

# BH Robotics newsletter



## Winter Cheer

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February 23rd -- Robot ship date March 4-6th -- Portland Oregon  
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### Bringing It Back!



By: Madison Kern

MorTorQ TV is finally back after its hiatus during last year's season! Jason Kahn ('10) and Justin Brezhnev ('10) have been writing a entertaining script for the current season with help from other team members. Kash Sobhe ('10) and Joseph Martin ('10) have been working hard to edit skits that have already been shot, while George Qiao-Guan ('12) has been directing the skits and helping with the creative process. Nicole Weinstein ('10) and Aaron Kerman ('12) are this season's current new scasters, and they are currently working on finishing our first episode in the KBEV studio. Following

the theme of this year's game, "Breakaway," this season of MorTorq is focusing on sports, particularly soccer, which is central to this year's challenge. We are working hard to make this a great season of MorTorq TV. Skits, such as "Boot Camp," are really funny, and were a lot of fun to film. With newly created skits like "Breakaway," "Power-Walking," and "MorTorq Minute," this year is sure to be a hilarious and successful season.

## Change Your World!



By: Trudy Pham

The new season has started and the animation team has tackled their challenge with much creativity and determination. With the knowledge of their challenging topic, called "Change Your World," they modeled and created a unique storyline. Although this year's topic is somewhat vague, its vagueness also serves as a significant advantage because the topic leaves much room for creativity. The team captain of the animation team this year, Ben Hackner, is very excited for the new season. Ben is very

pleased with the team this year; all the members are dedicated to making this animation succeed and hopefully they will win the Animation Award for the fourth time! There definitely is a lot of pressure on animation to win but all the robotics members have an enormous amount of faith in them. We have no doubt that they will deliver an amazing animation when the deadline comes!

## Leaders are Born



By: Lisa Bahadori

It seems, more and more, that Robotics cultures qualities and hands us life lessons that are essential to success. Natural leaders are born, and they go on to provide leadership to other groups at Beverly. The number of Robotics students who are also in ASB is increasing, and with good reason.

Nicole Weinstein, the ASB Vice President on Head Row and the co-President of Robotics, is no stranger to leadership. She says Robotics helped her find her voice, as well as teach her how to speak to adults. She also shares that Robotics is always in the back of her mind at ASB meetings, and she makes sure to try to bring up issues that pertain to the team. Although her demanding positions in these two organizations are time-consuming, she emphasizes that it has and always will be worth it.

Another Robotics team member, Sara Newman, serves as the Sophomore Commissioner for ASB. Citing her love of event organization and community service, she gushes about the various projects in which she has been involved. She says being involved in both ASB and Robotics has taught her how to manage her time well, a valued skill for her later year in high school and college.

Other Robotics members that are also involved in student government are Ben Phillips (Junior Commissioner), Anton Saleh (Freshman Vice President), and Jason Friedman (Freshman President). Jason says Robotics truly helped him put his ideas into action, and it also taught him the importance of teamwork. Just like we can't build our robot without our members, ASB can't organize a school event with its members.

These dedicated students, when asked, give advice that runs along the same lines: follow your passions, become a leader, and learn to manage your time. Hopefully we can all use their sage wisdom for our respective commitments. Robotics not only teaches us how to manage our lives, but also reminds us that nothing ever gets done unless we stick together and show our dedication. It is the basis for succeeding in our extracurriculars, as in the rest of our lives.

## Fun at CPK



By: Leah Stromberg

The evening of January 5th, the California Pizza Kitchen restaurant (located on Beverly Drive) was the place to be. Why? Because it was filled with supporters of the Beverly Hills High School Robotics Team, of course! Every year, Mortorq has a fundraiser night at CPK. This is basically how it works: people go there, order food, enjoy themselves, and give the servers our fundraiser flyers when they pay their bill. A portion of their meals cost is then given to the robotics program.

Personally, I thought the whole event was really fantastic.

Everywhere you turned there were tables occupied with someone from the robotics team. Some people were at the restaurant with friends, while others were with their families. Even people who had not originally come to CPK to support the team were able to help contribute for the robotics fundraiser event by turning in a flyer that they picked up on their way into CPK. The event was super fun! Surrounded by friends and family, there was never a dull moment. When it came to the time when I had to leave, I really didn't want to go.

Eileen Kahn comments: "I thought it was very successful. It was nice that so many people came out and supported us." And what a success it was! We were able to raise \$457. We are very grateful for the community's contribution. Thanks for the support everyone! Keep up all the good work! (:

## A Special Thanks!



By: Emily Etches

As many parents know, robotics requires many long days and late hours. We would like to take some time to thank all our supportive parents for picking us up late after school, putting up with hard hours, and providing us food during our busy weekends. Special thanks go out to Roxanne Carter, Myra Gabbay, Jory Lindsay, Alan Berro, Mona Malik, The Rawlins, George Qiao, Mei, Angela Shoushani, Vineeta Vir, Michiko Saborouh, The Rehbinders, The Issacmans, Jacinta Robert, The Baumgold-Youngs, The Kerns, The Phillips, The Browns, and The Friedmans for providing food during the month of January. We couldn't do it without our parents!

## Team 1515 appreciates all the support!

Team 1515 is grateful to be supported by so many wonderful people. Our program would not exist without the generosity of our community and our corporate sponsors. Walt Disney Imagineering, The Beverly Hills ROP program, BHEF, and all of our family donors. All are vital to our program.

Special thanks go out to all the families that have supported our team by supplying food for our hungry students.

We also wish to thank the people that give us support financially. Thank you to our major donors who are listed on our

website!

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BHHS robotics is funded solely by donations, corporate sponsorships and fundraising. All business aspects of the program are run by the Beverly Hills High School ROP Entrepreneurship classes taught by Eileen Kahn. If you are interested in supporting our team either as a mentor or as a financial contributor, please contact Eileen Kahn at [eileenkahn@gmail.com](mailto:eileenkahn@gmail.com).

Sincerely, TEAM 1515, BHHS ROBOTICS

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