduled games and a charismatic team with many talented players are responsible for the new energy in the BBHS girls' soccer program.

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Phenomenal team growth has resulted. We learn from each game, and we get stronger as a result. Currently with a 10-5-1 record, we have sealed our spot in playoffs. Sadly, yet amazingly, the number of victories halfway through

our season have already surpassed the record of season victories for nearly the past seven years. Coach Penney, the source of that little fact, constantly pushes and reminds us that a team has to first believe in itself in order to be successful; however, the coach can do only so much..

A true sign of progress is when opponents take time to scout another team's game. Coincidentally, the team that gave us our motto did just this. "Same Ol' Brady." Nope. As each of the eleven letters in our motto, representing the eleven games following the MV game, is crossed off our posters, we grow.

Here's hoping that, like our team's other signature slogan, our season goes out with a **BANG!**■

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ply having fun.

Mr. Dusseault, who teaches AP U.S. History, Civics, and Honors World History, recently retired from teaching at a public school. He had been teaching at Hopkinton High School for the past thirty years, before teaching at Brady between the years of 1971-1977. This year, he will assist his wife, Madame Dusseault, in running the French Club. In addition to teaching, Mr. Dusseault enjoys driving his Corvette, carpentry, and reading.

Before Brady Mrs. Williams, who teaches Economics, Algebra 1 and Topics, she taught math at St. Paul's School in Concord and at a day school and middle school in Atlanta, Georgia. She was drawn to Brady because she saw Brady students around Concord and thought they looked like a nice bunch of kids.

She enjoys water skiing, gardening, and reading junky fiction novels. She says that she would rather read *Harry Potter* than *The Sound and the Fury*.

Mr. O'Brien, who teaches English and Drama, returns to Brady after a short hiatus living in Mexico, and then teaching at BC High School in Boston. He came back because he said he needed the strong sense of community. In his spare time he likes to write, play drums, and run. Mr. O'Brien is one of the Cross Country coaches and would like to start a Film Club this year.

Mr. Dymont, who teaches World History, joins the Brady staff only part-time this year. When not at Brady, he works at Eastern Mountain

Sports to help fund his love of kayaking, hiking, and snowshoeing. He previously taught at Concord High School, but decided to come to Brady because he needed a smaller school with more of a community setting.

To all of the returning members at Brady, welcome back! To all the new members and teachers, welcome and have a great year. You will find Bishop Brady to be a great school with a caring community.■

The next meeting for *The Student Voice* will be on Tuesday, Nov 6 during Activity period.

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Johnny performs as the King in *Love's Labours Lost*. Photo courtesy of St Paul's School

Tenor, and *Grease*. In addition to these, Johnny has also acted in an outside play, *Translations*, and studied Shakespeare at St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program, where he also performed in two plays. "It makes me proud to see one of my best friends performing on stage," says Brittany Garrett.■