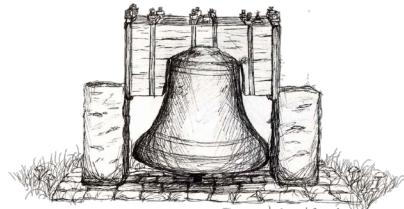


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## Form I Travels to Camp Burgess

By: Jeremy Eaton '23

Your alarm goes off, you shower, you eat, and you go to school. Everyone's normal day, but today was no where close to a normal day. Today was the day that the first formers had the opportunity for the experience of a lifetime: Camp Burgess. Burgess was the first opportunity for boys that had not known each other days before to form friendships that will last their six years at Belmont Hill and hopefully beyond.

At the break of dawn, everyone was at school, waiting for the buses. The clock was ticking down to zero, filling our bodies with nervousness and excitement. When the wait finally ended, another began. The ride was not too long, but when you are expecting something, a minute is a millennium. When we arrived, we separated into advisor groups to drop our belongings off at our cabins. Every group had their own rustic cabin to sleep in. The cabins were spacious, meant for a group of sixteen, so our groups of seven to eight were no worry. After dropping items off, we met at the dining hall for lunch. Similar to Belmont Hill, every table had a waiter to grab the food and bring the meal to the table. After lunch, the excitement began.

The advisory groups paired up to travel off with counselors. With the "gurus", you would travel to an open field, the zipline, or to climb the rock wall. The rock wall was a challenge, stretching forty feet into the air.. The hardest level was one

where the wall sloped outward. The zipline, lasting only ten seconds, was exhilarating , but was well worth the twenty minute wait. The line

theme, experienced in classmates' and teachers' lives. After the campfire, there was a viewing of the Patriots' game.



passed over a field, which contained open rec, or free time, where you could see other kids running around. During the freetime, There were kids playing a range of sports, from disc golf to basketball and gaga ball. On the second day, canoeing was added, and the races were won by Mr. Sweeney's advisory. After many activities and dinner, it was time for the night hike. The hike was a time free of flashlights, but full of science. Spearmints were passed out to show the electrifying properties of them. The night hike was not the last activity. Instead, we ventured on over to the campfire to close out the night . This was a time to share stories of heroes, the year's

to watch it. And with this the first day ended as a great bonding experience, with more to come.

No beeping, but only the sounds of nature. The trip was ending, and we had to go home soon. The canoe races went on, and most of the rest of the time was open rec and spent with counselors. And finally, our ride back began. We had arrived as classmates, but departed as friends. The trip changes the year in drastic way. Instead of breaking of into many friend groups, the form had become one group, forever expanding. The trip was a moment never to be forgotten, marking the makings of not only a new year, but new friendships to come.

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## Form III Goes To Camp Becket

By: Sreetej Digumarthi '21 and Yazeed Dahleh '21

For a form trip, Form III traveled to Camp Becket, a summer camp in Becket, MA. After the two hour bus ride we finally arrived to our destination in the Berkshires. We split up into groups and got to know each other before playing games with other groups. We then headed to lunch where we ate tacos. After lunch, my group went to the High Ropes Course where we could choose between three different things, two of which were partner activities and one of which was an individual activity. Afterwards my group took a hike in the woods and went to a place to build a fire. We split up into two groups and gathered materials. After fifteen minutes of gathering materials we lit them up, and one group's materials caught on fire and the other did not. While we were lighting them up it started raining very hard so we walked back to find shelter in a cabin where we waited for about thirty minutes. Afterwards, everyone went to eat dinner and then we headed to the campfire where we did some skits. The form then headed back to the dining hall to watch the first half of the Patriots game and afterwards we all slept. The next day we ate breakfast as a group and went back into our groups. My group started the day off with canoeing where we canoed to a rope swing on the other side of the pond. After that,

we raced back to the dock, and built rafts. One person was supposed to get on the raft, and we raced them. We then ate lunch, got our stuff together, and went on the bus back to Belmont Hill.



# Top 5 Shows to Binge Watch Over Vacation

By: Thomas Madden '22

## 5: Rick and Morty:

Rick and Morty just finished their 3rd season in October. Rick Sanchez who is a alcoholic, and the smartest man alive, and Morty, his not so intelligent grandson, go on adventures throughout the universe. But nothing goes according to plan, usually by Rick's doing. It is a very funny show, and if you have a sadistic sense of humor, you will love this show. I highly recommend it.

## 4: Parks and Recreation:

Parks and Rec is a show that is the same style as the Office. It follows the Parks Department in the 3rd most obese city in America, Pawnee, Indiana. Leslie Knope, the leader of the Parks Department, has big plans in the government. Ron Swanson, who is technically in charge, hates the government, vegans, vegetables, his ex wives and more. There are more great characters like Andy Dwyer, Tom Haverford, and Jerry Gergich.

## 3: It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia:

It's Always Sunny is one of the funnier shows I've ever seen. It is centered around Paddy's Pub, which is owned by Dennis, who is a sociopath, Charlie, who is just crazy, and Mac, who tries to be a macho man. Dee, who no one likes is Dennis's sister, and Frank is their father, who is also Charlie's soon to be best friend. They have crazy ideas to try to get more customers for the bar, and most of it ends up being illegal, but very funny.

## 2: The Office:

Personally, I think the Office is the funniest show to ever be on TV. Dunder Mifflin Scranton, run by the best, worst boss the world has ever seen. A salesman, Dwight Schrute who is a beet farmer, is the ultimate man. He knows how to hunt, farm, lead, and most importantly, the man can sell paper. Though many of you have

already seen this show, if you haven't watched it in a while, it is a great show to Binge watch.

## 1: Game of Thrones:

I would have three words to describe GOT and that would be greatest show ever. It follows the country of westeros, and four main houses the Starks, the Baratheons, the Lannisters and the Targaryens. It kicks off about 17 years after Robert Baratheon overthrew the former Targaryen king and almost wiped out their entire house. GOT has everything, major battles, one on one combat, fantasy, and political intrigue. Many people want to sit on the most uncomfortable chair in the world, the iron throne. People will wage war, backstab friends, and do anything to become king. Yet no one is ever safe in the show. It is so unpredictable. I mean throw an A in there and it spells GOAT, if that isn't a sign I don't know what is. They just finished the 7th season and the 8th

# IT Review

By: Riley Shafer '21

## Quick Synopsis:

The 2017 film IT based off of Stephen King's famous novel, which was adapted into a miniseries in the 90's, is about seven young outcasts in the town of Derry, Maine, who are part of the "losers club". The kids are on their own to band together and fight an evil, shape-shifting clown known as Pennywise that emerges from the sewers every 27 years to feed on children's fears.

Unlike many other horror movies, IT (2017) manages to not only create interesting and likeable characters, but also frighten the audience numerous times throughout the film, especially with Bill Skarsgard's terrifying portrayal of Pennywise the Clown. It is not often that child actors deliver the standout performances in films, however, this film is an exception. Each of the actors' performances are terrific. There is one scene in particular in which the kids are in a drug store buying bandages that shows how well the ac-

tors portray kids when adults aren't around. Bill Skarsgard provides a creepy and unique portrayal of Pennywise the Clown that easily holds up against Tim Curry's performance which was arguably the best part of the 90's miniseries. Even with seven characters in the group of kids to all provide with unique personalities and backstories, none of the characters felt underdeveloped or of serving no use to the storyline. Though the film carries a very serious tone, there are quite a few humorous moments between the kids that caused me to laugh quite a bit, but the film knows where and when to place the humorous bits so as to not undercut the serious and tense moments of the film. Almost every scene is integral to the plot and only a few moments where the film takes a break from the action, so you're always on the edge of your seat.

**9.3/10 - Must See**



# Spider-Man: Homecoming Review

By: Thomas Madden '22, Braden Reilly, '22, Stephen Warming '22, and Adam Figler '22

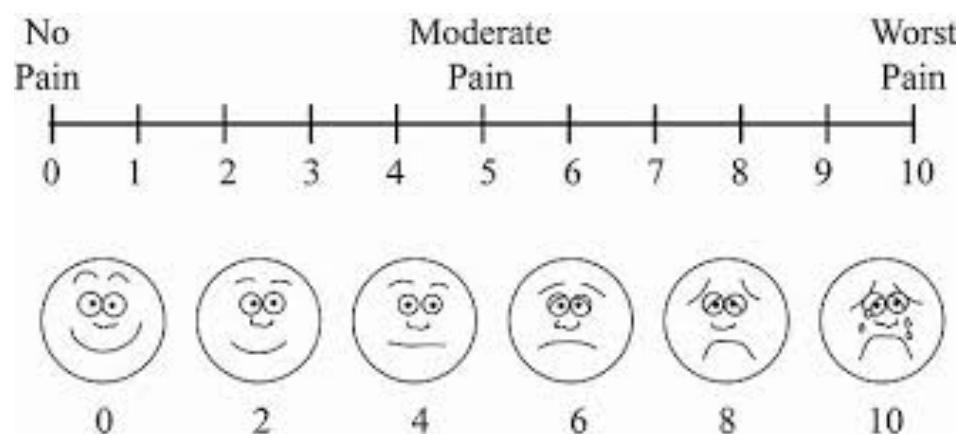
The movie being reviewed in this article is the critically acclaimed film, *Spider-Man: Homecoming*. I think it is agreed upon by all those who have watched this movie that it is one to remember. This movie is genius in the way that it mixes the high school drama and superhero aspects into one funny, quirky and intense film, all without losing the seriousness of the job he is doing. There is no real backstory that explains his powers or his dead uncle or anything like that. Everyone already knows it, and that is one of many differences from past Spider-Man movies. Also, the way the movie fits Iron Man into the plot is simply fantastic. Iron Man is my personal favorite superhero just because of how funny and sarcastic he is. Not the typical superhero type of a hard upbringing and a tough

secretive life. Tony Stark is a multi-billionaire playboy without a care in the world. This combining of two of the world's most loved superheroes into one movie is ingenious and really escalates this movie to the next level. As in most superhero movies, one of the biggest issues is keeping one's identity a secret. Spiderman struggles with whether he should or should not tell his crush about his powers (oh and that her dad is a supervillain). Iron man, however, does not have to worry about his identity, (why, everyone knows it!). Remember when he told a terrorist his home address (didn't work out for him but still, takes guts)? The blend of these polar opposite superheroes is yet another reason this movie is just so good. Next? I'm thinking a spiderman/deadpool movie. That would just be plain epic.



## Meme Review

By: Adam Alto '21, Riley Shafer '21, and Paul Vander Vort '21



Name: Da Ting Goes Skrrra

Cringe Status: 5/10

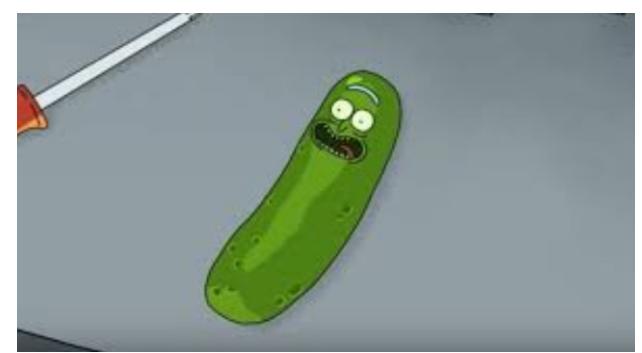
This quote is from the song Mans Not Hot by Roadman Shaq. Still pretty fresh, but will get old soon.



Name: Hotel Mario

Cringe Status: 3/10

A classic, wholesome meme, Hotel Mario has a reputation for being maybe the worst game possibly in existence. Its dull storyline and garbage gameplay call for a great time.



Name: Pickle Rick

Cringe Status: 18/10

This meme from the show Rick and Morty was pretty sick until it got overused and as a result died.



Name: Ironic Lad

Cringe Status: 2/10

Most people don't understand to depth of this meme, so it remains an esoteric paradise of untapped potential. One of our personal favorites.



Name: Boneless Pizza

Cringe Status: 9999/10

Was never really funny in the first place, but weeks of overuse made it worse.



Name: Monkey Haircut

Cringe Status: 4/10

A pretty strong meme, monkey haircut is created by photoshopping this image onto the hands of a person in another image, so it looks like they are giving the haircut.



Name: Bad Luck Brian

Cringe Status: 0/10

Haha good meme I laugh when I see it lol. He has so much bad luck!



Name: Protégént

Cringe Scale: 1/10

This meme is from an antivirus commercial in which this guy in orange sings a heavily accented song. This paired with his strange looks makes it a great meme.



Name: How it Feels to Chew 5 Gum

Cringe Scale: 3/10

Five gum has been going for a while and shows no sign of stopping. It usually appears after a clip of a video, signifying that whatever the video was is how it feels to chew 5 gum. Still funny if used correctly.

# NFL Predictions

By: Tyler Forg '21, Henry Harrison '21

## AFC East:

- 1st: Patriots (12-4)
- 2nd: Bills (10-6)
- 3rd: Dolphins (8-8)
- 4th: Jets (5-11)

## NFC East:

- 1st: Eagles (12-4)
- 2nd: Cowboys (9-7)
- 3rd: Redskins (7-9)
- 4th: Giants (5-11)

## AFC West:

- 1st: Chiefs (11-5)
- 2nd: Broncos (10-6)
- 3rd: Raiders (10-6)
- 4th: Chargers (5-11)

## NFC West:

- 1st: Seahawks (11-5)
- 2nd: Rams (9-7)
- 3rd: Cardinals (8-8)
- 4th: 49ers (4-12)

## AFC North:

- 1st: Steelers (10-6)
- 2nd: Ravens (8-8)
- 3rd: Bengals (5-11)
- 4th: Browns (2-14)

## NFC North:

- 1st: Vikings (9-7)
- 2nd: Green Bay (9-7)
- 3rd: Lions (8-8)
- 4th: Bears (3-13)

## AFC South:

- 1st: Texans (10-6)
- 2nd: Titans (9-7)
- 3rd: Jaguars (7-9)
- 4th: Colts (5-11)

## NFC South:

- 1st: Falcons (12-4)
- 2nd: Panthers (11-5)
- 3rd: Buccaneers (9-7)
- 4th: Saints (8-8)

As another NFL season is underway, some teams are looking strong while others are looking weak. The New York Giants were bound for a big year, but as the year starts they are already 1 and 5. The New England Patriots defense is looking as bad as it ever has. There have already been a few major injuries that have taken

place this year. Aziz Shittu went down with a major knee injury and will be out for the year; David Johnson went down with a wrist injury; Greg Olsen suffered a foot injury; Julian Edelman went down for the Patriots; Eric Berry tore his achilles. OBJ broke his ankle, and Aaron Rodgers broke his right collarbone.



# NBA Predictions

By: Tyler Forg '21, Sreeej Digumarthi '21

## Eastern Conference

1. Celtics: 57-25
2. Cavs: 54-28
3. Wizards: 47-35
4. Raptors: 47-35
5. Bucks: 45-37
6. Heat: 44-38
7. Pistons: 41-41
8. Sixers: 39-43
9. Hornets: 38-44
10. Magic: 37-45
11. Nets: 34-48
12. Knicks: 31-51
13. Pacers: 29-53
14. Hawks: 28-54
15. Bulls: 25 - 57

## Western Conference

1. Warriors: 67-15
2. Rockets: 60-22
3. Spurs: 58-24
4. Thunder: 56-26
5. Twolves: 50-32
6. Nuggets: 44-38
7. Clippers: 42-40
8. Trailblazers: 41-41
9. Jazz: 39-43
10. Pelicans: 37-45
11. Lakers: 35-47
12. Grizzlies: 34-48
13. Mavericks: 32-50
14. Suns: 31-51
15. Kings: 26-55

The NBA offseason has been a very interesting one with many superstars moving teams.

Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward went to the Celtics while Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade, and former MVP

J.J. Redick, and Ben Simmons will return from his injury. The Thunder have gotten much better than last year in the Western Conference with the additions of Paul George and Carmelo Anthony. The Rockets got Chris Paul from the Clippers, and the T-Wolves added Jimmy Butler, Jeff Teague, and Taj Gibson.

# 3B Soccer

By: Aaron Belluck '21, Michael John '21

served victory. These goals came from Will, Ryan McGuire, and two from Aidan. After a strong

start to the season, 3B is ready to beat 3A in their scrimmage later this year.



The 3B Soccer team, in their CustomInk jerseys, have started the season with a 3-2-2 record. The team is led by the offense of Aidan Lyons and Ryan McGuire, the defense of Jaylen Walker and Kai Ogenah, and the all around greatness of Will Killoran. 3B plays with the most heart out of every other team, relentlessly trying to win on the field. In their first game, 3B competed against Lawrence Academy in a game for the ages. After trailing by a goal at halftime, the team regrouped, thanks to the expertise of Coach Leo and Armstrong, and scored twice in the second half. The goals were scored by Aidan and Will to complete the comeback.

In another game at Concord Academy, 3B played, overall, a very solid game. The defense and the goalkeepers, Henry Moses and Peter Jones, did not let a ball pass the goal line. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. In addition, the team also tied, 1-1, against a strong Nobles team. The best game thus far was a home match against Groton, where 3B scored four goals in a well-de-

# 3rd Cross Country

By: Abe Tolkoff '21

"Alrighty boys. Let's make it a good one," Mr. Richards said as we all nervously mingled around the start line.

"If this is a good one, it'll be the last one of the day." We lined up in the front of the group. The last three 400 meter runs had been tortuous as the temperature was nearing 85°.

"Get set!"

"GO!"

We launched off the hot red track, gearing up to fly around the track for the last time that day!

3rd Cross Country has been off to an awesome start, in the words of Coach Richards and Coach Hamilton. The team placed three runners in front of the Fessenden number one runner on an elongated course.

Christiaan Eikeboom, the team's number one runner won the first race at his old school Fessenden, and was only chirped for leaving three times by Fessenden runners while on the course.

Abe Tolkoff, as it is his third year on the team, has named himself honorary captain and acts in that way even though he isn't.

New second former, Will Sullivan, showing a strong performance so far, actually tried in the team's fun game last week, and literally broke Jeremy's ankles.

Native central northern Californian, Howard Huang, who will argue with you for hours about where he actually lived, has finished fifth in both races.

Returning runner, Luke Hogan has come back to train hard because over the past summer, he started another potato famine in Ireland and will have to run away from some angry mobs with pitchforks soon.

New seventh grader Jeremy Eaton, had promising race results, but will have to recover for several weeks after having his ankles broken so badly.

Self proclaimed God, Daniel Bitner, packing some mad heat, according to Chirstiaan, is back to beat us all on the trails of the habitat.

Ben Ubeda is excited to spend some time calculating the best way to run using his Pre-Calc A skills on the track, not sure how that's gonna work...

Ben Glichlick the self named "Fessenden number one runner" was not able to beat us last year, and so he joined us.

Alex Gavronsky has decided to train hard on Tuesdays, through Thursdays, but Mondays and Fridays are for wrestling, not running, he is very clear about that...

Nick Hebard, trying everything possible to make it onto the Varsity Crew team, has taken up cross country to get some extra training in with Mr. Richards.

Native theater dweller, Ryan Cannistraro, has emerged to get some exercise on the fields of Belmont Hill this fall.

After a summer of being chased by a real mountain tiger, Paul "but you can call me Tiger" Wright

is back for good after some time off.

Returning eighth grader, Chris Aufiero is pumped for a season of following in his (not) brother (Massimo's) footsteps and growing his hair out.

New seventh grader, Tim Hebard has shown great promise this fall, and is excited to keep beating Charlie Wells.

New seventh grader, Russell Day, after buying some new shoes, is looking forward to sprinting as much as possible and beating everyone.

Native Fessenden mountain-biker, Charlie Wells, has come to the trails of Belmont Hill, but just found out that he has to run on them.

After a quick setback of tripping Coach Hamilton, seventh grader Jerry Austen, is looking forward to a great season of sweating, coughing, and having fun on the grass of Belmont Hill.

Prospective runner, who needs a haircut, Tibérius, is sucking up to Coach Richards, by staying with him at all times and watching practice for the past three years, hoping to be the first canine runner on the team soon.



## 3A Soccer

By: Connor Monahan '21, Kevin McCallum '21, Chris O'Connell '21

Disclaimer: All persons mentioned in the following article have given their full consent to the Bell staff to be featured in this article.

The year is just beginning, and the 3A soccer team is looking strong. So far we have played three games and have three wins. The first win of the year was a scrimmage, against Rivers, and we won 3-0. The second game was against St. John's prep which we also won 3-0, and we had a big 4-0



win against St. Sebs. The success of 3A so far can be attributed to the grinders on the team. Prime

examples of this are Jack Barry and Justin Paré. Now a word from Jack Barry, "I may not have the most skills, I may not be the fastest player, but I can still work hard if I put my mind to it." - Jack Barry (0 goals). The

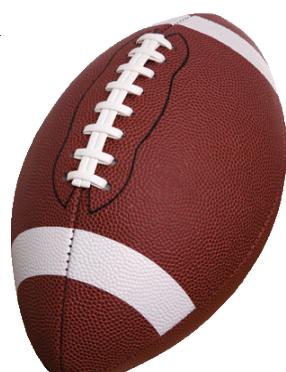
team's success may also be attributed to Charlie Penzone, the team's leading goal scorer, and defensive leader Connor Monahan (the gazelle).

## 4th Football

By: Jack Henderson '22, Stephen Warming '22

The 4th football team started out the year with a solid 12-6 win against St. John's Prep. The team was lead by a great special teams and rushing performance by Charlie Cave with one kick return touchdown and one rushing touchdown.

The defense performed excellently keeping a high power physical St. fence at bay. the fourth 4th foot- was forced Harry Lodge John's Prep own five The game ended with an interception by Charlie Cave in the final seconds of the game. Other key performances came from Jack Houser and Brian Gallucci. On October 18th, 2017 arrows will be broken.



# Interview with Mr. Tiberi

By: Sreeej Digumarthi '21 and Henry Moses '21

## How are you liking BH so far?

It's been a really cool experience. My classroom has started to become very lively and people are becoming more comfortable.

## How is Belmont Hill different from your previous teaching job?

It's different in a lot of ways. The biggest is that I have thirty students total and I used to have five classes with 28 students in the smallest class and 39 in the largest. The schedule is also very different, such as how activities are integrated through the day.

## How is Boston different from Las Vegas?

The main thing is the climate. Here, there are four seasons and it isn't hot all the time. It is also more green. The culture is also different. Here, the culture is more community and educationally based, and in Las Vegas it is more tourist based.

## Is it correct that you helped write the CS50 curriculum at Harvard?

Yeah. I helped out writing it over this summer at Harvard

## What is it like to teach a curriculum you helped write?

It is very useful. The curriculum is high quality since many people have looked over it. It is also useful for Harvard to be nearby so I can ask people there for material.

## Where were your previous teaching jobs?

I taught at Mojave High School and Durango High School, both public schools.

## What brought you here?

A professor at Harvard told me about the opportunity.

## What is the difference of teaching at a private school?

The motivations are different. Here, kids and parents are more focused on going to college but in public schools some people don't want to go to college. The student body is also more diverse, and there are more resources.

## What made you interested in computer science?

Playing video games. I didn't take computer science classes until college, but I enjoyed it there.

## What were your favorite video games when you were a kid?

Legend of Zelda Ocarina of Time, Legend of Zelda Majora's Mask, Metal Gear Solid 3, Super Mario World.

## Who is your favorite character in Super smash character?

Link because I'm a Zelda fan.

## What's your favorite basketball team?

A: My favorite college team is UNLV since I went there. For the NBA, I don't like the Lakers since everyone in Las Vegas is a Lakers fan, but now that I live in Boston I'm a Celtics fan.



# Interview with Mr. Diressta

By: Ryan Griffin '22 and Henry Moses '21

A couple weeks ago we interviewed Mr. Diressta, a Spanish and Chinese teacher and a director of the play "15 Reasons Not to be in a Play." We asked him a few questions about the play and these are the answers.

## What inspired you to get into theater?

I auditioned for a play my freshman year of high school. It was a random musical called once upon a mattress and I didn't really find my place in high school at that time, I was doing soccer in the fall, and my friends asked me if I would be interested in doing this in the winter, and I said 'Yeah, I'll try it out,' and I honestly went out on a whim, and it turned into a pretty big part of my life.

## Why did you choose this play "15 Reasons Not to be in a Play"?

I chose this precisely because I was hoping to inspire more students who wouldn't normally do a play to come out and give it a try simply because of its sort of sarcastic hilarity and the tone of 'We hate plays, why should we do a play?' Well, as you can probably imagine from the play, that changes throughout each scene and by the end you'll see why they might actually like being in theater. I also think one of the big keys with this show is it contains a ton of really simple characters which is really helpful for first time actors to grapple with.

## Do you think you'll choose more plays like this in the future more comedy or more classical?

I honestly think it should really be partially directed by the students, so I'm hoping depending on what students say in the future we can therefore mold a better choice or option for students, because I want them to do a play they want to do.

## Do you expect the kids in this play to want to come back and do more plays in the future?

Definitely. I want it to be something that won't be intensive to the point of stressing out students. I want it to be something that they really want to invest in and want to see progress in as well as enjoy.

## Do you think if students came to watch this play it could inspire them to want to be in a play in the future?

Absolutely. I really think that performances are a great opportunity for you to come out and support your friends. Just like we have The LOOP, and people go out to see everybody else's games, to show that school spirit. I hope they would show the same spirit for our performances. With certain sports teams they'll have quite a few games every year. They might have 10 games the whole season. We only have two performances, plus our dress rehearsal. So if you could attend one of those three, I know it would really mean a lot to those guys.

# Mathcounts

By: Howard Huang '22

On a Monday afternoon at four o'clock, four students gathered in Mr. Feldman's classroom. All four of these students had participated in Mathcounts, a national math competition, the previous year and are planning to continue to compete. These Mathletes, Kevin Jiang (II), Alex Lo (I), Howard Huang (II), and Lawrence Tang (II), will represent Belmont Hill School in the chapter competition next spring. Last year, Belmont Hill did not place high enough in the chapter competition to advance to the state competition. However, this year, the team has high expectations and they hope to beat some of the higher scoring middle schools such as Clarke and Diamond in Lexington. A Mathcounts competition is composed of four rounds. The first round is Sprint which is a forty minute consists of thirty problems gradually increasing in difficulty. The second round is Target which consists of eight problems that are divided into four sets of two. Each Mathlete has six minutes to complete each set of two problems. The Team round comes third. In Team, Mathletes divide themselves into groups of four and solve ten extremely difficult problems in twenty minutes. In the final round, Countdown, 16 of the best scorers on the individual paper get put into a single elimination round where a question is displayed and the first to answer moves on. Each individual get points based on their Sprint and Target scores. The team gets their score by averaging the team's individual scores and adding that to two times the Team score. A team of four bright students, Belmont Hill's Mathletes have high hopes of advancing to the state level this year.

# Interview with Mr. Duarte

By: Ryan Griffin '22 and Aaron Belluck '21

## What did you do before coming to teach at Belmont Hill?

I taught at the college level at Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston.

## What about photography interested you?

It's a way of seeing and making things with a certain set of rules. You're confined by reality, unlike a painter who can make their whole world on a canvas. I'm forced to make things with a certain set of rules imposed on me.

## When did you get interested in photography?

I became interested right after college. I was originally a painter.

## What inclined you to teach at Belmont Hill?

I went to an all boys school myself, so I'm familiar with that culture. Also, when I taught at the college level that is all I did; I was missing that sense of community. I only taught, I never saw

games or advised students. So having the opportunity of seeing kids inside and outside the classroom is why I want to come to work everyday.

## Is photography the only thing you currently teach here?

I also teach Digital Video and Form I Art.

## I remember you talking about how special it is to have a darkroom for photography. How have you or plan to use this special feature of the school?

The dark room is an amazing place. Its a privilege for students to learn in that environment. It is common for schools to get rid of darkrooms. You get to make something with your hands which means a lot to me.

## How has your experience been at Belmont Hill so far?

It has been amazing. Its great to see the boys walking through the hallways and get to know

them see and see there interest grow I love having the opportunity to teach students something they have never seen before.

## I know that most of the students at Belmont Hill do not choose to spend much time in the art building. Do you have ideas or plans to expand the arts and photography program at BH?

I think that it is important for students to interact with work. My plan is to get as much out of this building as possible. I want students in other building to come across art. Hopefully art creates conversation and introduces them to something that they have never seen before.

## Do you plan on teaching more in the art building besides photography and dig vid in the coming years?

I have a lot of interests and plans that I want to see. I like to make books. Its just a matter of developing my own skills and see what students want to take that kind of stuff.

# Interview with Bow Tie Friday

By: Connor Monahan '21 and John Barry '21

About two Thursdays ago, we interviewed Doug Conigliaro and Mike Marinello, heads of bow tie Friday. We asked them a few questions about their roles as leaders of a spreading movement.

## Doug, how were you chosen to be head of bow tie Friday during the 2017-2018 school year?

Bow tie Friday is a tradition in our families, with Anthony, Mike's brother, and Phil, my brother, being leaders in the past. I was chosen by Jack McHugh last year to be head because he could tell I would be invested in being successful in keeping this rich tradition going.

## Mike, what do you look for in a winning bowtie?

Well, the main things I look for are a nice creativ-

ity, maybe a matching outfit, contrast, and some nice patriotism in there as well.

## Doug, we have had pretty strong showings so far this year. How many bow ties do you hope to see at least one Friday this year?

The record this year is around sixty, so we're looking for a little more than that.

## Is there anything else you guys have to say about bow tie Friday?

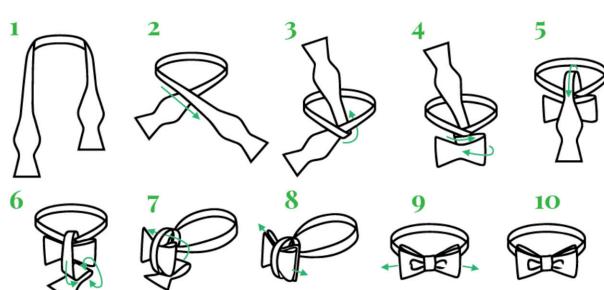
Just keep wearing your bow ties and you might be featured the @bh\_bowtiefriday Instagram.

As you can see, the bow tie Friday leaders this year have lots of charisma and passion for this movement. So keep wearing your bow ties.

# How to Tie a Bowtie

By: Julian Dalziel '21

At the beginning of the school year, I faced an obstacle as I was unable to tie a tie much less a bowtie. It is something that is a great tradition here at Belmont Hill yet I have come to learn that very few students know how to do it. I wore a clip-on instead but quickly found out that it was a big no-no. I had one option left which was to learn:



1. Start with the bowtie lying face up. Adjust the bowtie so right side is shorter than the left. The end on the left will be referred to as A and the end on the right will be referred to as B.
2. Move A to the right side, across B.
3. Bring A under B and up through the neck loop like you would when tying a tie.
4. At the joint, fold B towards the right and then towards the left to create a bow shape.
5. Bring A straight down over the middle of the bow shape that was made in the last step.
6. Fold A back towards the chest making another bow shape and pinch the fold.
7. Push the pinched end (A) through the loop behind B.
8. Pull on the folded parts of the bow to tighten.
9. Adjust the sides until it looks balanced on both sides.
10. You're done!

# Orchestra

By: Howard Huang '22

The orchestra is looking strong this year, with three new string players (and another "soon to be"), the under-stringed orchestra is no longer under-stringed. The first violins are made up of Renny Gong (IV) and Austin Kwoun (VI) (who keeps forgetting his violin). The second violins include Howard Huang (II) and Nick Gallo (VI). The violas have Julian Dalziel (III) and a prospective player, Russell Day (I) -- Russell is still learning how to play the viola. The cellos are made up of Timo Simonin (II), David Cho (I), and Daniel Cho (I). The cellos are a strong base to the orchestra. The guitar, that plays a piano part, is played by Sasha Vasu (II). John Mackey (II) plays the trumpet and is constantly blowing his trumpet at Sasha. The bass clarinet is played by Seth Israel (VI). Also, last but not least, Kevin Jiang (II) plays the clarinet (or oboe, I can't tell and I don't care). Mr. Fiori is trying hard to conduct and organize the group while playing the piano. I think I would give the orchestra five whole stars ... out of ten. Ok, I'll be fair, we get 10/10 for playing, but we get 1/10 for organization and maturity (Sasha).



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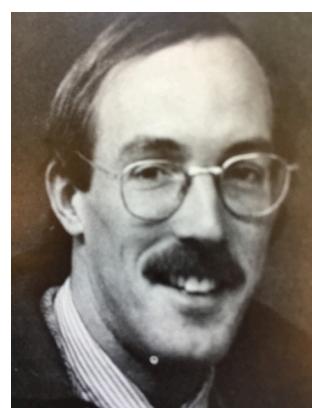
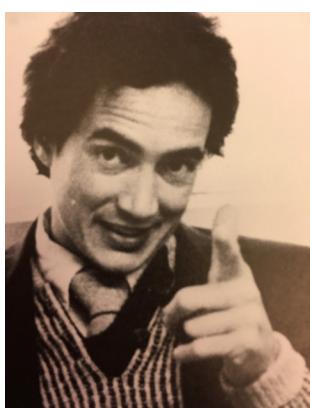
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