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■ Bands are a massive hit at BMR High School.

BY MICHAELA DUQUENOY AND VICTORIA SZCZEPANEK
Editor-in-Chief and Editor

The 6th Annual Band-Aid event is taking place March 28th in the BMR auditorium. This was originally an idea by Mr. Porter and Mr. Ducharme. It has been a huge success since it started. It is hosted this year

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Photos by Valerie Nietsche

Above are Sam Boxold and Anthony Cullerton performing from last year.

Photo by Valerie Nietsche

Above is an aerial view of the dance floor. The dance was a success and the students all had a fun time. For more pictures of the night **TURN TO PAGE 6.**

Robertson is a big part of BMR

BY MICHAELA DUQUENOY
Editor

On Tuesday February 12, the NHS hosted the Empty Bowl dinner, a yearly event that helps raise money for the food pantry. During the course of the dinner, bowls that the NHS members made were raffled off.

The art department donated all the supplies used to make and design the bowls. Also Mrs. Robertson dedicated her Wednesdays and Fridays to help students construct and decorate their bowls, enjoying the opportunity to help.

"I get to know students that might not get a chance to take an art class," said Robertson.

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Submitted Photo

Above is Mrs. Robertson.

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Lane teaches how to cook

BY NICOLE SZCZEPANEK
Reporter

November's Teacher of the Month award goes to one of the most hard working, nicest, loving teacher here at BMR; Mrs. Lane. She majored in cooking and kitchen ed. in Framingham State. She is passionate about cooking classroom C105. Mrs. Lane is dedicated to her work and loves to be surprised by her students creations.

Mrs. Lane chose this subject because it's a great way to learn little techniques about cooking, hoping students will expand and become passionate about cooking like she did.

Mrs. Lane loves to go wandering around the beach, cook, and relax in the sun with some lemonade by her side. Some of her favorite events of BMR are Pep Rally, and the opportunities to have famous cooks come to the school in the spring.

She was astonished by this meaningful award and wanted to thank all staff, students, Mr. Ducharme, Mr. Dudek, and Ms. Shaver-Hood for this award.

Photo by Matt Doiron
Above is Mrs. Lane.

Tessier is here to help when in need

BY SAMI GONZAGA
Assistant Editor

The Teacher of the Month, for the month of February, is Maureen Tessier. Mrs. Tessier is one of our school's guidance counselors. However, Mrs. Tessier had not always wanted to go into guidance counseling. During her college years, she had spent a lot of her spare time skiing. She wanted to become a professional skier, at first, and ski the slopes of Colorado. At the end of her college career, she had a double major of Elementary Education, and Special Education with a concentration in Emotionally Disturbed. Mrs. Tessier has been in education for over forty years now. The first sixteen years of her career were spent teaching in Special Education and sixth grade. Mrs. Tessier was determined to get a degree in counseling after she met a guidance counselor who could not advocate very well. This sent her onto the career path she is still on today.

Mrs. Tessier has a great love for music. "Every morning I motivate myself by singing as loud as I can in my head," she explained. Each song brings her closer to her office and a student in need of help. Along with music, a sense of humor, loyalty, consistency, and respect for faculty and students have been Mrs. Tessiers keys to success. They have certainly helped her become successful and become Teacher of the Month.

Photo by Matt Doiron
Above is Mrs. Tessier seen in her office. She is a guidance counselor.

Students of the Month

February
KARYSSA FORGET
Junior

March
ANDREW HENRY
Junior

■ BANDS

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by the Principal's Advisory Council which will take care of the ticket sales, and concessions.

At the show, the bands that will perform include the October Accord, Firedancer, and more small town bands that hope to make it big by starting here.

Photo by Valerie Nietsche

Above is a student rocking out on the stage.

Photo by Valerie Nietsche

Above is Vinny Lennox from last year's Band-Aid. He was performing on the drums.

"We only get a twenty minute interval to play about two songs, and I play drums so I love playing at Band-Aid", says Firedancer performer Paddy Shaw.

"Our band is like a three piece instrumental of psychedelic Sabbath style," says Paddy's co-member senior Cian Farmer.

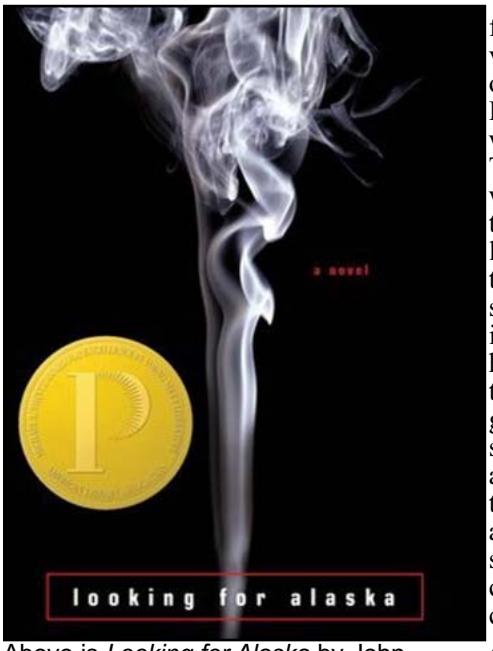
Everyone should go to the show, which is the only other major public event other than Mr. BMR. Go cheer on yet another musical aspect of BMR!

BOOK REVIEW

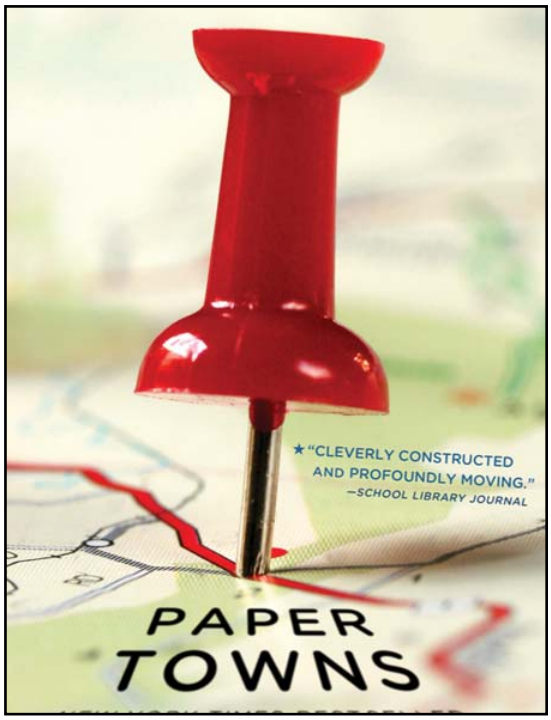
Green writes books that many teenagers like

BY SAMI GONZAGA
Assistant Editor

John Green is a critically acclaimed and award winning young adult fiction author. His works *Looking for Alaska*, *An Abundance of Katherines*, *Paper Towns*, and *The Fault in Our Stars* have become *New York Times* bestsellers and have been translated into several other languages. One of Green's most heartbreaking and raw novels is *The Fault in Our Stars*. This novel is told from the point of view of a 16-year-old Hazel Grace Lancaster. Hazel was diagnosed with Thyroid cancer when she was thirteen, and a year later a medical treatment had shrunk the tumors in her lungs. She has to live her life tethered to an oxygen tank and constantly going under a chemical assault to keep the tumors at bay. During a support group for children with cancer, Hazel meets Augustus "Gus" Waters. Gus is a former basketball star who had lost his leg to Osteosarcoma – a cancerous bone tumor. Hazel convinces Gus to read her favorite book An Imperial Affliction, which starts them on their crazy adventure.



Above is *Looking for Alaska* by John Green.



This is the cover of the *Paper Towns*. This was also written by John Green.

New York Times called *The Fault in Our Stars*, "A blend of melancholy, sweet, philosophical, and funny. Green shows us true love…and it is far more romantic than any sunset on the beach." This heartbreakingly beautiful novel will take your breath away; much like John Green's other books. Each is masterfully written and captures the reader's attention. They're about love, triumph, mystery, and finding oneself. T*he Fault in Our Stars* is a novel definitely worth reading.

■ ART

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"I love seeing what the students create. It is nice to be able to help out with such a good cause."

Although she had always loved art, before making it a career Mrs. Robertson first considered anthropology and was interested in working in a museum. However, over the course of attending Rhode Island College she decided to pursue a career in art. In college she took her first ceramics class, although she had previous experience in doing some sculpting of her own.

For the past 10 years, Mrs. Robertson has been working at BMR, first coming as a permanent sub. Interestingly, she comes from a long line of teachers, "My mother, grandmother, two of my aunts and a cousin were all teachers. I'm even married to a teacher! So I guess it just seemed like a sensible fit.

Photo by Valerie Nietsche
Holly Desautels's bowl is seen above.

Mrs. Robertson is expecting a baby in April. At home she has a little boy, almost two years old. Although she knows she is having a little girl, she and her husband have not yet started to consider names. The school is lucky to have Mrs. Robertson, a hard worker who dedicates her own time to help in school activities as well as the community to profit.

TV REVIEW

Bones is a fast paced forensics show

BY MATT DOIRON
Layout Editor

If you're interested in forensic shows, *Bones* is the program for you. The series stars Emily Deschanel as Dr. Temperance "Bones" Brennan and David Boreanaz as Seeley Booth. The two are joined by forensic artist Angela Montenegro (Michaela Conlin), entomologist Jack Hodgins (T.J Thyne), pathologist Camille Saroyan (Tamara Taylor), and psychologist Lance Sweets (John Francis Daley).

Also helping the team are a host of interns affectionately known as the "squinterns." These interns help Brennan in her cases and provide opportunites for subplots.

The series is currently in its eighth season and still going strong. The show focuses on individual murder cases but, this season has a subplot with Christopher Pelant. He's a criminal mastermind who causes the team a lot of trouble.

Besides the riveting cases the characters, are well thought out and interesting. Any viewers can watch the show and marvel at Brennan's hyperrationality while they can identify with the other characters, like Booth and Angela.

Although Brennan is very intelligent, she also shows an extreme love for her job and the people in her life. This was a huge difference from earlier seasons where she was portrayed as only cold and calculating.

Bones has new episodes airing every Monday night at eight on FOX. The season finale is on the first of April. Reruns can be seen on TNT.

If you're interested in seeing some amazing acting, and interesting plots I highly recommend *Bones* to anyone interested. The show has been picked up for a ninth season.

Above are Emily Deschanel as Brennan and David Boreanaz as Booth.

CLUB OF THE MONTH

SADD does many things to help

BY SAMI GONZAGA
Assistant Editor

February's Club of the Month is one that raises awareness of destructive decisions. Students Against Destructive decisions - also known as SADD - is an organization that involves many students in our school. SADD is led by Ms. Anderson, President Mariah Monson, and Vice President Emily Barkley. Amanda Guilbeault, a member of SADD, explained the clubs primary goal, "We are trying to help students with choices that could negatively impact them for the rest of their life." To help meet this goal, our schools's SADD club creates awareness for things such as drunk driving, drugs, and bullying. They have gone to other school districts to talk about Bullying Prevention and Trick-or-Treating safety. Also, SADD sponsors the Mock-Accident every other year the week before prom to show the consequences of driving while under the influence. SADD raises and creates knowledge for students on how the choice that they make can affect their lives.

Photo by Photography Assosciates
Above are the members of Students Against Destructive Decisions also known as SADD.

Winter Guard does well this year

BY BRITTANY AMES
Reporter

Sunday, February 24, was the Winter Percussion and Winter Guard's home show. The Winter Guard performed a routine to Blown Away by Carrie Underwood and Over the Rainbow by IZ. The coaches this year are Megan Horne and Yaya Adame. They placed second place in the competition, coming up behind Dartmouth. This was their first show of the season.

The captains this year are seniors Alysha Griffin and Korrie Laren with Krystal Cardin as the co-captain. Korrie says that the team was prepared for their first show, and the newer girls to the team gained experience and learned what color guard is all about. She also thinks that the performance was acceptable for their first but they have a lot of work and changes ahead to make the show better. Compared to other years, Captain Korrie Laren believes that the performance will be a challenge for them because this type of show is brand new to them.

There are four seniors this year, Korrie Laren, Alysha Griffin, Kali Ciak and Brianna Davis. The Winter Guard team also includes fifteen other members. The seniors are sad to be leaving Winter Guard but are looking forward to a good season ahead of them.

Winter Percussion also did well at the competition. They placed first at home show, and it was the second show of their season. Their first show, on Saturday, February 23, was also a success. They came out in first place out of seven with a score of 79.95.

The theme of their show this season is Isolation. There are twenty two members of the Winter Percussion team this year, with members from every grade. The captains are Jason Hill and Bradley Demotte. The coaches are Dan Gautreau, Jim Doorley, Todd Shafer, Nick Monzi and Kyle Lemay. Oliver Ryan, a member of the drum line, said that the coaches were pleased with both performances.

Photos by Photography Associates

Top are the cymbals. Below left is Brianna Davis performing. To the right are the percussionists performing. To the left are the Winter Guard performing their show. Below to the left are the percussionists performing again. To the right are the Winter Guard with their flags.

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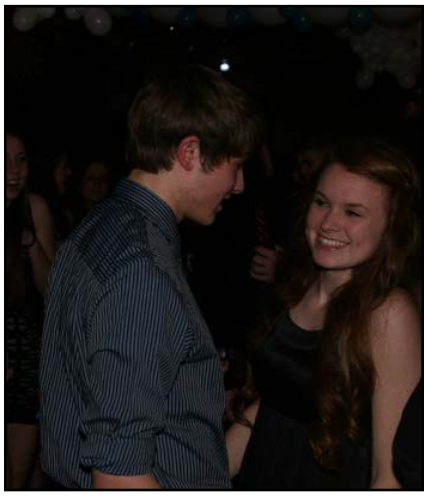
STUDENTS HAVE FUN AT WINTER BALL



Submitted Photos

Top left are the members of the Winter Ball court. To the right are a group of teens having fun. Top right are Evin Beauchimin and Ashley Tomasi having a good time. Bottom left is Cameron Russell and Brittany Wiggin having fun on the dance floor. Above right are a group of freshmen. On the bottom are Griffin Reilly and Jess Monroe. Right are Devin Beroth and Brenna Cook. Bottom right are Tyler Brabham and Lauren Zeno enjoying their time together.

Boys hockey co-op team makes district tourney

BY VICTORIA SZCZEPANEK
Editor-in-Chief

This year's 2012-2013 ice-hockey team has been hard at work. This is the official Milford-Blackstone Millville Regional school hockey team. There are over twenty players on the co-op team. Seven players are from our school Kyle Coupe, Kevin Lapierre, Ben Rafus, Tyler Symes, Sam Croteau and new freshmen John Chase, and Seth Leone. The BMR captain is senior Kyle Coupe. The Milford captain is Joe DeAngelis. The hockey team has practice at least three times a week and sometimes up to three games a week also. The coach, Michael Balzarini, has been hard at work when it comes to shaping the boys up for the winter sport. "We actually qualified for playoffs, and that's never happened before in Milford history," says goalie Ben Rafus. Congratulations to the seniors for how far they have come. Good luck in the future!

Photos by Photography Associates

Above left is a player battling against opposing team players. Above right is number 13 skating across the ice. Below are a group of players. To the left is the goalie and to the right is number 16.

Indoor Track has a great season

BY BRITTANY AMES
Reporter

Indoor track has come to an end, but this means a new season for outdoor track. This season, the track team did very well. It included more members than ever before, and it was the start of a brand new team lead by Paul Simpson, the new head coach. Mr. Maloney is also the new assistant of the track team.

The team included three seniors, six juniors, two sophomores and an extraordinary amount of freshmen. Taylor Kudirka, a freshman, placed second in the league for hurdles. The league includes those of all grades so this is an amazing achievement for someone her age. Nathan Carroll, another freshman, ran the mile in 5.01 minutes at DVCs. Chris Tringali also did well running the two mile with Griffin Reilly.

Four of the track members went to States this year. Those who went were Bryttney Cunningham, Taylor Kudirka, Kelsey Saulnier and Pete Archetto. Bryttney received a medal for her performance at States. The others did exceptionally well as well. Bryttney and Pete are seniors this year, and Kelsey is a junior.

Overall, this was a great season for the indoor track team. Everyone had great performances throughout the season and is very proud of their accomplishments. They are looking forward to a great outdoor season this spring. If anyone is interested in joining the outdoor track team for this upcoming season they should speak to the Athletic Director, Mr. Johnson, or anyone on the track team.

Photos by Photography Associates

Above right is Nathan Carrol jumping over a beam. Below are a group of runners. Bottom left is Justyne Tellstone getting ready to throw a ball. Bottom right is Andrew Messier running with a baton. Above are the senior members of the track team. Above left is Pete Archetto throwing ball. Above right is Brittney Cunningham preparing to win a race.

EMPTY BOWL 2013

Photos by Valerie Nietsche

Below is a bowl created by Katie Cardone. Above is the Jazz Band performing. Top right are Mariah Monson, Anna Franciosa, and Emily Barkley serving the soup. Below are Michaela Duquenoy and Brenna Hull also serving soup. Below that is the choir performing. To the left are the National Honor Society members.