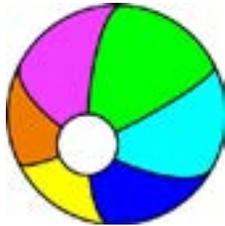


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School's Out for the Summer!

Paula Olbrig looks back on her Exchange Year

My experience as a foreign exchange student has been so fulfilling. It has been awesome, unexpected, sad, and so much fun at the same time. To make a decision to travel to a country where you do not know anybody and every thing is done differently than you are used to was rewarding for me. I am glad that I did not pass up this opportunity. One the one hand, I learned so much more about life and I improved my English, but on the other hand, I left my friends and family back in Germany. Writing emails and SKYPE helped me stay in touch with those important to me back home and helped keep me from getting homesick.

I participated in an international Exchange Student Program and I arrived in Kansas on August 18 and I will return to Germany on May 27.

Besides the daily life at Bennington High School, I also enjoyed the “School Spirit”, homecoming and prom. This fun-filled school offers a lot of sports and I have participated in Volleyball, Basketball and Track. Especially those big events like “Homecoming” or “Prom”, which we do not have in a German High Schools, made it a lot of fun.

To join a school provided sport team was new for me because in my German High School we just had P.E. sport classes where I have been spared from any kind of school spirit, although I did join a Skiing Club way back in Germany. Another difference that I got to know about is the educational career, which is more regarded as qualified in Germany versus the United States. Through the past years of my educational journey I had 18 different classes to pass. In Germany you visit the Grade School at the age of 6 for four years and after that you decide whether you want a high educated high school diploma (9 years of school) and then have the opportunity to go to college or to visit a middle educating school, which prepares you for your job you can apply for after 6 successful years of High School.

Through my exchange year I also learned a lot about the people who live here in America. The people I got to know are really open minded, pleasant, and kind , and although I am from a country that is about 8000km away, I am appreciated as a member in the community.

Now, almost at the end of my exchange year in America I am really proud about myself and the life-enhancing decision I made. It is not just that I started living in a completely new environment, but I also gained so much knowledge. I am sure that I will revisit the United States and keep in touch with friends.

This year has given me first hand experiences of the American life, which I could never receive in Germany and it also gave me the opportunity to immerse in the American culture. Significant parts of this year were contributed by my host family, which appreciated me and included me in a lot of family activities. Many people in Germany dream of the “American Dream” and I am one of the people who made their dream come true. This year was definitely one of a kind and it pasted by way too fast! To say “Goodbye” might be hard but it was a wonderful year with a lot of experiences with unforgettable memories.



By
Kayla
Schlachter

Concepts of Life to Avoid

Whatever you think is bad, leave it. Whatever you think is good, keep it.



DRAMA

Drama. Drama is a issue between people in our society. Starting a rumor or talking behind each other's back to start stuff. Girls are a big cause of this concept, but that doesn't mean guys don't do it either, for they are just as guilty. Honestly, drama is not worth anything. All it does is start chaos and tears relationships apart. Your life will be less stressful with drama out of your life, unless that is, drama is your life.

PEER PRESSURE

Peer Pressure. An influence from members of one's peer group is the definition. We all fall into this hole sometimes. Peer pressure happens when people provoke others to do something they don't want to or knows that they shouldn't to. Has anyone ever tried to peer pressure you? Ask you to sneak out at night, drink, smoke, copy, or lie, even though you know it's not right? We fall prey to this category a lot when we are getting influenced. Sometimes it's hard to just say no to your friends, family, or others even when you know it's right. Do what's best and what's right without regretting it.



DRUGS & ALCOHOL



Drugs and Alcohol. Movies, advertisement, and songs influence us and others telling us it's okay to get high, wasted, like were going to die young. Honestly, drugs and alcohol are not going to get you anywhere in life. They don't influence you at all; they are just killing you inside. Living life to the fullest is shooting for your dreams and becoming more of the person you thought you could be. Living life to the fullest isn't getting drunk and doing drugs. I mean, some people drink on special occasions, but that's different from drinking a lot, a lot of the time.





GOODBYE

Class of 2013



by
Jasmyne
Baffa

I sit here hardly knowing where to start because I honestly can't believe the time that we've all been anxiously awaiting is actually here. No more school, no more homework, no more late night games. No more of those early mornings and rambling lectures. It's all over. Another year is gone, and so, Bennington, I stand here before you because it's time for one last article, one last goodbye.

I look around me and see that key members of our group are no longer here. The seniors have packed their bags and left. They lived the last four years of their lives in these halls, these desks, with these teachers. I feel a mix of emotions knowing that next year some of the kids I interacted with everyday won't be around, and even though they are taking the next step in their lives, it's a little bitter-sweet to me that I won't be able to do things like push Lucas Garrett into a wall, then run away before he can react, cheer Zach Fief on at a basketball game, or even watch Katey beat Weston mercilessly for no reason.

While I will miss some of these seniors, I can't help but feel like I'll miss the kids in my grade, too. Since I don't live here in Bennington, seeing them once summer hits may not be an option. I feel the memories of this sophomore year hit me all at once and suddenly it all makes sense. We're growing up. There isn't anything we can do about it. It's just here; there's no stopping it and no slowing it down. Pretty soon I'll be the one marching across that stage to hopefully get my diploma and pursue other things, leaving this little town behind.

Though it hurts to think about how some day all these memories will simply be that-- memories- I can't help but feel a little bit of relief and comfort knowing that I made the best of this year. For many it was a year of heart ache, a year of finding yourself, and a year of memories that we will always have. I'm really not that great at goodbyes. So instead of saying good-bye how about, "I'll see you later, Bennington." Oh, and teachers, watch out, 'cause next year... We're ready for you!

State Band Solo

by Jake Matney

It's April 27, and I have a lot on my plate for today. Right after my band solo and KWU, I have prom. "I can't wait to get this over with," I think to myself.

Three As I slowly walk up to the stage, I can't help but feel nervous about what I was about to do. My hands were sweaty and my heart was racing, but I couldn't back out, not now. I stand in front of instrument with great pride and assurance. Knowing that hard work and practice would make this the best performance yet. I try to look over to the judge, a older gentlemen, who is sitting, waiting for yet another performance from a high school student.

"Are you ready?" he asked.

"Yes," I reply, "when my family gets here."

As soon as a couple of minutes rush by when I finally see my parents, followed by my grandma and grandpa. They find their seats in the auditorium chairs.

"Are you ready now?" asked the judge once more.

"Yes, I am ready" I say.

As I place my mallets on top of the two first notes of my melody, I look back at my accompaniment and begin to count. The piano begins to play and I roll my dual note chord. We started perfectly.

I stare down at the keys and block out all distractions. As I quickly approach the first crescendo, I ready myself for the eighteenth notes ahead. I roll my half note and continue to discipline my thoughts during the half rest. I visualize my next note, beat, and measure, and begin to count softly aloud: "One and two and three and ..."

As the song continues, I remind myself not to rush. I roll my half note once again and prepare for the softest part of the song. As I move into it, I plan my crescendo and then my decrescendo. The beat picks up once again and I play my eighteenth notes perfectly. I listen to the piano to keep beat. As the song becomes fortissimo, I try to keep the energy building. I imagine the next few measures in advance, planning my next notes and chords.

As I hit the high A on the board, the song decrescendos into a soft finish. I play the last few measures with patience making sure that I do not rush. As I begin the final four measures, I slowly pick up the temp and the volume level to a full out explosion of sound. I finish front and hit my last note, a high A. As the loud and deafening noise reverbrates through the room, I slowly look up, step away from the instrument, and bow. I gesture towards Paula, my pianist, to acknowledge her accompaniment.

As we both was off stage, I feel relief. I acknowledge comments from my peers, then tear down and load up the large bar instrument into the back of my band instructor's car. I walk to my own vehicle and start the engine. I am finally ready for prom.



TOP SONGS OF 2005 & ↑



By
Kayla
Schlachter

Every year new music comes out. We listen to the songs over and over again, until we have the lyrics memorized. Music gets better and better, becoming more outstanding! We listen to a great song and say it's our favorite song till a song comes out and is even better, then that's our new favorite song. If you asked someone who sang the top song of last year he/she would probably get it since it has been played a lot, but do you still remember the top 10 songs from the past few years and who sang them?

Top Songs of 2006



- 1.) "Put your Records On" by Corinne Bailey Rae
- 2.) Crazy by Gnarls Barkley
- 3.) Irreplaceable by Beyonce
- 4.) Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol
- 5.) Hurt by Christina Aguilera
- 6.) My Love by Justin Timberlake featuring T.I.
- 7.) Steady As She Goes by The Raconteurs
- 8.) Be Without You by Mary J. Bilge
- 9.) How to Save a Life by The Fray
- 10.) Welcome to the Black Parade by My Chemical Romance



Top Songs of 2008



- 1.) Viva La Vida by Coldplay
- 2.) Paper Planes by M.I.A
- 3.) Love Lockdown by Kanye West
- 4.) So what by Pink
- 5.) If I Were a Boy by Beyonce
- 6.) I Kissed a Girl by Katy Perry
- 7.) American Boy by Estelle featuring Kanye West
- 8.) All Summer Long by Kid Rock
- 9.) Chasing Pavements by Adele
- 10.) Single Ladies by Beyonce

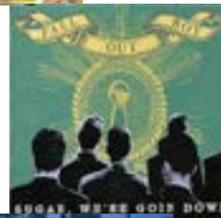
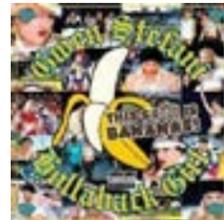
Top Songs of 2010



- 1.) Runaway by Kanye West Featuring Pusha T
- 2.) What's my Name? By Rihanna featuring Drake
- 3.) Love the Way you Lie by Eminem featuring Rihanna
- 4.) Nothing on You by B.O.B featuring Bruno Mars
- 5.) Need You Now by Lady Antebellum
- 6.) Dancing On My Own by Robyn
- 7.) Firework by Katy Perry
- 8.) F*** You by Cee Lo Green
- 9.) Power by Kanye West
- 10.) Dog Days Are Over by Florence and the Machine

Top Songs of 2005

- 1.) Since you Been Gone by Kelly Clarkson
- 2.) Hollaback Girl by Gwen Stefani
- 3.) Sugar We're Goin' Down by Fall Out Boy
- 4.) We Belong Together by Mariah Carey
- 5.) Gold Digger by Kanye West featuring Jamie Foxx
- 6.) Lose Control by Missy Elliott featuring Ciara and Fat Man Scoop
- 7.) Better Days by Goo Goo Dolls
- 8.) Feel Good by Gorillaz
- 9.) When I'm Gone by Eminem
- 10.) All These Things That I've Done by The Killers



Top Songs of 2007

- 1.) Hey There Delilah by Plain White T's
- 2.) Grace Kelly by Mica
- 3.) Umbrella by Rihanna Featuring Jay Z
- 4.) Bleeding Love by Leona Lewis
- 5.) Paralyzer by Finger Eleven
- 6.) 1,2,3,4 by Feist
- 7.) Piece of Me by Britney Spears
- 8.) Never Again by Kelly Clarkson
- 9.) Feedback by Janet Jackson
- 10.) Teenagers by My Chemical Romance



Top Songs of 2009



- 1.) Bad Romance by Lady Gaga
- 2.) I Gotta Feeling by Black Eyed Peas
- 3.) Knock you Down by Keri Hilson featuring Kanye and Ne-Yo
- 4.) Whatcha Say by Jason DeRulo
- 5.) Party in the USA by Miley Cyrus
- 6.) Empire State of Mind by Jay-Z and Alicia Keys
- 7.) You Belong With Me by Taylor Swift
- 8.) Sweet Dreams by Beyonce
- 9.) Down by Jay Sean featuring Lil Wayne
- 10.) Fireflies by Owl City

Top Songs of 2011

- 1.) Some Like You by Adele
- 2.) Born This Way by Lady Gaga
- 3.) Pumped Up Kicks By Foster the People
- 4.) We Found Love by Rihanna
- 5.) Rolling in the Deep by Adele
- 6.) Otis by Jay-Z and Kanye West
- 7.) Countdown by Beyonce
- 8.) Hold It Against Me by Britney Spears
- 9.) What the Water Gave Me by Florence and the Machine
- 10.) by Flo Rida



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Alessia Pantani says “Goodbye!”

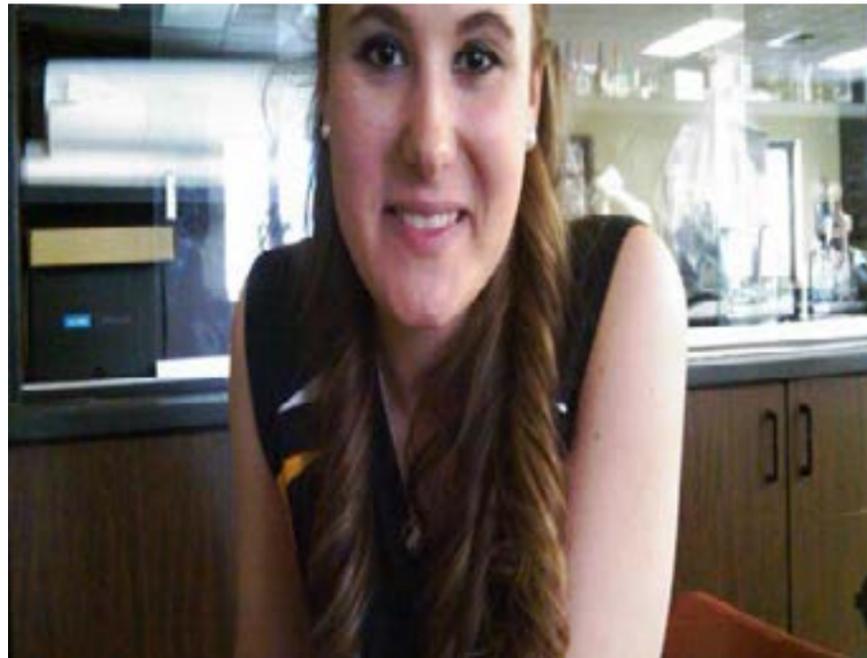
I will see you in my dreams.

At this point in time, I can definitely say that it was worth coming over here to The United States, and leaving everything behind, even though it really wasn't easy. It is hard to explain how I feel now, 3 weeks before my year in America is going to be over.

No matter how anxious I am about going back to Germany and have my family, friends and everything of my German life back, I am sad to leave everything I accomplished over here behind. It's a horrible feeling to think about saying goodbye again just from another perspective. last year I said goodbye to

everything I knew and left for something I didn't know anything about.

Now, I say goodbye to return to something I know and



appreciate. I met a lot of nice people that became my friends and part of my life. Especially, my American family has become such a big and important part of my life that is going to be hard to say goodbye. Fortunately, it's not forever. I know that there is no way I'm not going to stay in touch with my American family and friends.

The daily school life is another thing that became part of my American life. It's so different here, and I know I'm going to miss it. All the activities, school sports, and events that became part of my daily school life will be over as soon as I go back.

One of the things I didn't know before, and I got to know over here is country music, and I love it! If I'm in a bad mood, Country music can make my day a whole of a lot better!

I learned so much over here, about the people in America and about America itself. Yes, I'm happy to go back home and take my spot in my German life back. So yes, I am also sad, to leave my American life, family and friends behind, but I know it's not forever. I will see you in my dreams.

BHS: We're a class act!

V a n d a l i s m



Sitting here scrolling through my daily twitter news feed, I come across tons of tweets that have to do with vandalism. I sit here pondering what on earth would possess people to vandalize other people's property. Revenge? Jealousy? Boredom? As I continue thinking about it, I realize that for as long as I have attended Bennington, I have never heard of anything like this happening. So it makes me question; What is the world around us coming to?

In order for you to understand why I feel so strongly about people vandalizing things, I personally had my car vandalized in Salina this past weekend. I come out to my car to drive home, and I see that there is chocolate syrup and sunscreen all over. Not only me, but the whole



baseball team at Central got their cars vandalized as well. A group of girls from that school decided that's what they would do for the night. Worse things happen than this in other towns, but this is an example as to what some school's students seem to think is 'okay.'

As a student at Bennington High, I strongly hope that I will NEVER hear of anything like this happening here. Why? Because our school is above that. Our school has class. Vandalism is a big deal, no matter what the circumstances. I personally hope our school stays the way we are, and not stoop to the classless acts of vandalism like other students in other schools have.



by Gabby Cooper

Dear 8th graders of Bennington High school

As shocking as it may be, I realize you guys may not know me. Yet here I am, so gracious and kind to take the time out of my day to write you a warm, heartfelt, and oh-so-sickeningly-sweet letter of welcome as an introduction to the next portion of your life!

Let me start out with this! I don't want to offend anyone! But, I'm just going to say it. You guys have been tagged as one of the problematic classes to come through the hallowed and magical halls of our beloved school. Now, *EVEN THOUGH* you might already have this trouble-maker reputation, it doesn't mean it *HAS* to be like that. Let me just do my personal best to give you some helpful hints for the never-ending yet passing-oh-so-quickly next four years of your lives.

WARNING!
FRESH
material.

Honestly, I think this downer of a rep has given you guys the chance to prove us all wrong. You now have the opportunity to step up and define who you are. Shove your junior high reputations aside and be who you want to be. Just because someone has pressed you into a box of clichés and such doesn't mean that's who you *HAVE* to be.

These next four years determine what you leave behind. Just look at how some of these seniors will be remembered. You could be the next Zach Fief: All the girls literally melt when they see him and he excels in all things. Cameron Stanley: the sweetest guy you will ever meet, absolutely nice to everyone, and talented at a multitude of activities. He's good at practically everything while being level headed. Maybe you



should aspire to be like Madison Wolf: her crazy personality sets her apart from anyone else that you will ever meet and after all she took the crown as the gorgeous homecoming queen this past year.

It's not only going to be a new year for you guys. It's a whole different time in your life. It's a time where you make memories, where you get your heart broken, and where you start finding that person you have always wanted to be. So tell me, you future freshmen. Whom do *YOU* choose to be?

Good Luck!
Jasmyne Baffa



The Epic Conclusion to a Hipster Looking For Love - Part 7



by Ryan Ostenberg



Arriving at Otis's house, India quickly set the mood with their newly discovered Fleetwood Mac record. The sweet jazzy sounds reverberated throughout the kitchen as they got down to business.

"Heat me up some water," Otis said.

"Why of course," India said, "we wouldn't want to serve a cool dinner, we're hipsters for goodness sake!"

Bad jokes aside, Otis and India got down to business. It was risotto time.

Pouring the barley into the boiling water, India began stirring vigorously, adding the pumpkin as she went. This was going to be something special. After reaching the correct consistency, India took it off the burner and put it in a bowl made out of soybean fibers, which were 100 % biodegradable, of course.

"I'll get to work on the jicama." Otis exclaimed, grabbing a knife.

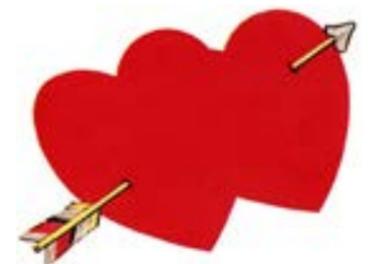
Otis began cutting it into small circles, to be fried and placed tastefully over the pumpkin-barley risotto. This was going to be delicious.

Once everything was prepared, Otis and India laid out a blanket to eat on.

"So you've done everything I asked you to do: woo me with your knowledge of all things hipster, go shopping with me, and then cook me a delicious dinner. But there is one more question that I must ask: What kind of pits do peaches have?"

Otis smiled, maybe this relationship could work out. Maybe he could finally find a woman. Maybe he could finally snap out of his melancholy outlook on life and be happy.

"That's easy. Passion Pits."



PROM!



Finally, Prom is over! After waiting a month for this huge event, I am now free from all of the tux requirements that come along with dances such as prom. I, as some of you probably know, am not a dancer. I actually fear the day of the dance, and with state band the same day, I was as nervous as ever. But the good news is that it was actually fun!

I remember jr. high dances and how they were always boring, but high school is different. People actually dance! The students at BHS were not afraid to slow dance or do the worm when the time was needed. I enjoyed being able to dance without fear that I would be a joke. The dinner provided was delicious and the DJ was fantastic. Cookies and other treats were provided during the dance.

After a couple hours of dancing, it was time for after prom. After prom was at Jumping Joe's and was fun too! Go-karts, mini golf, arcade games, and more awaited the prom goers as

they walked through the doors. After having our fun there, the groups of people walked out to their cars and then drove to IHOP. IHOP, the delicious place where breakfast is served all day, was a fun and calming place. After eating for about an hour, we all went our separate ways and head home. The drive home was a long one. Once home, at 5 a.m., I jumped into bed and fell asleep. What a great time I had at prom!



by Jacob Matney

An Argument for a Shortened School Day:



by Ryan Ostenberg

The average school day lasts seven hours. Seven hours of lecture, studying, and learning? Yeah right. How many teenagers do you honestly know that can focus and work productively on subjects that don't interest them for seven hours? Not very many, I can tell you that. A healthy chunk of the student's time is spent messing around and not doing anything worthwhile. So why does the government insist that the school day last so long?

Maybe it's because the school day has been set in stone for so long that changing it seems like a scary and foreboding proposition. If that's the case, then they need to find their inner lion's heart and make the right decision for the benefit of everyone involved.

For one, a shortened school day would lead to more focused and driven students. If

you knew that you only had to apply yourself for four hours a day rather than seven, wouldn't you be more motivated to be productive? I think you would. Think about it this way: what is more worthwhile? Four hours of solid work, or seven hours of mediocre work? The choice is clear.

The money saved from a shortened day of school is nothing to sneeze at. Running the lights, air conditioners, heaters, are expensive. The government is worried about having



enough money, correct? This would be a great way to save some serious cash.

Also, if school started at 8:00 am and went to 12:00 pm, school sports would get out much earlier, around 3 o'clock, rather

that 6 o'clock. This gives students who want to be in extracurricular activities the opportunity to work a job as well, or at least get home at a reasonable time. With our current school schedule, if a student is active in a sport, their life is dedicated to two things: school and sports. That needs to change.

I know a shortened school day will have no resistance from students. What kid wouldn't want to have less school? The key is just convincing school administrators that this is a good idea. Personally, I don't see any downside



to my proposal, but that doesn't mean it is perfect. Like any new system, the shortened school day may have to be tweaked based on unforeseen circumstances, but that is to be expected. Just give the shorter school day a chance.



Just give the shorter school day a chance.

The children... Of Africa



by Gabby Cooper

Truth be told, I am one of them. I am just as guilty as they are. I am just as uninformed as millions of people who do not realize what is happening right in front of them. I know almost nothing about HIV and AIDS lurking in sub-Saharan African families and how different my life is from millions of children who run around the dirt streets, orphaned, because of this deadly disease. I do not know what really goes on in that part of the world, but I still feel like I have a connection with all these lost children, and I want to help them.

"I want to help them."

Three areas that desperately need our help are in education, health care, and adoption agencies.

More education needs to be provided not only for the children affected in this area but also for

students around the world. This will allow more people to become aware of the situation and what is actually going on. Almost half of the school population in Africa has never even set foot in a classroom. These children are not getting the instruction and tools that they will need later in life.

We can donate to this cause and help raise the necessary money--I mean, it's the least we can do. Right? We take going to school for granted when these little babies would give anything just to sit in a classroom for a day.

The trauma that these orphaned girls and boys

go through is tremendous, and because of this, the emotional and physical health of these children is endangered with every passing day. Medical care is one of the biggest priorities right now throughout Africa. Cities in Africa need health workers and people who will volunteer their time

to help aid those in need. I would give anything to fly out there and help. These people can be community, but also can be people that might live half way around the world. In one way we are all Africa's community, even if where we live is thousands of miles from it. If more people are able to help put their time in the medical area, then there will be less of a strain on the local shelters and hospitals.

Emotional trauma from losing a parent is hard for everyone, but it is especially hard for children who do not fully understand the situation. They probably are just wondering, "When is my mom or dad going

"Many of these orphaned children are living on the street"

to come home and how come I have not had anything to eat in two days?" Sometimes physical health is not the problem, it is emotional health. Every child needs a parent figure in their life. I could not personally imagine a life without my parents, but I know for

some children my nightmare is their reality.

We need to help show these children that someone loves them, even though they may not have the best family background.

We need to show them that even though they may be facing the hardest times in their life that there are people who care about them. Many of these orphaned children are living on the street, while millions of people are cozy and warm inside their two-thousand square ft. house. There are some children more fortunate than these homeless children; these lucky children are in foster homes. But, even the kids who have foster parents do

not get to live life to the fullest like you and I do. Every day a child in Africa is given

up by their parents or left to fend for themselves because of a recent parent death due to AIDS. What if one of these children was you? Please consider how you might help these poor children and make a difference.

The illuminati



by Gabby Cooper

...Real or fake?

Have you ever thought about selling your soul for the great prize of success? Have you ever heard about the Illuminati?

If you have, you know that some celebrities sell their soul to the devil

for the power to succeed. Many of the people in the illuminati are in the music

industry. For example, the person believed

by many to lead the illuminati is Jay Z, a famous rapper who some say is

the king of rap industry. His wife Beyonce is the 'Queen' of The Illuminati and she supposedly sings songs backwards

so people don't understand, but the song actually has a message in it, a proposal that is from

the devil. So most of you people that are reading this are thinking, "Selling

your soul to the devil? Seriously?" Well, there is belief that if a

person wants to succeed then the illuminati takes you and drugs you and

asks you once again if you would like to sell your soul. Once you say yes, then there is no going back. If you say yes, they drug you with something that makes you forget

almost everything that happens. If you

say no to selling your soul, then they will drug you and make you forget everything from the last couple of hours. The

members who are trying to get you to sell yourself to the devil are

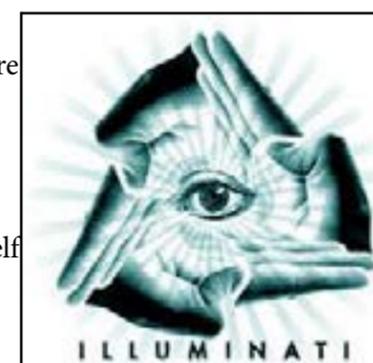
wearing masks, so you can't tell who they are or their skin

color since they cover their whole body. How do we know this? I'm not really sure; there are documents and rumors that have been going around for quite sometime. This

is just the music part of the Illuminati. Not all people in the Illuminati are famous or anything. These

are just a few rumors about the Illuminati. If you're really curious and looking to find out more, there are many different

stories about them. Like they want 'world peace' or how they wanted to blow up the Big Ben. Like all great stories, there are many different sides to this one. What do you know?



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To everything there is a reason

To the students and staff at BHS:

Mr. Wagner asked me if I would write something about my year at BHS, so here goes. First of all I teach mathematics so you English teachers cut me some slack as I try to describe my time here.

You must understand first that I am an alien from an era when wicked meant evil, crack was something in your wall, coke was a soda, cool was a fall day (or spring this year), text a prefix for a book--and I am still confused with LOL! King Solomon said, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." I think this school year was great for it has confirmed for me that King Solomon in his wisdom was absolutely on target. Life has its chapters and we must accept and maximize each chapter or have a miserable life experience. Students, you are in the education chapter of your life. How you handle it will have far reaching results in your later chapters. I am convinced that the teaching chapter of my life is closing just like my education chapter, my athletic chapter, my parenting chapter and many others. However, I am looking forward to my new chapters like traveling, coffee shop discussions, grandchildren time, and after-dinner naps.

It has been a great experience getting to know the students and staff this year. I know I will always have many fond memories of my year with you. Thank you for putting up with me. May God bless you as you take advantage of your coming years at BHS.

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A few of Our Amazing Teachers at BHS

With the year coming to a close, I look back on the past year, desperately trying to find something to write about, try to figure out one thing I haven't covered. Then it dawns on me... We have had no real TEACHER recognition in our esteemed and infamous DOG BLOG. So now, students, let me just tell you about the people BEHIND the curtain.



Sports man of the high school, Mr. Dolloff is truly a great man. He led the football and basketball team to have amazing records and is a good guy to have on your side. Mr. Dolloff's athletic achievements are just about as great as his teaching skills. He has a big heart and always has a joke for you. I would highly recommend getting to know this Bennington one-in-a-million. Oh, and he's a pretty incredible math teacher, also.



Being a girl who cares more about her nails than any form of woodworking. I have never had the privilege of taking Mr. Luthi's industrial arts class, but I can tell you he puts out dozens of amazing projects a year and has a great sense of humor. If you like to build amazing projects, then his class is the one for you!



New to the school this year Mr. Shamburg came ready to teach science. Always throwing his spin on anything science related Mr. Shamburg makes us laugh and is so passionate about what he teaches. He helps lead the FCA and has really transformed the science department and helped many students learn in a new way. The best thing about him is he knows how to have fun but also demands the same respect that we show our other teachers. We're a lucky school to have him, and I hope he's not going anywhere else, anytime soon.



If you have a question about life, history, art, ANYTHING, you should head down to the genius of the school. Our dear Mr. Wagner is a great teacher as well as a great friend. He helps his students get ahead as much as he can and will teach more about every single subject than all your parents' friends combined. Sometimes, though, he may be a little scary and say things you don't understand. I don't think Bennington will ever see a more sophisticated, well-rounded teacher. Just make sure if you ever have an argument with him... you keep a dictionary close by.



Mrs. Mick



Our little lady of the school Mrs. Mick is an amazing woman who gives 110% everyday in EVERYTHING. As if teaching wasn't enough, Mrs. Mick is also our school trackster and cross-country coach, dedicating her life to seeing her athletes get ahead as much as she can. Mrs. Mick is an amazing lady who isn't just there for your health questions; she also is a strong woman you can go to for advice. Doing everything for her students and still keeping her sons under control, Mrs. Mick is definitely an athletic and academic icon of our school.

Mrs. Cash



If you ever want to know how to play sixteenth notes, or how to hit the right key, Ms. Cash is the teacher for you! With her little stories, helpful hints, and moments of sarcasm, this teacher knows how to keep a class entertained. Ms. Cash teaches concert band, jazz band, and pep band all year round, so she is a busy woman. She also takes time out of her day to give private lessons and help with solos for competition, fostering the art of music and allowing it to flourish for years to come.

Mr. Scheef



While having the best Forensics record and most awards won for our school. Mr. Scheef doesn't just teach speech, as he likes to point out; he teaches life. Mr. Scheef goes above and beyond what he is asked and, since you have to go to his class in order to graduate, I suggest you take that time to see what a great teacher he really is. Mr. Scheef also juggles teaching time between here and Tescott and has managed to do the impossible and create connections and friendships between the two schools.

Mrs. Wiesen



Having gone through many challenges these last few years Mrs. Weisen is a very strong woman whom you should take very seriously. Running all different classes to get you prepared for life, this woman also shows you what the true meaning of strength is. She is amazing and is definitely an inspiration for our school. In addition to everything else she has going on, Mrs. Weisen heads our (should be) award-winning yearbook and whips her students into shape.

One hit Wonders!

Try to complete the song and artist!

1. Love Shack - The B-_____
2. Sweet Dreams (are _____ of this) - the Eurhythmics.
3. Cotton _____ Joe - Rednex
4. _____ Love - Soft Cell
5. Mickey - Toni _____
6. Bulletproof - La _____
7. The Middle - _____ Eat World
8. _____ Saxobeat - Alexandra Stan
9. Possum _____ - Toadies
10. _____ (story of a girl) - Nine Days



by Jake Matney

1. 53's, 2. Made, 3. eye, 4. soft, 5. Basil, 6. Roux, 7. Jimmy, 8. Mr., 9. Kingdom, 10. Absolutely.

What Bennington High School students are planning to do this Summer.



By
Kayla
Schlachter

FISH A LOT!
- Logan Stegman

Visit family in Florida
work and enjoy my last
summer before I go off to
college
- Kajaunza Mills

I plan on going to
Georgia and having lots
of fun with family and
friends.

- Orteanna Lemon

Hang out with friends
and family. Help with day
care and just chill (and
catch up on sleep, which
is sometimes hard with
day care.)

- Tyler Appleby

Hang out with friends
and road trip all over,
tan tan tan, and just
enjoy not having school!
Woo!

- Mickinzi Burrow

I plan on working,
hanging out with my
girlfriend, and going to
the lake.

- Drew Coad

For the most part. sit around
and play video games, but I
am also planning on going to
Oklahoma for a mission trip
for my church. and then go
to Texas to visit family.

- Robert Perez

Work, basketball camp,
and play on a basketball
team.

- Jesse Weis

Hang out with Sierra
Mann and go running
with her. And go to the
Zoo because I have heard
that they have Penguins!
I <3 Penguins! Go swim-
ming at the Bennington
pool.

- Angelina Sandlin

Hang out with my friends
and go tan at Kenwood Cove!
I sadly have to have a sum-
mer job :(but i will mostly go
swimming and tanning. I'm
also going to Wisconsin to
see my uncle in June!

- Maddy Schmidt

Go to Kanakuk, Wisconsin,
play summer league basket-
ball, and have hang out with
friends.

- Trent Wood

Work, fish, sleep, eat,
chill with friends, and
stay cool.

-Dustin Stanley

Ride bikes and lifeguard
with Kayla, of course!

- Ryan Ostenberg

I plan on getting my
driver's license, working
on the farm, and sheer-
ing my alpacas.

- Driston Swisher

Probably travel a lot to
Wyoming, Louisiana, South
Dakota, Colorado. Oh, and
Omaha, Nebraska to watch
some men's college World Se-
ries baseball! I'll probably run
and look for some new trails!

- Taryn Glissman

Work for a farmer, go
to Hays, go to basket-
ball camps, play MAYB
basketball, and summer
league basketball, and
hang out with friends.

- Cyrus Haynes

Kanakuke basketball
camp, work, and train
for football.

- Weston Lampe

I plan on going to Cali-
fornia and Oklahoma
and hang out with
friends.

- Donavon Zamecnik

Work, basketball, and
sleep.

- Drake Juenemann